

& if I can git groseys so I Can Make it Pay I thought I would try it for once If I goe at it I will git out lises for one township & the one I do My Busines with first I will git all of my groseys from and write what you will let me have thes artterls for I will Haf to Sell very Cheap first along to git *customers* & then rais on them after words & if I Make it Pay I will Kip on with it. The artleces that I want is

20 lbs Shoooger Cheap
10 lbs tea cheap
5 lbs Soady
Rasons 1/2 Box
Curns 1/2 Box
5 lbs tobacco Chew & Smoking Cheap
2 Boxes Matees

This is what I want for to start with & I will & then I can See what More I want & then I Can Sende the Money to you & you can sende Me the goods I will want Candys & Soday Buysket & all Suich But I will wate on till I See wather it will Pay first Please ancer this letter at once So I will Know about it

Yours truley

PUBLICITY has been given to an extraordinary occurrence in a western Ontario town, in an effort to raise money for the Church of England in the place. One of those bewildering and inscrutable devices known as an "autograph quilt" had been made by the Ladies' Aid Society; and presumably those whose names were handed down to future generations upon its surface (by indelible ink, let us hope) had paid their money, as is the novel custom, for the privilege. Two young women were nominated, by different men, as "candidates" for the possession of this catalogue. "Votes" were given, each vote representing so much money paid in, and amid much excitement first one of the young women and then the other was declared by her supporters to be entitled to the quilt, some \$90 having meantime been added to the funds of the church. Suddenly one partizan demanded that the poll be reopened, as he wished to give his gold watch and chain to the fund in favor of his fair maid. Then his opponent shouted that he would give a house and lot in support of his nominee; and the other, not to be outdone, planked down \$200 and promised \$1000 more to have his choice win. No wonder that the meeting held to advance the cause of religion, now became, as the despatch tells us, a scene of confusion, re-creation and clamor. And, *tant pis pour les dames*, none could decide who should have the quilt. This curious scene sets one wondering how far the craze for raising money by indirect means for church purposes will extend. The naughty "dissenters" in the United States have done unseemly things in the way of auctions; the Church of Rome has gone great lengths in the way of lotteries; group of ladies even raised \$292.55 for a Presbyterian church in Ontario the other day, by means of ten cent votes as to which of two candidates for the Legislature should possess a silver ice pitcher. But who would have thought to see such a wrangle as we have described, indulged in by Church of England people! who ought, by their own showing, to be an example to other bodies of how to "do all things decently and in order." It would rather seem that these frenzied ecclesiastical touters had forgotten the sacredness of their object, and resolved upon the sordid course marked out in *Every Man in his Humor*: "Get money, still get money, boys, no matter by what means." We are of opinion, however, that it does matter very much, what means are taken to raise church funds, as for instance the use of the "grab-bag," the raffle or other form of lottery; in short, every device in which the element of chance enters, and that such scenes and such methods are rather a stumbling block than a help to a good cause. It is so far satisfactory to learn that the clergyman of the parish has returned the watch

and chain and roll of bills to their donor, and declines the proffered house and lot.

BRITISH REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

The half yearly statement of British revenue and expenditure for the six months ending 30th September has just been published. The estimated revenue for 1882-83 is £86,197,000, and the estimated expenditure £87,396 813. The sources of income were:

Source.	Revenue half-year.	Estimate for 1882-83
Customs	£ 9,354,000	£19,300,000
Excise	12 085,000	27,230,000
Stamps	5,830,000	11,145,000
Land tax	81,000	1,035,000
Horse duty	619,000	1,740,000
Property and income tax	2,520,000	11,662,000
Post Office	3,500,000	7,150,000
Telegraph service....	885,000	1,650,000
Crown lands	145,000	880,600
Interest on advances for local works and on purchase money Suez Canal Shares.	584,678	1,800,000
Miscellaneous, including fee, etc., etc., stamps	2,733,805	4,725,000

Other receipts include advances, under various Acts, repaid to the Exchequer £1,169,452, and temporary advances not repaid, for deficiency £250,000.

The expenditure of the half year is made up as follows:

Permanent charge of debt	£14,188,746
Interest, etc., of debt, not forming part of permanent charge	331,287
Other charges on consolidated fund.	781,123
Supply service	27,834,582

Other payments include advances, under various Acts, issued from the Exchequer, £465,359; Exchequer bills, more paid off than issued, £10,800.

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