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A Delicate Situation.-Sir John finds himself at last in a "tight corner" between the people of Manitoba and the C.P.R. Syndicate. Their demands are diametrically opposed, and there is no middle ground to permit of a compromise. The Manitobans declare that the Disallowance Policy must cease absolutely and at once; the C.P.R. manage: ment demand, in equally stentorian tones, that it shall be persisted in. Both parties certainly cannot be accommodated, and it is difficult to see which of 'em the Government can best afford to offend. If Manitoba's petition is disregarded the result may quite possibly be bloodshed; if the syndicate is thwarted, terrible things seem to be apprehended, though precisely what these are is a profound cabinet secret. It strikes ${ }^{0} \mathrm{Mr}_{\mathrm{R}}$. Grip that there is a first-rate opportunity here for Sir John to act upon that lofty classic principle Fial Justitia ruat caitum? Now, what does Justice require in the premises? That Manitoba shall be allowed freely to exercise her constitutional rights to build all the railways she wishes to, within the old limits of the Province. The pretention of the Syndidate that this constitutional right is debarred by the C.P.R. charter is an impudent falsehood. Sir John himself distinctly said, before the charter was ratified, that the Federal authority conld not check Manitoba, and it is quite certain that the Prairie Province herself never voluntarily relinquished any of her rights. We believe in keeping faith with the Syndicate in every detail, and, if there are any conditions in the charter which we would like to have cancelled, we must be prepared to grant compensation for their erasure. But the current talk about "purchasing" the "Manitoba monopoly rights"-which do not exist in the charter, and never did-is nonsense which should be promptly rebuked. Sir John's duty is plain ia the delicate prsition in which,
thanks to himself, he now stands-and his interest politically coincides, we believe, with his duty. He should tell the C.P.R. people to go about their business, and let them fire ahead with their "blue ruin." What can they do, anyway? Not half so much to desiroy the Government and the Conservative Party as the now thoroughly aroused Manitobans. It is high time these checky " magnates" were taught that they do not"constitute the Government of this country -if indeed that be the truth.

A Little " Confidence Game."-It is very amusing to see the Globe, and other faithful journalistic supporters of the Ottawa Op)position, pumping up stage thunder against all and sundry the members who failed to vote for Hon. Mr. Mills' resolution in te the Scott Act. Of course, the resolution itself deserved the support of every friend of temperance, but in veiw of the fact that it was brought forward under circumstances which inade it practically a motion of want of confidence, the supporters of the Government could hardly be expected to display the amount of innocence Mr. Mills evidently credited them with. It was a straight party division, and the members stood up on both sides, as a matter of fact, without any regard to their individual secords on the temperance question. The motion was introduced purely for political effect ; it was a little confidence game to catch the rural Prohibitionist. But it will fail. The prohibition voter doesn't know Mr. Mills or Sir R. Cartwright in their new capacity as temperance apostles. He does know, however, that the Reform Party is not a Prohibition Party, any more than the Tory organization. Neither are committed to the principle ; and, what is more, neither ever will be so long as the present leaders have control.

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HAT potency there is in a single letter of the alphabet! Take $e$ for example-of course $e$ is for exarnple, anyway. Plain Gus Brown tacks this little simple letter to the end of his name, and who will deny that he goes up several degrees in the opinion of society as Mr . Augustus Browne? But this is not the greatest marvel e can perform. Fasten it to any of those wretches who illtreat their horses and cattle and who are a disgrace to the human name, and mark the moral reformation-it makes them humane. These philosophical refiections are called up by the Eleventh Annual Report of the American Humane Association, which has just reached our table, and which contains a record of work that must enlist the sympathy of every right-minded reader. We are glad to know and announce that the Convention will meet this year in Toronto on the 19th, 2oth and 2 rst of September.

WE hope there is no truth in the rumor that it is the intention of the Reform Club of this city to visit condign punishment upon Mr. Peter Ryan and Mr. W. H. R. Preston for having failed to drown Senator O'Donohue in the air-hole in the Bay of Quinte when they had such a favorable opportunity the other day. It is due to the accused gentlemen to remember that their whole attention must have been occupied in saving their own lives, and that really they had no time to perform the service to their party which the Club charges them with having wilfully neglected.

WE regret to observe that some of our unfeeling exchanges are indulging in airy persiflage over the recent snowstorm in New York. This is only excusable on the ground of ignorance. People in this Province have but a slight idea of the terrors of winter as experienced on Manhattan Island, but we can assure the humorously disposed Canadians that it is no joke. They should remember, too, that our New York brethren have from time immemorial extended to Canadians a most touching commiseration regarding frost, snow, etc., under the strange delusion that this is a cold country. Let us be prateful enough to refrain from merriment : at the six feet drifts on Fifth Avenue.

$\mathrm{A}^{\mathrm{N}}$N American official recently fled to Canada under the hallucination that he was a defaulter, whereas he was perfectly innocent. This is noted in the papers as a strange case, but equally curious delusions have been known to seize upon people. Some of our own highly respected citizens not long ago made a hasty departure across the lines, if you remember, under the ridiculous impression that they were in very poor health and needed a change of air.

THE admission of Newfoundland to Confederation is the next big scheme to be discussed at Ottawa. They say Sir John has set his heart on the Island as a graceful round-up to the Federal Union, so there is no use arguing the pros. and cons.; he is quite dogged about it, so the thing is as good as done. So be it. Newfoundland may not contribute greatly to the Dominion Treasury, but there's one consolation-her Banks are good and solid, and she can send plenty of choice codfish to grace the society " functions" at Ottawa.

THE London Free Press heads its Sullivan-Mitchell account-" The fight was a farce." Evidently the ferocious editor expected and hankered for a tragedy. It wasn't very amusing, for a farce. Perhaps, however, the "screaming" and "roaring" business would have been duly done had the F. P. man been in the shoes of either pugilist.
$A^{\mathrm{N}}$ esteemed contemporary suggests that it would be a grandly effective piece of magnanimity if Germany were to hand back Alsace and Lorraine to France. So it would. We strongly commend our brother to put a blue-pencil mark around the idea, and forward a copy of the paper to Mr. Bismarck.

HON. J. B. PLUMB,
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE OF CANADA,
Died, Monday, Mar. rath.


Called to the Upper House!
Another name well known to all the land
Goes from the roll to grace a monument.
A name unkindly held
Only where he who bore it was unknown;
For in the genial presence of the man
The small asperities of party strife
Were lost in nothingness.
His friendly hand ; his earnest, kindling eye,
His ready wit, his culture and good sense,
Proclaimed him larger than mere partizan ;
And honest judgment-whether friend's or foe's-
That weighed his qualities in even scale,
Called him a Christian gentleman.
J. w. $\quad$.
" Find yourself in rather a tight place over this Manitoba and C.P.R. affair, don't you, Sir John?" queried Peter Mitchell, in a somewhat gleeful tone.
"Tight place?" jerked out Sir John, " not at all. Got more Roome than ever!" and be displayed the West Middlesex return, which had just arrived.

## TALKS WITH THE FAKIR. <br> VII.

A look of care shrouded the Fakir's usually animated countenance as he came into the office. "I declare, it's too bad," he said. "Just as I was getting fairly on my feet things have gone wrong again, and left me on my back. That blamed idiot, Duxter!-"
"What's the matter now ?" sympathetically asked the assistant editor.
" You remember my telling you how I'd contracted with him to write me a volume of first-class native Canadian poetry at fifty cents per page? Well, the fellow hadn't done more'n about a third of it before he broke out. I was taking good care of him-limited his allowance of whiskey to a pint a day-just enough to keep him in good trim for his work. One day last week that remittance from 'ome' that he was expecting actually arrived!"


## AN ENTERPRISING CANADIAN SCIENTIST.

Prof. Panton, of the Guelph Agricultural College, has explored some remarkable Pot Holes in the vicinity of Rockwood, Ont., and at a recent meeting of the Canadian Institute gave a most interesting account of these curious holes, which he considers quite equal to those in the famious Glacier Garden at Lucerne, in Switzerland. The Mouthly congratulates Prof. Panton on the gratifying results of his efforts, and hopes to be able to chronicle many similar instances of independent work among our Canadian stientists.Educational Monthly.
"No !!" exclaimed the staff simultaneously.
"Solemn fact," said the Fakir, dolefully ; "I suppose it's about the only instance on record of the kind ; but I assure you that, incredible as it may appear, Duxter really did get a P.O. order for $£$ ro. Of course, after that there was no holding him. I locked up his hat and boots, but he gave me the slip, and in two hours was fuller than a tick. He kept it up night and day till he got snakes in his boots, and had to be sent to the hospital. So here am I with several hundred orders for the book, which ought to be out next month, and the printer at a standstill for want of copy. None of you fellers, I suppose, would care about finishing the job? I'd be liberal-wouldn't mind paying a good man as much as a dollär a page."

This magnanimous offer not meeting with any response, the Fakir continued :-
" It's a mighty lucky thing that he'd finished the Indian legend before he broke out. That's the principal feature of the book, and we can pad it out with almost any kind

## THE BIG PRIZE FIGHT.



IT made John L. Sullivan swear,
To let out with his right good and fair For a final knock-out
On his spry rival's snout,
And to find there was no Mitchell there !


A dretw:-Oh, how badiy John felt
To see his great record thus melt;
Then up spake Old Rye
"'Twasn't Mitchell-'twas I;
I've licked him, and I wear the belt !"
of stuff. The Indian legend, I want you to understand, is a really fine thing. I'll just give you an outline of it. Mitchewayno, a chief of the Niagara Indians, is in love with Ahmenoosa, the Prairie Lily, daughter of the chief of the hostile tribe of the Tuscaroras. The Tuscaroras capture Mitchewayno after a great battle in the neighborhood of Niagara Falls. Instead of torturing and burning him in the usual fashion, they put him in a canoe and send him over the Falls. He has a miraculous escape, and finally the canoe drifts to Toronto Island, where he is discovered, nearly dead with hunger and exposure, by Ahmenoosa. She conceals him in a cave and nurses him till he has recovered. He returns to his tribe and rallies his scattered forces for a last struggle against the victorious Tuscaroras. The fight takes place near the Humber River. All the Niagaras are killed off but the chief and about half-a-dozen more, who fall into the hands of the enemy. The Tuscaroras capture a sawmill belonging to one of the early settlers, and the captives are condemned to be sawn in pieces. Brilliant oripinal idea for an Indian romance, isn't it ? This thing of burning prisoners at the stake is played out, arid the novelty of having 'em run through a sawmill instead ought
to fetch the public. Well, they meet their fearful doom stoically, like true sons of the forest, and just as Mitchewayno has been cut in two, Ahmenoosa rushes in-too late to work the Pocahontas racket-and commits suicide by throwing herself against the fatal buzz-saw. The final tragedy is described thusly :-

Oh ! who can paint the maid's distracted grief
O'er the dissevered sections of the chief?
She tore her raven locks and madly raved,
" And shall I live when he could not be saved?
Shades of my ancestors to you I come !
The happy hunting ground shall be my home!"
Wildly she rushed upon the reeking saw,
Its cruel teeth her glowing bosom tore;
The whirring steel on its fell mission glided-
Thus even in death the lovers were divided.
That's fine, isn't it? The suggestion of humor in the last line tends to relieve the overwrought feelings of the reader, and offset the harrowing pathos of the narrative. It is a truly Canadian poem, racy of the soil, vivid with local coloring, and wreathing the flowers of romance over one of our most important staple industries."
"Yes," said the advertising man, "and if I were you I'd strike the portable sawmill men for advertising contracts on the head of it."
"You bet," said the Frakir ; I've got a page ad. already, with a cut of a sawmill at work. But I'm in a hole about the rest of the book, and I don't know what to do. Say, don't you often have poctry sent in that you don't use?"
"Bushels of it," replied the editor, pointing to the waste basket.
"And what do you do with it?"
"Sell it as waste paper at two cents a pound."
The Fakir rummaged awhile among the rejected MS., and then looked up with a relicved expression.
"Why, this stuffll do splendidly. It's just about what I want. I'll take all your rejected contributions for the next month at waste paper prices, C.O.D. Give me all you've got on hand quick, and I'll set the printers to work again right away, and have the great work out on time, after all. It's a cold day when I get left."

He cleared out the basket, leaving a subscriber's order for the book as security, and departed joyfully.

## OUR PROLIFIC PRESS.

Tue newspapers ! the newspapers Oh, how they multiply !
To take 'em all I tell you what It makes the small change fy !

In older times one only need Buy two or three a day;
But now by dozens they appear fust glance at the array!
There's an organ for each "long felt want," Each party, sect or clique;
And I tell you it takes lots of cash To buy or subscribe for Grip, the Globe, Mail, Em. pire, World, Telegram, News, Saturday Night, Life, Truth, Labor Reformer, Advance, Monetary Times, Christian Guardian, Presbyterian Review, Canada Presbyterian, Dominion Churchman, Evangelical Churchman, Canada Citizen, Irish Canadian and Week.

Mrs. Langtry is now playing "The Silver Queen" in Nebraska. A vein has been found on her estate. As the sneezy Dutchman says "De luck of sum beebles nogs von gold.".


A MILITARY DEMONSTRATION.
(witil apoiogies to mr. w. s. gilliertr.)
[According to the World, it was arranged that all the colonels in the House of Cominons would appear in full regimentals during the debate on Sir Richard Cartwright's Unrestricted Reciprocity Resolution. The presumed object was, of course, to overawe the disloyal creatures who would dare to speak in favour of Free Trade the Yankees.]

## A COLONEL.

$W_{\text {Hes }}$ I first put this uniform on, I said, when I looked in the glass, Appollo be gigger! I'm an elegant figure-
I don't look a bit like an ass ; I'll mash every exquisite maid, When they see me on dress parade,
Tho' 'twill lead to much strife with my dear litle wife, Who'll apply for divorce, I'ni afraid. -A fact that I counted upon
When I first put this uniform on!

## chorve or colonel.s.

Ho ! ho ! ho: We'll vote every time for Sir John,
I've never failed to do tha', since I first put this uniform on !

## A COLONEI.

I said, when I locked in the glass, I pity my country's foes,
Cnless I'm in crror, they'Il scatter in terror
When they catch the first glimpse of these clothes
But as foreign invaders don't come,
We'll try 'em on traitors at home;
Reciprocity Grits will be frightened to fits, Disloyalty 'll have to sing mum-
An effect we all ccunted upon.
When we put this fierce uniform on.

## chorus of colonel.s.

Ho! ho! ho! Disloyal Free-Traders begoné!
We do not argue the case-we just put our uniforms on !

## MAJOR SLASHER'S COURTSHIP.

"'Pears ter me, boys," said Old Miggles, taking his long clay pipe from his mouth and expectorating at the wood-box, "'pears ter me yer never heerd the purtiklers uv old Major Slasher's courtin', did yer ?" And he gazed around at the promiscuous crowd assembled at the Froggleton grocery, and paused for a reply. A general and emphatic negative having been given, the old man proceeded.
"Well, boys, ez near ez I kin reckerlect, the Major come inter the township 'bout the same time ez I did, an' Joe Barnes he come in summeres near a year arter us. There wuzn't many folks in the township then, an' most uv them wuz bach'lors, so w'en Joe Barnes arrived on the scene with ez fine a young gal ez yer ever clapped
yer eyes on, the boys felt she wuz an akwersition ter the place. They hedn't the remotest idea that the major, who wuz a widdower an' over fifty years uv age, 'd try ter work his points ter git her, but thet's jest what the old beggar did. He went in ez if he meant business, an ${ }^{2}$ what's more, seemed ter make good headway in it. Yer see, he hed money, an' w'en it comes ter choosin' atween a young chap an' nothin' but love, an' an old un an' money, the gal's not much ter blame ef she takes the old un. Howsumdever, this reasonin' didn't suit the boys in them days, an' a privit an' conferdential meetin' wuz called ter discuss the persition uv affairs. Some strong language wuz used in reference ter the old major, an' some even sergested tar-an'-feathers an' horsewhippin', but these propersitions wuz voted down by a consid'ble majority, an' it wuz decided ter try an' skeer the old man.
"Yer see, boys, the Major lived nigh onto ten miles frum Barneses, an' ez the place wuz new, most uv the road wuz through the bush. Now, he uster come down


PRACTICAL BUSINESS.
Teacher.-How much would fifty dollars yield in three years, at two and one-half per cent? Now, Aaron, why don't you go to work at the sum ?

Aaront.-What's the use; two and one-half per cent.-that's no business:
a-Saturday evenin' an' go back a-Sunday, so we hed a glorious oppertunity fer workin' our leet!e dodge, an' I tell yer we did work it.
"The punkins wuz jest gittin' ripe at the time, so we took a couple uv 'em, the biggest we could fin', an' scooped 'em out properly, fixin' a hijus physerognumy onter 'em, with lots uv teeth. This hevin' bin done, we waited fer Saturday evenin', w'er, we perseeded ter the rondyvows. Serlectin' a spot 'bout three mile frum Barneses, where the trees wuz thick on both sides, we set up the effergies an' lit 'em up, ready fer business.
"We hed 'em fixed with sheets round 'em, an' tell yer the truth, they wuz hijus lookin' critters, an' no mistake. I kinder felt my flesh creepin' jest lookin' at 'em frum my hidin'-place, so I thort fer sure they'd skeer the old Major properly.
"Well, boys, I reckon we hed ter wait nigh on to two hours on the old chap, an' w'en he come it wuz so dark


HELD BY THE ENEMY.
thet yer couldn't see nothink 'cept them orful figgers a-glarin' at each other acrost the road.
"On he come, clatterty-bang, splashin' the mud ter right an' lelt, w'en all of a suddent he come plump on the imerges. Wuz he skeert? Well, no, $\mathfrak{l}$ reckon not very purtikerlarly! The hoss wuz put out a trifle, but they didn't fizz on the Major. He jest pulled out a double-bar'led pistil an' fired a shot at each figger, knockin' four teeth out uv one an' six out uv the other, an' most effecherly squelchin' the lights in 'em. Then he druv his spurs in an' carmly an' permiscusly rode on. Solerm fact! I tell yer, we went back with our tails atween our legs, meterphorically speakin'.
"Well, ez this plot hed failed teetotally, we come ter the cornclusion thet we'd hev ter perseed ter extremes, $\mathrm{an}^{\prime}$ ' we did. The nex' time old Major Slasher come down he foun' the road blocked fer nigh on two mile. There wuz trees acrost it, boys, there wuz fentces acrost it, an' there wuz piles uv brush an' other mater'al acrost it. I tell yer it wuz a case uv block, an' it made us sweat ter do it. But it didn't stop the Major. He jumped acrost some, he clam'ered over others, an' scooted roun' the res', arrivin' safe at his desternation. Then, ter make matters wuss, old Barnes wuz parthmaster, an' he hed us out bright an' airly on Monday mornin' ter clear the road ag'in. More'n that, he got the Major ter wait over, an' he wuz the fust through parsenger arter we'd fixed things. I tell yer, it par'lized us w'en he come along an' wished us a good mornin', his sharp gray eyes a-twinklin'. Barnes hed all be could do ter keep frum burstin' right out.
"This brung matters ter a crissis, an' w'en we next perseeded ter the rondyvows we hed shot-guns in our han's an', fire in our eyes. We hed decided ter try onct more, an' ef we failed we wuz ter retire frum the corntest. Conserquently, we meant bisness, an' no mistake. But yer must rekerlect thet we wuzn't sich fools ez ter try the new game right off. We waited, I should reckon, 'bout three weeks afore we went in fer it. In fact, the Major hed come ter the cornclusion thet we wuz retired frum the perseshion, but be wuz mistaken.
"Yer see, our idear wuz ter surroun' the old man an' make him swar on the Bible thet he'd retire frum the scene an' give the boys a chance. Ef he failed ter do this we corncluded ter ride him on a rail up ter Barneses an' let him go.
"He hed his pistils with him all right, but we come out so suddent thet he wuz covered by our shootin'-irons an' on the groun' in half a minute. But ef we thort we hed him we wuz a leetle out, fur ez soon's he got his wits ag'in an' foun' himself on terry firma, he made a propersition thet completely took the wind out up our sails. 'Gentlemen,' said he, • I'm Iree ter acknowledge thet yer hev me this time. Ez things stan', yer kin murder me ef yer hev a min' ter do it, but I think yer are men enough ter listen ter a fair propersition. Now, gentlemen, I say right here thet I've got jest ez good a right ter court Miss Barnes, an' marry her ef I kin git her, ez any man on the groun', an' I won't go back on thet. Howsomdever, ef yer will just pick out yer man, whichever ye imagines hez the best show with the goung lady, an' we'll fight it out right here. Ef he licks me I'll retire frum the scene, an ef I lick him I'm ter hev no more uv this oppersition. Come, gentlemen, make yer decision.'
"Leavin' the Major in charge uv three uv the boys, the res' uv us retired a bit an' cornsidered the matter. Some wuz fer rejectin' the propersition, but the varst majority wuz in favor uv it ez the only honerable course ter pursue. So we decided thet ez Tom Blackburn hed the best counternance with the gal, he wuz ter toe the scratch an' settle things fer good. Tom wuzn't more'n five-an'twenty, an', ez the Major wuz more'n double thet, we wuz conferdent Tom 'd come out best ; more purtiklerly ez he wuz mighty handy with his fists. Howsomdever, things don't allers come out jest ez yer expects 'em to, an' it's never best ter feel too sure uv anythin'.
"Well, boys, they stripped fur the combat, the res' uv us formin' a ring roun' em . They both meant bisness; there wuzn't no qualin' on either side. Tom hed the advantage in age an' size, bein' stouter than the Major, an' ez they squared off an' give us a chance ter study their. physeek, we corncluded thet the battle wouldu't larst long an' thet the Major wus in fer it. Neither did it larst long, boys; not more'n fifteen minutes, I should cornsider, but it wuzn't the Major ez got licked, oh no! It wuz Tom. He hedn't the ghost uv a chance frum the fust. It wuz nothin' but git up ter be knocked down ag'in. I never seen anythin' like it in my born days. The old man wuz quick ez lightnin' an' hit wusser than a mule. I tell yer Tom showed grit, and did all he could, but at the close the onfortnit critter's physerog wuz like one uv the Globe's old war maps. Ez fur the old man, he wuz a trifle blowed, but there wuzn't a scratch on him. A more kerflummixed crowd than we wuz 'd hev bin hard ter fin', ez we slowly an' sadly made fur home, a-carryin' Tom on a hand-barrer o' saplin's. The Major wuz unmorlested frum thet time forrard, an' soon went to the alter with his young an' bloomin' bride."

Perkins Middlewick.

## EPIGRAMMATA.

The Montreal bankers have combined to keep up the rate of discount.
"When banks combine to keep the rate
Of discount high-a crisis
Will soon proclaim the merchant's fate Unless he puts up prices !"
A British ship is not allowed to ascend the Yang-tseKiang.

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THINGS ONE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE BACK.
Mrs. Brown (who has "a day"-to incoming visitor, looking regretfully afler friend departing).-I begin to think turse "days" are a great mistake. You no sooner get into an interesting conversation, than you are interrulted!

## "THE FIVE O'CLOCK TEA."

## A SOCIETY NEWSPAPER DEVOTED TO FASHION AND FOLEY. PROSPECIUS.

To supply a long felt need, viz., a Society newspaper that will last over six months, we herewith launch our barque, Five o'Clock Tea, upon the millpond of public opinion. It will be brilliant and witty, recording in a rich, rare, and racy style, all the sayings and doings, the intentions and purposes, the thoughts and dreams of Toronto Society. Under the heading of "Coffee and Rolls," we will publish a column, weekly, of interesting items of breakfast-table news. The public may here learn what it pleased Maud de Mousetrap, or Claude Fitzweatherbottom to eat and drink at their matutinal meal-whether they ate two muffins, or only one, or if the coffee was all it should have been to suit their aristocratic tastes. Sympathizing friends, in every part of the Dominion, may through this column be informed that Mrs. Albert Sidney Godolfin Smith is being troubled with indigestion, and has been ordered by the doctors to eat only Canada Breakfast Cereals, with a little milk and a soupcon of cream.

The religious column, under the heading of "Society Churches," will give graphic sketches of the eminent organ blowers, or blowers of sacred tunes in Toronto. The talent of our artist will be literally lavished on this column. He will depict the blower as he stands, with placid countenance, preparatory to beginning his interesting work, in the forte passages of the voluntary or the anthem, when he is exerting all his muscular skill, and at the end, when he sinks exhausted on the cushioned bench.

Faithful portraits, from photographs, will be reproduced weekly of the sextons of the churches, from the beadles, with official gowns, who so politely conduct you up the "long drawn aisle" of St. James', to the nore democratic usher who seats the crowds who flock to be regaled by the eloquence and luxuriant imagination of the unique Dr, Wild.

There will also be a column devoted to "Our Very Little Ones," by which we mean the dolls of the curled and perfumed darlings of Toronto society. This department will be intensely interesting. The most artistic talent will be employed at fabulous figures, to portray the animated features and flaxen locks of the blue-eyed playthings of the nursery. Each number will contain faithful sketches of, at least, three of the largest and most distingue dolls to be found in the fashionable mansions of this great city.
But the most attractive department will be that which takes its name from the title of the paper, viz., Five $o^{\prime}$ Clock Tea. This will chronicle all the attractions of the season, not only kettle-drums, but also drives, balls, and parties. It will note not only the names and dresses of those who attend the many teas given throughout the season, but anything which may form subjects of conversation at those teas. Here it will be recorded that the high-born Ethel Snowdrop distinctly, but unconsciously, winked with the long and drooping lash of her left orb when Adolphus de Courcy Browne casually mentioned that he had had a difference with the governor, on the subject of his last firtation with Blanche Araminta Fitzbooby. Besides personal items of such intense interest, will also be given descriptions of balls, dresses, fashionable houses, carpets, wallpaper, rugs, table-cloths, coal scuttles, carpet-tacks, mops, and every other article, which, though perhaps common in itself, derives interest from its surroundings.
The editorials will be racy and pointed, and no expense of money or talent will be spared to make Five o'Clock Tea a delightful society paper.

Subscriptions, \$5 per annum. Address Hugo de Smith Snobbins, Proprietor, 52, Boodle St.

Mr. Wilred Blunt has brought an action against the police in Dublin for $\$ 20,000$ for illegal arrest. Blunt by name and blunt by nature, he wants more blunt still.


MYSTERIES OF SHOPPING.
Customer:- But this one is twice as expensive and not half as nice as the last you showed me.

Saleslady.-Oh, yes; but, you see, we tie up this parcel for you with hand-made string.

## AN IDEA FOR SALE.

"Do you pay anything for ideas?" enquired a brainy-looking visitor as he entered the sanctum of the World.
"Well, yes, if they're put into good literary shape," replied the editor.
"Oh, I can't write ; but I've got an idea that I will sell for \$ro,000 and I call it cheap."
"I don't think we're buying ideas today," said the editor doubtfully. "In fact I never heard of anybody crazy enough to pay for a mere idea-a perfectly impalpible, imaginary, and unsubstantial thing. It's not a marketable commodity, that I know of."
"Isn't, hey, why I read in Wednesday's World that there is a probability of the C.P.R. selling the government an idea for $\$ 35,000,000$ or so."
" What do you mean?"
"Why," replied the visitor, "I mean they intend to get that much cash for giving up their monopoly rights in Old Manitoba. Now, they don't possess any such thing, and never did, as they know well enough. It's simply an idea, that's

## THE CHEERFUL MUD.

A spring foem.

Tie long, long winter's almost past, We've signs of spring on every hand;
No more we feel the Boreal blast, The nights contract, the days expand.
The crows are flying overhead,
The gutters run a turbid flood,
The freezing cold we cease to dread,
For everywhere we gee the mud.
Hail cheerful mud-inspiring sight : I never will asperse thee more,
Thy presence fills me with delight, It tells that winter's reign is o'er:
Thick, deep and sticky-much like glue It clings to overshoes and pants,
But wherefore should we make ado ? Man can't have everything he wants.

When there is mud it can't be cold, Remember that ye who would rail, And over daubed apparel scoldRemember snow and ice and hail ;
Age, bear in mind the arctic spell,
The treacherous sidewalk's sickening thud,
Which tells how some pedestrian fell,
Before you growl about the mud,
Remember seventeen below,
The cold benumbing fesh and sense,
Days of unmitigated woe
Caused by frigidity intense;
The busted pipes-the plumber's bill, The fearful price of coal and wood--
The man should freeze and shiver still
Who says a word against the mud.
Let others hail the robin's note,
The bursling buds in wood and dale,
The twittering of the swallows throat,
The modest lily of the vale;
All these are welcomed when the spring
Stirs with fresh energy the blood,
An earlier harbinger I sing-
The advent of the cheerful mud !
all. But you'll see pretty soon if it isn't a marketable commodity." And he left the editor in deep thought.

## THE NEW PARTY.

The convention called to organize the New Political Party has met, talked, resolved and adjourned. The platform submitted to the convention was as follows:-

1. Rightcousness and truth in public affairs as well as in private business, and no compromise with wrong.
2. Equal righes for all creeds, classes and nationalities, but exclusive privileges to none.
3. A national sentiment, a national literature, and in all matters of public policy-our country first.
4. The prompt and absolute prohibition of the liquor traffic, as the objective point of temperance Icgislation; in the meantime, the honest and vigorous enforcement of the Scott Act, and of all other laws for the repression of vice and intemperance.
5. Retrenchment and economy in public expenditure, with the view of reducing our enormous national debt.
6. Manhood suffrage, with an educational qualification; that is, a vote to cvery freeman of legal age who can read and write.
7. The extension of the Franchise to woinen.
8. An Elective Senate.
9. Civil Service reform.

The new party is definitely in the field, and will have to be reckoned with in future political calculations. Of ccurse it is severely frowned upon by hoth the old (and decrepit) parties, who cannot conscientiously endorse the planks of the platform, especially plank number one. We would be inmensely interested in a straight, honest statement of the platform of either the Grits or Tories at the present time, though we bave a pretty clear idea that it would be about as follows :-
I. Righteousness and truth are matters for Sundays only.
2. Equal rights for all, and a little more for those who help us with corporate votes.
3. A national sentiment and so forth-be blowed.
4. The liquor question is a moral issue and has no business in politics, which are not moral.
5. Retrenchment and economy, of course. That's what we have always said.
6. Manhood suffrage, if we have reason to think it will help the party.
7. The old flag-and an appropriation.


SIR JOHN'S DELICATE SITUATION.

## JACOBS \& SHAW'S OPERA HOUSE.

Mr. Edwin Arden, the romantic actor, supported by Miss Agnes Arden and a good dramatic company opened to a good house Monday evening in his Western idyllic drama, "Eagle's Nest." On Friday evening he will produce his new piece, "Barred Out." Mr. Arden is an actor of more than ordinary merit. He is the son-in-law of the tragedian, Thomas W. Keene.

Younger's Counting House Guide is rapidly increasing in popularity.
"Truth lies at the bottom of a well"that's why the lawyers have to pump for it. Detroit Free Press.

PoKER is one of the few games where the less a fellow knows about the game the better his opponent likes it.-Tid-Bits.

Hands that the rod of empire might have swayed, now in the snow-drifts wield the ready spade.-Lincoln (Neb.), Joumal.

The coat-tail flirtation is the latest. A wrinkled coat-tail bearing dusty toe marks means, "I have spoken to your father."N. Y. Graphic.

Owing to our unprecedented success as a daily last year, we are compelled to announce that hereafter this paper will only be issued once a week. - Nevada Enterprise.

Tifere is talk of a new negro exodus. A negro exodus is one of the many plans by which a few negroes make money and a great many meet death.-Allanta Constitution.

A Knoxyille editor, with his pistol, dropped two assailants at the church door recently. This is the Tenessee interpretation of the expression, "the droppings of the sanctuary."-Piltsizurs Butletin?.

Therecan be buc one opinion of Kyrle Bellew, the professional stage "masher." The woman that could overlook his acting and love him devotedly and unselfishly should not be treated with a heartless disregard. Chicago Herald.
"Do you know the gentleman?" asked a San Francisco lady of her little girl, in reference to the minister who was making a pastoral call. "Of course I do," said the little dear. "He does the hollering at our church."-San Francisco Alta.

IT is sad, yet true, that we didn't even get an invitation to the leap-year party the other night, and we have made up our mind to enjoy the pleasures of single life for another year at least. No girl need apply.-Coilins (Texas), Mercury.

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The annual meeting of the above company was held at their offices, No. 24 Church Street, Toronto, on Monday, the 27th of February. The President, Frederick Wyld, being in England, the Vice-President occupied the chair, the Manager, Mr. Hugh Scott, acting as secretary. On motion of the VicePresident, Mr. W. H, Howland, seconded by Mr. William Elliott, the report of the directors and the finaacial statements were read and adopted as follows:-
To the Members and Shareholders of the Fire Insuratte Exchange.
Gentlemen, - Your Directors beg to submit the first general statement of the business of the Company up to 3 ist December, 1887 . The total revenue pany up to 31 st December, 1887 . The total revente deducting all expenses, including claims for less and deducting all expenses, includng claims for less and
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ward to profit and loss was $\$ 22,68^{8}+30$, in which account you will find we have written off one-half of the total preliminary expenses. The number of policies in force at the close of the year was 287 , covering, after deducting re-insurance, the sum of $\$ 1,140,559$. When it is taken into consideration that the total fire claims up to the clese of the year amounted to only $\$ 649.63$, it will, we think, be admitted that the objects aimed at have been attained, namely-satisfactory rather than a large volume of business. Such results demononstrate the value of the system of inspection and selection, combined with the enforcement of protection, by having proper appliances for extinguishing fires in the proper appliances for extinguishing fires in the hazards assured. In view of the General Fire Undcrwriting experience of the past year, there are
just grounds for congratulation on the results accomjust grounds for congratulation on the results accomplished by this Company as set forth in the state-
ments beforc you. We beg to submit for your consideration the expediency of declaring a bonus to continuing members payable on the renewal of policies, out of the surplus, after providing for the necessary re-insurance reserve. The retiring directors this year are : V. Cronyn, James Scoll, H. N, Bate, Thos. Walmsley and C. Riordan. All of which is respectfully submited.

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To the President and Directors of the Lire Iusurance E.xchange.
Gentlemen,-I hereby certify that I have audited the books and examined the vouchers and securities of the Company for the year ending 3rst December 1887, and find the same correct, carefully kept and properly set forth in the above statement.

Douglas Sutton, Auditor.
Toronto, February $17,1888$.
After the usual vote of thanks was passed the meating adjourned. At a subsequent meeting of the directors, Mr. Frederick Wyld was re-elceted President, and Mr. W. H. Howland Vice-President.


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