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Comments on the Cartoons.

SYMPATHY.

[Mr. Blake has been obliged through ill-health to withdraw—it is feared permanently—from the leadership of the Reform Party. His system has become greatly impaired through overwork, and he is now afflicted with the distressing malady, Insomnia.]

THROUGHOUT our wide domain, from sea to sea,
All thought of race and Party we forsake,
And all hearts hold the name of EDWARD BLAKE
Wreathed in white flowers of kindly sympathy.

Come, "Nature's sweet restorer, balmy Sleep,"
Bring rest and healing—do thy grateful part,
Spare to our land this high and gallant heart;
Restore to us his wisdom broad and deep,

Come, shade the eyes that in Insomnia gleam;
Silence the thought-veiled, fevered, restless brain
Bind these rebellious powers in slumber's chain,
And weave for him a calm and peaceful dream.

Thy fairy wand need wave but o'er the truth—
Bid him to sleep and dream of one whose name
Lends lustre to a rising country's fame—
The glory and the pattern of her youth.

Call up enchanting visions of a king
Clad in bright robes of Honor, Virtue, Right;
And show him Fraud and Cunning put to flight,
And let him hear the grateful people sing.

So weave thy spell, deft-fingered angel, Sleep.
Cheat care and pain away with magic blest;
Pour in thy oil and wine of balmy rest,
For fain would Canada her statesman keep.

JOHN A'S EDUCATED PIG.—It would be impossible to treat too severely the exhibition of partisanship given by the Conservatives who supported the Government in the vote on the Queen's County case. By that vote it was virtually declared that a minority candidate may take his seat in the House of Commons, if he only belongs to the Tory party. The fact that Mr. Baird was defeated at the polls by sixty-one votes is not disputed by anybody, and yet by this vote that gentleman is given the seat. When we liken this display of "intelligence" on the part of Sir John's followers in the House to that of the educated pig of side-show fame, we are perhaps doing the pig an injustice. It is satisfactory to note that some twenty-six Conservative members of the House refused to so far trample their sense of honor and right under foot as to join in this scandalous deed. The Government's majority was only nineteen instead of the usual forty-five, Hon. Peter Mitchell denounced the vote as an act of infamy, as it certainly was.

O'BRIEN'S SIDE-SHOW.—Mr. O'Brien has gone back home, and no doubt the readers of *United Ireland* will now have his celebrated rib served up as a regular dish for some time to come. After leaving Toronto, the rib occupied a large space in his lectures both in Canada and the United States, and no doubt as an inciter of sympathy it proved most valuable. O'Brien should send a letter of thanks to the Toronto hoodlum who hit him with the brick-bat.

THE QUEBEC LT.-GOVERNORSHIP.—Mr. Masson resigned this office a short time ago on account of ill health, and he is to be succeeded, it is now believed, by Hon. Mr. Chapleau, who accepts the position *because* his health is not good. This is one of the queer developments of Canadian politics.

THE OPPOSITION LEADERSHIP.—The exigencies of publication require that our cartoons shall be drawn several days in advance of the date upon which they appear, and it sometimes happens that the situation set forth in a picture has been materially altered in the meantime. This is the case in respect of the sketch on page 14. Upon the resignation of Mr. Blake, which was at first regarded as only temporary, the party leadership was vested in an advisory committee. It has now been announced that Mr. Blake has no hopes of returning to his post, and the election of a new leader will be necessary. Mr. Laurier is spoken of as the coming man, but at this writing (9th) the matter is still undecided.



(Puck.)

MODEST BUT IRISH.

O' Too'e—Be japers, there's some ladies comin' this way. Run. Branagan, and tell them to kape aff!