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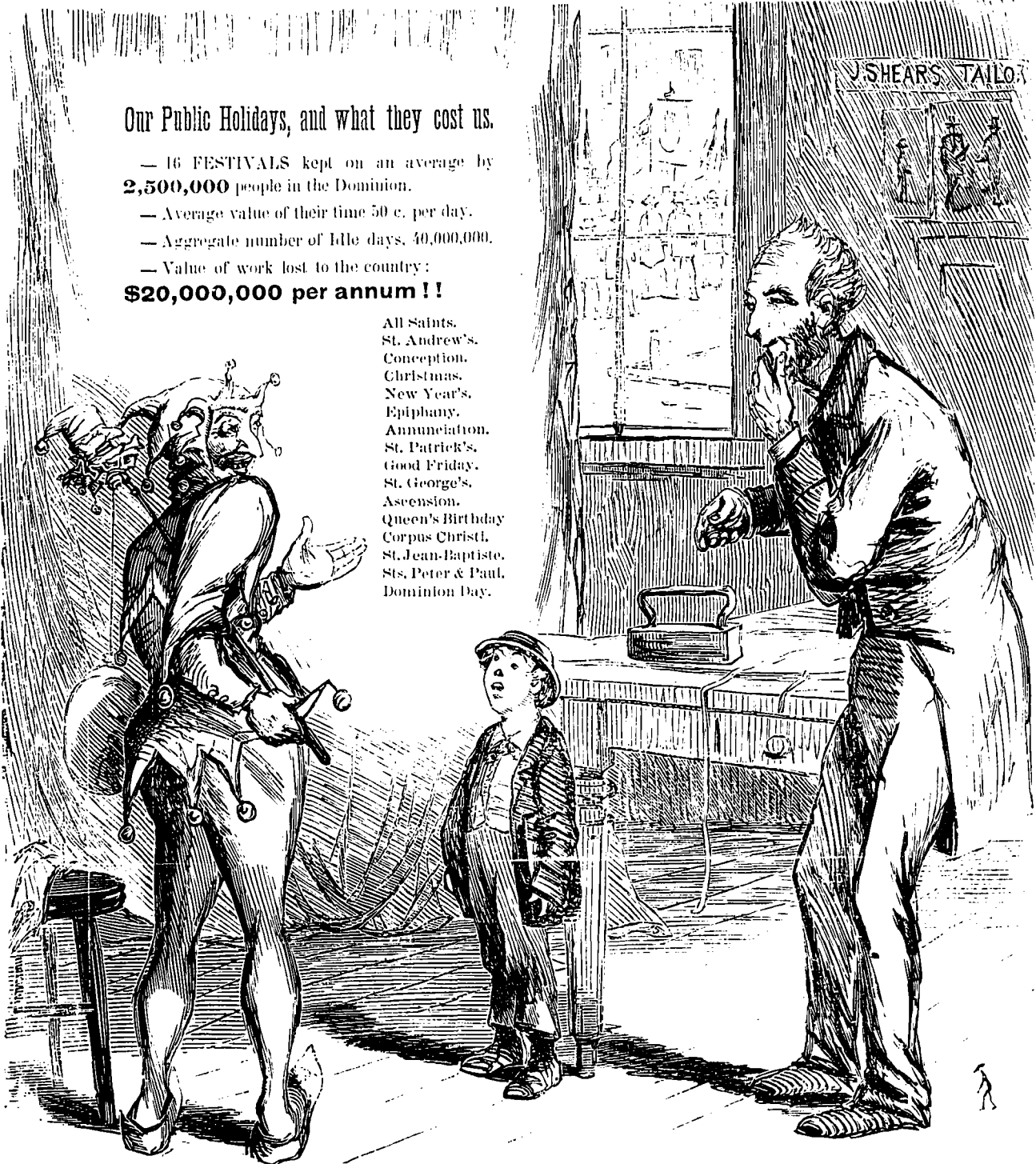
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JESTER: Say, Shears, how is it you came to cut my,—ah, tunic, so short?

SHEARS: Just to suit the times, your Honor; what with the holidays, and hard customers, I cant afford to give you more coat tail for the price.

JESTER: All nonsense, my dear Shears, a nation that can afford to spend \$20,000,000 a year on its holidays must be wealthy. So next time, cut my coat a decent length, and charge it to the nation.

THE JESTER,

A COMICAL AND SATIRICAL RECORD OF THE TIMES; ILLUSTRATED; WEEKLY.
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MONTREAL, FRIDAY, 5TH JULY, 1878.

WHAT IS "A TRIMMER?"

Politically of course. A "trimmer" is a politician who is all things to all men; who promises everything he can promise during his election, and when once elected goes his own gait as it suits his convenience. He may be compared to a rubber ring. You can compress it when you will, you can expand it to its greatest length, but when you have done with it, it will resume its original proportions. Just so with the "trimmer." He has this same power of expansion and contraction on the hustings; but when once in the Legislature he resumes his original shape and becomes no more elastic until it suits him to be so. He loses the confidence of his friends and the respect of his foes; he ceases to become reliable, because he is a "trimmer." He would make his Orange constituents believe he was their best friend; he would go so far as to subscribe to an Orange Society. Yet, on the other hand he would tell his Roman Catholic supporters that he hates Orangemen and Orangeism with a holy zeal—and they out of admiration for his noble qualities will give him their votes and send him to Quebec to represent their opinions. And when he gets there he will flatter himself upon his "smartness." Briefly put, therefore, this "trimmer" becomes a political charlatan who plays fast and loose with the dexterity of a professional juggler—and he retires finally as an object at whom all honest men, of whatever opinion, point the finger of scorn. Such is a "trimmer."

Then we have the journalistic "trimmer," who in the supposed interest of Peace and Order, but really in the interest of Party, suppresses plain, outspoken opinion under the plea that it will inflame bigotry and bad blood. So this newspaper "trimmer" cuts down reports, and, in the hope of politically reconciling opposing factions, and bringing them eventually within his Party fold, strides the fence as an observer, not daring to express a straightforward opinion, and only launching out occasionally at some prominent civic functionary because he happens to be on the opposite side, while those of his own politics, who are equally inflammable, escape the sting of his indignant eloquence, simply because they are supposed to be the friends of his Party. He would seek a place in Parliament but although eminently calculated to rank far ahead of more fortunate candidates, he invariably fails because people don't know, to use a homely expression, "where to find him." Not having the courage to express his true convictions he remains in the slough of despond, because in his vain endeavour to please every body, he fails most lamentably in pleasing any body. Party is his God, and although he would persuade you that he is the true friend of free thought, free speech, and the personification of wisdom generally, he gropes on in the dark seeking to conciliate all, yet daring to offend none. This is his idea of progress and journalism, and this being his idea, he loses ground every day for want of pluck and plain speaking. In brief he has made the study of evasion so fine an art until anything like a fair report or square speaking upon any one thing relating to the interests of Montreal is not to be expected from him.

We would not compare him to the specimen already spoken of, but nevertheless he, too, is a "trimmer."

Now bring on that new daily of which we have heard as among the things that are to be, but under the supervision of whomsoever it is to be, cast "trimming" on one side if you wish for success. Let the people know "where to find you."

MONTREAL'S MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE FROM QUEBEC.

The political excitement at Quebec having all but subsided, the general public begin to lose that keen interest, which it showed three weeks ago, in the Provincial Legislature's proceedings. The newspaper correspondents at Quebec recognize the necessity therefore of giving racy dispatches as a substitute. In the *Herald* we read that "Mr. Tarte rose to pour out the vial" of his wrath upon the head of the Treasurer. When the cork was once "drawn from the vial, the contents seemed inexhaustible. For nearly four hours the member for Bonaventure harangued his unfortunate colleagues "and then suddenly subsided." The same authority also says that "Mr. Tarte is the Thibault of the Quebec district, and occupies about the same position in the public estimation, which describes amply enough what he would probably flatter himself is his character. Though as ridiculous as his Montreal prototype, he is not, however, so amusing." In referring to the debate on the Provincial Budget, it is said that "Mr. Chapleau incidentally mentioned his willingness to go on until morning, and then Mr. Loranger talked for a long two hours or more, travelling from the Dan of the District Magistracy to the Beersheba of the Railway Question." Truly they must have an amusing time of it at the Ancient Capital, while the newspaper correspondents show a commendable interest in the drug business and also a knowledge of Biblical history which speaks well for the future evangelization of the roaming Bedouins of the newspaper Press. The above extracts are from one side of the house, let us hope to see something of what is thought of the political tables reversed.

CONCERNING MONTREAL'S JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

The Local Magistrates' Court in Montreal or what is now better known as the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, over which His Honor C. J. COURSOI, Esq., so ably presides, comprises an organisation but little understood by the general citizens. At the regular meetings of the Quarter Sessions, the precise and obliging Mr. SCULLER, Clerk of the Peace, opens the proceedings by calling the roll; that is, he reads aloud the Commission of the Peace in which is the name of every Justice of the Peace in the City and district of Montreal. Each of these Local Magisterial luminaries is by a Provincial fiction supposed to be present and answer to his name, and he may then take his seat on the Bench! But from native modesty and perhaps consideration of their legal attainments as well as lack of sitting accommodation, the Justices have heretofore refrained from asserting these formal rights of their high Judicial positions. Such modesty however, will exist no more; as since the advent of the JOLY party into power, the Quebec *Official Gazette* has been creating new J. P.'s by the bushel and many of the new creations are going to see things done differently from the past. It was only last week that the *Witness* published a list of some thirty gentlemen recently appointed and who were subsequently at the Court House "duly qualified as Justices of the Peace," that is to say they took the necessary oath, got copies of Provincial statutes and blank forms for conducting trials, examination of witnesses and all the red tape paraphernalia of legal honors, with a copy of the Criminal Code and a Bible—both of which the new J. P.'s should be familiar with—especially the latter, if they ever expect to be a credit to the Commission of the Peace.

APPROACHING MEETING OF MAGISTRATES.

It is usual for the Local Magistrates to hold meetings when they may see fit, or deem it necessary to discuss matters affecting the present or future peace of their District and also to arrange minor details of the Commission. Some such meeting will, we hear, shortly be held in Montreal, but as there is no Court Room in this city or the Dominion large enough to accommodate the present number of Montreal's Justices of the Peace with Magisterial Arm Chairs, it is understood that the Drill Shed will be temporarily roofed over for the approaching meeting and a special Guard of Honor will be called out for the occasion. At this meeting which will be held under Proclamation, the Justices will have to arrange a great number of rules of procedure in official etiquette and the scale of precedence at Royal or Governor General Receptions, Corporation and City Banquets, State Ceremonies, and the style of dress to be worn by Justices in private and public life, and besides a hundred and one other details of law and dignity, altogether unknown to the uninitiated vulgar public. At the above meeting the first duty will be the nomination of a brother magistrate as CHAIRMAN of the Sessions; this is the highest post of honor the J. P.'s can confer and the fortunate one is thenceforth next in dignity to Judge COURSOI, and is looked up to as the future directing spirit of the entire Commission. For the Chairmanship, it is said, a young Magistrate but an old citizen is to receive the honor, and no doubt Montrealers will be surprised and pleased to hear that our worthy and highly esteemed fellow citizen—MARTIN TRACEY ESQ., J. P.—is to be selected as the magisterial standard bearer. His long and varied experience in the mercantile and other pursuits of Montreal has no doubt well qualified him for so high a position and his last year's Government service at the Canal must have been eminently useful in giving him a nice perception of the relative positions of Dominion and City rights. The roll of the Montreal Magistracy comprising as it does the names of dozens of the wealthiest and best known of our citizens will no doubt feel grateful to the Quebec Cabinet for adding to the Magistrates' Court so many new members as will permit of Martin Tracey Esq., J. P., being gazetted Chairman of the Commission of the Peace for the City and District of Montreal.

REFINED CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

The Montreal Society for the Prevention and punishment of Cruelty to Animals, has, since its inception eight years ago, been blessed with the untold thanks of the dumb creatures generally, for its labors in their behalf. If the prayers of the poor lambs brought to the City slaughter houses and markets could be heard, Inspector Gailey's name would have a prominent place in the dying memories of many a steer and thoroughbred.

These reflections are forced upon the writer after witnessing the many attempts, which, in the past, have been made, not so much to evade the law, as to show that the law had no jurisdiction beyond the "galled" backs of donkeys, broken legged horses or the choking of market cattle. The Society's mission is a grand one. It is to grant relief from torture, unto all created dumb animals, in the Province of Quebec in particular. One of these attempts at hairsplitting to avoid the law is now before us in the case of the following recently published notice in the city press:

"STOLEN, on June 21st, a little Black Slut, with collar on; left four pups three days old. Any one returning to — Drummond street will be liberally rewarded."

What a sad story of woe these few lines reveal! Can any one with a spark of humanity, read the above, without feelings of pity and indignation rising up within them against so great an outrage?

Who does not feel for the poor deserted pups, who are thus ruthlessly thrown, by the abduction of their mother, upon the tender mercies of the world. This family of four who are at the time we write scarce a week old, will soon open their eyes for the first time—On what?—a barren and cheerless world, without father or mother to guide them in the path which their forefathers trod to reach their hope in life—a Corporation City Tax Medal. The greatest kindness that can be bestowed upon these four lone pups, even in "bringing them up by hand," cannot compensate them for a mother's tender love and training. In the meantime let us hope the Society will do its duty fearlessly, no matter who the guilty man may be. The wretch who deliberately stole away that nurturing mother from the bosom of her young and tender family may yet be given time to repent at leisure in some cheerless dungeon appropriate to the punishment of so horrible a crime.

A TWO THOUSAND DOLLAR BACHELOR.—For your information we may state that "Garden and Lawn Parties" are got up for really worthy and charitable purposes, wherein the ice cream and syrupy seductions make one feel how much one can stomach in a good cause. They are not, as you suppose the happy hunting grounds of anxious manmas and marriageable daughters, and if you do wear a No. 12 gaiter that fact does not prevent you joining in a game of croquet if you want to.

SAMPLE EDITORIALS.

THE GAZETTE.

One can hardly refrain from smiling at the eagerness with which our morning contemporary replies to charges that were never made. When it taxes us with saying "that a prohibitive tariff upon soap would be fatal to the cleanliness of the average newsboy," it stated what it knew to be a deliberate untruth. We never said that a prohibitive tariff would be fatal to the cleanliness of any portion of the community, and least of all to that part of it which so greatly needs a free bath. What we said was "that a retaliatory policy of protection in soap was more needed by the news boys of Montreal than by any other class of consumers." And, therefore, our contemporary proceeds at once to insinuate that we are purposely misleading the public in order to make capital out of an industrious and hardworking class. Such tricks are too manifest and will not succeed. To paraphrase a trite expression they are void of solidity, and intelligent people—as the young gentlemen who retail public news undoubtedly are—will not fail to see through the artifice. Were it not that the charge is so obviously untrue, we could afford to laugh at it. But it is in keeping with the policy of our St. James Street contemporary to manufacture statements out of whole cloth.

THE HERALD.

The Conservative organ in this city is desperate. Not content with libelling His Honor the Lieut.-Governor, it has taken under its wing unoffending purveyors of *gallettes* and has endeavored to prove that our pastry manufacturers are compelled to go on the street for a living. "The piteous, but imploring cry of '*gallette, gallette, gallette*!'" says our contemporary, "accentuated with all the poetry of despair, is a telling reproach to our Grit Government. No one who hears it once can forget it." Hard up for a grievance it finds one readily made, and we may naturally expect to hear next that our grain merchants are ruined and our farmers bankrupt. But, as usual, our contemporary forgets that were it not for American flour, those toothsome *gallettes* would never have been made, and, by way of revenge it takes the opportunity to prejudice the public mind and to kill a profitable industry. Nothing can be better calculated to shew the insanity of such an argument and the weakness of that policy of which our contemporary is the champion. This is another case of the engineer hoisted with his own petard. What shall we hear next?

THE WITNESS.

We have been accused of inconsistency; because we pointed out the fact that Ginger ale taken immoderately is harmful. No one who has read the WITNESS steadily will believe that truth loses any of its force by being told. And we shall continue to tell it, kindly—but plainly. It is in no unchristian spirit that we point out the fact that Ginger ale contains two poisonous, soul-destroying ingredients. They are alcohol and carbonic acid gas. By analysis which will be found in another column, made by an eminent and total-abstaining chemist, it will be seen that of alcohol it contains five per cent, of carbonic acid gas fifteen—quite enough for explosive purposes. It is so well known, as to be almost unnecessary to repeat the fact, that we are no friend of the bottle. But the bottle—in this instance, is the least harmful. Parents will do well to pause ere they give it to their children, or taste it themselves. But if they will take it let it be well iced, with something in it to correct the deadly qualities of the carbonic element.

THE STAR.

Some one has said Rome was not built in a day. The wisdom of the observation is brought to our notice by the fact that our roads are in a sad state of unrepair. Sir FRANCIS HINCKS, at Halifax, fully bore out the justice of the remark when he reminded his audience at that luncheon, that the timber trade was one of the most important industries in the Dominion, and should be fostered. In a great city, like Montreal, we are constantly reminded of the wisdom of this great truth, and it is high time that our coffin manufacturers were fully alive to their interests. What are the facts? We find there were only 65 deaths last week! Why is this? It is because our people have ceased to longer patronise a trade which has become paralysed through the folly of a government which is in its dotage. And so a valuable industry is crippled because Party prejudice and presumption is allowed to continue, while a valuable branch of manufacture is allowed to die through neglect.

THE CANADIAN SPECTATOR.

Trouble is looming o'er the land. Finality is not yet reached—but the end is near. We saw it. We said so. We knew it. BEACONSFIELD is now Dictator of Europe. To him people look, wonder and tremble. In sober truth England does not, herself, breathe freely. That changeable thing Public Opinion is mercurial. It rises and falls with every variation in the political atmosphere. BEACONSFIELD will do well if he heeds the warning forecast by the distant storm. But what about Europe? How does she stand? Like the troublous thing that she is she must be coaxed. Even BISMARCK has failed to soothe her fretful temper. Russia is to play second fiddle, the great Dictator holding the bow. Turkey will gain her freedom. Russia will be taught her place. Austria will henceforth become the guardian of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Roumelia will fall into the clutches of Greece. Balance of power will be restored. We have spoken.

PLAIN ADVICE TO THE MAYOR.

At your inaction	But be firm
Last July,	And recollect,
Party Faction	You've public safety
Raised a cry.	To protect.
People wondered	Public right
And the Press	Must have a voice;
Said your blundered;	Don't let spite
Made a mess.	Decide your choice.
While the Public,	Bear in mind
Discontent,	The awful loss,
To opinions	If the Law
Gave free vent.	Don't take its course.
Now I ask you,	Let honest dealing
Mr. Mayor,	Be your plan;
What you will do?—	Do your duty
Pray act square.	Like a man.
Party fond	If to do this
And bloody riot	Don't decline
Is bilious food,	You had better,
You'll not deny it.	Sir, resign.

THE HORSE AND CHINESE QUESTION.

The question of "what is cruelty to animals" and how far it is punishable here; also that of the rights and exemptions of the heathen Chinese from our local laws, is likely soon to be settled in Montreal. It seems by a New York court decision "that docking a horse's tail is not an act of unjustifiable cruelty." But in as much as opinions in Montreal are divided on the necessity, utility, wickedness and cruelty of the early "docking" process, our idea would be that the frisky colts should, as His Honor the Recorder has been heard say, "get the benefit of the doubt" and be allowed to cultivate at least as extensive caudal appendages as the top knots worn by Montreal's Oriental Immigrants.

The present prominence given to the above subject has necessarily brought forward another form of appreciable cruelty, in which Montreal may or may not bring about a national war with China! Since the Dominion has been officially informed that the worthy FOOCIOX Celestials of Craig Street have been appointed and are shortly to receive their Exequatur as Consular Agents to Canada, it will become Mr. FRID. MACKENZIE'S Society for the Prevention of cruelty, to see whether or not "hoof and toe strangling" does not rank as coming within the prohibitive clauses of the above act. The question thus at issue is a broad and important one, while it is brimful of many nice points of International Law and Theology, upon which much may be written *pro* and *con*. In the compression of the ten toes and feet system to about three cubic inches, the object or *animus*, as the lawyers say, of the cruelty will have to be established to gain a conviction;—while the question of proving whether the squeezing was done with or without the consent of the infantile heathen chinee, will no doubt elicit much learned research and wise erudition of Law and Eastern Classics. In the meantime, the Consular Agents of "Joss" in Craig Street will not bring on their families to Montreal until after the legal holidays and the Courts with the McGill law classes are re-opened in September. This arrangement will permit of time being given for the arrival of the accredited representatives of Foreign nations who are all equally interested in the trial. This delay will also permit of the entire legal profession of the province being present to watch the *proces verbal* of a trial, which promises to be renowned in all ages to come, and is to settle the legality or otherwise, of the fashionable eccentricities of wearing pigtails in Canada and "box packing" the "heel and toes" of Juvenile Heathen Chinese.

AROUND TOWN.

THE potato bug is vegetarian.

MAYOR BEAUDRY'S policy of Protection is very indefinite.

THAT glass seizure was a very transparent but painful affair.

MOTTO FOR BAND JUDGES.—Judge not and ye shall not be judged.

THE pen is weightier than the sword. But how about the scissors?

MOTTO FOR THE ROAD COMMITTEE.—"It is never too late to mend".

THE girl of the period (.) never comes to a full stop this side of fifty.

SWIMMING should be learnt by all women. It keeps their mouths shut.

PASTE is the connecting link between other people's literature and original art.

To "freeze on" to anything this kind of weather must be quite a pleasant change.

We read that "Maria Monk" is advertised for sale, price 30 cts. Maria is dear at the money.

ADVICE TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH (if there is any). Beware of pitfalls in the human countenance.

THE kind word which turneth away wrath has no material or permanent effect in turning away a book agent.

If we "had a donkey wot wouldn't go," we'd name him LOUIS BEAUDRY and make a mare of him—if that were possible.

THE decline of the stage can be seen any day on St. Lawrence Main Street. We advise you not to go to Terrebonne by that route.

A Boston man upon being shown Dominion Square greatly admired its vastness, adding "its quite a place to lose oneself in, aint it?" We told him it was no Common affair and he agreed with us.

SINCE the Provincial Elections we don't hear as much about the wants of the working man. But wait till the fall elections and he will suddenly grow up into an "intelligent and independent elector."

It is the custom for some city merchants who live at St. Ann's to have servants who carry a pair of clean boots for them to the station, where the owners put them on and send back their dirty ones. Truly, man was born to a high destiny who can afford luxuries of this kind.

CORN ENOUGH IN EGYPT!—Since last Ascension day we hear that the Montreal Corn Exchange has been repenting somewhat and last Saturday being a Church holiday, the Board actually adjourned on the Friday previous until last Tuesday—even observing Dominion Day. Wheat is evidently looking up and no missionaries need apply.

PRESENT AND FUTURE.—We noticed last week that master "Dunbar Brown of Montreal" was awarded a Diploma in the Elementary branch of McGill Normal School. Let us hope he may continue his studies and excel in a knowledge of the merits of the China-Jan-Tea production, with which our respected Collector of Inland Revenue is so familiar.

EMBLEMATIC.—The General Hospital authorities consider that in the past, patients and visitors on entering have not been made sufficiently sensible of the anomalous and sacred character of the building on Dorchester Street. With a view to remedy these errors of the past, the Hospital Governors have engaged a new hall Porter and the new official now discharges his duties in a uniform of black cloth, with red facings and gilt buttons, signifying life and death—with a brief glittering interval between.

THINGS IN GENERAL.

THE PREMIER has ordered a "lot of stained glass in the windows of the Parliamentary Library." We hope this will be the only stain in his career. This naturally accounts for his glassy stare.

COMPARISONS, &c.—A recent Toronto dispatch says: The number of Dog tags issued by the License Inspector to date is close on 2,200. Why, that's nothing compared to Montreal—where we have three times that number without any tags on whatever.

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