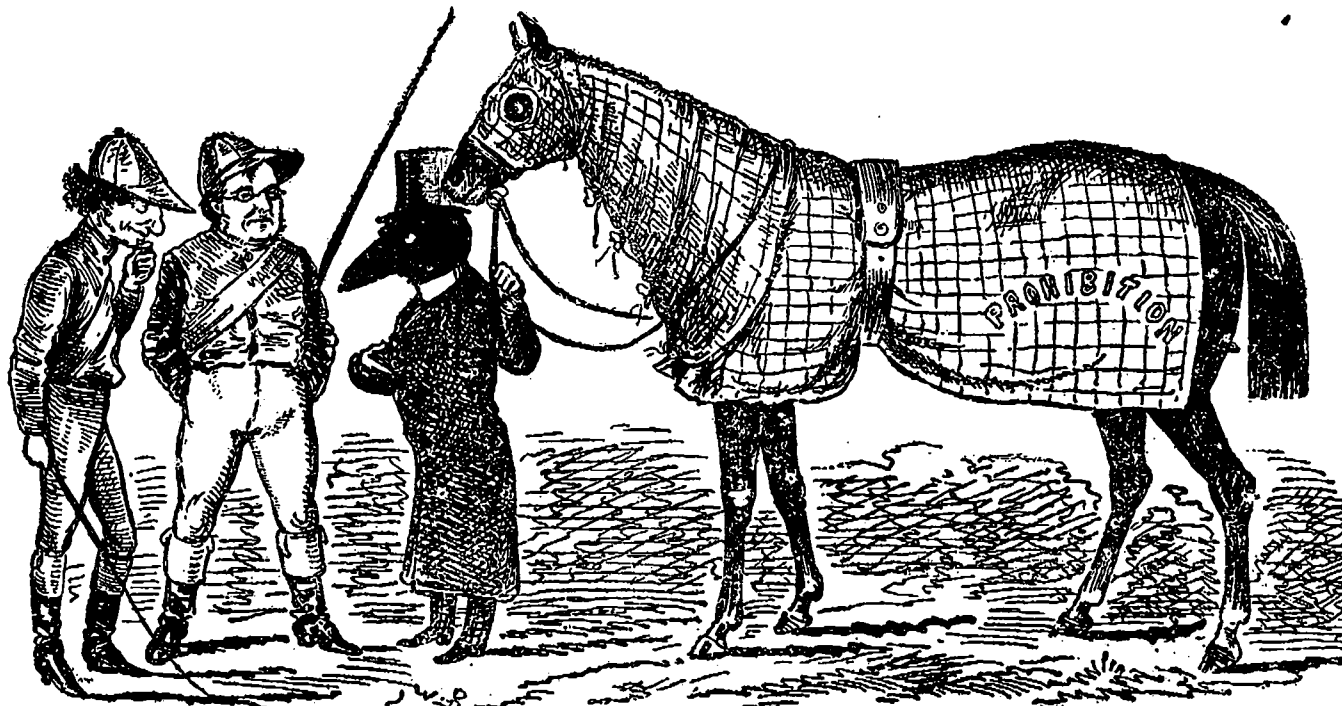


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BY LIE STANDER.

A GREAT many maniacs will get it off, so that I fancy I will be able to hide in the crowd: What did Mr. McGaw want to act as a judge at the Roller Rink for? If a prize were offered would he not likely Winnett himself?

INSTEAD of talking about retiring from the political arena, we find John A. Macdonald contesting South Renfrew! Of course, the trifling circumstance that the gentleman in question is plain Mr. John A., and not the Tory leader, has to be taken into consideration.

C. P. R. contractors hired a son of Italy named Ambrogio Lagomarsino. For short they called him Steve Smith, arguing doubtless that an Italian by any other name would work as cheap. This is indubitable evidence that C. P. R. contractors can be witty on the principle that brevity is the soul of wit.

ONE of the subjects discussed at the Simcoe Teachers' Association was "Script vs. Print." The able country newspaper proprietor, as he tots up the big list of unsettled jobbing ac-

counts, softly says to himself: "script vs. print" may be all right enough in its place, but what the land really needs is a satisfying solution of the problem "script vs. printing."

I COULD never see the sense of marking any particular passage in any book I might be reading, that is, unless the book was my own. What I refer to is the habit many nincompoops have of underscoring or otherwise drawing attention to some sentences in the books of the Free Library. I, somehow fancy these book defacers mark the passages which are most descriptive of their own characters, and I have no doubt that the person, (a woman, I imagine), who underlined this passage on the 130th page of the 3rd volume of *The Newcomes*, was just such a dull, lazy, stupid, slow creature as the passage describes. Here it is: "Some women ought to be stupid. What you call dulness I call repose. Give me a calm woman, a slow woman, a lazy, majestic woman." I can just picture the fat thing reading and enjoying those sentences, that is if she wasn't too dull and majestic to enjoy anything. In spite of the Library rules to the contrary people will mark books, and if the marked passages fail to escape detection when the volume is returned, the chances are some innocent person who takes out the book subsequently is blamed for defacing the papers, and has to pay for the damage done by others.

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