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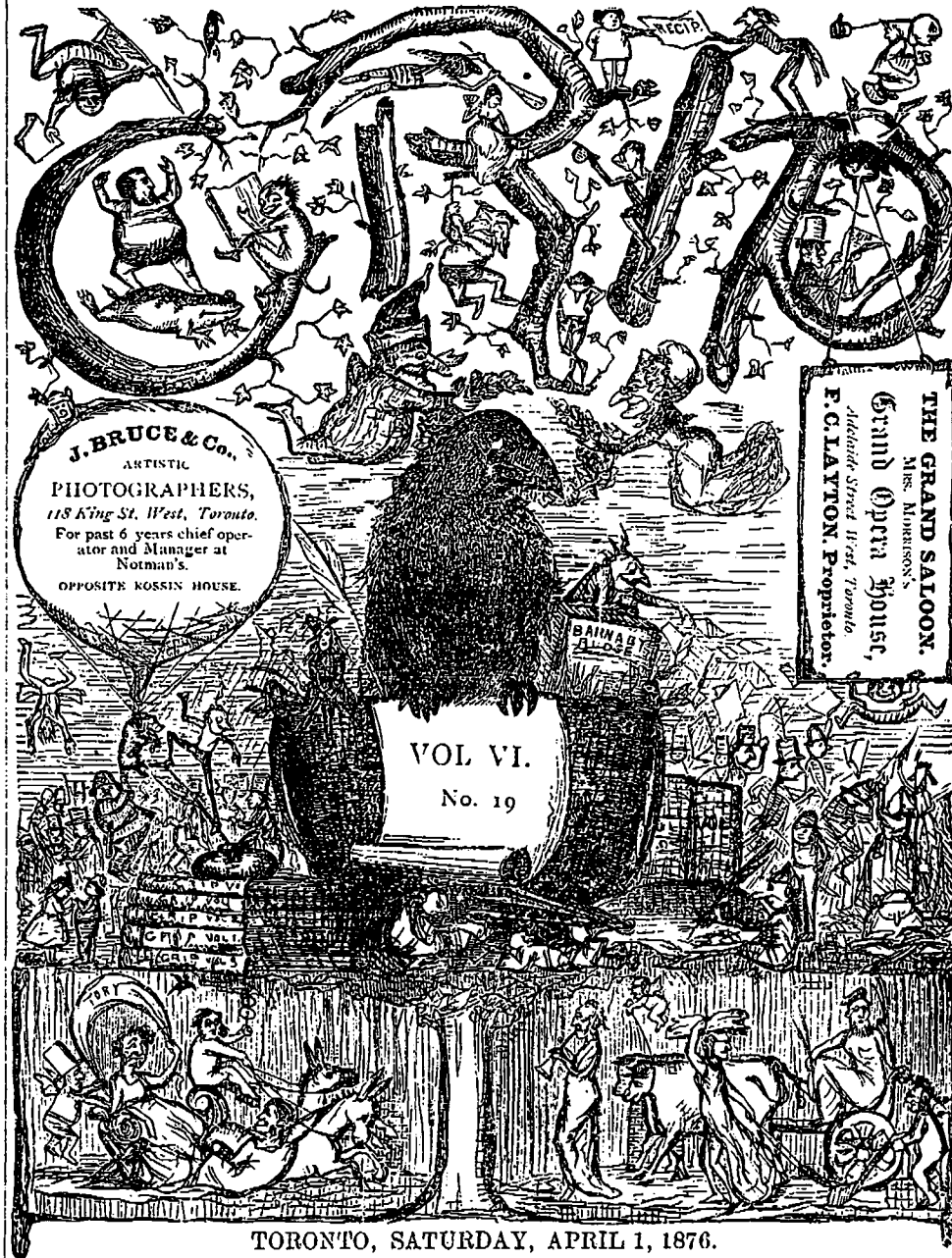
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TORONTO, SATURDAY, APRIL 1ST, 1876.

From Our Box.

THE GRAND OPERA HOUSE.—The best actor in *King Henry V.* is by all odds Mr. THORNE. *Ancient Pistol* is excellent, but the character of *Fluellen* is very much more difficult to represent, and Mr. THORNE to our mind has caught the humour of the part to perfection. He never forgets that he is *Fluellen*, and when he has nothing to say, he does not fall back into his own individuality, but by his looks, bearing and gestures is still the honest valorous Welshman. He has acquired the Welsh squeak with great success, as any one who has travelled in Wales will recognize. *King Henry* is admirably played by Mr. RIGNOLD who possesses the physical advantages which are the chief requisite of this role. Miss CARR seldom gives us reason to find fault, but she fails utterly to understand the character of the hostess of the Boar's Head Inn. But taking it altogether *King Henry V.* as it is now played is as magnificent and delightful a drama as we have ever seen.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE.—The HOLMAN's will commence an engagement here on Monday next, when the ever popular opera *Girofla Girofla* will be placed on the boards.

"Globe" Consolation.

A good little boy was MALCOLM C.,
He belonged to the Party of Purity,
And to have that party rule the land
He scattered cash with a liberal hand—
Not that he bribed the electors—No!
That's what only base Tories do!
'Twas purely spent—tho' he says himself
He disbursed an enormous amount of pelf.
Well, the Party of Purity did get power,
And rewards to the faithful began to shower,
And MALCOLM C. waited (but all in vain!)
To catch his share of the golden rain.
He was quite forgotten, so by-and-by,
Having given up hope, he began to cry;
And went to the party and tearfully dummed it
To have all the money he'd squandered refunded,
But the *Globe* placed its fatherly hand on his head
And with STIGGINS-like pity soothingly said:
"Take comfort, dear COON, tho' you've broken the laws
You spent all your cash in a noble cause!"

An Explanation.

To the Editor of Grip:—

Sir,—You have, no doubt, read my article in last week's *Nation*, entitled "Who Deserves the Crown." But, my opinions need a very much wider circulation. The *Nation* is an "exclusive" paper. Its circulation is almost entirely so. I apply to you, because you are not a blackguard, and do not call names. As for the rest, they are dastardly maligners, shameless mendacious, venomous vituperators.

In attacking the coming *Telegraph*, Mr. DYMOND may not unreasonably be conjectured to have had business in view. Perhaps, in defending it, even I may not be commercially unimpaired. But honesty, candour, discrimination, and taste, compel me to declare that the faults of the *Telegraph* were those of youth.

"I speak not to deny what Brutus says,
I only say what you yourselves do know."

You all remember the *Telegraph*—the nature of its errors—so youthful, so unsophisticated—its boyish love of truth—the youthful sensitiveness with which it shrank from the use of misrepresentation—its youthful purity of language—the tender and gentle tone of its unhardened writers. But these will not again occur. All will be changed—the skin of the Ethiopian—the spots of the leopard. Of the *Telegraph* nothing remains but its business energy—the *Telegram* will be very much like it, but different in every respect. A great improvement has been made in the name. An "m" has been added. The *Telegraph*, you may remember, broke down for the want of m—. But I must say no more.

Yours admirably.

IMPERSONAL.

The Debenture Ballad.

Will you list to the story that GRIP shall you tell,
And in future with caution securities sell?
For you'll think, when you ponder the lesson he'll write
Your debentures don't bring quite as much as they might.
Not so much as they might, not so much as they might,
No, they don't, he's afraid, bring so much as they might.

Cried the Water Commissioners, sitting in state
Who will buy our debentures, of value so great?
They're for nine hundred thousand, and sell 'em we must.
So up with your bids, and come down with your dust,
Come down with your dust, come down with your dust,
It's strange how it blinds folks, that same sort of dust.

The Imperial Bank would give ninety-eight square
But, alas for their luck; there were higher bids there.
Couldn't fight it, they saw, on the ninety-eight line.
So they straightened their backs, and hid ninety-and-nine.
Ninety and nine, ninety and nine.
Come; you won't lose by that; take our ninety and nine.

But what was to be done? others offered more still,
Ninety-nine and a half had been bid with a will,
And the bidder declared the Commissioners high
With or cash or security he'd satisfy
I shall you satisfy, I shall you satisfy,
I am ready to give what will quite satisfy.

This was Feb. 24, but no answer came back.
Ninety-nine and a half, he began to look back.
And the next day passed by, while his chagrin profound
Had been fanned into wrath, and he tore right around.
He tore right around; he tore right around.
I'll go see them, he cried, and he tore right around.

So on Feb. 26, down he goes and he sees
Our good Water Commissioners, all at their ease,
While the Montreal Bank sent an agent along
All to pledge to his word their security strong
Security strong; security strong,
Ah, he says, I've got lots of security strong.

But then uprose the Water Commissioners good,
And their eloquence flowed as such eloquence should,
We're so grieved that the city has lost, but must state
Ninety-nine and a half, you're five minutes too late.
Five minutes too late; five minutes too late,
Oh! we deeply regret you're five minutes too late.

Ninety-nine and a half, he went out at the door,
And Toronto was minus some thousands or more.
And GRIP hears of the business with grief and with pain,
And he hopes that somebody will rise and explain,
Won't you rise and explain? won't you rise and explain?
Oh, he really hopes you will rise and explain.

GRIP is sure that the Water Commissioners go
On the square in all dealings, so far as they know,
But he fears they've been fooled in the case under view,
And they'll grant that some slight explanation is due.
Explanation is due; explanation is due,
Yes, they'll feel that some slight explanation is due.

The Canadian Institute.

GRIP was much edified by hearing Professor WILSON on Saturday evening last. The learned Professor commenced by observing that we had no reliable information concerning the 1800 years previous to the Christian era. (This is in consequence of GRIP not being then published.) Next, it was to be noted that we all belonged to the great Aryan race. (This is demonstrated by the great airs put on by some of us.) Numerous races had broken off from the Aryan, each retaining much that was good in the language. (This accounts for the prevalence of bad language among us.) The Numerals presented a key to some of the ancient languages. (This GRIP considers kind of the Numerals, and would mention to any Numeral among his readers that he has lately lost that of his back-door.) Their letters, it was pointed out, were arranged similarly to ours. (Their post-offices must have been in an awful state.) The Celtic races did not even know the name of the sea. It was remarkable that they never travelled in its direction. (GRIP thinks this likely. Their aversion to water is still observable.) There were pre-Aryan men of the mammoth period. (An occasional specimen is yet seen. Toronto possesses BAXTER.) These were the main points to be remembered, though there was much more of interest, and GRIP means to go again.



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To the Editor of Grip:—

SIR,—We are three of the many oppressed unfortunates whom the new license law is about to deprive of a livelihood. But, as it has been well observed, *il faut vivre*. We must eat and our customers must drink. That they and we may do so, we have hit on the following plan. Clubs are not forbidden, though saloons are. We are about to form three clubs. I will open the "United Whiskey and Water," one of my friends the "Brandy First," and the other the Club of the "Undiluted Alcohols," which last will accommodate, of course, the Party of Purity. The Entrance Fee will be Fifty cents per annum. Strictly exclusive for each party. A Brandy First may, however, come in for a whiskey-and-water; but the Undiluteds are never expected to mix.

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Yours exultantly.

THOMAS TODDY.

Mr. Malcolm Cameron to his Ungrateful Party.

This is the most unkindest cut of all,
That this should come from those! As for the *Maid*,
I had not grieved if all *its* thunderbolts
Singed my white head. But this!—and from my friends!
I tax you not, ye Tories, with unkindness,
I never bought *you* papers, called *you* children;
Wen *you* constituencies, nor did pour
My hard-earned ducats in your gaping palus.
You owe me no subscription. But for *you*,
You Grits—nay, stones—most pebble-hearted curs!
Paid I not cash, from fierce Conservatives
To wrest contested seats? Say, paid I not
To buy the *Times*, my own particular
Pecuniary means? And paid I not
To subsidize innumerable sheets?
To win uncounted Ridings? Paid I not?
And did not CARTWRIGHT pay? and PARDEE pay?
And all the rest who now the spoils enjoy?
Did they not pay somewhat, and promise more?
What did they promise? That I should be paid.
And now—now—now, when I recoupment hoped—
When I full surely thought each dollar spent
Should bring me t:in—when full fruition should
Bring all my joys to culminating point—
When bank accounts, and dividends, and stocks,
And purses fat, and all those precious things,
Were to have poured upon me, what appears?
A blank—a blank—a horrid gaping blank!
THEY WILL NOT PAY! Oh, you unnatural Grits,
I will have such revenges on you all
That all the world shall—I will do such things—
What they are, yet I know not; but they shall be
The terrors of the earth! You think I'll weep.
No; I'll not weep.
I have full cause of weeping; but this heart
Shall break into a hundred thousand flaws.
Or e'er I'll weep. Oh, BROWN, I shall go mad.

The Approaching Dissolution of the Earth.

The preparations set forth in a "private and confidential circular"
by one who knows all about it.

To the Editor of Grip:—

As you are aware, sir, we are on the eve of an event of momentous importance. In a few brief hours this world of ours will roll itself up as a scroll and the inhabitants thereof will soar aloft into the abodes of bliss. What may not inappropriately be termed the advance squad, headquarters Listowel, commander-in-chief D. D. HAY, M.P.P., and chaplain Mr. MIRACLE BROWN, will bid a fond adieu to this terrestrial orb, sever associations and waft themselves into the blue empyrean. Then will follow, in due course, the regular army, until old Mother Earth will become as desolate and forsaken as a free grant township in the wilds of Muskoka, and will thereafter speedily melt, thaw, resolve itself into a dew, and disappear as mist before the morning sun. We should approach this great subject with due solemnity. And above all things we should prepare our minds for the great event. The Millerites have set apart the first of April, midnight, as the day upon which this aerial excursion will take place, and it behoves us all to set our house in order. This collapse of the universe is going to be a solemn thing—very solemn—and dry.

I see by some of the papers that Mr. D. D. HAY denies that he ever taught any such notion, and says he has rebuked on all fitting occasions the reckless presumption of the foolish people who have promulgated

the views in question. This, sir, I would fondly believe, is a weak invention of the arch-enemy of man to throw cold water on a great and glorious enterprise. For some months past it has been generally understood that Mr. HAY was in strong sympathy with the movement and was preparing to ascend. Now, at the eleventh hour, he disclaims in public print any intention of going up. Far be it from me to insinuate that this misguided man has been constrained by pressure brought to bear by his fellow salary-grabbers to postpone the date of the ascension until they shall have freed their consciences of the great load of guilt which is dragging them down to the sordid things of this wicked world, but I think you will bear me out in saying that as Mr. HAY made no sign of disapproval until the very eve of the performance he is in duty bound, by all considerations of consistency, to proceed to climb. Having been duly billed and advertised by the Canadian press it does not lie in his power to refuse to keep his engagement and to thus break faith with the great body of the Canadian public. As an infinitesimal atom of that body, I call upon you to keep this star performer—shooting star performer, I may say—to his engagement. Mr. HAY must be rebuked. The performance must go on whether he is ready or not. It will be very solemn and dry.

Gifted with a flow of language which finds but little scope in the Ontario Legislature, which, by the way, in the language of a practical politician of many years' standing, "is a mere Comty Council," Mr. HAY is undoubtedly one of the foremost men of the age, and I look hopefully forward to the time when he will make his mark on the pages of the records of this country. It may be retorted by some base soul that he has already made his mark on the records of the country in the shape of a receipt for his share of the salary grab, but I scorn all such attempts to drag down a child of genius to the grovelling level of the hired man. He has now an opportunity of proving himself fitted to fill a "higher sphere" and to mount on the wings of the morning and soar aloft into those realms above, where in rapturous rhetoric oft he has winged his way before. It will be very solemn and dry.

It might be as well to remark *en passant* that people who contemplate laying in cordwood, had better defer doing so at present. They will do well to practice economy by scratching along with chips and things until after the first of April. All my friends are diligently promising to settle their little bills on the date set apart by CHARLES FOX for the same purpose—the day after the day of judgment. This exhibits great foresight. It is also a striking instance of presence of mind, combined with a lively expectation of absence of body. It will be very solemn and dry.

The business management of this aerial excursion is in the hands of a responsible committee, who, I am assured by private advices, will leave no stone unturned to make it a success. Front seats will be reserved for members of the Press and other elderly females and a brass band has been rented to give *clat* to the occasion. Several of our most talented public men have kindly consented to deliver brief addresses to wile away the time and I am persuaded there will be nothing of a nature that could offend the most fastidious. There will be no return tickets, but a liberal allowance will be made to those who get up clubs or take a private box. It will be very solemn and dry.

From a glance at the programme I am in a position to state that the entertainment *en route* will be of the most *recherche* character. I trust I betray no confidence, sir, when I say that an oration by Dr. TEPPER, a duet by Messrs. CURRIE and RYKERT, political disquisitions by the Hon. MALCOLM CAMERON and other performances of an ennobling and elevating kind will form prominent features in the entertainment. Baggage will be checked clear through but no allowance will be made for breakage. Passengers are respectfully requested not to stand on the platform while the machine is in motion, and to maintain the best of humour particularly while passing through the milky-way, so as not to turn anything sour. It will be very solemn and dry.

People who have relatives along the route would do well to apprise them by postal card of their contemplated passage through. Those especially who have friends living in any of the larger planets should arrange for a supply of refreshments so that no danger of discomfort need be feared. Nothing tends so much to mar the harmony of an excursion as the presence of a hungry man. Great care will be taken by the committee to ensure the safety of their patrons. Although known to but a few, I may say, sir, that the recent shower of flesh in Kentucky is directly traceable to the carelessness of the managers of a trial trip excursion of a similar nature to this. Several passengers who had been partaking somewhat too freely of raspberry syrup lost their balance and fell off. By the time they reached the earth's surface they were reduced to mince-meat by the action of the wind and the collision with planets, shooting stars and things on the way down. Buttons, boot-heels, stray teeth and other hard substances picked up on the scene of the shower prove the correctness of this view. There will be no raspberry syrup on this occasion. It will be very solemn and dry.

Trusting to meet you, sir, on this momentous flight through space, and congratulating you on your prospective speedy release from the cares and troubles of journalistic life,

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In other respects the regulations relating to the examinations on the 2nd day of May will be the same as those prescribed for the examinations held in January last.

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