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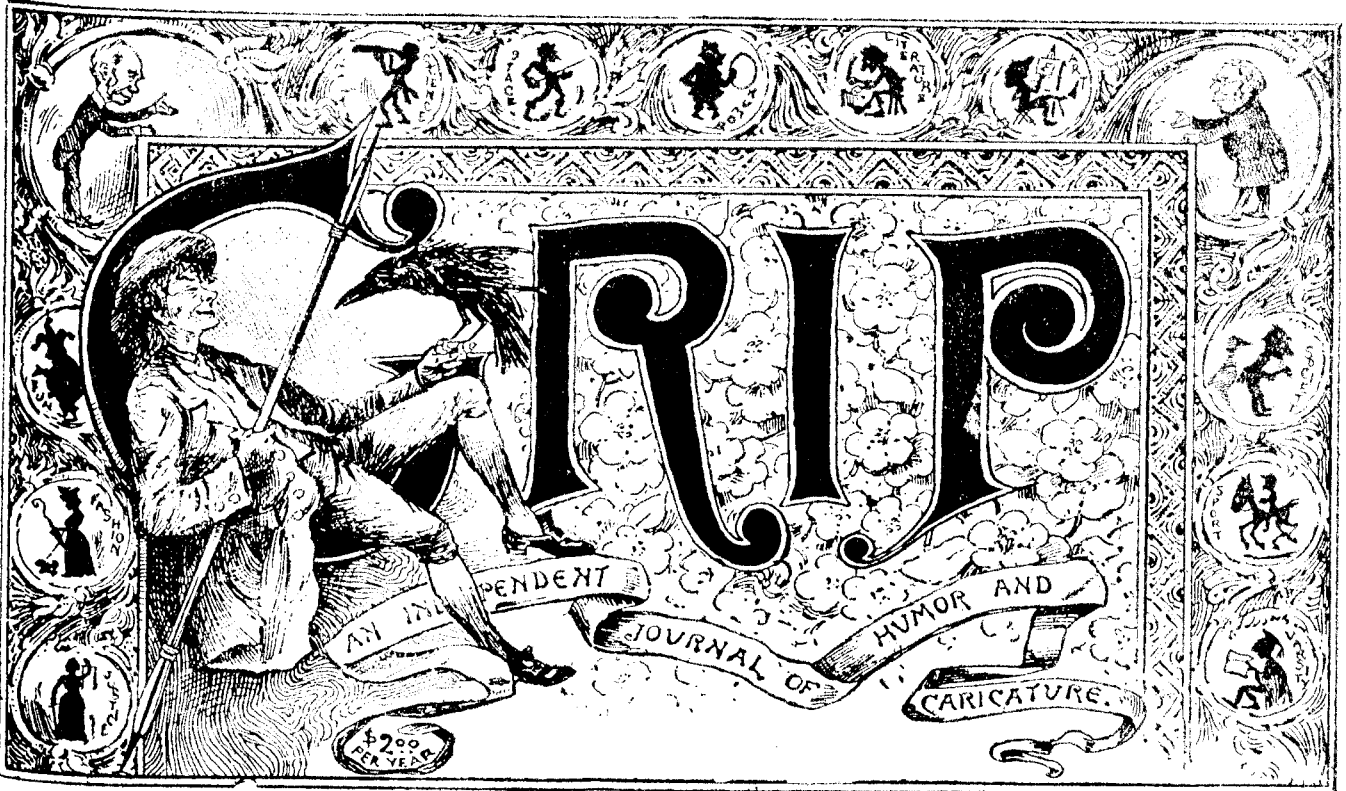
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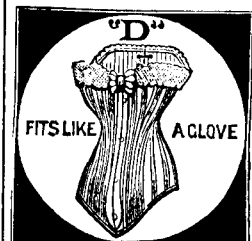
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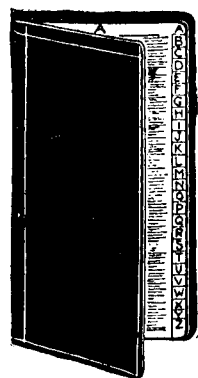
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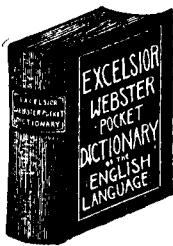
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## THE POLITICAL BOSS AGAIN.

LAURIER (*To depressed tradesman*)—"Certainly, my good man, I shall endeavor to help you to Free Trade—that is, so far as the party on the fence will allow."



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THE deliverances of the Grit politicians at the banquets given by the young Liberals of Hamilton and Toronto, following so closely upon the Ministerial speeches at the Board of Trade banquet, afford the public another opportunity of seeing how very slight and unimportant is the difference between Tory and Grit. The Grits, of course, denounce the policy of their opponents as the cause of hard times, but when they attempt to define their own policy they hold out no hope of any material change. Mr. Laurier sounds the praises of Free Trade—in the abstract—but is very careful to hedge by promising that nothing will be done to interfere with vested rights, and intimating that tariff reform will be very gradual in its operation.

IT never seems to have occurred to Mr. Laurier that there are any other causes of industrial depression than the N.P., or any other evils demanding legislative attention than those arising from tariff regulations. In this respect the quackery of Free Trade is closely allied to the quackery of Protectionism. The ideas of both sets of political charlatans with which this unhappy country is afflicted, begin and end with the tariff. Both are alike in exaggerating the importance of tariff-tinkering in its effects upon industry and trade, and ignoring the existence of other abuses which are equally injurious to the general prosperity. Tariff monopoly is only one out of several unjust and oppressive forms of legalized spoliation. It may fairly be inferred from the speeches of Mr. Laurier and Premier Mowat that the so-called Liberal party is perfectly reconciled to the transportation, land and currency monopolies, the creation and maintainance of a large class of official sinecurists, and to the worst abuses of our legal system. In other words they are Tories on every other question than that of the tariff, and only half-hearted trimmers as regards that. No wonder that the country does not think it worth while making a change.

THIRTEEN members of the Ottawa ministry came to Toronto and addressed a big Tory gathering on

Friday last with the object of telling the country what it already knew from Premier Thompson's Board of Trade speech, that the national policy would be sustained in a modified form. At the Pavilion the formula chosen was "lop the mouldering branch away." At the Auditorium the Premier stated that they proposed to "change and mould the tariff system as will be found best in the interests of the people." Rather an unnecessary amount of fuss and expense over the business of translating a metaphor into ordinary English. A postal card to the *World* would have answered every purpose.



MOST creditable feature of the present Dominion administration is the management of the Intercolonial Railway by the Hon. John Haggart. Ever since it has been built this concern has been a financial sink-hole, showing continual deficits. Mr. Haggart's economical management of the railway department has in a very short time brought the expenses down to a point where they are almost covered by the earnings of the road. The shortcoming for the last five months is only \$7,000, and there is every reason to expect that it will soon be a self-sustaining, if not a profitable line. If the Grits had had their way the road would long ago have been handed over to the C.P.R., as advocated by the *Globe*. Both parties have, in the past, been sadly lacking in wisdom and honesty in their railroad policy, but in their present attitude the Tories are decidedly more progressive and true to popular rights than their antagonists.

THE annual deficits of the Intercolonial have been a standing argument in the mouths of those opposed to Government ownership of railroads. Every demand that the people, instead of paying greedy corporations to build roads and then presenting them with the roads when built, should construct, own and manage their own lines, has been met with the unfair and dishonest reply, "Oh, look at the Intercolonial. There's a fine specimen of a Government line for you. It doesn't pay and never will." Of course it doesn't pay. It never was expected to. It was a purely political road, built during the period of national insanity that culminated in Confederation and the N.P. It was built to reconcile the duped and swindled people of the Maritime Provinces to the humbug of Confederation, and was a national undertaking simply and solely because no responsible body of capitalists could have been found crazy enough to run such a road as a commercial speculation. All the more credit is due to Mr. Haggart for having reduced the almost inevitable loss on its operations to a minimum.

THE latest Canadian combine is one among the trunk manufacturers. Hitherto the Canadian exile has been able to buy, at a reasonable price, a trunk in which to enclose the few belongings of which the monopolist hasn't robbed him. But now monopoly is to have a final whack at him before he joins the exodus in the shape of combiné rates for trunks.



### THE FARMERS' VIEW OF IT

LIKE of Sunday afternoons to read the papers through,  
The only time us farmers has with nothin' else ter do,  
And the more I read the more I think how much them fellers know,  
Wich talks at public gatherins, of things wich isn't so.

Ez long's a public character has got way up in G,  
Ef he's a Gov' nor-General, a Premier or M.P.,  
He doesn't need ter have a mite of ordinary sense  
Ter git a reputation fur his brilliant ellerquence.

Ef he kin worry through a speech some other man has writ,  
An' work in two or three stale jokes, an' so show off his wit,  
Sling in some rows of figgers of a pooty big amount,  
An' look ez though he owned 'em all in his own bank account.

That ketches on—This figger talk I generally find  
Is kinder hypnotizin' to the ordinary mind.  
A man don't never stop ter think of whar them millions are,  
But pounds the floor an' slings his hat an' hollers out "hurrah!"

Down ter Toronto Thursday last I see the big-bugs met,  
Invited by the Board of Trade an' thar they drank an' eat,  
An' wen they'd filled up to the neck with turkey an' champagne  
The politicians undertook thar doins to explain.

I needn't state that audience wuz in a happy mood,  
Thar's nothin' like rich feed an' booze ter git folks feelin' good,  
So 'twasn't sech a hefty job to make 'em understand  
That plenty an' prosperity prevailed throughout the land.

Wen thar's hundred million dollar talk slung at you by a lord,  
An' no sign of destitution be seen around the board,  
An' the ruddy wine is mantlin' till yer head begins ter swell,  
No wonder that some fellers thinks that all is goin' well.

Now I ain't no statisticker—all that's beyond me quite.  
An' so, fur all that I kin tel, them figgers may be right.  
It may be that our exports an' our imports show a gain,  
An' savin's bank deposits are enough the vaults to strain.

It may be that with some champagne or other bracin' stuff  
Mixed in with cheers an' music, I could swaller Stanley's guff,  
But we wich git things second-hand, an' miss the fun an' booze,  
Are nat'rally inclined ter take more realistic views.

The *country* may be prosperous—but of one thing I'm sure,  
That me an' all the neighbors round is gittin' doggoned poor.  
An' ez consarns them figgers this is all I've got ter say,  
That ef they show prosperity it hasn't come our way.

Thar ain't a farm fur miles around the farmer really owns,  
They're mortgaged till ye have to work the flesh most off yer bones.  
We have ter toil an' scrimp an' save ter pay the usurer's fee,  
An' after all the chances are we die in poverty.

Oh, yes! the *country's* prosperous! Jest look at old Van Horne.  
He kin afford to strut an' blow as sure as you are born;  
An' Sir John Thompson—they's no need fur him a-lookin' blue;  
If I'd the treasury at my back I'd feel quite wealthy, too.

I guess old Stanley's prosperous! You bet he gits his share;  
The salary he draws would make him cheerful anywhere.  
An' I reckon Mowat's loyal, to the good Old Flag he's true,  
For a yearly seven thousand that's the least that he kin do.

An' take the gol-durned crowd clear through—the Grits an' Tories  
both—

Thar wasn't one of all the gang, I'll take my solemn oath,  
That hadn't durned good reason ter be satisfied that he  
Had grabbed, or would, a good fat slice of this prosperity.

The millions that they blowed about at that there Board of Trade  
Is whar the toil of farmers an' of workin' men has made;  
An' ef so be ez Stanley says, the wealth is really there,  
W'y then that drove of guzzlin' hogs has robbed us of our share.

Fact is, the more I think on it, the more it seems quite clear,  
Wen speakin' of the *country's* wealth—there are two *countries* here  
With one it's all prosperity—the slick, pot-bellied knaves,  
The others live in poverty—us poor hard-workin' slaves.

An' them big sums wich figger in the Government returns  
Goes ter enrich the man that schemes, and not the man that earns;  
An' it don't need no 'rithmetic ter let us farmers know  
That we keep gittin' poorer wile the big-bugs richer grow.



### A NEW BREED.

BROWN—"What kind of a dog is that you have there?"  
YOUNG EPH—"Dat's a strange dawg, sah."



#### BELOW ZERO.

SHE—"I admire your nerve. You are very cool."

HE—"It is no wonder. You have been giving me the cold shoulder all evening."

#### A NONSENSE STORY.

ONCE a little boy was walking beside a river. By and by he was tired, so the river said to him, "Come and rest on my bosom." But the boy knew better than to do so. "No! no!" said he, "you're a deep one. If I trust myself to you, even if you don't swallow me at once, it won't take you long to carry me to your mouth."

Then the River passed by with a sullen roar, and when the boy saw that farther on it dashed itself furiously over some rocks and made the water-fall, he said to himself, "That river ought to be dammed; I'm glad I'm not in it."

Presently he noticed a draft on the bank he was running on, and chequing himself, thought he would change to the road—for anyway the bank might break.

Here he saw a horse and wagon. The horse laughed at him. But when the boy did not mind a bit—only said, "Hay! What do you mane?" (he was an Irish boy) the horse said, "Neigh! I wouldn't frighten you," and began to tell a tale of whoa, of which the boy took an oat, and promised to see the Humane Society about it.

Then the wagon wheels spoke and said they were tired. "I don't see how that can be," remarked the boy, "as you never do a turn yourselves without the assistance of the horse."

He went on again, the chestnut trees beside the road all boughing to him as he passed by. He was glad they didn't bark at him—for even the most harmless looking trees have been known to bark. However, these trees thought they'd leaf him alone, and he passed on safely

until unfortunately he stepped on a blade of grass which was open. "It would have been mower serious had I fallen on the sward," thought he, as he sat down to examine his wound.

Just then a tramp came along; and when he saw the boy in trouble he said, "I see, that like myself, you are a child of misfortune!"

Now the boy knew his mother to be a decent married woman, and resented this impertinent remark by trying to kick the tramp with his good foot. This left him without a leg to stand on, and when last heard of he was very low and looking for somebody to higher him.

#### "MY HEART LEAPS UP."

(LATER VERSION.)

MY heart leaps up when I beho'd  
A rainbow in the sky,  
So was it when my life began,  
So is it now I am a man.  
But if those vile inventors can  
Complete and carry out that plan  
To put up "ads." where all may scan

Upon that self-same sky,  
I fear before I shall grow old  
Some dye works will become so bold  
As to project up there so high  
A patent rainbow in the sky  
To advertise their wretched dye.  
Yes, I could wish my days to be  
Bound each to each by ratural piety,  
But this advancing age can't learn propriety.

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JAMES—"Rider Haggard turns out novels like a machine."

LANG—"Like what sort of machine?"

JAMES—"Judging from the profusion of slaughter I should say he is like a hog-killing machine."



**UNDER DIFFICULTIES.**

ASMODEUS—"Who are those dolefully happy-looking band of shades over there?"

MEPHISTO—"They are a band of Christian Scientists who are putting their ideas into practice and trying to imagine that they are in heaven."

**GOVERNMENT CHEESE-PARING IN QUEBEC.**

THERE seems to be an impression abroad that the Quebec Government is extravagant to recklessness in its expenditure of public monies. Let us give the devil his due reviewing a few instances of the wise economy lately practised by this paternal government.

Some time since a little lad of twelve was found on the streets of Montreal half-frozen, literally perishing of hunger and cold. He was taken in charge by a policeman, and it was found that he had been sent back from the St. Vincent de Paul Reformatory to which he had a short time previously been consigned by his loving, tender-hearted father, who had lodged as a complaint that the boy was utterly incorrigible, and he had no control over him. He had been sentenced to five years in the Reformatory, but the Government, in its anxiety to exercise a wise economy, had decided to return all who had not committed some offence against the law. We may judge what a happy, comfortable home awaited this incorrigible child just entering on his teens when he preferred perishing on the streets to returning to it. The Montreal Recorder, when giving him over to his affectionate father admonished him that he must whip the boy and make him obey; tie him up at night to keep him in his happy



**THE PROFESSOR NONPLUSED.**

MISS SOPHIE MORE—"Professor, why is a donkey continually feeding like a man with a solemn conviction?"

PROF.—"Er—really Miss, I couldn't say."

MISS S. M.—"Why it's easy, Professor—a case of 'asseverate,' you know."

home, and use other gentle Christian methods which would make the child love his father and his home.

The case of a girl who was returned just after this boy, seems, if possible, more cruel; but then we must consider how the taxes against which our rich merchants so sturdily rebel, may be cut down by these charming economies. What matters it what sort of lives these children may return to so long as expenses are cut down and the rich people are satisfied? The greatest good to the greatest number of the wealthy, that is *fin de siècle* policy.

EUPHROSYNE.

**GENERALLY THAT WAY.**

THE *Canadian Bookseller* observes that "the stream of fiction in Britain seems never to run dry." To our mind the dryness is about the most noteworthy feature of the output of the modern fiction mill.

"HAVE you any Sunday club in Toronto?"  
 "Yes—the policeman's club."



#### HE WAS NO PROPHET.

SHE—"Before we were married you said you couldn't live without me."

HE—"Well, that simply goes to show that I was not gifted with second sight."

#### ONE POINT OF RESEMBLANCE.

BASINGSTOKE—"Get onto old Beeswax. You wouldn't think that seedy-looking old chap was one of the wealthiest landlords in town, would you?"

SNIPES—"Hardly. I wonder how he comes to look so much like a tramp."

BASINGSTOKE—"I suppose one reason is that he frequently carries a good many rents about his clothes."

#### EASILY OFFENDED.

GOTHAMITE—"What are you so angry about?"

BOSTONIAN—"That man called me a whited sepulchre."

GOTHAMITE—"Ah, yes. He should have said 'kalsomined mau-soleum,' I presume."

#### THERE'S MEAT IN THEM, TOO.

TOMMY—"Say, dad, why do they call Samjoncs' jokes chestnuts?"

FATHER—"Don't know, except that he's always cracking them."

#### AGGRAVATING.

THE crowd upon the crossing  
Stood waiting such a while,  
Weary with watching for the car  
Yet distant many a mile.

At length the welcome racket  
Of the wires and the gong,  
The cuss words cease their zephyrs  
As the trolley glides along.

But then above the deafening din  
The woeful words came plain,  
A face they couldn't see for dust  
Yelled, "Wait for t'other train."

#### THOSE FEET AGAIN.

"I DON'T think the standard of morality is as high among Chicago women as it is in the East."

"No; but you must remember that Chicago women are not physically adapted to walking in the narrow way."

#### AN ANCIENT PEDIGREE.

ETHEL (*haughtily*)—"I come of one of the first families."

MAUD—"I don't doubt it. Your family seems as if it were made before the Creator had had much practice."



A STUDY IN EXPRESSION.



LOOKING THROUGH THE WRONG END.



### IT SOUNDED PERSONAL.

HE—"What do you think of my head?"

SHE—"Oh, gracious! Why its cracked!"

### CHRISTIAN JUSTICE.

AN ARABIAN STORY.

ALI BEN BABA sat on his mat as the sun went down, and about him were gathered together all the wise men of the city of Bagdad.

"Ali Ben Baba," said they, "thou hast travelled far and seen much. Tell us, we beseech thee, of these wonderful customs of the Christians in the land which is called Canada."

"To relate all that I have seen, O friends," answered he, "would take years of my life and fill as many books as the blessed Koran. But while the light still lingereth in the west I will tell you of a few of the things which appeared to me so strange and hard to be understood. I saw that men bought land for a small sum of money, and called it their own, and sat down before it and waited. And presently another man came and said unto the first man, 'Sell me a part of this land which thou hast purchased, that I may build me a house thereon and make me a home for myself and my children.'

"But the man who held the land said, 'Nay, I have not waited long enough.'

"Then the other man went and bought a piece of land near unto that part which the first man held, and with the money earned by the sweat of his brow did build him an house for himself and his children.

"And when he had gone into it, he and his wife and his children, to live therein and enjoy the comfort which the man had earned by his labor, behold, the tax-gatherer came to him with a parchment on which were some mystical characters written with a pen.

"And the man said, 'What meaneth this?'

"And the tax-gatherer said, 'Thou hast built a house unto thyself, therefore thou must pay tribute according to the value of thy house and according to the amount of thine earnings which thou hast expended thereon.'

"And the man scratched his ear and looked again at the parchment and the figures thereon, and the hair of his head rose up.

"'Verily,' said he, 'this seemeth strange, that thou shouldst be commanded to demand from me so much of my earnings, and this man who hath purchased the piece of ground hard by, and hath done nothing to improve it, not so much as paid the cost of a fence round about it, should go free. This is a hard matter and unjust.'

"But the man who held the unimproved piece of land chuckled in his sleeve and waited, and went and bought other pieces in like manner, and sat down before them and waited. For he said,

'If I but wait long enough, in the place where I have sowed not shall come up unto me a great crop of shekels, gold and silver in abundance.' So he toiled not, neither did he spin, but sat with his heels aloft and smoked, after the manner of his kind, until the harvest should come and he should reap where he had not sown.

"And I saw that all other men worked, some with their brains, instructing or amusing the people; others worked with their hands—the blacksmith at his forge, the mason hewing the stone, the builders, and the workers in wood; also numberless handicrafts unknown to us.

"And I saw that from the rising even until the setting of the sun that the whole land was as a hive of bees, and the hum of labor rose up into the air with the smoke of the city. Only the man who had purchased the piece of land did not labor, neither was taxes demanded of him by the tax-gatherer, for only the people who labored paid into the treasury for the management of the city and for the welfare thereof.

"Now I saw that there came of these laborers, one, two and three, and they did build homes for them-

selves and their children round about the piece of land which this man did buy, and as they built the tax-gatherer came by and enquired, and according to the amount of the earnings expended on the houses so did he demand of them.

"Then when a great many of these houses had grown up round about, a strange thing happened, and I, Ali Ben Baba, do not cease to wonder at it yet. For the land for which the man had paid nothing now yielded him a mighty harvest of shekels, gold and silver in abundance, which was paid to him heaped up and running over, so that he became richer and wealthier than the men who had labored from the rising unto the setting of the sun, nor did the tax-gatherer demand of him tithes of the harvest which he had gathered in the place where he had not sown.

"Wherefore, being astonished, I said unto one of the prophets, 'Is there then no justice in the laws of the Christians?' But he shook his head and smiled, and said that it did not appear to be so.

"And I said, 'Art not thou one of the teachers of that doctrine called Christian? Why, then, art thou dumb concerning this thing?'

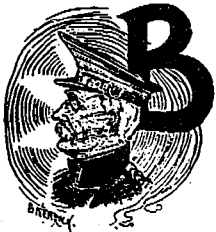
"He answered and said, 'We dare not, because this man is one of those who give unto the Church a portion of the shekels received without laboring therefor, and if we say, 'Thou doest wrong' unto such as make money wrongfully, they will wax wroth, and wherewithal shall we then have to buy bread?'

"But I, Ali Ben Baba, could not understand these strange things practised by the Christians, neither can I understand how Allah can be served by the allowing of iniquity."

#### UGHT TO FETCH HIM.

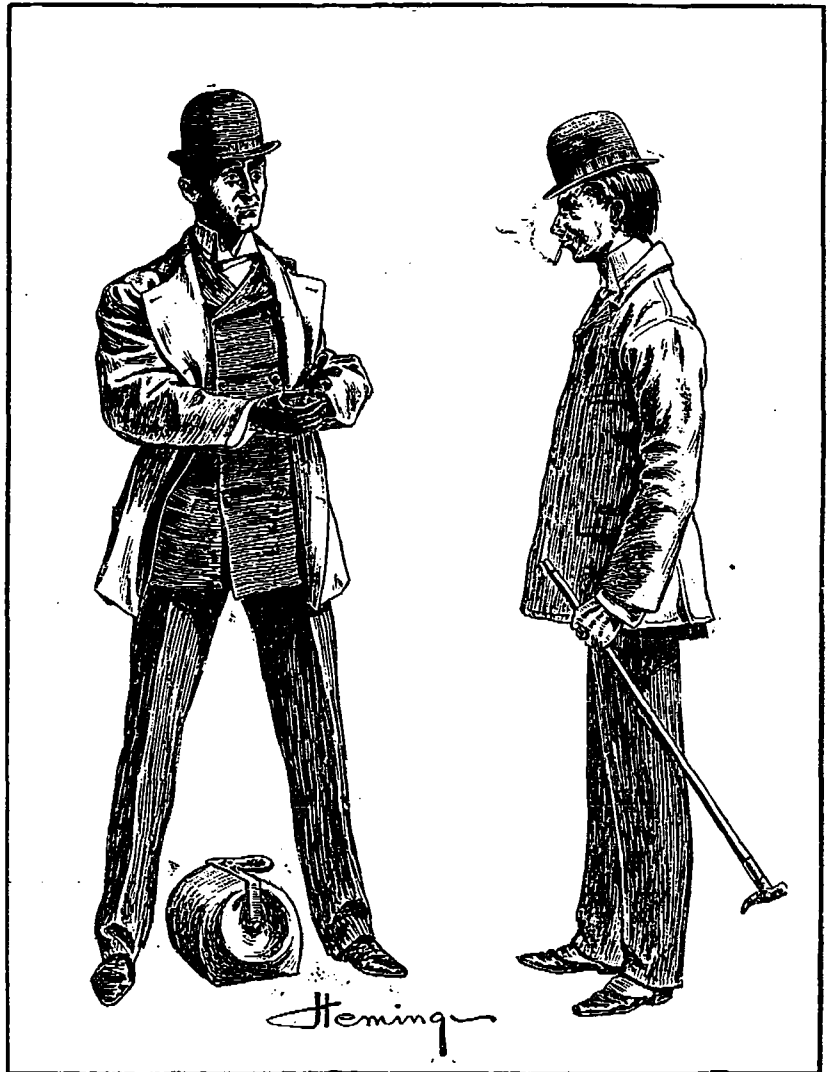
"**B**ILLY will not take me sleighing, Though so much I want him 'o,'" Julia sighed. "Then you had better," Said Amelia, "ask by letter, As it were a Billy do."

#### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.



**ERTRAM.**—No, we don't think Mr. Laurier had the clothing business specially in view when he spoke of the need of respecting vested interests.

**HAMILTONIAN.**—The conduct of your neighbors in refusing to accept invitations to a raising bee when you desired their assistance in erecting a stable



#### CANDOR OR SIMPLICITY.

"Well, old girl, it's mighty decent of you to come down to see me off."  
"Not at all, old sport; darn glad to get the opportunity."

strikes us as mean and reprehensible. It is melancholy to see these old-fashioned rural customs dying out, even in remote neighborhoods where it might be supposed that some relics of primitive customs still prevail.

**POET.**—The practice of forcibly ejecting poets no longer obtains in any well-regulated newspaper office. **GRIP** has a far better system. Our plan is to receive the poet with effusion and cordiality, and encourage him to leave his contribution with the promise that it will be published. As soon as he departs it is handed over to the deputy-assistant-editor, who forthwith proceeds to mutilate, mangle and remodel it beyond all recognition, in which shape it is given to the public. Several would-be contributors to our "chased columns," as the foreman calls them, have thus been driven into untimely graves, and one is in the lunatic asylum—but he would probably have gone there anyhow.

**ARTIST.**—We do not know whether the models furnished at Government expense for the life class at the Art School are raised at the Model Farm.



### LEFT HIS DECK AT HOME.

SERVANT—"Card, please."

BLIZZARD BILL (*making a call in New York*)—"Gee whizz! I didn't bring my cards with me. But, say! before I go in to the company tell me what is the limit."

### THE SQUIRELS AND THE WOODMEN.

AN OLD FABLE REMODELLED.



Once on a time a large number of squirrels lived in an oak tree, which afforded them both shelter and food.

The woodman who was in charge of the forest had strict orders to protect the squirrels, so they thrived and multiplied secure from molestation, though the people complained sometimes of their destructiveness. Moreover, as the oak

in which they made their home grew and expanded, it was said that it took up room and drew nourishment from the soil which could more profitably be devoted to other uses. So the squirrels became anxious lest some day the oak might be cut down. And the mother squirrel told the younger ones to listen carefully to the talk of the woodmen and peasants, so that they might have warning in case it were determined to cut down the tree.

And one day a young squirrel came running up the trunk to his mother with his tail swelled out in a manner which denoted great excitement.

"Oh, mother," said he, "I have heard the boss woodman making some touching and eloquent remarks about our tree."

"And what said he, my son?"

"He was standing at a bank-wet——"

"How came the bank wet, my son?"

"Why, don't you know that when a tree is felled the bole is overturned?" replied the young squirrel.

"A mere matter of detail. Proceed with the feller's remarks."

From the tone of the conversation it will be seen that squirrels are somewhat given to levity even on serious occasions.

"Well, he said that this oak was the pride and glory of the forest, and it would be a shame to cut it down. It wasn't exactly symmetrical, however, and it might be necessary to lop the mouldering branches away."

"Did he really say that?" said the mother squirrel in a tone of anxiety. "That will be bad for some of us, because the mouldering branches are the best for nests. But after all, if he will spare the trunk we shall manage to get along. I'm not so much afraid of him as of that French woodman who may soon take his place, and they say that the first thing he means to do is to destroy the oak root and branch."

A few days after another young squirrel came to the mother betraying every symptom of fear and agitation.

"What's up?" enquired his parent.

"Eu rope," he replied flippantly, "and I fear, moreover, that we're all gone up."

"How so?"

"This morning," said the young squirrel, "I hied me forth in search of chestnuts and came across the French woodman."

"Then of course you got some."

"You bet. But that's not what I came to tell you about. He was talking about our dear old tree. He means to cut it down."

"Surely not!" cried the old squirrel in alarm.



### LITERARY NOTE.

KATE—"Who was the wittiest poet?"

FANNY—"Sam Jones says Tom Hood."

KATE—"Not at all. There was one Whittier."

## HE STARTED.

MR. LEIGHT (*during an evening call*)—"What's the meaning of this clock striking three at half-past ten? It seems to want regulating."

MISS STARTER—"Oh, no! That's pa's idea. He says that most any fellow when he hears one, two, three, will know enough to 'go!'"

## NO PLEASURE IN THAT.

MRS. POTTIFER (*to friend in carriage*)—"Why, my dear Mrs. Grafton! Are you out driving for pleasure on a day like this, with the thermometer below zero?"

MRS. GRAFTON—"Oh dear, no, Mrs. Pottifer. Just returning a few calls."

## DRY EATING.

"SO we find," continued the Professor during his lecture, "that every plant that grows has some insect foe, which either attacks the roots, or leaves, feeding upon—"

"Oh, by the way, Professor," inquired the smart student, "can you tell us what feeds upon Latin roots, for instance?"

"Certainly. The book-worm, my young friend, the book-worm." A.A.

## A PROSPEROUS PAPER.

THE *Farmer's Advocate*, of London, Ont., and Winnipeg, Man., has donned a new dress with the New Year, and will henceforth appear every two weeks instead of monthly as heretofore. The *Advocate* is an admirable agricultural paper, and as its prosperous appearance indicates, it has a large constituency of readers. Every farmer ought to take an agricultural paper, and those who subscribe to the *Advocate* at one dollar a year will certainly get many times the value of their money.



## AT MONTREAL.

CITIZEN (*in loud whisper*)—"Hi. Get off the street quick!"

STRANGER—"What for?"

CITIZEN—"What for? Great Sco't! Here's the management of the Street Railway coming."

"Oh, but he does, though—just as quickly as it can be done with a due regard for vested interests."

"Be re-assured, my children," said the mother squirrel, heaving a sigh of relief. "We need apprehend no danger from that man. In my younger days, as you are aware, I was for some time in captivity, and I learned that as soon as a man begins to talk about vested interests it's a sure sign that he means to do nothing. Ah, if they would only appoint the French woodman to take charge of the forest we might feel perfectly secure."

## AN INSUPERABLE OBSTACLE.



WHAT do you think, Mr. Sinnikus, of the prospect of union between the Presbyterians and Congregationalists?"

"A very fine scheme, Mr. Broadvue. Looks all right on paper, but impracticable—utterly impracticable, sir."

"Why should you say that? There are no important doctrinal differences between them."

"None that I know of."

"And the proposed union would be greatly to the advantage of the cause of religion."

"Clearly."

"Then why should it be impracticable?"

"Because, allowing they'd got everything else satisfactorily settled, they'd fight till doomsday over whether they'd call themselves 'Presbygationalists' or 'Congregarians.'"



## OUT FOR AN AIRING.

A DAILY SCENE IN MONTREAL.

## BACK FROM PARIS.



*A la Francaise,*  
To the public gaze  
I'm quite the proper caper ;  
With glass in eye  
And proper tie,  
'Twould fill a fashion paper

To tell of all  
My hats so tall,  
In latest Paris fashion,  
And corset waist  
With curve as chaste  
As damsel bent on mashin'.

As critic I  
My calling ply  
As an art educator,  
And as a bard  
I've won regard  
Since leaving Alma Mater.

My noble air  
And *savoir faire*  
Must catch the eye discerning,  
What I don't know  
Of art may go  
As hardly worth the learning.

W. COLBORNE THOMSON.

## OTTAWA PATRIOTISM.

(Ottawa News, Daily Mail, Jan. 17th.)

LET worth be forgotten and merit ignored,  
We'll endure it in silence, nor utter a word,  
But there's one thing brings blood to Canadian cheeks,  
And rouses our wrath,—the promotion of sneaks.  
When, stooping to conquer, and crawling to rise,  
The sycophant lick-spittle pilfers and lies,  
When honest and true men are sacked by the score,  
And one man is favored who's base to the core,  
It is then, men of Canada, we should arise,  
And with truth in our thoughts and with wrath in our eyes,  
For the sake of our country, her honor, and fame,  
Demand that no rank be conferred upon shame. H.N.C.

## THE MOWAT MONUMENT FUND.



THE following circular has been issued by the Mowat Monument Fund Committee. The object must commend itself to every patriotic Canadian. The good that Premier Mowat has accomplished being mainly of an unobtrusive and inconspicuous character, will in all probability be forgotten within a short time of his departure unless special pains are taken to remind the public of his greatness by some imposing—and therefore eminently typical—memorial. The Committee has taken the somewhat unprecedented step of inaugurating the movement during the lifetime of the illustrious subject. In deprecation of any objection that might be advanced on this score, it must be remembered that after all Mowat is not very much

alive, and that so far as anything like progress or active development is concerned he might for all practical purposes as well be defunct. Moreover, the reasons given

by the Committee for their action in the subjoined document are so apt and forcible that they cannot fail to meet with approval :—

TORONTO, Jan. 14th.

In accordance with a resolution passed at a meeting of the Mowat Monument Committee, it has been determined to ask for public contributions to the erection of a statue to commemorate the career of Sir Oliver Mowat. The Committee are aware that it is unusual to take any steps of this nature prior to the decease of the statesman whose virtues have inspired the wish for the perpetuation of his memory, but they conceive that experience has fully demonstrated that the delay thus involved is often fatal to the object in view. The laudable intention of erecting a monument to the late Premier Macdonald was only redeemed from absolute failure by a few large subscriptions from exceptionally wealthy men, while the great majority of those who reaped personal benefits from the legislative privileges or official advantages conferred by the deceased statesman preferred to pay their homage to the rising sun. The saying that "shrouds have no pockets" is equally applicable to statues, though it is true that the late lamented was never accused of the folly and short-sightedness of rewarding the adherence of his devoted partisans out of his own resources while he possessed access to those of the public.

The chief incentive to the veneration and devotion with which our patriotic public men ought ever to be regarded is political gratitude, which has been truly described as "a lively sense of favors to come." It is obviously a notion of mistaken delicacy which delays such honors until this powerful motive has been destroyed by the very apparent fact that a dead politician is in no condition to confer the offices, contracts and privileges, the hope of which is so strong a factor in compelling the homage of the people.

These considerations will, we trust, make it evident that in asking contributions for a monument to the great and good Sir Oliver Mowat prior to his departure from the scene of his struggles and triumphs we can appeal much more effectually to the sympathies and pocket-books of the public. A donation to this worthy object may in fact be regarded somewhat in a light of an investment, and the subscriber coupling foresight with liberality will be enabled to feel that in addition to doing his share to impress upon an admiring posterity the virtues of the not yet departed, he is strengthening his own claim for recognition by a Government that always rewards its friends so far as its resources will allow.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

ORPHEUS HOGG, *Chairman.*  
G. GRABSNEAK, *Secretary.*

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If an M.P. is honest they shut him up quick,  
One more member to gag.  
CHORUS—One more member !  
One more member to shelve, sir !  
One more member !  
One more member to gag !

We remember how Foster was after the rum,  
One more member to gag ;  
But a stool in the Cabinet struck the man dumb,  
One more member to gag.  
Then Jamieson followed, the drink to accuse,  
One more member to gag ;  
But he picked up a judgeship, and dropped his old views,  
One more member to gag.

And now every Orangeman wrathfully sees,  
One more member to gag,  
That Wallace is bridled to drive as they please,  
One more member to gag.

McCarthy ! O'Brien ! Will ye be the next ?  
Two more members to gag ;  
To meekly obey the new Government text ?  
Two more members to gag.

May God send us *men* independent in might,  
No more members to gag ;  
To spurn their false honors who crucify right !  
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H.N.C.

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Where often he'd been before.

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**A WASTE OF TIME.**

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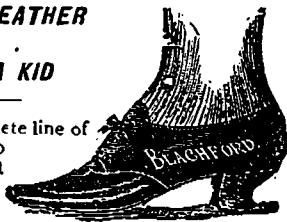
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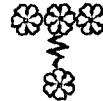
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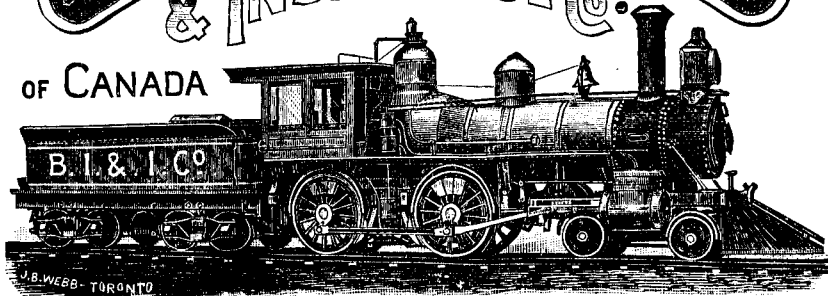
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