



DISPUTED OWNERSHIP.

FARMER SNAFFLES—"Say, sonny, is this my car to the Union Depot?"

NEWSBOY—"Your car! Oh, come off! That car belongs to the Street Railway Co."

BADLY FOOLED.

HUSBAND—"You needn't grumble. When we married you took me for what I was worth."

WIFE—"No, I didn't. I took you for what I thought you were worth."

VARIOUS OPINIONS

ON THE CONTEMPLATED POLITICAL DEAL AT OTTAWA

SIR JOHN THOMPSON—"Impossible to make any other arrangement. I am the great indispensable, and the rest are simply not in it with me."

HON. G. E. FOSTER—"If I had only changed my creed when I did my opinions on the prohibition question, I might have been equally available."

SIR ADOLPHE CARON—"Tres bien, faute de mieux. Ze sacre Orangistes vill be mad, but ze Premier should be un Francais as well as Catholique."

HON. MR. HAGGART—"It's all right so long as he's got the pull and can keep us in. That's all I care about seeing I've no show for the place myself."

HON. MACKENZIE BOWELL—"Pretty bitter pill for the lodges to swallow, but they'll toe the mark and take their medicine just as usual. They're getting used to it by this time."

DALTON MCCARTHY—"I have eaten crow in my time, but there are viands which I consider preferable as a steady diet. No more of it for me."

W. R. MEREDITH—"From attacking Separate schools in Ontario, where they are protected by the Constitution, to forcing them on Manitoba, where the people have the matter in their own hands, is a rather sharp curve, of course—but still it really is about time I was getting into office somewhere."

SIR OLIVER MOWAT—"There is one thing in Sir John Thompson's favor—he never was an annexationist, and if I felt assured that he would purge the Tory party from

the stain of disloyalty and suppress Sol. White and E. A. Macdonald, I should view the change with approval."

SIR RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—"It simply means ruin to Canada. That, however, is a trifling matter, as Canada has been ruined over and over again, but the people don't seem to mind it. The serious part of the business is that we can't attack him without alienating the Catholic Vote."

LORD STANLEY—"John Thompson is an awfully plebian name, don't you know. Might be a common tradesman or mechanic. There's a sad lack of tone and dignity about the politics of a country where a John Thompson can be chosen Premier. Shan't be sorry to get back to England."

DOMINICK BLAKE—"Divil a wan av me cares av he can do anny good fur this country or not. Is he in favor av Home Rule for Ireland?—that's fwat I'd like to know."

COL. O'BRIEN—"Those who are familiar with the classic drama will doubtless remember the brass door-plate episode in the play of 'Toodles'—'Thompson!—Thompson with a "p"! Damn Thompson with a "p"! I unqualifiedly endorse the sentiment.'

SAM JONES—"The appointment seems Antigonish-tic to the Protestant sentiment of Ontario."

THE FLAG ON THE SCHOOL-HOUSE.

IT is understood that orders have been issued by our truly loyal School Inspector for the hoisting of the Old Flag on all school-houses in his diocese on the following occasions:—

Public holidays.

British national anniversaries, excepting, of course, St. Patrick's Day.

Orange anniversaries.

Anniversaries of all skirmishes known to history during the war of 1812 and Mackenzie's Rebellion, regardless of which side whipped.

Whenever a governor, premier, lord, knight, worshipful master or anybody who is anybody in particular comes to town.

Whenever anybody who is celebrated or notorious enough to get a half-column obituary notice dies.

When the Legislature opens and prorogues.

When the City Council meets.

When a deputation of aldermen start on a junketing expedition.

Election days.

Opening and closing of navigation.

Birthdays of prominent Canadian politicians.

And generally when anything happens, or is expected to happen, worthy of such a recognition.

CONJUGAL AMENITIES.

SHE—"I was a fool when I married you."

HE—"Aren't you a fool still?"

SHE—"No, I am not."

HE—"Then you should be thankful to me for reforming you."

A PLAYED-OUT DODGE.

BIGHEAD—"The insanity dodge is getting rather played out in the criminal courts. Good judges now look on it with disfavor."

MUDDLEHEAD—"That's true. It is now so unpopular that no one but a lunatic would think of entering it."