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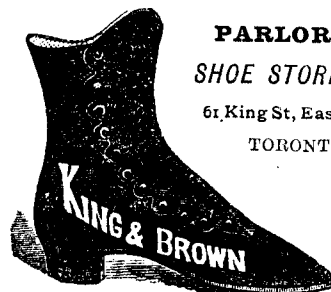
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TORONTO, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1874.

NOTE TO ADVERTISERS.—We have to aſk the forbearance of a number of our patrons whoſe advertisements are unavoidably crowded out this week. GRIP will be enlarged to eight pages before the end of the preſent volume.

Which and T'other.

MAGISTRATES are generally appointed on the recommendation of the member for the county, to gratify the personal vanity of the appointees and to thereby render secure the re-election of the aforesaid member. These J. P's. are commonly called "Basswood Magistrates."

One of these, so the story runs, once applied a farmer to "take the law on" a thief who had stolen a potash kettle. His Basswood Worship carefully and in a judicial manner took down severally the volumes of the Statutes supplied him by Her Majesty, and carried his index finger down the index of each, with following eye intent on P-o-t-a-s-h K-e-t-t-l-e. Finding no law on that particular subject, he advised the forlorn owner of the article that the law had not made any provision for the theft of potash kettles, and that therefore he could not receive any information nor issue any warrant in the premises.

The foregoing, much amplified and abounding in legal phraseology, was lately sent us by an unhappy Law Student, who complains that he is somewhat in the position of the backwood's Justice, "for," says he, "when I want to find anything in a law-book, particularly a Canadian law-book, I try the index, and although I know there is something in that particular book bearing on the point I desire to look up, I am often forced in order to find what I want to go through the slow process of turning the leaves and examining page after page till patience is exhausted and perseverance rewarded, thus wasting much time in the discovery of what the index should have pointed out instantly." Then follow grievous complaints in which the stupidity of compilers is shown by instances and proofs incontestible; but we have no space for his jeremiad. We know, however, that his wrath is not unreasonable, for he seems to be blessed with more intelligence than the Division Court Attorney who, desiring to look up the law on the power of Magistrates acting out of Sessions, after a patient search at Osgoode Hall Library, pounced upon "Lugden on Powers" with such a grin of discovery as only prevented the articulation of a triumphant "Eureka!" It is not likely he found what he wanted; but we are certain the work was of as much use to him as many an index is to more erudite practitioners.

Encouragement for Mr. Blake.

SCENE—Departmental Buildings, Ottawa.

HARRIS, of the "Weights and Measures" (reads from the *Globe*, "Let me turn to another question"—down to the lines from TENNYSON)—"Isn't that fine, Jack? Such noble sentiments! 'Pon my word I think it the best speech I ever read!"

PERRINS of the "Cabbage Department" (*Patronizingly*)—"Yes, it is statesmanlike. I think even I could follow such a man as that!"

Great Expectations.

ALDERMAN BLEVINS, though a most estimable lawyer and citizen, don't know much about railroading, and he was therefore somewhat injudicious when he undertook to dabble in that intricate science at the last meeting of the City Council. But he was just as well posted as any other member as, according to the *Mail's* report, the following resolution was carried unanimously:

Ald. BLEVINS moved, that the Toronto Street Railway Company be required to construct their line of railway along Carlton street, east from Sherbourne street to Parliament street, in connection with their projected and in part constructed railway on Sherbourne street, and that they have the same constructed before the commencement of the present year, 1874.

GRIP always rejoices to know that the City Fathers are "rushing business," but in this instance he fears they are a little too fast for the Toronto Railway Company. This is an age of marvellous mechanical achievement, but we haven't yet got to the point of building any sort of railway in "less than no time."

Croaks and Pecks.

IN Ottawa, Mr. Blake's great speech in North York is called a roarer!

BY ALL MEANS!—In view of the suggestion of the Ottawa *Citizen*, that some titular distinction should be bestowed on MAJOR FURVOYE, the superannated Deputy Minister of Militia, GRIP would respectfully recommend that the decayed warrior be placed in the *Bath*, and if that does not agree with him, then give him the *Golden Fleecel*!

THE United States has a JEWELL of a Postmaster General. Canada has only a D.A. MACDONALD, and the Tories invariably by thinking of him are led to emphatically pronounce merely his initials, as a monosyllable.

THE Dominion Cabinet has gone into holy orders, inasmuch as they have taken the VAIL. Mr. Ross has retired behind the VAIL, to be Collector of Customs. It is to be hoped that the new Minister of Militia will prove a VAIL-able in case of another Fenian invasion.

"G" off there! It's not right to call him "Crazy Acting Burrows." He signs it "C. Acton Burrows." An inquiry arising as to the first name, some wag suggested "Crazy," and he has since been "CRAZY ACTIN' BURROWS." But "the best laid schemes of mice and men gang aft a-ga'e," and we notice that many of our western exchanges, of whom better might be expected, go a "G" on this. We may further state that his associates on the Guelph *Herald* call his salary C.A.B. hire, and consider it a joke of the higher order.

WHAT'S in a Name? A great deal in the case of Mr. KERN, the unseated for West Northumberland. The Grits have a *care* when they name him; but the Tories, doggedly persist in calling him "car."

A Western paper says: "A post-office was opened on the 1st prox." This, we should say, is a case of blunder intense.

VICTORIA COLLEGE is to remain at Cobourg, notwithstanding the bid made by Hamilton. The *Times* of the latter place sugars its disappointment with the charitable reflection "that if Hamilton does not get the institution, Cobourg has to pay more for it." It looks as though the College with the Royal name had been put up at auction, and that the "ambitious city" having bid it up on the "slumbering burg" now glories in its disregard for "vested rights."

The Early Closing Movement.

WE are almost overjoyed, and we are sure many of our readers will feel a corresponding thrill of pleasure to hear, that the Early Closing Movement is extending to the City Council Chamber. Of this we are assured by our clairvoyant gobemonche, who professes to have seen the rough draft of a bill, which he assumes will be brought forward as soon as ever the efforts of a certain member of the Council to speak against time are exhausted. It will be entitled "A By-law for the Shortening of Speeches in the City Council, and for the Early Closing of the Mouths of the Long-winded Members." Of this important measure which, as "time is money," will effect so immense a saving to the city that all true economists must certainly support it, we believe that we shall break no confidence by giving a copy:

PREAMBLE.

WHEREAS, It is expedient that means should be adopted for the earlier shutting up of certain long-winded orators, and for affording relief to the reporters and the readers of debates, and facilitating the progressive course of useful legislation.

ENACTMENT.

Be it therefore enacted, That immediately after the passing of this By-law and thenceforth throughout every succeeding year, it shall not be lawful for any member to get up to speak when he has nothing to say, and, according to precedent, would occupy an hour or two in saying it.

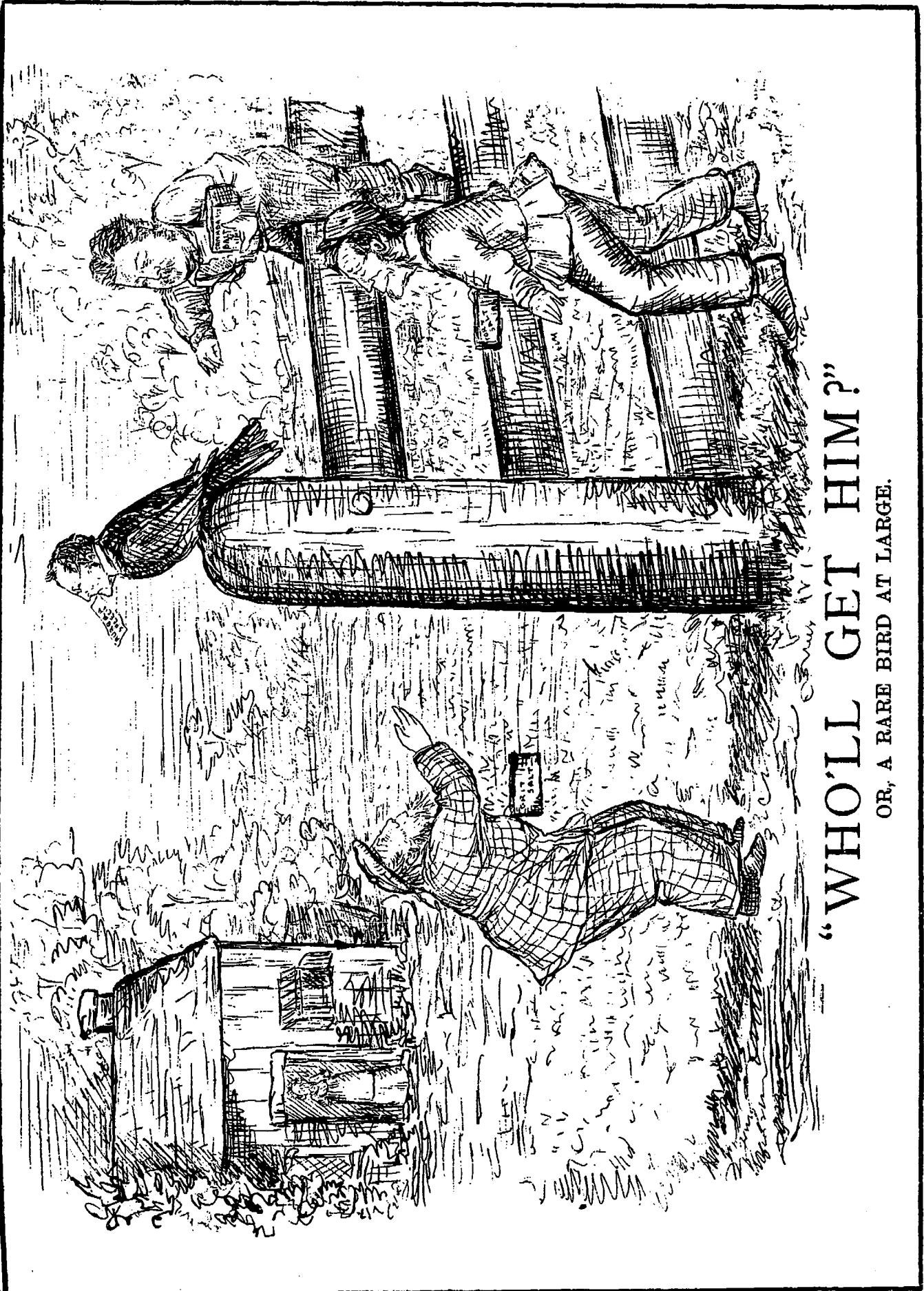
Nor shall it be lawful for any rising representative to rise more than sixteen times in any sitting, or to speak for the mere purpose of hearing himself speak, or to talk against time, or otherwise to exercise his voice in Council for professional or personal advertising purposes.

The accusing of a fellow-member with being actuated by any but the most unselfish motive in planning the route of a sidewalk or the location of a street lamp shall be considered a deliberate waste of time, and punishable by this By-law.

No member shall accuse another with having a cross-eyed aunt or a red-haired uncle, and to insinuate that he is arrayed in his father-in-law's broadcloth for the sake of effect, shall constitute an offence; such proceeding not being calculated to economise time. Neither shall one member insinuate that another is in the habit of imparting an unhealthy swelling to the truth.

It shall be considered unlawful for any Councillor to stand upon the table, or hurl the innocent ink-bottle at the head of an opponent, and any member attempting to change the "order of business" renders himself amendable to the penalties of this By-law.

No member shall hereafter be permitted to partake of lunch, or peruse the leading articles of the daily papers during a session, to the exclusion of more important business, as the Council Chamber cannot



“WHO’LL GET HIM?”

OR, A RARE BIRD AT LARGE.

be converted into a restaurant for either body or mind, and the municipal elections are hovering on the horizon like a great black cloud of coming woe.

PENALTY.

Any member who may be convicted of any of the above offences shall, on the first, receive formal solemn warning, and on the second be banished to the nearest "public" for the remainder of the sitting, there to perch himself on the "ragged edge of remorse" till the arrival of his fellow-councillors. A ticket-of-leave will be granted him to return to vote in the event of a division on a Finance report.

COMPENSATION.

In cases where extenuating circumstances can be reasonably pleaded, as, for example, where the offender is a Fire and Water grievance champion, or a Debutante monomaniac, the Council shall be at liberty to sanction that he be allowed the compensation of a private room and a reporter, to whom he may address the remainder of his speech, and, if his surviving relatives give permission, have it printed *in extenso*—at his own expense, of course. But to prevent the Council from getting into public disrepute, two responsible sureties shall in each such case be found, as guarantees that the printing shall be done "for private circulation only," and that no attempt shall afterwards be made to get the speech inserted in any of the newspapers, even by paying for it at advertising rates; it being the desire of this corporation to prove to the satisfaction of the outside world that "civilization" is not altogether "a failure," nor is the Caucasian yet "played out."

That nothing in the above By-law shall apply to Aldermen B-X-ER or H-X-N-RS-S, as they hold briefs from their constituents to talk till doomsday—be the same more or less.

Marriage Maxims Confirmed.

WITH NOTES BY A JILTED BACHELOR.

A good wife is the greatest earthly blessing. [Being the greatest rarity.]

A man is what his wife makes him. [And does what she makes him, too.]

It is the mother who moulds the character and destiny of the child. [And the father who must hammer it into the mould.]

Marry into a family which you have known. [And thus curse yourself with an ancient mother-in-law and a rabble of relations.]

Never talk at one another, either alone or in company. [She'd have the last words, anyway.]

Never both manifest anger at once. [It would be manifest folly when she is angry with you to show that you are angry with yourself, however mad you are with your bargain.]

Never speak loud to one another, unless the house is on fire. [In which case she will be sure to escape.]

Never reflect on a past action which was done with a good motive, and with the best judgment at the time. [You'll have enough to do reflecting on the action, (without judgment, from whatever motion,) which you committed on your marriage day.]

Let each one strive to yield oftenest to the wishes of the other. [Consider yourself "each one," and always yield.]

Let self-abnegation be the daily aim and effort of each. [Always remembering that her self-abnegation was performed by yielding her name and becoming "bone of your bone," &c., at the altar; but yours must endure "till death doth you part!"]

The very nearest approach to domestic felicity on earth, is the mutual cultivation of an absolute unselfishness. [You are yourself; she is a part of you and the better part; still she will aid you in cultivating an absolute unselfishness. Now she is absolute, and you are no longer yourself.]

Never find fault, unless it is perfectly certain a fault has been committed; and even then prelude it with a kiss and lovingly. [There's no use finding fault; the fault was committed when you surrendered your liberty; and even then, you idiot, you precluded it with a kiss and lovingly, softy!]

Never allow a request to be repeated. "I forgot" is never an acceptable excuse. [Nor any other is acceptable. You must grant all requests; and, being in for it, you'd better not lead to their repetition.]

Never make a remark at the expense of the other; it is meaness. [Don't invite being sat upon heavily; you don't want to feel meaner than simple Benedictine smallness, if that is possible. You're to blame for your own folly, and it's inexpressably mean to try and wriggle out of it.]

Never part for a day without loving words to think of during your absence. Besides, it may be that you will not meet again in life. [Butter your parsnips the best way you can; and draw comfort from the thought that you may not meet again.]

NOTE.—Those who can't see the point of GRIP'S Cartoon this week may derive consolation from the following rhythmical exposition by our own Poet Laureate; the rest of the public read it at their own peril:

Remarks on Bird Catching.

(Written in a chilly room under many difficulties.)

Who has not heard in early youth,
That old, deceptive tale,
That you could catch a bird by putting
Salt upon its tail?

When but a boy, I once espied
A robin on a rail,
And, with a view to catch him, tried
To drop salt on his tail.

Th' intended victim took to flight,
And left me to bewail,
The folly of attempting to
Put salt upon his tail.

Since then, when some idea fair
Would o'er my face sail,
I've tried, with just as good result,
To put salt on its tail.

The child of larger growth oft tries,
With quite as much avail,
To make his own some project rare
By salt upon its tail.

E'en now the rival parties seek
The soaring BLAKE to nail,
And each industriously attempts
To put salt on his tail.

He flies from all; yet all persist—
The *Nation*, *Globe* and *Mail*—
In cautiously approaching him,
To drop salt on his tail.

It can't be done: tho' GRIP delights
To see them try, and fail;
The high-flown statesman ne'er will wait
To get salt on his tail.

Fatigue.

AN ACTUAL OCCURRENCE ON QUEEN STREET.

One evening in October, as the sun was getting low, A farmer sat beside his load, not knowing what to do; He had travelled many miles that day, and just was nearing town, When sadly he became aware that he had broken down; He saw his tire was broken, so he straightway sent his son, To get a blacksmith right away, to put a new one on. Meantime, a stranger coming up, looked at the waggon twice, Then seeing what the matter was, began to give advice. "Why not take off your wheel," he said "and get a new tire on, "Instead of idly sitting there, as if your wits were gone? The farmer smole a smile, as he answered him by stating, "If I much longer have to wait; I'll soon get tired waiting."

The stranger then passed on,
And never even spoke—
Looking much perplexed,
For he couldn't see the joke.

"The Arm of the Law."

THE *Guelph Herald* says:

"Looking at it from any standpoint the prosecution to which the Manager of the *Mail* has been subjected, is calculated to inspire us with alarm."

GRIP rejoices to hear it, and sincerely hopes to see a similar confession in many other newspapers on both sides of the political fence.

GRIP is informed that as a consequence of the recent libel suit in *Re WHEELER*, the name of a prominent newspaper of this city is to be changed to *The Daily Wail*.

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