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ZEKE TRIMBLE HAS ANOTHER TALK WITH
"HIS EXCELLENCY."

DEER OLD DI:

Bein rekollid into the Ryal presens, after sum preliminary konversashun, His Excellency sez to me, "Zeke, what's the reason the kuntry kant git on without Cartchee?" Sez i, "perhaps it's kos John A. got marrid, & his attenshun is deecided between his kuntry & his domestikated reelashuns. When a man beekums to hev a engaging wife & a large familee to hum, hee gets kinder tired of politix; altho i dont think it effects Holton or Rose so much, but sum men are more docile & affexshunate than others.

"Talking about Cartchee," sez i, "he's one of our grate men—he's a natyve. Hee was born onto the Shamblee River, near thee hed of navigashun. In early life he took to soldgerin, but this wuz not his 40. Hee finally took to thee law, wich into Lower Kanady is much liked amungst thee rooral poppylashun. We hev got the darndest krop of lawyers, priests, nuns, doctors, & broken-down polytishuns, jesuits, & polytishuns' relashuns z bee provided for, of anee kuntree in thee world, except the campagnee of Rome, wich is considered so unhealthy.

"In consequens, we hevnt menny uther kinds of krop to bost of; & the land is goin to waste between goin to church on holidays & saint's days, & hevny snow storms. Thare a'nt much time left fur bizness or agriculture; & the slack water hez dried up our maneefactorys to sich a state thet thee bone & sinoo of our young men are leevin us bi thousands.

"But let this pars. Cartchee bekam a lawyer. He wuz assosiated fur a long time with the present eminent Judge Berthelot, one of thee strikin loominaries of our Bench. Hee was appointed by Cartchee, & if Cartchee hed died rite after he hed done this, a grateful kuntry would hev erected a monnymnt to him on Jack Carter's square, in rere of Nelson's monnymnt, in wich case our French brethren wood be appeased at seem Nelson alongside of Cartchee.

"But he didnt die, & we owe to him the Civil Kode, wich is a grate law book, bein konsentredat wisdum, undeedfild & perfect, bekos Tom Ramsay got most of it up, & thee way this was diskovered was from a sentens wich is to bee found somewhere in this grate work, and goes to this effect: 'the first maxim in law is, ef you hev a bad case, frighten the lawyer on the other side.' This was a klincher, & fixed the authority of the book, wich is published under an anoneem title. Kartchee got disgustid at this exposy, & rushed of to England to konsole himself with thee Hudson's Bay question, & hesnt bin heerd of sens.

"Hens thee ded lok at Ottywa & Queebek. Dunkin feels so bad about it thet hes pretendin to be sik; & our Attorney General hez wun golden opinions by thee manner in wich he dispatched the bill for incorporatin an oppysishun benyvelent society in Pointe Levi, with a limited liability klause, & a restrikted kaptyal of fifty dollars.

"But i am off mi subjek agin. Kartchee speeks English well, wich, as a general rule amunkst our French kumpatryots, is onusual; thay prefer French on the hole, & take to it more kindly than thee English tung.

"Sum who hev visited the United States, kum bak perfek in thee English dialek; but most thet go dont kum bak.

"Kartchee & John A. are thee inventors of thee grate dubble shuffle: a figur wich took thee wind kompleetly out of thee sales of Holton & Dorion, & kaused John Sandfield to agitate fur a disrupture of the union, in wich he succeeded, not wisely, but two well. This same movement kaused Brown to strike ile, sens wich diskovery he hez remained in illustrious obscurity.

"It was profysied thet when thee Doeminyun kame Karchee & John A. wud be extinguished, but sich hez not kum to pass; thay air still steerin thee old ship, & long may

she wave. Thair is nothing down to Queebek at present like Kartchee, except perhaps Karter, and he may gro to it in thee end. It's a pity, however, thet when Kartchee goes away hee dont leave some foreman, or bos mekanik, or intelligent Skotch farmer, to run this Lower Kanady konsern. He shudnt take away with him thee key of thee safe. He shud hev staid to hum till Showveau hed got the run of the kitchen, wich, I suppose, wood hev ariven in the korse of six or seven yeers at least. Kartchee hez thee indomytable perseverance wich is the karakteristik of the Anglo-Saxon race.

"Kartchee aint much liked by thee Muntreall lawyers on akount of thee loos way in wich he slung round the title of Queen's Kounsil. I think he wuz a little reckless in this respek; But i see the order of St. Mikel hez bin extendid to this kuntry, & if Perry & John Dougall kood only be maid members of this order, I think publik agitashun on this pint wood be quieted. & after all, bein a Q.C. is jest like mi stampin a pekuliar kind of mi paper kollars 'Pure Linin'—everybuddy noes thay are only paper.

"Kartchee is much beeloved bi his kuntrymen in the Eastern Division, & this feelin extends thro St. Paul St. into the Hardware Traid, & slitley effex the dri goods.

"This grate man spends much of his time in England, but his infloence is much felt in his absens;—but i must konklude.

"i hev found out thet thee young man, of whom i spoke in a former letter ez bein desirus of an introdukshun to mi doters, his father is into the soap traid in London. Mi gurls hev, therefore, declined thee corryspodens, hev in maid up thare minds to be introjuced to nothin but Jukes or Marquises. I kunsider this to be a rong proceedin, but you kant drive gurls."

I am,

Yours trooly,

ZEKE TRIMBLE.

"ALL IS VANITY," SAITH THE PREACHER.

It is possible for a man to combine in his own person the wisdom of the serpent with the harmlessness of the dove. The Philosopher instances the case of Mr. Hook, the Revivalist Preacher, who has lately held services in the Ottawa Theatre.

A short time ago, when he was annoyed during his sermon by the noise of several ladies leaving the Theatre, he adopted an admirable device, which effectually checked the locomotion of the fair sex. Pausing in his discourse, he said: "If there are any more *servant girls* in the house who have to be home by eight o'clock, I will wait a moment or two to give them time to retire."

The effect was magical. Not a woman thenceforward stirred. The aristocratic *belles* of "the Capital" were afraid of being mistaken for "helps;" while the numerous cooks, nurses, and ladies' maids present declined to own in public the soft impeachment of "servantgalism." Order was thus restored by Hook (or by crook), and the Revivalist shewed that he was a good judge of human—or rather, woman—nature.

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Their Water Works' supply.

Ah me!—each Engineer's report,
Occasions vast expense ;
To every level they resort
But that of common sense !

The Breast Wheels in the summer time,
Ran with the Turbine gaily ;
The Acqueduct flowed smooth as rhyme
And filled the buckets daily.

But old King Boreas' yearly sway
Would play the very devil ;
He froze up all their right of way,
And soon reduced their level.

The levels they were far below ;
They seldom touched At-water,
Though that great fish took care to shew
By all the rules—they "oughter!"

The streets with puncheons soon were filled,
Men carted half the river ;
The citizens Fire Marshals willed—
Fires almost made them shiver.—

The Marshals throve,—fires nightly blazed
The citizens distracted,
T'wixt fire and water soon were dazed
And rued what they'd enacted.

The City Fathers straightway met,
For half a year they wrangled ;
In levels and reports, I bet,
They soon were sore entangled.

At last when it was much too late
In fear they built an engine,
Although if we the truth must state,
They all deserved a *singen*'.

Pipes leaked and burst : the engine broke,
Contractors then protested ;
The lawyers all enjoyed the joke,
The Wheel House was infested.

So now, at last, Gomorrah's curse
Is hanging o'er the city ;
Together with a bleeding purse ;—
And this must close our ditty.

Le Sage says he has one *idée*,
A more than Yankee notion,—
"G. W." might start the wheels,
With notices of *motion*!"

But now the Council's got new blood
Our ills may melt away,
For all our drink in future should
Be furnished us, O. K. (Kay.)

A HINT TO GARDENERS.—How to make a *plum* tree
bear—*Prune* it.

A WAIL FROM A CARTER (?)

DEAR DIO.—Now that the roadway has been narrowed down by heaps of snow on each side of the way in St. James' street the practice which carters have of standing before the different saloons and hotels for hire, or loitering slowly along the street waiting for a fare has become an intolerable nuisance. At first one feels inclined to blame the Police for this state of things.

The law on this point is very clear.

Sec. 38, Chap. 32, of the municipal law prescribes that "No carter or other person aforesaid when unemployed shall loiter about, or remain in any other place than on one of the stands aforesaid.

Sec. 52, provides a penalty of a fine not exceeding twenty dollars, and costs of prosecution, and that the offender be liable to imprisonment in the common gaol, at hard labor for a period not exceeding one calendar month.

Having enquired, I find that the blame of this disgraceful state of affairs rests with the Recorder and not with the Police. The Police are constantly making arrests for this offence—and how is it punished? The daily Police Reports tell the story. Sometimes one dollar,—oftener fifty cents,—and occasionally a mild rebuke from the Bench.

Now this trifling is the sure way to bring the Police into contempt and encourage rather than deter the offenders.

By what authority does the Recorder set free persons who are liable to a month's imprisonment for this offence? On reference to the law it will be seen that though the amount of the fine is optional, the imprisonment is absolute. What new power has been conferred upon the Recorder by which he can over-ride the laws of the City? His action in this class of offences is an injustice to carters who remain on their stands until called for. Of course a carter standing in front of the St. Lawrence Hall, will obtain larger patronage from that house than one who is some hundred yards away and has to be called. If a few are to be privileged in this way, what influence can be brought to bear to procure immunity for the whole?

Thos. Collins, a carter, for loitering off the stand, \$1.00. His honor declared that effective measures would yet be taken to put a stop to carters leaving the stand, except when called on. He would recommend to the Council that for the third offence, a carter should be deprived of his licence. He would also see that they were kept in the cells all night, when brought in by a policeman, instead of being liberated on their personal bail.

I clipped the above extract from the *Witness* of the 20th Feby. The public may judge what a severe magistrate we have. This nuisance has continued for years, until the police are heartily sick of arresting for the offence. And yet the Recorder is really going to recommend to the Council, that after a man has been arrested three times, his licence shall be revoked! What has become of Alderman Devlin and his motion to reduce the salary of Recorder to £50 a year?

I am, yours truly,

A DISGUSTED CARTER.

RATHER A GRAVE JOKE.

It has often been a subject of wonder why an enterprising people like the Chinese object so strongly to have railroads introduced into their country. At a recent meeting of the Geographical Society of London, one important reason of their opposition was stated. As they have no public cemeteries, the dead are buried in any convenient spot ; so that in consequence of its antiquity and large population the whole country may be considered one gigantic grave-yard—which would of course be disturbed during the process of building a railroad.

The Chinese should endeavour to overcome their natural prejudice on this point ; for when the tracks are once constructed, the trains will have the certainty of always running above *sound sleepers*.

ST. GEORGE'S BAZAAR.

DIOGENES having received a comic invitation to attend St. George's Bazaar on the 10th. and 11th. March, graciously announces his acceptance of the same. The order of proceedings will be as follows:—

A number of ladies mounted on snow-shoes will attend upon him with a velocipede. DIOGENES will mount, upon which a procession will be immediately formed, headed by pioneers with snow shovels. DIOGENES will follow supported by six ladies on either side.

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On arrival at the Mercantile Library Hall, DIOGENES will be conducted to the *dais*, where an address will be presented to him, to which he will make a suitable reply. (To be published in his next.) He will then be inducted into "the most noble order of the Baby's Sock and the ornamental Penwiper," after which a cold collation will be served, consisting of Oyster Soup, English Brawn and Game Pie, with the flags and regalia of the different nationalities. A military band will be in attendance and perform a select Programme.

The reporters of the different daily papers will then be presented to him, and duly admonished. No reporter will be allowed to say "the affair passed off with great success."

A "Progress" will then be made round the room when DIOGENES will admire the following articles:

Blue stockings.

Exquisite Gentlemen's dressing gowns.

Soft and hard Bachelors' morning wrappers.

Colored gentlemen's slippers.

Cast Iron Babys' Cot, beautifully furnished.

Blue and Red coloured Ladies' slippers.

Cloth Babies' Boots.

Knitted Boys' Socks.

The proceedings will conclude with the National Anthem.

THE "NUDE DRAMA" AGAIN.

The Cynic drew attention in his last number to the circular that had been addressed by the Lord Chamberlain in England to the managers of all the theatres under his jurisdiction.

A Lord Chamberlain, or his equivalent, is apparently needed in New York as urgently as in London, if the following remarks of a well known Editor are, as DIOGENES deems them, truthful. The writer is describing the appearance of Lydia Thompson and her *troupe* in "The Forty Thieves," at Niblo's. "And they were dressed—no, no, they were not dressed! I take it all back! They had a few echoes of long-lost clothing upon them, but those echoes had been scraped mighty thin. Their clothing bill can't be very high, unless it was higher than their clothing. Even a short-waisted man would have had to stoop down to hook a dress for one of those girls, &c., &c."

The descriptive powers of a 'cute Yankee will always (as in this instance) be found equal to the occasion.

A TRUTHFUL JEST.

Quack Doctors are frequently declared to be little better than robbers. The assertion seems a harsh one, but it is not far from the truth. The fortunes which Holloway, Cockle *et alii* have made out of their *pills* may not unfairly be regarded as *pillage*.

GHOSTLY FANCIES.

How pitilessly the characters of dead men and women are often anatomized by surviving friends! A powerful microscope is employed upon their frailties, while their excellencies are regarded through an inverted telescope. The thread-bare maxim, *de mortuis nil nisi bonum*, is practically disregarded—except upon a tombstone. Even the inscription on that—the affidavit of the survivor to the virtues of the deceased—is, in a majority of cases, an obvious exaggeration or a transparent falsehood.

If some strange being from another world were to visit a grave-yard in this sin-stricken planet, and to form his opinion of mortals merely from the epitaphs that he perused at random, he would conceive very erroneous impressions of the actual condition of the earth. Fathers and mothers, sons and daughters, husbands and wives, lovers and mistresses, in short, all the puppets that play upon the stage of life, are paragons of perfection in the church-yard; but in the world—DIOGENES drops his pen as he pictures to himself the contrast.

But why are things so? Is it possible that it might be dangerous to tell the truth upon a grave-stone? What would happen in case dead vice were not styled virtue, in consecrated ground?"

Among the mystical reveries of Richter or Hoffmann a quaint fantasy may be found, in which the writer supposes that if ever a heartless or irreverent inscription were to be engraved upon a tombstone, the shade of the departed would be permitted to revisit earth, to resent the injustice or exact vengeance for the insult. If so weird a fancy could possibly be realized, the prospects of a few truth-tellers would indeed be gloomy.

It would go hard, for instance, with an American gentleman who (according to an exchange paper) lately erected a memorial to his wife with the following cynical inscription:

"Tears cannot restore her; therefore I weep."

DIOGENES has no means of ascertaining what style of woman the deceased was; but, if she was a "woman's rights" woman, like the Editress of the *Sorosis*, or the late lamented Mrs. Caudle, if the spirit of that woman is animated by the spirit of a mouse, the fate of the epigrammatist is assuredly sealed. The unexpected meeting between the jubilant Yankee and his disembodied spouse may (in the language of the reporter) "be more easily imagined than described."

DOGMATIC NARROW-MINDEDNESS.

The efforts of a few Ministers in the Montreal Presbytery of the C. P. Church to prevent the use of an organ in Knox's Church, Montreal, encountered some well-deserved ridicule. Their intolerance was, however, unsuccessful, and the innocent little organ still discourses sweet music, regularly, every Sunday. It will, moreover, continue to do so, if the members of the congregation are true to themselves.

DIOGENES draws attention to a similar spirit of bigotry which appears to be at work in the Presbytery of Guelph. The following extract from a recent number of the *Gazette* requires no explanation from the pen of the Cynic:

We understand that the Rev. J. K. Smith, M.A., of Galt, is cited to appear before the Presbytery under the double charge of singing hymns and of standing instead of sitting while singing the Psalms of David in metre. His case is to be tried before the reverend court of Guelph on Tuesday of next week.

DIOGENES will inform his readers of the result of this trial, and sincerely trusts that it will be duly reported. It deserves to attain the dignity of a *cause celebre*.

THE REAL "COOK'S FRIEND."—The Montreal "Bobby."



POLITICS ON THE STREETS.

"ADVANCED" LOAFER (*loq.*)—Honourable Citizens qualified to form an intelligent judgment on political questions, and using their votes to the advantage of the Country, should—

DIOGENES (*inter-loq.*)—Set an example of order, moderation, and cleanliness.

FIREMEN'S LIBRARY.

It has been chronicled, during the week, that progress has been made towards the formation of a Library for those who battle for us against the Fire Demon. Thus, it is announced that an "Old Fireman" has handsomely presented "5 Vols. of the Municipal Statutes of several cities in the United States," while "A Friend" has bestowed a "Report of the Jurors of the Exhibition of 1851."

This would certainly seem to be a dangerous class of reading for our Fire Police, and DIOGENES, with whom the safety of the State is ever the highest law, protests against the policy of placing in the Firemen's hands, works of so exciting and sensational a character. The great danger clearly is, that, when the tocsin sounds at night, our guardian angels may be so spell-bound by the fascinating pages of these writings as to fail either to hear or to heed the alarum. The Cynic himself possesses an ancient Almanac or two, as well as a few choice old catalogues of Furniture Sales, some of which, in emulation of the noble benefactors who have already come forward, he would, although perchance with a pang, at once make over to the Firemen's Library. For the reason, however, above indicated, DIOGENES feels that, in the public interest, this action would scarcely be justifiable; and he accordingly resists, from a stern sense of duty, the promptings of his liberal old soul.

thought that his uncle Sam,—the principal and best customer of the firm,—through their mismanagement, misfortunes, or shortcomings, whichever it may be, should have been left in an almost irreparable state of raggedness and tatters.

To the incoming firm, Greeting! It is to hoped that where needles failed, *piers* will not be tried; more especially, if they take the shape of bayonets.

CERTAINLY.

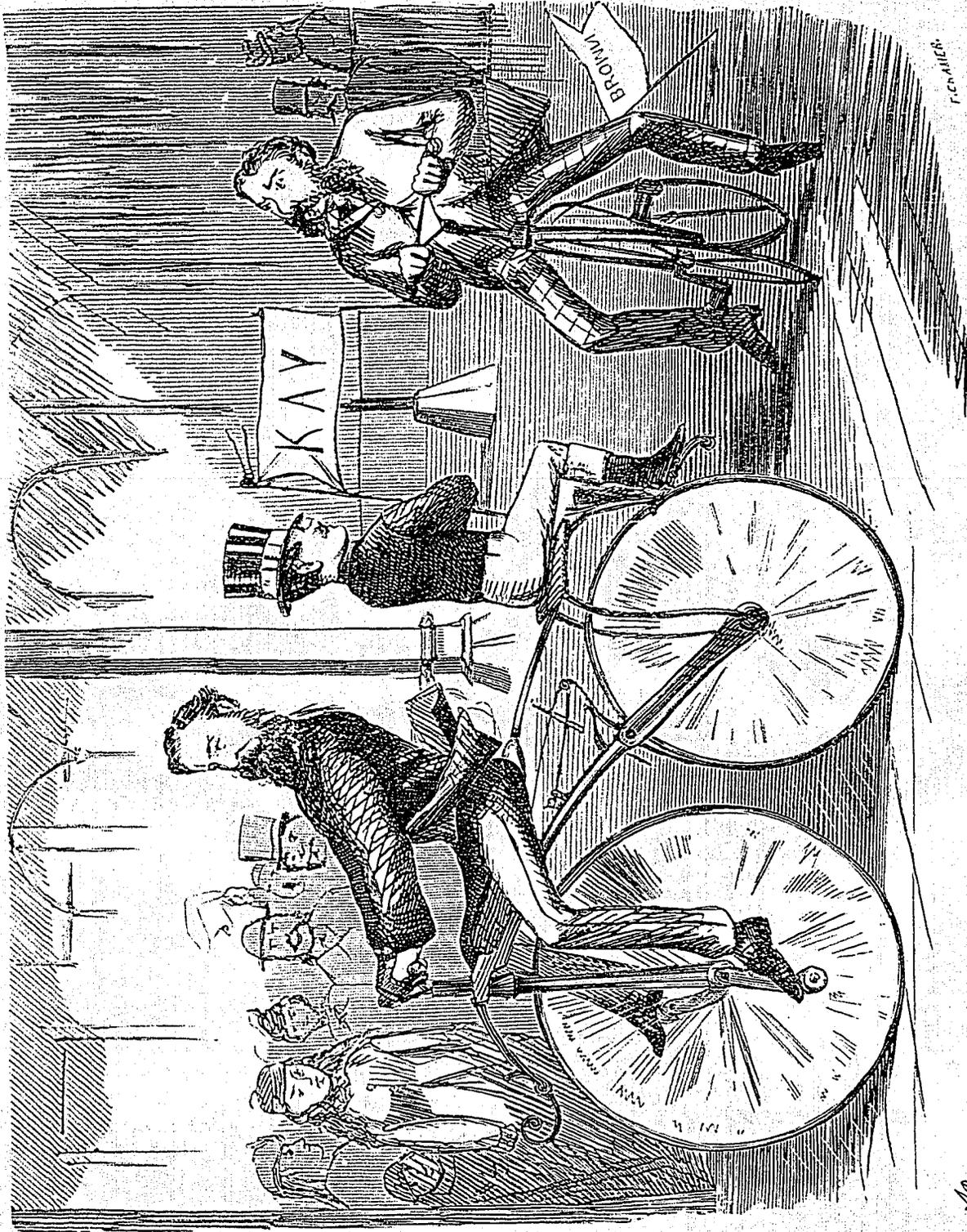
"A gentleman from Sorel, who has resided in the country for nearly a quarter of a century, says that he never saw such a quantity of snow in the country as at present."—*Daily News*.

DIOGENES doesn't doubt the statement, but he would respectfully observe that he is not overmuch impressed or awed by the special qualification alleged by the *News* in behalf of its climatic sage. A "residence in the country for nearly a quarter of a century" may fall impressively on ears attuned to rhetoric, but, alas! are there not more than one or two of us who are entitled to an equally reverential mention on the same ground?

THE LATEST "METAPHYSICAL DEDUCTION."—33 per cent

DISASTROUS FAILURE.

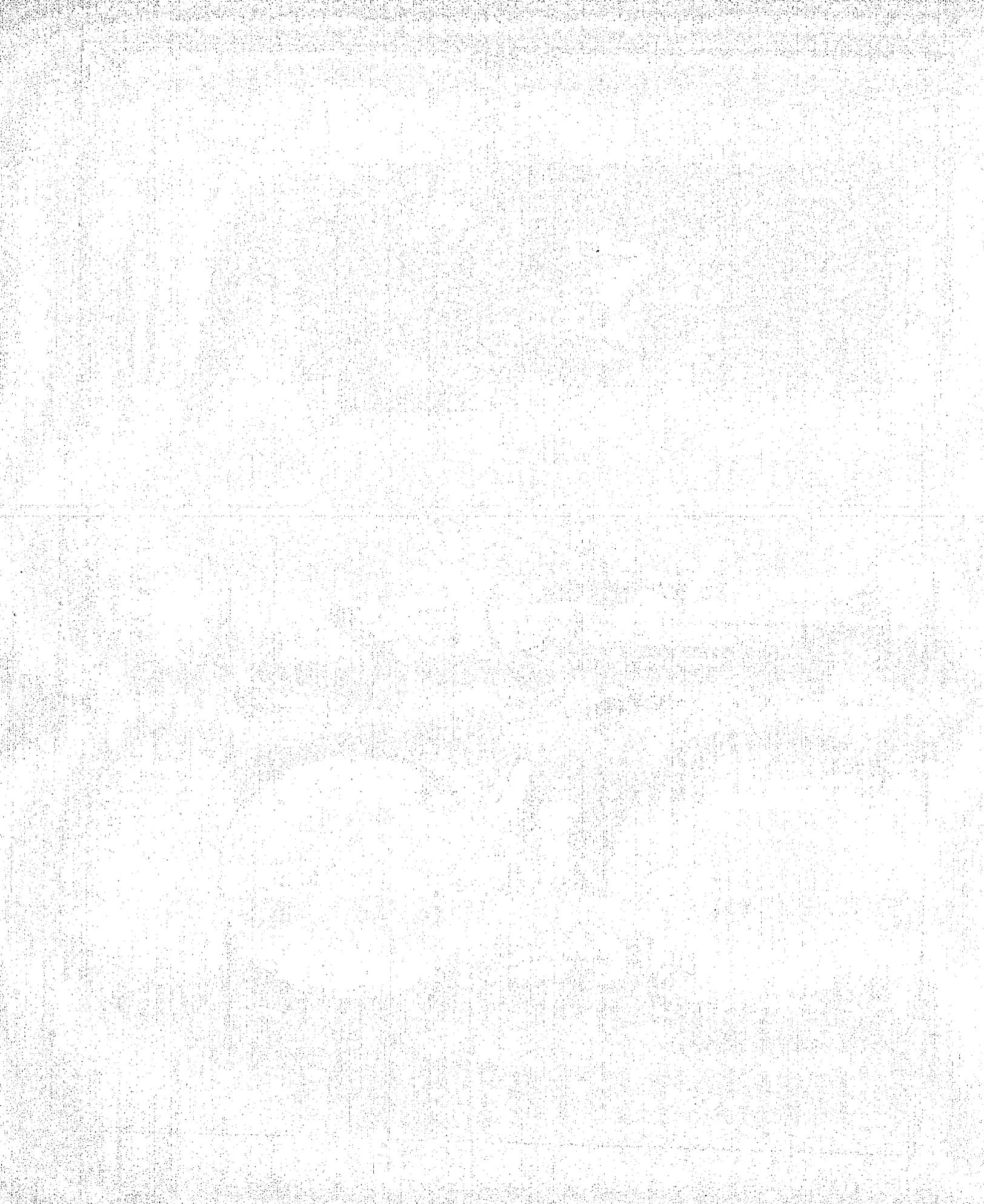
The great firm of Johnson & Co., tailors and outfitters, Washington and elsewhere, is closed for ever. The shutters are up, never to be taken down again. The establishment has been in heavy and distressing difficulties for the past four years. It has been beset by troubles of all colors and all textures. The annual deficits were something prodigious, the partners have been quarrelsome, the journeymen rebellious. The head of the firm was almost ignored; his measures never suited the heads of his customers; his cuts-out, good and bad alike, were torn to tatters; his reconstruction surtouts were rejected without a trial. Eccentric as he was, he is to be pitied; we believe, poor man, that he meant well, and desired to dress every body to the greatest advantage. Probably, his tools and implements were bad or unsuitable. Certain it is that his shears would cut neither straight nor clean; that his needles invariably snapped whenever they were worked; that his thread was not strong enough to hold on a button; that his goose was by no means the goose fitted to smooth out such seams and wrinkles and creases as he had to deal with. How the bankruptcy courts of the future may look on his trading transactions it is not easy to say—they may condone; they may condemn. An unprejudiced examination of his books may, possibly, bring to light favorable items. DIOGENES makes no pretence to the gift of prophecy, and simply hopes for the best. For some jobs we must certainly place a few stitches to his credit. His needle was constantly, if not always quite wisely, employed in repairing the rents caused by the sanguinary gashings and slashings that reddened the first years of the present decade. But the great heart of the Philosopher is weighed down with sorrow at the



KAY O. K.

A FANCY SKETCH OF THE RECENT EXCITING CONTEST IN ST. ANTOINE WARD.
Respectfully dedicated to the Party of Order.

1869



"HOS EGO VERSICULOS FECI."

At a meeting of the American Social Science Association which recently took place at Albany, Professor Goldwin Smith read the first paper of the session. His subject was "University Education." In the course of his instructive lecture he stated that "an eminent London Journalist had told him that the best English writers he had met, in point of form, were those who had distinguished themselves at College by writing Latin verses."

As DIOGENES has, in his time, written thousands of Latin verses, the fact will perhaps account for his being by far the best writer in the Dominion, in point of form. Though a Cynic may facetiously be suspected of writing what is called "dog-Latin," a few specimens of his versification may prove not uninteresting to the students of Montreal. Numerous precedents may be found in the early volumes of *Punch*.

The following quatrain is often supposed to be taken from Butler's *Hudibras*. It does *not*, however, occur in that poem, but may be found in "The Art of Poetry on a new Plan," Edited by Oliver Goldsmith.

"He who fights, and runs away,
"May live to fight another day;
"But he who is in battle slain
"Shall never rise to fight again!"

IDEM LATINÉ REDDITUM.

Non bene qui pugnam cursu trepidante relinquit,
Venturo poterit bella ciere die:
Sed qui sanguineo succumbit cæsus ab hoste,
Non iterum vivus surget et arma geret!

Here, again, is an extract from a "Nursery Rhyme":

"Old woman, old woman, old woman," said I;
"Whither, ah! whither, ah! whither so high,"
"To sweep the cobwebs from the sky,
"And I'll be with you by and by."

VERSIO LATINA.

"Heus! vetula, heus! inquam," clamavi voce sonorâ,
"Dic mihi, dic quonam te volitare juvet."
"Verrere de cælo quas texit aranea telas
"Jam cupio, solitam mox reditura domum."

THEORY AND PRACTICE.

A few days ago, a writer in the *Daily News* used the following language with respect to Canada:

This is not a country where Judge Lynch holds sway. It is, we are thankful to say, a land wherein, as Tennyson says,

"Girt about by friends or foes,
A man may speak the thoughts he will."

We glory in the right of free speech which we enjoy, and in the opportunity which every man has to declare his sentiments whatever they may be.

On the same day DIOGENES noticed the following in the *Herald's* report of a meeting that took place at the City Hall during the municipal elections: "Mr. Spelman endeavoured to speak, but was unable owing to the groans and shouts of the people: "Laprairie," "Whiskey," "Go Home," being the most frequent. A row was feared, and the police came on the balcony of the City Hall, &c., &c."

The Cynic has been told that the late Mr. McGee was also prevented by "rowdies" from addressing his eloquent words to the electors of Montreal. There is evidently, therefore, a mistake somewhere. The writer in the *News*, and the reporter of the *Herald* cannot both be right. The public in this case will not find it difficult to render a verdict.

THE PSALM OF DEATH.

DIOGENES having been impressed by recent events with a lively interest in the doings of proprietors, architects, and contractors, and deeply grateful that he still retains a whole skin, (a fact which he attributes to his simple habits and tub-residence in the country), inserts the offering of a slightly cynical muse to the gentlemen alluded to. At first sight it may be thought the writer has cribbed from Longfellow's "Psalm of Life." No such thing.

Tell us not in lying numbers
Life is but a shocking dream;
That the man is doomed who slumbers:
Buildings are not what they seem.

Life is often death in earnest;
Concert rooms are oft its goal,
Happy man! if thou returnest,
And the roof remaineth whole.

Art is long, and time is fleeting,
So contractors hurry through;
If the roofs fall, 'tis not cheating,
So they get the work to do.

In the trade's broad field of battle,
Rivals vie in bitter strife,
What is killing human cattle?
Ten per-cent's the aim of life.

Though the Plans don't look quite pleasant,
Never mind the old Death's Head,
Build! build! in the living present,
Get the roof on over head!

Skin-flint owners all remind us
Lath and plaster are sublime;
If they could they'd make cheap mortar
From the very sands of Time.

Buildings, that perhaps another,
Thirsting with the lust of gain,
Might erect, and slay a brother,
And be held without a stain!

Let us then be up and doing,
Let us guard against the fate,
That is big with future ruin,
If we tamely sit and wait.

"EVIL IS WROUGHT BY WANT OF THOUGHT."

DIOGENES was pained on Saturday last to read the following sentence among the "city items" of the *Daily Witness*:

—The lecture by the Rev. Mr. Ferrie in the Mercantile Library on Monday evening, on "Scotland and its People," will doubtless be very interesting and *probably a little spicy*.

After consulting the "Slang Dictionary" (edited by John Camden Hotten, the London publisher) in order to ascertain the exact significance of the epithet, *spicy*, the Cynic felt satisfied that he could not possibly countenance by his presence a lecture that would "*probably be a little spicy*."

He regrets that the injudicious use of a slang term prevented him from having the pleasure of listening to the Rev. Mr. Ferrie, and in justice to that maligned gentleman he now states, on the authority of several of the audience, that the lecture was clever, amusing and picturesque—but at the same time *perfectly proper*. It was not *spicy*.



The Red Man recognises the well-known foot-mark of his
Love.

SCENES FROM UNPUBLISHED DRAMAS.

I.

DRAMATIS PERSONÆ.

Representative of Small Foreign Power.

Friend.

SCENE I.—A street in Montreal; time, morning. Enter Friend (R.,) meeting Representative of Small Foreign Power (L.).

Friend.—Say, supp'st thou with the General to-night?

Rep.—Entroth I am invite, but, cannot go—
I lack the strict prescribed uniform.

Friend.—Nay—heed not that—I know a cunning knave,
One Eaves by name, whose needle ready is—
An old blue frock, with buttons gilded o'er
Disposed in double row, adown the front
May serve thy turn right well. Then pants of duck
Such as the sailor of the stage doth wear,
Conjoined with necktie black, and a clean shirt,
And boots of patent leather, will thee make
The perfect cheese!

Rep.—Ah! Thanks—I go! I go!
Yet stay—one thing thou hast omitted yet—
A hat—a hat I ought to have—I say—
I say a hat of most portentous cock.

Friend.—This Eaves of whom I spake, but now is known
To many officers now quartered here—
This hat of which thou speak'st, I doubt not but
He will be able to obtain in loan—
Speak!—have I said my say?

Rep.—Thanks be to thee—Thou hast—Good day.
[*Exeunt severally.*]

SCENE II.

Festival of the G—nr—l. Enter Representative of Small Foreign Power in uniform as described above, with the addition of sword and tinsel and paper epaulets. Grand pas of half-a-dozen. Blue, Red and GREEN fire.

Curtain.

MOTTO FOR THE RITUALISTS.

"Do at Rome as the Romans do"—
And, if they'll let you, elsewhere too.

WOMAN'S RITES.—Matrimony.

CURIOSITIES OF THE PATENT OFFICE.

The snapper-up of unconsidered trifles often gropes in strange repositories for his prey. To gentlemen in that line, DIOGENES can recommend an unworked mine in which they will discover much curious ore. It is to be found—who would have thought it?—in the last published list of Canadian Patents. Specimens are subjoined. This is the first:—"A new and useful improvement in the mechanism of *Fanning Mills*,—such improvement consisting in the peculiar arrangement of the *shafts* and *pinions* therein, whereby the *speed* of the *vibration* of the *shoe*, *screens*, and *riddles* is increased, without the motion of the *fans* being at the same time increased."

The singular elements of this enigmatical patent jumble are thrown about in a most delicious (or delirious) confusion. *Fanning Mills*!—O, that the *Spectator* had known of these! Fans, screens and shoes—vibrating shoes; we suspect no cordwainer, out of Bedlam, ever built the like—and then,—*vibrating riddles*!—mercy upon us, the whole thing is a riddle, insoluble, impenetrable. So let it go!

We now cite the following:—a dense darkness surrounds them:—"The Position Take-up Lever"—"The Liquid Lightning Stove Polish"—"White's Magic Clothes Sprinkler"—"The Highland Mary Churn"—"The Ontario Harrow"—A singular idea obtrudes here, but it has a *harrowing* probability. Can this be intended for the *Imperium in Imperio* of the Ambitious Province? The next and last is, if not the most misty of the batch, assuredly the most suggestive:—"A new and improved gate, to be called the New Dominion Gate." This is the right gate on the right hinges, if it will open wide enough to admit Newfoundland and not creak; but the Cynic fears that it will have to be enlarged to permit the *North-West* to pass, and thrown down entirely, when the Pacific approaches to unite itself with the Atlantic.

More of this next week, gentles.

PERPETUAL MOTION.

An advertiser in the *Globe* cautions all persons from interfering with a discovery of perpetual motion, which he says he has made. A patent has been applied for.

We have made enquiries, and suspect that Councillor G. W. Stephens, is the applicant for this patent. Civically speaking he appear to be always in motion—in fact to be "here, there and everywhere."

FROM THE CYNIC'S SPECIAL "ITEMIST."

When any of your duns offers you his *bill*, politely request his to keep up his *pecker*.

O'Farrell is about to enter actions for libel, against many of the Provincial papers of the Dominion. As the Scotchman would say: "O! farrelly there's an awfu' stramash."

A *habitant* was observed to drive down Notre Dame street yesterday, who did *not* say "yeh! done" to his horse.

A notorious friend lately remarked after visiting the new billiard room, "that tho' *Di-on* scored freely at the beginning of his game, he noticed his play *die-off* towards the end."

I overheard the following with regard to Mrs. *Hill's* benefit: "Though the rehearsals were *up hill* work, the performance did not go *down ill* with the audience."

A lady lost her *spotted* lap dog the other day and offered a reward for him. It was afterwards discovered that he had been *pial*.

INSURANCE.

OFFICE OF THE ORIENT MUTUAL }
INSURANCE COMPANY. }
New York, 28th January, 1869. }

THE following STATEMENT of the AFFAIRS of this COMPANY, on the 31st day of December, 1868, is published in conformity with the provisions of its Charter:—

ASSETS.

31ST DECEMBER, 1868.

Cash in Banks.....	\$123,801 16
United States Stock.....	441,575 09
Stocks of States and Corporations, and Loans on demand.....	162,517 09
Subscription Notes (of which \$254,826.20 are not yet used).....	565,101 35
Bills Receivable, Uncollected Premiums and Salvages.....	293,824 21
Accrued Interest and Unsettled Accounts.....	22,458 50
	881,384 06
Total amount of Assets.....	\$1,609,277 30

The Board of Trustees have resolved to pay Six per cent. Interest on the outstanding Scrip Certificates to the holders thereof, or their legal representatives, on or after the 1st March next.

After allowing for probable losses in the case of vessels out of time, and unsettled claims, they have also (in addition to a Bonus of Ten per cent. paid in cash on the Subscription Notes) declared a Dividend, free from Government Tax, of Twenty-five per cent. on the net amount of Earned Premiums of the year ending 31st December, 1868, for which Certificates will be issued, on and after the 1st March next, to Dealers entitled to the same.

The accumulations of this Company having reached, with the past year's earnings, the sum of \$900,000, they have further resolved, in view of the increased business of the Company, to postpone the redemption of Scrip until the total accumulations exceed \$1,000,000.

By order of the Board,

CHARLES IRVING, Secretary.

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HENRY MCKAY,

No. 1 Merchants' Exchange.

Montreal, Feb. 4, 1869.

INSURANCE.

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

OFFICE:

Nos. 112 and 114 Broadway.

JANUARY 1, 1869.

MORRIS FRANKLIN, President.

WILLIAM H. BEERS, Vice-President and Actuary.

Amount of Net Cash Assets, January 1, 1868.....	\$8,774,326 00
Amount of Premiums received during 1868.....	\$3,912,136 07
Amount of Interest received and accrued, including Premium on Gold, &c.....	766,144 13
	4,678,280 20
	\$13,452,606 21

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Losses by Death.....	741,043 22
Paid Annuities and for surrendered and cancelled policies.....	135,863 45
Paid Dividends.....	1,225,895 26
Paid Commissions and Agency Expenses.....	493,714 72
Paid Advertising, Physicians' Fees and Re-insurance.....	76,978 87
Paid Salaries, Printing, Office and Law Expenses.....	130,508 64
Paid Taxes and Internal Revenue Stamps.....	35,107 60
	2,839,139 76
	\$10,613,474 45

ASSETS.

Cash on hand, in Bank and in Trust: Company.....	397,351 51
Invested in United States Stocks—cost.....	2,978,967 49
(Market value, \$3,154,808.75.)	
Invested in New York City Bank Stocks.....	41,549 00
(Market value, \$47,862.)	
Invested in New York State Stocks.....	947,856 42
(Market value, \$991,070.)	
Invested in other Stocks.....	210,579 69
(Market value, \$220,500.)	
Loans on demand secured by United States and other Stocks.....	408,100 00
(Market value of Securities, \$505,745.50.)	
Real Estate.....	878,806 59
(Market value, \$1,028,806.59.)	
Bonds and Mortgages.....	2,389,900 00
Secured by Real Estate valued at over \$5,000,000 (buildings thereon insured for \$2,035,700, and the policies assigned to the Company as additional collateral security.)	
Loans on existing Policies.....	1,257,735 63
Quarterly and Semi-annual Premiums due subsequent to Jan. 1, 1869.....	475,066 07
Interest accrued to Jan. 1, 1869.....	60,440 44
Rents accrued to Jan. 1, 1869.....	2,387 76
Premiums in hands of Agents and in course of transmission.....	594,784 85
	10,613,474 45
Add excess of market value of investments over costs.....	387,348 15
	\$11,000,822 60

LIABILITIES OF THIS COMPANY.

Amount of Adjusted Losses, due subsequent to January 1, 1869.....	\$92,131 00
Amount of reported Losses awaiting proof, &c.....	18,700 00
Amount reserved for Re-insurances on existing policies (\$86,397.70 participating insurance at 4 per cent. Carlisle, Net Premium \$1,047,434; 65 non-participating at 5 per cent. Carlisle, Net Premium).....	\$473,594 93
Return Premium 1869, and prior thereto, payable during the year.....	727,115 40
	9,311,540 13
Divisible Surplus.....	\$1,689,282 17
During the year 9,105 policies have been issued, insuring.....	\$30,765,947 67

CANADA BRANCH.

Number of Policies issued in Canada up to 31st December, 1868.....	103
Amount Insured.....	\$301,600 00
Amount of Premiums received.....	\$9,944 47

LOCAL BOARD.

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MONTREAL, CANADA.

February 23.

INSURANCE.

ALTHOUGH it cannot be doubted that a native Assurance Office should have a claim to the encouragement and support of every resident in the country, yet the CANADA LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY does not rest its claims for patronage mainly upon that ground, but upon the more practical one of its liberal conditions and privileges—its perfect security—and the fact that its rates are lower than those offered by any English or Foreign Company. D. MURRAY, General Agent, 77 Great St. James Street.

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