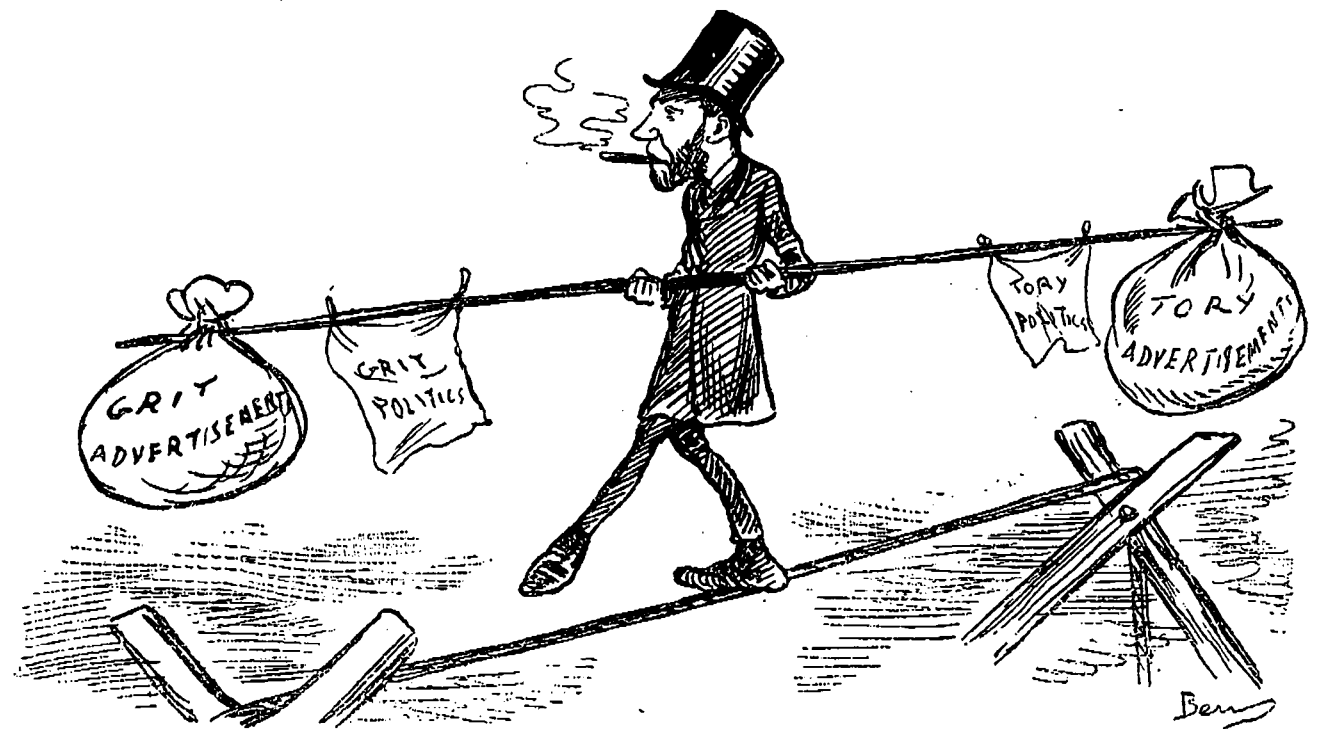


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SIR SOCRATES GRIP.—DEAR SIR,—Will you kindly pardon this intrusion of myself and my affairs upon your very valuable time, my anxiety to gain information on certain points being my excuse for so doing. Will you kindly inform me of the meaning of this so often quoted phrase, "Canada for the Canadians." I cannot understand it. We do not say "England for Englishmen;" all the world is welcome there. Then, you know Canada does not belong to Canadians, but to Englishmen; and Englishmen have a right to be appointed to offices of trust, because it is absurd to suppose that a raw Canadian, but yesterday evolved from a painted Indian or a bear, is capable of fulfilling a position like this to which I have been appointed. Besides, the colonies have always been looked upon as a natural outlet for the superabundant talent of younger sons, who, by the law of entail, have got to make a living for themselves instead of inheriting one. The contempt so markedly shown for titles is one great proof of the crude state of society. Why, Sir David McPherson's name is scarcely ever mentioned without a sarcastic laugh. Now sir, I ask, when, for the services rendered to his country in the publication of a remarkable work on political affairs, the Queen of England and Empress of India, at the recommendation of

some high personages, chooses to confer knighthood on the gentleman and author, who is also rich—is it not a proof, I say, of the uncivilized state of Canada to receive such a one with laughter, instead of the profound respect the conferring of that title entitled him to? Is it not also a proof, that in order to infuse a proper respect for the upper classes, and to influence the masses with a certain amount of awe for the aristocracy, the sons of English aristocrats should in all cases be appointed to rule over the Canadians, to fill all honorable positions, all offices of trust, until a becoming reverence, such as obtains in Europe for the gentry and people of family, shall be fully established; after which we might venture to recommend the appointment of one or two Canadians, such to be selected from those who have been diligent in supporting by purse and personal influence those now in authority.

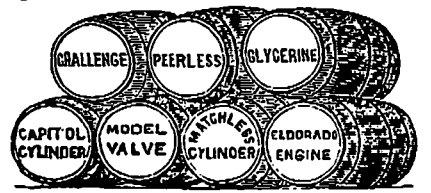
The very fact that the whole of the yeomen of Ontario should assemble and parade the streets of Toronto as they did, in honor of an insignificant personage called Mowat, I believe one who has neither family nor title, while Sir David McPherson was allowed to land and proceed to his residence as though he had come from a funeral, speaks volumes for the appreciation of talent by the people, and imperatively demands a large influx of the noble blood of young aristocrats to counteract this revolting democracy. And, as I said

before, Canada belongs to England, consequently to Englishmen. Canadians have nothing to say in the matter, and the sooner this fact is impressed upon the minds of young Canadians the better, and the sooner will become extinct that absurd cry of "Canada for the Canadians" forsooth!

I am, sir, your obedient servant,
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