



A HEAVY FALL OF JEW.

"going," and if the Opposition wish to get into Office, they had better accept this offer.

Yours truly,
CH—S. D—R—ND.

TORONTO, Oct. 5th, '94.

MR. GRIP, SIR,—

I am not anxious to re-enter political life, as I am busy with other things, but if the Party will make the leadership worth as much as the various Commissions I pick up from day to day, I am prepared, as Sir Oliver would say, to "take the matter into my serious consideration."

Yours etc.,
E. F. CL—RK.

TORONTO, 5th, Oct., '94.

MR. GRIP,

SIR.—As a Toronto pioneer of forty years, and late commissioner to the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia, U.S., I am always anxious to be of service to my country, and would be willing to take the leadership of the Ontario Opposition (though I commit myself to no political opinions whatever) on reasonable terms.

Yours faithfully,
J—HN L—DI—W.

THE CHAMPION KISSER.

LET us have no more odious comparisons with regard to the relative merits of Hon. Wilfrid Laurier and Sir John Thompson as kissers, says the *Hamilton Times*. Prince Bismarck can give them both odds. The old man may not be much to look at, but 800 ladies walked through the rain to Varzin to carry bouquets to him. He braced up for the duties of the occasion by "quaffing a glass of brandy and soda," made a speech, drank a glass of champagne, listened to several addresses and poems, and when a Dantzig lady handed him a bouquet of roses, "Prince Bismarck caught the lady in his arms and kissed her heartily on both cheeks and on the mouth. This act elicited a storm of cheers, and then the bands showed their appreciation of it by playing lively airs. Councillor von Gerlich made a short address, in which he referred to the presents brought to Prince Bismarck by the Posen deputation. The West Prussians, he said, had also brought their best possessions—their wives and daughters. Prince Bismarck, by way of reply to his address, kissed several of these wives and daughters. This was the signal for a general advance of ladies eager to be kissed by the ex-Chancellor, and Dr. Schweninger was obliged to step forward and dissuade them from their purpose." Who ever heard of the Canadian ladies crowding to the platform to be kissed by Thompson or Laurier? They will have to practice Bismarck's style of osculation—one hug, two cheeks and one mouth.

WOMAN Suffrage has been achieved in New Zealand. It is as great a success as its warmest advocate anticipated. The ladies take a great interest in public affairs and exercise their franchise more generally in proportion to numbers, than the men. It has inspired the politicians of the country with New Zealand interest.



"WHAT THE CROW SAID TO ITS MATE."

BROTHER Gardiner, of the *Hamilton Times*, delivered a learned lecture before the Y.W.C.A. the other evening, on the toothsome subject of Eating. It was a very mealy essay, as a matter of *course*, the erudite gentleman dealing with the food of man (and woman) from prehistoric times down to the present day. It is understood that the ladies selected Mr. Gardiner to speak upon the topic on the ground that his rotund personal appearance indicates that he knows all that needs to be known on the subject of Eating.

THE NEW CHIEF JUSTICE.

WHEN Meredith was made a judge
All parties said—"It served him right,
He'll be an honor to the Bench,
For he is learned, wise and bright."

No word of jealousy was heard,
In any circle high or low,
But all were pleased and gratified
And all were free in saying so.

And thus when he assumes his seat,
Though high, he'll find it one of ease,
For, pleasing all, he's rightly called
Chief Justice of the Common Please.



A DOMESTIC EPISODE.

(With acknowledgments to Sol Smith Russell's play.)

MOWAT—"Harty, my boy, you'll have to stay there till I patch you up a new seat!"