

the Cobourg Conservative organ, the *Sentinel-Star*, in connection with the announcement that the promise which had been used as a bribe to secure Gullet's election had been redeemed by the Government. There are some things entirely beyond the reach of burlesque, and one of them is the shameless effrontery of this Cobourg editor.

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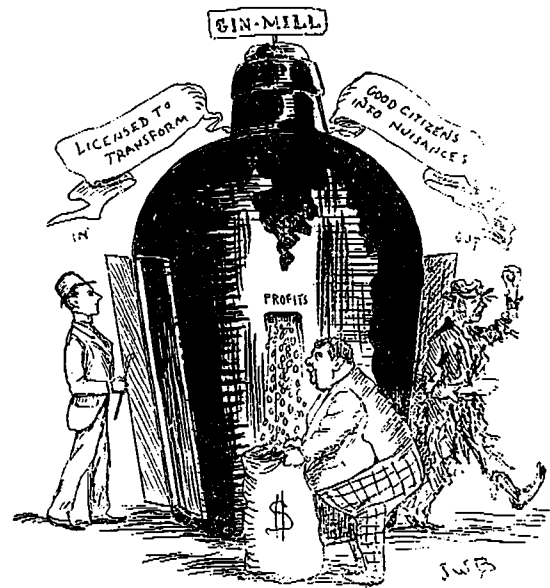
HYATTSVILLE, Maryland, is a place of about one thousand population, but every other town and city on the continent might well sit at its feet and learn common sense on the subject of taxation. Some time ago the local council abolished the taxes on personal property, and this sensible move has been followed by the abolition of all imposts on improvements. The revenue is now secured by a single tax on land values, levied at the rate of 25 cts. on the hundred dollars of assessed value, and the income is somewhat larger than it was before when labor products were taxed at 15 cts. on the hundred dollars and land values at a nominal rate. The hard-headed fathers of Hyattsville are acting on the obvious truth that houses and other improvements suffer a steady depreciation, whereas land values as certainly increase in a growing community, and this without any effort on the part of landowners. In placing all the taxes on the value of land, therefore, they are placing it where it may be the most easily borne, while, on the other hand, the removal of all restrictions on enterprise will soon send the town ahead by leaps and bounds. If now the town fathers could only abolish the national tariff and internal revenue taxes, Henry George's idea would be realized. What a pity the Toronto City Council could not see its way to following the illustrious example set by this little Maryland town!

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CANADIAN free traders continue to send in their names in goodly numbers, but there must be thousands who have not yet seen our invitation. We therefore repeat it. Let every one in favor of the British free trade policy for Canada send his name and address to GRIP, in view of the contemplated formation of a Free Trade League. A postal card will do.

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HERE we are in the midst of the hot season again and the town swarming with dogs of all degrees. Can't something be done to abate the nuisance? Even the inadequate dog-catching system seems to have been done away with, and the curs are increasing and multiplying without hindrance. This is a dangerous nuisance by day, and in many localities in the city a howling outrage by night. Our policemen ought to be empowered to shoot every dog found on the streets unaccompanied by its owner. Most of the vagrants, we notice, are without tags, and if we are expected to put up with the canine

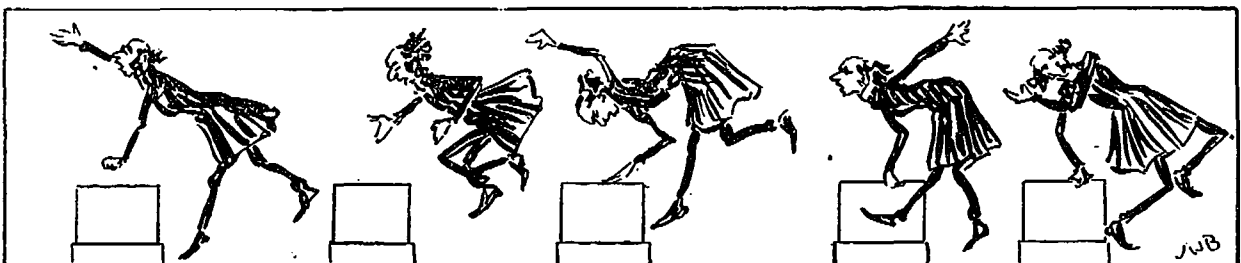


ONE OF OUR INSTITUTIONS.

infliction, it may at all events be demanded that, in view of the high rate of taxation, the dog fees be rigorously exacted.

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THE Methodists, Anglicans and Presbyterians have not yet determined to break their unholy alliance with the public crib. A Methodist minister has written to the *Hamilton Times* protesting against the new effort of these Protestant bodies to obtain fresh and large Government grants for their Indian Mission work. "I thank you most cordially," he says, "for so timely and decided a protest against such an act of injustice on the part of the Methodists against the voluntaries and the taxpayers generally of this country. Are we to have a Church Reptile Fund, gathered through the Indian Department, such as has been obtained by the agency of contractors, in order to bribe the leading Churches to assist one of the most corrupt Governments in any Christian country to debauch the religious bodies? Does any one of intelligence suppose for a moment that Sir John Abbott or Sir John Thompson, Hon. Mr. Haggart or Hon. Mr. Carling would pay out money to the religious communities unless they were tolerably well assured of political support? The idea is preposterous. Is the Methodist Church at large as anxious to secure the 'hush money' as Dr. Carman, Dr. Sutherland and even the *Guardian* seem to be? If so, then is the degradation of the Methodist Church in this Dominion indeed complete."



INSTANTANEOUS PHOTOGRAPH OF A POPULAR PULPIT ORATOR IN ACTION.