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And piloted the bulls, across the wave,*O'er glorious him the classic Week does rave-
While lightly he describes the hoary pile
Which holds the honored of our parent isle, The Week extends the purse, with weeping eyes,
And the rude conquorer carries off the prize.
Ah, not forgotten, thou delightful Grip, The boast of Canada, her moral whip, Lo ; with what humor all thy pages teem The idle jargon of an idiot's dream. Thou dull old crow with soul and brain of straw, That knowest no music save thy croaking caw. $\dagger$ Doubtless your lash is oft severe enough, Were statesmen " made of penetrabie stuff;" But dull McGreevy, Connelly, Caron, Pay no attention to your croaking song, Vice still progresses, drop thy blunted sword And yield the Week, thy task undone, abhorred. Yet Bengough's genius shall make good his claim To be remembered by recording fame, While far above his pencil's ready art He shall be valued for his generous heart; Here is one public man that truth can claim Who bears a liberal untarnished name.

And thou my country, fallen on evil days, Corruption, bribery, every vice that sways, Till those who love thee most their blush may hide, Their shame too great to longer be denied. Alas! must Virtue turn with weeping eyes
Toward the tomb where just Mackenzie lies ;
Nor find amid the ambitious living none,
In truth to rival her departed son,
Nay old Macdonald, criticise who may,
Would scorn the peurile tactics of to-day,
What though his methods strained at times the laws,
Still in the van he placed his country's cause.
Dishonored land, unhappy is thy fate
When even the Turk $\ddagger$ can sneer at thy estate,

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[^0]:    * This was the class of literature that carried the laurel away from all competitors a few Jeare sgo, and the award of the Week was the subjectl of much mirth at the time. One gentleman, of our acquaintance, supposed that the victor's prize of $\$ 50$ probably cost him a hundred. Hehad been in the newspaper business himself and "spokeas one having authority and not as the Scribes and" envious "Pharisees."
    $\dagger$ The lately deceased Grip may justly demand this record, that it died in defence of its principles.
    \$ A writer, some time since; in Saturday Night; who had travelled in the Balkans is authority for this statement.

