

we say that we feel ashamed of the Capital of Canada West, for sending two such ninnyes to Parliament—We acknowledge our error, and pledge that the same thing will not occur again in twenty years. But what about North Simcoe? our members may be stupid, and one of them mentally not over strong—but certainly they are much better than the conceited empty-headed person that represents North Simcoe; therefore Mr. Advance before saying anything about Toronto, please remedy the evil at home.

#### Cricket.

A large and influential meeting of the Members of the Cricket Club was held at the Grumber office on Thursday evening. The President took the Chair at 8 o'clock, some discussion ensued as to the necessity of making a record of the proceedings for it was urged as they might amount to nothing, nothing could be made of them. It was eventually determined that they should be treated like Mr. Brown's speeches in the *Globe*, that is to be purged of all impurities before preservation.

The President asked what was the object of the meeting. He never paid much attention to the affairs of the Club. It was not his business. He gave them his name and his countenance.

A Member. Yes on grand match days! Loud cries of order, turn him out, bonnet the ruffian.

The President proceeded to say that he thought the extent of his responsibility, was to let patronymic appear in the Toronto Almanack, or the news papers as President, neither more nor less. But the question was what was the row, He had come to the meeting because he had stayed in town, and he wanted to get home.

A Member stated that the object was to thank the officers for their exemplary conduct, and for their care of the interests of the Club during the past season, and the clear satisfactory statement they had made of its affairs. He had particular pleasure in calling attention to a remarkable effort of zeal. Last week during the heavy storms, the Eastern fence had been blown down for fully half its length. The Vice President had caused it at once to be repaired. He had not seen the spot himself. But he had heard of the promptitude of the President and the Secretary and Treasurer, and he wished to bear testimony to their excellence. The members knew, that there was a house on the Cricket ground occupied by a worthy man; and that the moment any damage was done he always repaired it. Some discontented people had stated that the fence had been left down, and that the ground had been cut up by cattle and horses. As he said before he had not visited the place, but he founded his vote on what he knew of the antecedents of their office bearers, and at once he contradicted the report of their neglect.

The Secretary here rose and thanked the member for his speech. Given in his usual happy style. But he (the Secretary) was a modest man, a man of humble virtue, and he could not think of appropriating honor not his own. It is true that he had heard of the damage, but he had not interfered. He never interfered. Perhaps the President had

given orders.

The President. Not I—I never do—anything. *Rarior aqves commendat voluplates.*

Cries of order, turn him out, and Mate! what ship's that?

The Secretary. Then it must have been the Vice President, that excellent gent.

The Vice President then arose in an excited state, not of a spirituous or vinous class, but of strong indignation. After some moments of suppressed feeling, he said, that he never felt more insulted in his life. To suppose that he would do any thing under such circumstances, he would interfere, that he would exert himself was a gratuitous and impertinent calumny. He had done nothing and intended doing nothing. He had heard that that the storm had blown down the fence, and if there was any poetical justice in nature, it ought to blow it up again. Besides the Cricket season was over. He had come down tonight at great personal cost and with some indigestion, for he had got through his dinner, tolerably quick. But that did not account for his being somewhat quick tempered at the idea of being thanked. He never wished to be thanked, he asked any member present, if he ever acted in such a way as to lead any one to think he desired to be thanked. (Loud cries of "question"—"order.") Now as to the fence, suppose it was down, it would get mended some day.

A Member stated that he never knew much about any thing, but the Cricket Club of the City he considered unfathomable. From what was said he could not understand whether the repairs had been made or not. Somebody wanted to thank somebody else for what he could not make out. One fact was evident, that as no one had considered it his duty to repair the fence, it was doubtless now just as the storm had left it. He was generally ready to vote thanks under any circumstances but he preferred to do so when there was no dispute.

The President said he had listened to the discussion long enough, and he should terminate it. His opinion was that the affairs of the Club were in a flourishing condition. It was the first time he had attended such a meeting, and it would be the last. His opinion was the whole thing was ill advised. The Meeting separated.

#### American News Agency.

Mr. A. S. Irving has we understand received the Agency for the above—the largest News Company in the United States—and is now prepared to sell to country dealers, Newspapers, Periodicals and news stuff generally at prices 20 per cent cheaper than any other house in Canada. Mr. Irving by his promptitude and punctuality in filling orders, has now the largest and best conducted wholesale News Agency in Canada, and deserves to be well patronized. Send in your orders.

#### The Re-Appointment of Hastings.

The Police Commissioners we are glad to see have met the unanimous views of the City Council by re-appointing this efficient and trustworthy

officer.

Hastings during the many years that he has heretofore served as a member of the Police Department, has rendered much valuable aid in sending some of our most notorious evil doers to the strong building in the discharge of the usual routine duties, is an energetic and excellent officer.

#### Extract from General Order, Head-quarters November 4th, 1864.

With reference to Commandants of the various Military Districts in Canada, and particularly Upper Canada, the Commander-in-chief has been pleased to promulgate the following order:

"As the Law require that Ensigns should be able to command a company at Battalion drill and to drill a company at company drill, and that a Major should be able to handle a Battalion in the Field. It is hereby Decreed that for the future no Commandant shall be allowed to take command of a Brigade until he shall have passed to the satisfaction of a Board of Examiners, which are hereafter to be appointed for that purpose, and has proved to them that he knows his facings, and that he is competent to drill a squad of say, at least three men in their presence, and should they succeed to their satisfaction, the Board are required to grant to them certificates to that effect on parchment leaving the Great Seal of the Province upon the production of which by the Commandants on Parade, militiamen are to stand in awe and doubt at their peril of his ability to command *Her Majesty's Militia*."

Private instructions will be forwarded to each member of the Board, requiring them not to be too rigid in their examination, and on no account are they to allow any spectators at the time of their examination, for fear that, they may become nervous and unable to answer, the Government thereby losing their valuable services in consequence.

#### Royal Skating Rink.

The Royal Rink, situated on King Street, opposite the Rossia House, comprising one of the largest open Rinks in Toronto, and the largest covered Rink in Upper Canada, will be altogether the most desirable place of amusement of the kind in the city. The covered rink will be brilliantly lighted with gas. The waiting rooms are the most comfortable and the most commodious in Toronto; an excellent refreshment room is attached. A competent teacher of the art of skating will be in attendance to instruct the young. Subscription lists open this (Saturday) morning at the following place:—The Baths and Gymnasium, Adelaide street; Messrs. Boxall Bros., Queen street; Messrs. J. E. Smith & Co's., Church street; Messrs. Heyden & Decoe's, Barristers, office, Church street; Mr. John Young's Book store, Yonge street; Mr. Edwards' Book store, Yonge street; Mr. Irving's News Depot, King street; Mr. Thompson's News Depot, King street; Mr. James's Drug Store, King street; Mr. Seel's Saloon, King street; and at the store of Mr. Lawrence, Grocer, Yonge street.

Family ticket, \$5.00. Single Ticket, \$2.00. Lady's Ticket, \$1.00.

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J. N. AGNEW,  
Secretary.