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John Bull.—YOU MAY ANNEX HIM, AND WELCOME, MISS CANADA. I'M ONLY TOO GLAD TO GET RID OF HIM.

devil-bird, but I distinctly affirm that each and all of these horrible sounds are as celestial music compared with the ear-splitting roar of the Toronto fish-dealer as he warbles of his finny wares.

Much as is heard, nowadays, about the enlightenment, etc., of this nineteenth century, still there are a great many things that are vastly ridiculous, and perhaps the shop girl problem is one of them. Shop girl! the idea! Saleslady, if you please. Do these "salesladies" ever consider, I wonder, how absurd it would sound for their fellow-employees of the opposite sex to term themselves sales gentlemen. There is a popular bazaar in New York where the forewoman in charge is recognized as the forelady. According to this way of looking at the matter the foreman is certainly entitled to be called the fore-gentleman. And what a pretty sound that would have! No; it does look as if there were no men or women nowadays. We shall all be gentlemen and ladies before long, coach-gentlemen, foot-gentlemen, swill-gentlemen, and the lady who calls for the broken meat!

Beautiful portraits of Canadian journalists with a "pictor" of the headings of their respective papers attached, and in frames as beautiful as the portraits, a la those of the English and American journalists which have already appeared, will, I am told, soon decorate the walls of most of the sanctums of

this glorious country. The journalists who are to be depicted in these portraits will not, I understand, be selected for their ability so much as for personal beauty. The editors of the *Critic*, *Journal of Health*, *Telegram* and *Mail* of this city, *News of Berlin*, *Banner of Dundas*, *Spectator* and *Times* of Hamilton, are among the few representative Canadian journalists whose features will soon beam upon us from our sanctum walls, and haunt us in our blissful dreams. When we reflect how beautiful those great men are, how good, how noble, let us hope that nightmare will be a thing of the past. It won't though, I'm afraid.

It is the earnest hope of the *News* that for the future Canadians will "learn to regard their own country and their own cities as 'good wine which needs no bush.'" That is all very neat sentiment in metaphor, but the editor of the *News* wants to understand that if he means that the fair Province "needs no bush" he is decidedly off the regular track. Where is Mr. Mowat's surplus to come from without timber limits? What is Brother Phipps doing, if we do not need a Bush-ranger as well as a bush? Why, Mr. Mowat is now anxiously waiting for Brother Phipps to get through counting up the Government trees all over the Province so that he can calculate how long his lease of power has to run! "Needs no bush," eh? But I shall trust to the Right Worthy

Bushranger to set my friend of the *News* right when he returns home from the wilds, which he will presently do if some bear does not prevail on him to prolong his stay indefinitely. I would be sorry to have Brother Phipps devoured by a bear—not alone on Mr. Mowat's account but also because I wish to see a noble-minded but mistaken editor duly instructed about bush, and things.

GRIP's theory about the Quebec explosion is that Charlebois left some of Mr. Mousseau's private letters lying about the building. The deadly character of these explosives is well known.

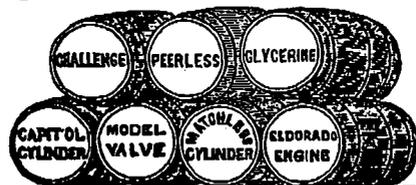
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