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CHORUS OF BOYS.—WE AREN'T LOAFIN' AND LOITERIN': WE'RE WAITIN' FOR GRIP'S ALMANAC FOR '82.

"We cannot Check Manitoba."

There seems to be a muddle amongst the newspapers as to what Sir John meant by the expression "We cannot check Manitoba," when speaking of the clause in the C. P. Railway bargain which prohibited the Dominion Government from granting charters to railways running in any but a westerly or south-westerly direction in Manitoba. The Grit papers say he meant that Manitoba was left at liberty to do what she pleased about granting Provincial charters; the Tory papers say he meant that the Dominion authorities couldn't check such granting of charters, but they could and would disallow all such bills after they were passed. Both parties are wrong. Mr. Gair is in a position to give the only reliable translation of the words, which it may be remarked are in Diplomatic English,—a language known only to statesmen of the very first water. What Sir John meant was that we could not check Manitoba—just what he said. It is necessary to explain, however, that the Premier was aware of a plot hatched by certain Scotch Grits, which had in view the revolutionary design of obliging the Indian and half-breed population of the Prairie Province to wear plaid breeches. This was a move to get up a corner in checks, in the interest of a certain large importing firm which shall be nameless, and the Premier was very indignant indeed when he heard of it. In saying "We cannot check Manitoba," therefore, with emphasis on the cannot, he meant to imply that the scheme would be too costly, in the first place, and too corrupt to be entertained, in the second. With this explanation, which must commend itself as more reasonable and lucid than the *Mail's*, we retire from the discussion.

Seats are being rapidly taken up for the concert of Mr. W. Waugh Lauder, at the Pavilion, on Monday evening next, and a good audience to welcome the brilliant pianist is assured. Mr. Lauder will be assisted on the occasion by Mrs. Bradley, Miss McCutcheon, Mr. Warrington and Mr. Torrington.

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