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The gravest Beast is the Ass; the gravest Bird is the Owl; The gravest Fish is the Oyster; the gravest Man is the Fool.

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The Reception of Hanlan.

A meeting of influential citizens was held in the Mind's Eye Hotel the other night, with a view to arranging the details of the great reception to be tendered HANLAN.

Mr. ANGUS MORRISON, first sculling champion of the Bay (1840) was appointed to the Chair, and opened the proceedings by calling for three cheers for NED.

The cheers were given very heartily, whereupon

The Chairman said he would be pleased to hear any suggestions from citizens in good standing with reference to the business in hand.

Mr. GEORGE BROWN ventured to propose the erection of a fine arch on the corner of King and Yonge streets—an arch typical of aquatic matters in general and HANLAN in particular. For example, it might be ornamented with shells from the shore of the Island. He himself would be happy to supply a pair of his cast off shoes which might be hung at the apex of the arch to symbolise HANLAN's great feat on the Tyne.

Mr. HARRY PIPER thought Mr. BROWN's idea a very good one. He, also, had an idea to submit, namely, a grand typical procession in honour of the champion's having made the fastest time on record; a procession of fast young men from St. John's Ward and elsewhere. He, (Mr. PIPER) would be only too happy to ride at the head of such procession.

Mr. Alderman HAMILTON suggested, that as this reception was strictly of a civic character, it would be a good idea to have the books and documents of the City Council carried in the procession by the respective officers of the Corporation. He felt certain the public would be greatly gratified by a sight of the public accounts, especially those relating to the Water Works business.

Mr JACK A. MACDONNELL approved of the suggestion, but thought that, as the reception was in some sense national, the proposition might be made to include documents of a national notoriety also. In that case he would have pleasure in riding a mule and displaying conspicuously the written apology which it was not his intention to present to the House of Commons for having insulted their dignity.

Mr. G. R. PATULLO said torchlight should by no means be overlooked, as it was one of the first elements of an intellectual demonstration. He had a large assortment of torches at the Reform Club rooms, which he would be pleased to lend for the occasion. They had been provided for the 17th of

September, but the Reform Party had decided not to use them on that occasion so they were now just as good as new.

Mr. NED FARRA said they had a similar stock of torches up at the Mail office, which they had refrained from using on the 5th of June. The Conservative Party would not be on done in generosity by the Grits, and the Committee were heartily welcome to the use of these torches.

Mr. JOHN HALLAM proposed that in honor of the auspicious occasion of the Champion's return, an edict should be passed by the City Council exempting the premises of poor men from taxation for this year, and imposing upon the lawns and paddocks of the rich a reasonable tax.

Mr. GUS THOMAS suggested that a medal be struck to commemorate the great Tyneside victory. It might have a head of HANLAN on one side, and on the other "HANLAN AHEAD."

Prof. DAN'L WILSON proposed that the degree of B. Sc., be conferred upon Mr. HANLAN in the presence of the public by the Senate of University College. He supposed he need hardly explain that B. Sc. meant Bachelor of Science, which in this case might be freely interpreted Boss Sculler.

Dr. WRIGHT said he understood a sweet little heir had made its appearance in Mr. HANLAN's home since his departure, and, if this were true, it would be well to take into consideration the propriety of having a baby show in connection with the reception, the first prize to be awarded by acclamation to the juvenile HANLAN.

After many other valuable suggestions had been thrown out the meeting broke up in good order.

Positively the Last and Worst.

Last evening while standing on the uncertain margin of the moss-covered Esplanade, viewing with some interest the splendidly developed fungoids luxuriantly growing among its crumbling timbers, I was startled out of my botanical reverie by the sudden appearance of a stalwart youth with a red night-cap on his head, and carrying, like the melancholy Dane in the grave-yard scene, a "scull" in his hand. He was picturesquely got up in the prevailing arg nautical style, which is a compromise between the garb of an English cricketer and a Levantine pirate. "My dear GRIP," said the amateur Corsair, breathlessly, "I've a splendid joke for you."

"Heave ahead, my hearty, give her sheet; pay out the slack of your jaw-tackle," said I, in the language of the fore-castle, in compliment to his WILL WATCH-like appearance. "Well," continued the Rover of the Deep, "we were out to-day in a new yacht of NOVERRE's, who came along with us and took the helm to test her sailing qualities. The wind was dead from the south'ard, and we had to go about off the light house and stand in on the port tack for the shore." "Belay all that, and come to the joke. I'm in a hurry," said I. "But I'm telling you the joke," said the mariner, and continued, "You know NOVERRE was at the helm, and when young PONSONBY JONES suddenly asked me who built the boat, I replied, NOVERRE." JONES says, "What, NOVERRE?" I was going to explain, when HILDEBRAND SMITH, who was on the look-out, observing that we were dangerously approaching the boulders off the New Garrison, shouted, "Hard-a-lee, NOVERRE!" "Hail ha!—funny, wasn't it?" Ye gods! I had been listening all this time to a *Pinsfore* gag, told by an imbecile Bay water sailor?

A root of bitterness -The Bute Inlet Route.

Anxious Enquirers.

Since Mr. JOHN BRIGHT announced his intention of making an enquiry relative to Canadian affairs in the British House of Commons, a great deal of interest concerning the Dominion has been awakened amongst the members, and it is highly probable that other questions will follow that of Mr. BRIGHT.

An Hon. member gives notice that he will ask the Colonial Secretary if measures have been taken to secure the neutrality of Canada in the war now raging in the adjacent country of Peru.

A Right Hon. gentleman will enquire whether it is the intention of Her Majesty's Imperial Government to send out to Ottawa an adequate supply of provisions, so as to obviate the humiliating necessity for the Vice-Royal authorities of the Dominion to sustain themselves by the precarious method of fishing for salmon.

An Hon. member will ask whether the Government has been officially informed of the recent invasion of Montreal, Canada, by grizzly bears, and whether it is true that the savage animals demolished a canteen, and almost deprived the inhabitants of their supply of Beef.

An Hon. member will enquire whether the Colonial Secretary succeeded in learning from Mr. LANGEVIN what he, the said Mr. LANGEVIN did with the \$32,000 he got from Sir HUGH ALLAN?

An Hon. member will enquire whether it is the intention of Her Majesty, as reported, to confer Knighthood upon EDWARD HANLAN, the Canadian oarsman. If so, if the Government is prepared to give the House full particulars as to the charges made against the said HANLAN, together with the evidence upon which he has been convicted and sentenced to this punishment.

An Hon. member will ask whether instructions have been given to the Dominion Government to furnish His Grace the DUKE of ARGYLE with a body guard and competent Indian interpreters during his travels in the Province of New Brunswick.

An Hon. member will request to be informed whether it is true that the present Government of the Dominion really intend to change the terminus of the Intercolonial Railway from Winnipeg to Bute Inlet, P.Q.

An Hon. member will inquire whether Her Majesty's Government intend to sanction the permission granted to a certain company to drain Lake Ontario in order to get possession of valuable farming lands for purposes of speculation.

"The Toronto oarsman having defeated England's best men, Hawdon and Elliott, should now meet Courtney, of Union Springs, again. Many people are confident Courtney can defeat Hanlan in a fair contest, and will not be satisfied until the Toronto man and the Union Springs man have another brush."

We clip this rich paragraph from the columns of the Route, N. Y., *Sentinel*. This well-known journal keeps a professional funny man, and those who know anything about the relative merits of HANLAN and COURTNEY oarsmen, will consider this one of the most laughable things he ever wrote.

That Low Cartoon.

Mr GRIP read in last Tuesday's *Telegram* that his HANLAN cartoon was a very low, spiteful and wretched affair, and one that ought to make every right minded Canadian blush. Being a sensitive bird, Mr. GRIP felt a keen pang of shame on reading this. Not so much that he had published a wicked picture, as that the demoralized people of the country seemed to like it so well that several editions had to be issued to satisfy their demands.