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### PERSONAL.

Our Mr. George Maynara is about to pay a visit through Ontario. Such attention as he may receive will be esteemed a favor.

### NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS.

Contributions to appear the same week must be handed in not later than Tuesday morning.

### OUR CITY'S PROSPECTS.

The English-speaking voters of Montreal have waived their right to the nomination of an English-speaking candidate for the Mayoralty, and ex-Alderman Rivard has been duly elected, and installed as Chief Magistrate of one of the most peculiarly situated, and, in some respects, the most ungovernable city on the Continent. But Mr. Rivard was infinitely preferable to the Hon. Mr. Beaudry, although in justice to the latter, he was gifted with the most heroic fits of mulish obstinacy which rendered his office by no means a sinecure. Had Mr. Beaudry, however, pleaded his cast iron virtues with a modicum of politeness his adversary would have had a harder fight for victory. For even a mule cannot always kick with impunity. The Mayor's opening Address was in many respects far more satisfactory than the Speech from the Throne, at Ottawa. For instance: the City Financier and the Health by-laws were dealt with in honest and out-spoken freedom. If his Worship's words mean anything in regard to the periodical visits of small-pox and typhoid, they can only be construed as indicative of his intention to enforce the laws in regard to them. The Volunteers may also glean comfort from his very pertinent reference to that piece of monumental folly termed—by a great strain of courtesy "the Drill Shed." But so far as the "peace of the city" is concerned—and everybody knows what *that* means—his utterances are vague and unsatisfactory. His Worship may have all the faith in the world "in the good sense and sound judgment of the great majority of the population of Montreal," but the mere fact of his confidence does not hinder the possibility of a recurrence of these annual troubles which all good citizens regret and condemn as much as he does. The far better way to deal with the matter is to look the issue squarely in the face at the outset. Nobody has yet succeeded in defining the Law on this point. It is all very well for lawyers to say "this is Law, or that is Law," but a higher adjudication than a paid legal opinion is required, and, whatever it be, Mayor Rivard would have done a public service by firmly expressing his intention, without fear or favor as to what the "great majority" may think. If there is no Law, then he should tell us so; but really if a certain class wish to assert their right to their own construction of what "religious and civil liberty means," they are as much entitled to their views as are the "great majority." The Law does not prevent a man smashing his household furniture if he wants to. He would be making himself very ridiculous by doing so, but who is going to prevent him? Whether the case is parallel or not, it does not hinder the fact of the Mayor laying down such an explanation of his views as to admit of no misconstruction. There is, of course, plenty of time to do this. Ex-Mayor Beaudry, for instance, had made up his mind what *he* would do, long before affairs came to an issue—and he had the bulldog courage of his convictions, from the responsibilities of which he did not shrink for one moment—even his worst enemies admitted that. However, seeing that Mayor Rivard is his superior in tact and courtesy, let us hope that he will find a way out of this perplexing dilemma. But, for all that, he should not shrink from doing what is right, even to the protection of would-be suicides, from the wrath of the "great majority."

### CHAMBER CONCERTS.

Mr. Fred E. Lucy Barnes is a plucky musician. In his efforts to raise the tastes of the music-loving public he has successfully ignored the word "impossible." The series of Chamber Concerts which he is about to give, will be produced under many disadvantages consequent upon the hard times, when

every dollar is an object. But Mr. Barnes has successfully ignored the word "impossible" and, therefore, the greater credit is due him. It is, however, to be regretted there are a certain few who make it a rule "to go everywhere"—people who are not only supremely ignorant of what good music is, but who delight to talk so loudly and persistently, that they completely destroy the pleasure of those who go to *hear*, but who, unfortunately, have to sit in their immediate neighbourhood. With the view of obviating this intolerable species of boredom at the approaching concerts, we would suggest that the programme contain a notice that fifteen minutes be given for the interchange of small talk and gossip, in order that these people may get full value for their money. To make the attraction still more successful, perhaps the *Witness* might be induced to publish a description of the dresses of those who come to talk, and go away to criticise—other people's wardrobes. But, for all that, there will be a satisfactory margin of other people who will appreciate good music exclusively for its own sake.

### BEFORE DINNER, AND AFTER.

Guests were assembled—formal, prim and staid—  
The conversation did not yet come pat in;  
The bachelor found speeches *ready made*,  
The *ready maid* looked twice as hard as Lavin;  
The host was stiff—the hostess half afraid  
To spoil her *silk* dress with the chair she *sat in*.

A dreadful, dull demureness fill'd the place;  
*Room-alties* might be caught on that first-floor;  
No *racy* word from all the human race  
There gathered—nothing to create a roar—  
Weather and poetry their themes of grace—  
They talked of snow, and Byron—nothing *Mo(ore)*.

There broke no pun upon the startled ear—  
Nothing the soul of etiquette to smother,  
None were at home, but each on each did leer,  
As who should say, "You're out," and "Does your mother?"  
Their words were *dry*, and yet they did appear  
To *throw cold water upon one another!*

They stood, or sat, like lumps of social stone  
Their *wheel* of life went round, yet *no one spoke*,  
Or, if they did, *not speeches from the throne*;  
From horse or trap were more devoid of joke;  
The little fire that in the stove had grown  
Dim, had a longing for a stir, or poke.

The *hes* were stupid, and, it might be said,  
The *shes* were as uneasy as the *hes*.  
It was all *heavy* there and nothing *led*  
To anything but minding *Qs* and *Ps*.  
While every heart was absent, every head  
Ran upon soup, fish, flesh, fowl, tart and cheese.

Nothing was *on the carpet*, when there came  
This bright announcement: "*Dinner on the table!*"  
Then wagg'd the tongues, which soon began to frame  
A young confusion, like to bees or Babel,  
And each face wore a smile, that quite became,  
Just as a doctor's bottle wears a label.

The guests gave out a host of best good things,  
By way of compliment to their good host;  
Brim full of eloquence, a friend up springs,  
And hopes that he will always rule the roost;  
The praises of the *belles* another rings,  
And turns at once "The Ladies" to a toast.

So freedom reigns; whereby it seemeth clear  
That people grow most cordial after dinner;  
Till then, the dearest woman seems less dear,  
The thinnest gentleman's thin wit grows thinner;  
The cheerful will be cheerless, without cheer—  
You must have meat and drink, as you're a sinner.

### INTERESTING QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION.

- What do you generally think:—
1. When you ask if any one is at home, and the servant tells you "she don't know, but will go and see," asking your name, and then comes back and answers in the negative?
  2. When a man at an evening party says he does not waltz, "because his head won't stand it?"
  3. When a broken dish is found behind the dresser, and the cook says "the cat did it?"
  4. When a friend presses you to "come and see him very soon—any day—he always dines at five"—but does not name a day?
  5. When at a party, the lemonade and negus get gradually weaker towards the end of the evening?

### SIMPLE RULES FOR INTERPRETING ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

Now Parliament is in Session, the following rules, may be regarded as seasonable:—

Always avoid reading the preamble, which is likely to confuse, rather than to enlighten. It sets forth not what the act is to do, but what it undoes; and confuses you with what the law was, instead of telling you what it is to be. When you come to a very long clause, skip it altogether; for it is sure to be unintelligible. If you try to attach one meaning to it, the lawyers are sure to attach another; and, therefore, if you are desirous of obeying an Act of Parliament, it will be safer not to look at it, but wait until a few contrary decisions have been come to, and then act upon the latest. When any clause says either one thing or the other shall be right, you may make sure that both will be wrong.

## THE PROPHECY.

- "Come hither I dark-eyed gipsy, come, and let me cross thy hand,  
Give me knowledge of the future, if it be at thy command :
- "Full five hundred shares of Bank stock I've been let in to take,  
Tell me, thou swarthy prophet, when will they my fortune make?"
- "List to me, my pretty gentleman, with piece a of silver cross my hand,  
I will tell you when your shares will bring you money, beeves and land—
- "When the meetings of the Council shall be free from personalities ;  
When the drill-shed, and a concert-hall, have become confirmed realities ;
- "When our city has a depot which shall not be a disgrace to it,  
And some honest law in bankruptcy, without assignees to race to it ;
- "When the proposed statue to Maisonneuve in the city takes its place,  
And our sporting men surprised for once at something like an honest race :
- "When the great N. P. is talked of as a legend of the past,  
And the towers of the French Church are open free at last ;
- "When the hostess at a party says, ' You must not go away,'  
All the time hopes entertaining that you will no longer stay.
- "When all these things come to pass, in honour bright, and no mistake,  
Then my pretty gentleman, the bank shares will your certain fortune make."

## RUMOR VS. RUMOR.

Bank Official, who has sent for a Mr. Muldoon (hitherto supposed to be a "solid" man)—How is it, sir, so many reports are current as to your insolvency, and *we* not to know it?

Customer—It isn't true, sir, it must have emanated from the same authority who has circulated so many reports about your having absconded with \$75,000.

## THE WEATHER.

Look for some sort of weather about this time ; that is to say, somewhat warm, perhaps hot, or perchance it may be coolish, and if it raineth not, it will be div.

If it be neither warm nor cold, wet nor dry, calm nor storm ; and there be neither frost, snow, hail, rain, nor sleet, why then you may say that we are no conjurers.

## LOGIC.

From a California University we gather the following specimen :—

"A Poet is one who gives to 'airy nothing a local habitation and a name.' A Liar is also one who gives to 'airy nothing a local habitation and a name,' hence a Poet is a Liar, and a Liar must necessarily be a Poet."

And the Professor further says :—"You will perceive, if I lend you even a limited amount of money, I shall undoubtedly be under the necessity of calling repeatedly on you to return the loan. This importune will, in all probability, terminate the friendship now existing between us. I will lose my money and a friend. By refusing you the money, I simply will lose a friend. My reply must be obvious."—*Q. E. D.*

## MEMORANDA.

The Height of Cowardice—Kicking a man with a wooden leg.

Directions for Husbands—All the wards of a latch-key should be home-wards.

Recollect, if you slip down in the street, do not evince any pain, but rather laugh ; get up smiling, and walk on with a joyous air.

In early times the greater part of this month was dedicated to the Saxon God, *Thun.*

A Cure for Toothache—Extraction is out-and-out the best remedy for this malady.

## METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

(By Our Own Astronomer.)

The character of the weather is rather violent at this time of the year ; for it generally knocks down the thermometer, and is guilty of other very cool proceedings.

The depth of rain may be ascertained by placing a common stick in an ordinary puddle ; or to walk into one will answer the same purpose.

If there should be ice in your water-jug, Moore says : "Look for its continuance," but we say, "Look for something to break it, and put an end to it." If there is fog, it will be useless to look for anything.

Perhaps the best method of ascertaining the fact of its being warm or cold is to go out into the air ; but if you are unable to do this, and a person coming in from out of doors is seen to rub his hands, you may presume that the atmosphere is chilly.

An infallible method of ascertaining whether it is wet is to watch the puddles in the street, and if you see them agitated you may conclude that rain is descending.

If there has been a frost at night, you may look for ice in the morning, and if you have no thermometer, you may get some valuable information from the state of your water-pitcher.

In the summer-time when the water-carts are particularly active, you may expect rain ; and if a flash of lightning is seen, you may prepare for thunder.

If your water supply is not effective, you may conclude there has been frost, unless you happen to be in arrears with your rates, when the phenomenon may be otherwise accounted for.

## TO FIND WHICH WAY THE WIND BLOWS.

Go into the Place D'Armes, and stand at the corner of St. Sulpice street for a quarter of an hour, on a breezy day. This plan has rarely been known to fail.

## CHINESE PROVERBS.

(Drawn from *Bo-he and Sue-Chong.*)

Never do anything hastily ; remember it is the last cup of tea which is the strongest.

Butter not your bread on both sides, lest in your old age you be left without bread and butter.

Happy is he who can take the rough with the smooth—the strong hyson with the fine pearl gunpowder.

Delays are dangerous : remember the hottest toast will get cold by standing.

## Here and There.

Hypocrisy is a sort of homage that vice pays to virtue.

The *Utica Observer* regards the plough as the oldest landmark.

Spring does not begin till the 20th, and not then, if it isn't ready.

The height of impudence—Stopping a railway train to ask the conductor what o'clock it is.

The word right is never pronounced wrong, and the word wrong is never pronounced right.—*Ex.*

The season is at hand for the grocery-man to wipe the dust and fly-specks off his new maple sugar.

Some men are averse to having clean hands because they don't believe in removing ancient landmarks.

A lady in Boston is so polite that she always refers to a "dummy engine" as the deaf-mute.—*Ex.*

The spring trade is opening out, the organ men are buying red flannel for suits for their monkeys.—*Ex.*

A grocer was recently convicted for selling a spurious tea, which shows the necessity of avoiding an uncertain T.

They always blame it on the women. An exchange says that if it were not for the women there would be no polygamy in Utah.

Professor.—"You can surely tell me if water is the only liquid we have." Student.—"I really don't know, but I hardly think it is."

There is at length a prospect of better times, "as the days lengthen, the hope begins to strengthen" that the gas bills will get lighter.

The fortunate man is he who, having been poor, gains wealth and consideration, and having achieved them, dies before the world finds out how he got them.

It is the belated husband, who when he finds that somebody has stolen the key-hole out of his door, and diffidently rings the bell, knows exactly who "The Coming Woman" is.

The *New York Herald* says that "the place for your napkin is your lap." It is thought that many of its readers will be disappointed if it does not go on to explain what a napkin is.

They now say that walking into a snowdrift on a cold, dark night, is not what it is cracked up to be. We are sorry to learn from this that some one has been misrepresenting matters.

"Here," said the farmer, as he exhibited a broken jar to the manufacturer. "I packed this jar full of butter, and the jar split from top to bottom. Perhaps you can explain the phenomenon." "Oh, yes, I can," was the ready reply ; "the butter was stronger than the jar."—*Ex.*

A young poet who has been disappointed says :—

"Think, think thou cruel *Emma*,  
When thou shalt hear my woe,  
And know my sad dilemma,  
That thou hast made it so."

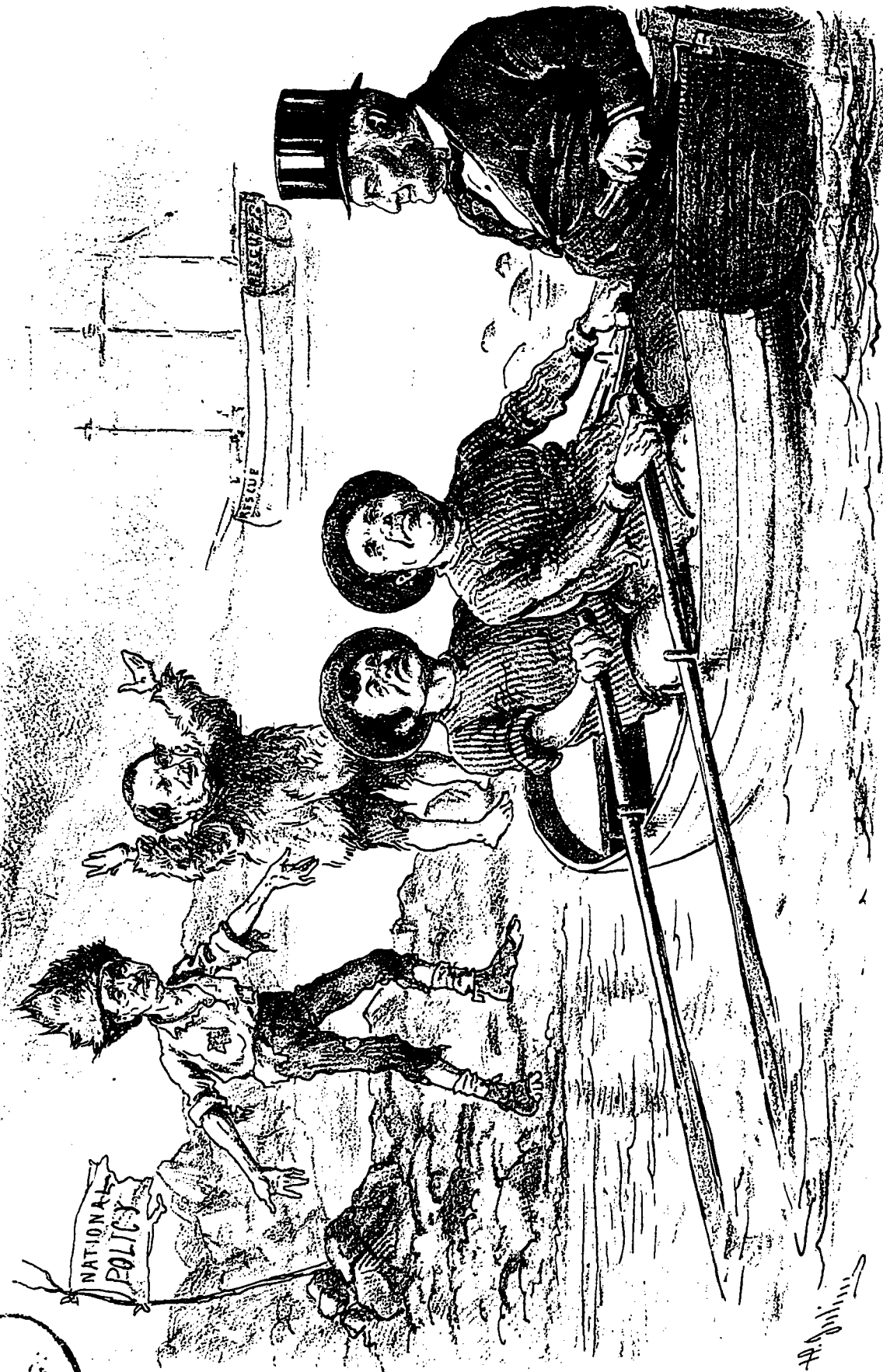
Plutarch tells us, that on one occasion the election of the Consuls at Rome was set aside, because some rats had been heard to squeak at the time of polling. If the principle were introduced into our Municipal, Local and Federal Parliaments, that all returns should be set aside whenever a "Rat" had taken part in an election, it is evident that our Aldermen, M. P. P.'s and M. P.'s would never be duly chosen, and that we should live in a wretched state of *untaxed* existence, in a destitution of distress warrants, and be utterly abandoned by excise men and bailiffs.

## Around Town.

This month, called *March*, from *Mars*, is full of bluster,  
For Boreas, doth his windy forces muster.  
Mars and old Boreas give mutual shocks ;  
One sending equal blows, the other *Equi-knocks*.

A contemporary writes about a certain volunteer company being "well-sized." What dry fellows they must be to be sure.

Lenten "retreats" are in vogue now among certain churches. It would be extending this good work if the "retreats" of certain absconding defaulters could be shown up at the same time.



**"SAVED! SAVED!"**

SIR JOHN A.—"We held out as long as we could; poor Sammy has been suffering fearfully."

SIR A. T. GALT.—"No doubt of it, but I guess I can pull you through, yet."

*H. Galt*