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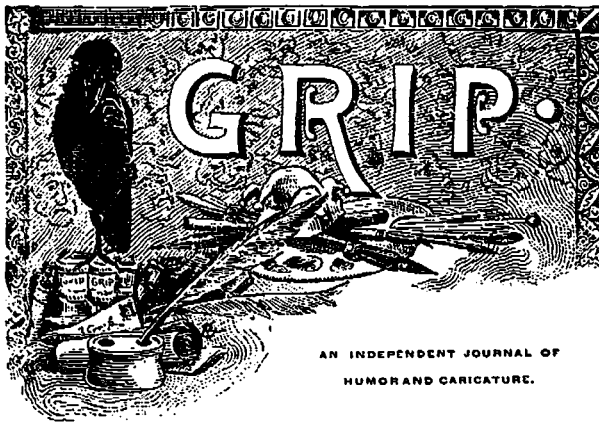
WHEW!

JAMIESON, M.P.—“ You say the country is not yet ripe for Prohibition! Not ripe? If this Parliament fairly represents the country, it is not only ripe but *rotten!*”

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REMARKABLE SNAKE-CHARMING EXHIBITION.—There does not seem to be any division of opinion amongst Protestants as to the evil character of Jesuitism, and, in view of the expulsion of the Order from Catholic lands and its suppression on one occasion by the Pope himself, Catholics do not all feel disposed to deny the correctness of the prevailing estimate. It may be assumed, therefore, that both the political parties into which the people of Canada are divided, are to a certain extent alive to the danger of having this Order incorporated in the Dominion. Neither party is taking any particular pains to guard against that danger, however, and the reason, no doubt, is that both entertain unlimited

confidence in their own power of coping with the enemy should occasion arise. Jesuitism is a great and powerful serpent, but, pshaw! haven't we, in the two party leaders, a couple of most accomplished snake-charmers? Why all this ado, then? It is too bad that the *Mail* and other cantankerous journals, aided by a host of clerical and lay correspondents, should be permitted to raise a totally unnecessary alarm about this matter just at present, to the disgruntlement of the Catholic vote. It is quite upsetting to the plans of our patriotic party managers, and is putting them in a state of distress. To aid in allaying the public excitement, GRIP publishes a picture intended to show the complete control our leaders have in the meantime over the big snake. Be calm, O Public—there is not the slightest danger just yet!

THE PROHIBITION RESOLUTION.—Mr. Jamieson's resolution in favor of the prohibition of the liquor traffic has been duly moved in Parliament and has met its customary fate. An amendment to the effect that the country is not yet "ripe" for prohibition has been carried in its stead.

CANADIAN orators are in the habit of rolling out grandiloquent periods about the great work which was accomplished by Confederation in uniting the scattered Provinces. Now we stand hand in hand, and so forth. It is becoming plainer every day that our union can never amount to anything while we tolerate two official languages. We must be united by the tongues as well as by the hands!

THE smart ones who write history in advance find themselves "away off" in the matter of accounting for Sir Charles Tupper's present visit. The distinguished Bart. says he has no idea of throwing up his snug berth in London to assume the thankless and precarious task of leading the Conservative party here; he has simply come out as a witness in a case now going on between the Government and the C.P.R. With this denial the whole cock-and-bull story of Sir John's elevation to the Peerage and appointment to a high diplomatic position comes tumbling to the ground. We have reason to believe that Sir John intends staying where he is for the next twenty-five years; he has not yet decided just what he will do after that.



WE are ashamed and disgusted to observe that the organs of the Dominion Government are affecting to treat the invitation, which it is proposed Congress should extend to our public men to visit the United States as the guests of the nation, as

an "insult." Surely ignorant boorishness could go no further. If there is any good reason why the invitation (when extended), should not be accepted, let it be declined with at least decent courtesy. The people of this country know something of good manners, if the clowns who are editing the "organs" do not. We should have supposed that such a fraternal and generous advance on the part of our neighbors would have been met in a similar spirit on our side, as, so far as we can see, nothing worse could come of such mutual visiting than a better understanding and appreciation of each other, and possibly the entire disappearance of every cause of trouble between us. Such a state of things would, however, be fatal to the narrow, bitter and uncharitable sentiment which our present rulers are cultivating in the name of "loyalty."

THE Alberta Coal and Railway Co., which enjoys a monopoly of the Lethbridge coal fields, is before Parliament asking for some additional powers. Mr. Watson, of Manitoba, with his usual good sense, proposed that, as a condition of the new powers being granted, the Company should be compelled to carry coal at a stated reasonable rate. Of course this was voted down in the House. The Bill is now before the Senate, where it will be—well, perhaps, we had better wait and see.

MEANWHILE, we desire to put on record our belief that the Creator did not deposit the coal beds at Lethbridge for the special and exclusive benefit of this monopoly, but for the benefit of all the people. The

people accordingly ought to enjoy it, and they could do so effectually if the annual rental value of the land was paid into the public till. This would leave the Company merely a fair profit on their services in the mining and delivery of the coal, and that is all they are in justice entitled to.

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THE great Jeffrey trial is over at last, and, as everybody anticipated, the mountain of charges has turned out to be a mole-hill, and a very small and empty one at that. Far more damage has been done to the prosecutors than to the victim, and certain distinguished Christians who are now eatin' humble pie will probably resolve never to engage in a similar business again.



DEAR MR. GRIP,—There has been no dearth of music during the past week, and I have found it sufficiently variegated as to style and quality—and also educating, by reason of its marked contrasts. The large audience which assembled at the McCaul St. Methodist church, on Friday evening of last week, was, doubtless, largely attracted by the announcement that the new organ which was then first publicly played upon, was of American manufacture—and that the builder, Mr. G. H. Ryder, —an organist of *note* (?) (who played from memory what it would be an achievement to put on paper,) was to perform several compositions of his own, and “show off” the instrument. I am willing to concede that Mr. Ryder can superintend the building of an organ and produce good results, but must take exception to his pretensions to play one. At the same time, may I be permitted to gently record my protest against the use of the high-sounding titles which lent dignity to the original efforts of this would-be composer.

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N the “Grand Triumphal March,” the triumph consisted in the fact that it was not necessary to read the Riot Act to the audience during its performance. I doubt whether the poor “Caliph of Bagdad” in the flesh ever received such a worrying as the unfortunate overture to his memory (played from the piano score), did on this occasion, and O! shades of the immortal Pan, how delightfully excruciating were the elaborate variations to a melody which was supposed to be “God Save the Queen,” and which, we were informed, had “brought down the house” upon the occasion of a former performance in Tremont Temple, Boston, the home of the organist. It affected me to such an extent that I almost prayed the house might *fall* down while it was being reproduced

here. But such is life. Probably we are not yet educated up to Mr. Ryder’s Hubbite standard; still, I dare to believe that he does not represent the better organists of that cultured city. The remainder of the programme contained considerable artistic merit and reflected very creditably upon the performers.

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THE chorus of the Philharmonic Society, under the baton of its veteran conductor, Mr. Torrington, covered itself with glory on Tuesday night of last week, in that most dramatic, and in many respects, most powerful of Handel’s oratorios—*Samson*. In listening to the sublime choruses and beautiful arias of this work, and the simple, yet wonderfully effective harmonies, and melodious counterpoint so characteristic of Handel, we pause to consider whether music has, after all, made such gigantic progress as it is sometimes claimed it has since the days when old father Bach stormed around Leipsic, and drowned his sorrows in *Bairisch Bier*, and Handel’s music was made the subject of stale jokes in London theatres, much after the manner of the frantic appeals to the gods of the fourth galleries by Wagner’s defamers of the present day.

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SIGNOR D’AURIA.

IN Oratorio, Handel’s pre-eminence remains undisputed. How much more effective he would have been had the resources of the modern orchestra been placed at his disposal, is as difficult to imagine as how much less effective Mendelssohn might have been in his *Elijah*, or Brahms in his *German Requiem*, had they been restricted to the orchestra as Handel found it. Considering the available material from which our oratorio conductors are obliged to select their orchestras, the performance of last week must be considered as generally satisfactory. The lack of perfect *ensemble* between the chorus and orchestra must be attributed to the inexperience of many of the members constituting the band. Our Toronto soloists did themselves proud on this occasion, Mr. Warrington once more attesting to his ability in this branch of his art, while Mlle. Strauss’ successful *debut* in oratorio was a genuine and pleasurable surprise to her friends. Mr. Babcock, of Boston, redeemed the honor of his city in his soul-stirring rendition of “Honor and Arms,” and Miss Pierson, in “With Plaintive Notes,” scored a decided success. With the tenor, Mr Rice, of New York, I desire to deal as leniently as his weak interpretation of *Samson* will permit. He might pass muster as a fair oratorio singer, were it not for an evident fondness to heighten the dramatic effect by singing in a key foreign to that of his accompaniment. There may be some satisfaction in being called at two in the morning in order to be on time for an eight o’clock breakfast, but the general effect will hardly be more satisfactory than Mr. Rice’s predilection of gaining ten laps on the orchestra in the space of three of Handel’s ordinary every-day measures. When Mr. Rice has overcome some of the above-mentioned little peculiarities we will then be pleased to hear him in oratorio again—but only then. The tender wail in X Flat, which ended one of his recitatives, will long remain a nightmare in my memory, so that, should I never hear him again, he may rest assured that he will never be forgotten by

STIMMGABEL.



### FLY TIME AT OTTAWA.

THE only way of overcoming this intolerable pest is to abolish the N.P. which breeds it.

### MIXING THE BISHOPS.

A RIPPLE of excitement ran over the congregation of St. Alban's, Ottawa, on a late Sunday morning. A few days before the news had been cabled from Paris that the Bishop of the diocese had been married. After the morning service the rector, Rev. Mr. Bogert, requested the congregation to remember in their prayers the bishop, in the trouble that had overtaken him.

It took some enquiry to evolve the fact that the reference was, not to the Bishop of Ontario, but to the Bishop of Lichfield, who has been prosecuted for ultra-ritualistic practices by the Archbishop of Canterbury.



### A BUSINESS VIEW.

1ST NEWSBOY—"Say, Billy, wot's the Jesuits?"  
2ND NEWSBOY—"I dunno; something wot sells the papers good, anyhow!"

### EQUAL RITES.

MRS. PUNKIN—"Deekin, the papers say there's more wimmin than men in the kentry, yit here in the oblitterary collems there's twict as many men as wimmin givin' out their funerals. Ain't that odd?"

DEACON P.—"Yes, but look at the weddin' lists, Sally. It's there they git even with the men folks."

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### SONNET (after Milton).

BY A MEDICAL STUDENT

WHEN I consider how my time is spent,  
Ere half my work is done, and how I lied  
In stating to my father, (just to hide  
My most atrocious idleness, and bent  
On causing him to think I really meant  
To work this year for Honors), how I lied  
Last Fall, when I left home, in saying I'd  
Let no enticement stop me, or prevent  
My working hard and faithfully: indeed  
When I consider this, I tremble lest  
In May, misfortune seize me; for to state  
The truth, I cannot hope my work to read  
Before the end of August at the best,  
If I keep at it at my present rate.

THE DOMINIE.



### A CONVERT!

JOHNNY—"Ma, I like Imperial Federation. It's a good thing."

MA—"Why, Johnny, dear, what do you know about Imperial Federation?"

JOHNNY—"Nothing; but I asked Pa what it was, and he gave me fifty cents and told me to go away and play!"

### ENTHUSIASTIC ASSISTANCE.

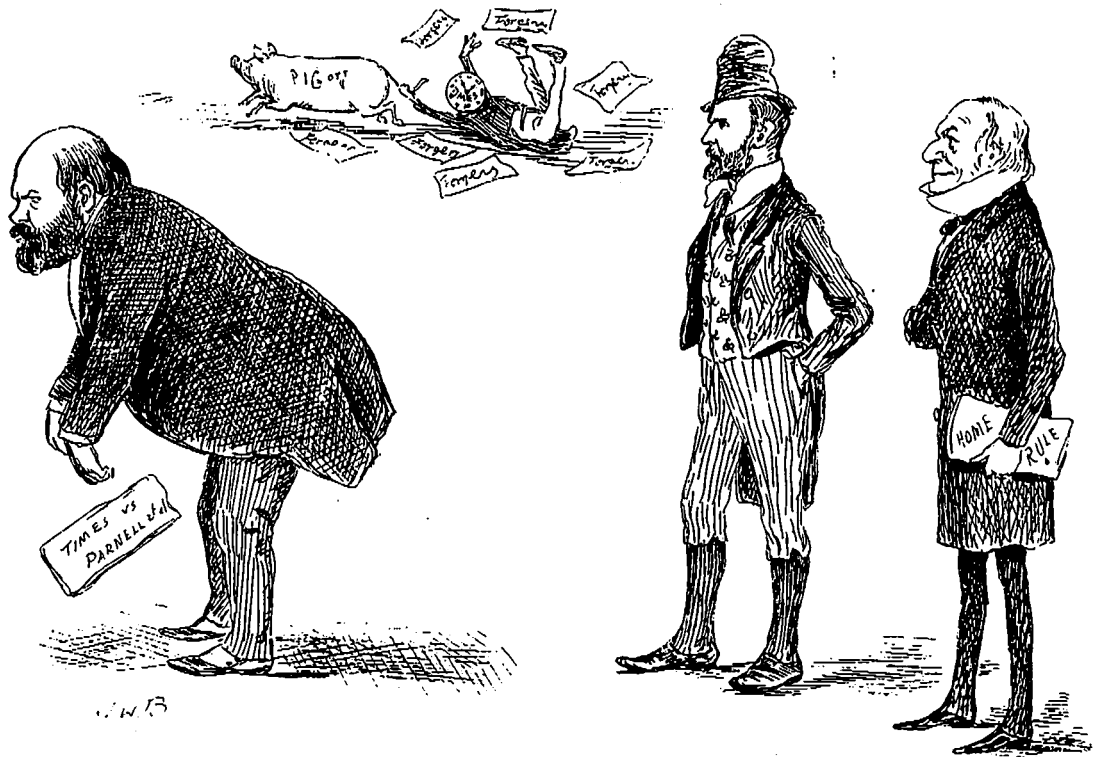
BUMMESON—"I have decided to reform, but I don't want to fall out with the boys, so I hope we can be good friends, as we have always been and that you won't tempt me any more."

SOAKERSON—"I don't blame you a bit, and I'll do my best to help you. You can always count on me as a friend, whatever happens. Come and have something."

### ECONOMY.

JONES—"Why do you sleep so much?"  
HIS ROOM-MATE—"To save my clothes."

TAKEN aback—Leap-frog.



### THE PIGOTT - "TIMES" FIASCO.

SALISBURY.—"Somebody please kick me, I feel so cheap and mean!"

#### ANXIOUS ENQUIRERS.

SOLOMON'S SUCCESSOR.

"WILLIAM WISEACRE."—Yes, Solomon *was* the wisest man. The juvenile editor of the *Telegram* was not born then. If it comes to a bet, don't put your money on Solomon.

A HARD SUBJECT.

"JOLLY JOKER."—Your conundrum has been duly received, and we herewith give place to it, so as to show there is nothing mean about us:

What is the difference between the Grit policy and the *Empire* newspaper? One is the work of a rolling-stone and the other of a Livingstone.

Please take up this subject again and introduce the Scriptural mill-stone idea, also working the "neck" and the "sea" into it. Consult stockholders for pointers.

THE OTHER ALTERNATIVE.

"A PERUSER OF PARLIAMENTARY REPORTS."—Well, no, not exactly. Sir John Macdonald does not ALWAYS respond to the Opposition criticisms with a joke. Occasionally he does not reply at all.

LET US GIVE THE GOV'T. A MARGIN.

"ACCOUNTANT."—How much the new Parliament Buildings will cost has not yet been figured down to the fine thing, because the work is not yet quite finished. It may be of interest to note that the *Tory* newspaper at Barrie has fixed it at exactly \$2,500,000. This forms a basis, at any rate. When other *Tory* papers have seen these figures and raised them, the figures will probably

advance a few millions. Mark it down at \$10,000,000; and if it should happen to come a little lower, just let us know, will you?

TERRITORIAL AGGRANDIZEMENT.

"COL. JOHN SMITH."—If you really want our opinion of the scheme that a United States tug-boat tie a rope on Samoa and tow it into New York harbor, all we can say is: "Great! Go on!!" But if you seriously desire us to pass upon your opinion that the U. S. Government want to do this so as to give Uncle Somoa territory, we regard it as impertinence, sir—sheer impertinence!

THE SWEET BY-AND-BYE.

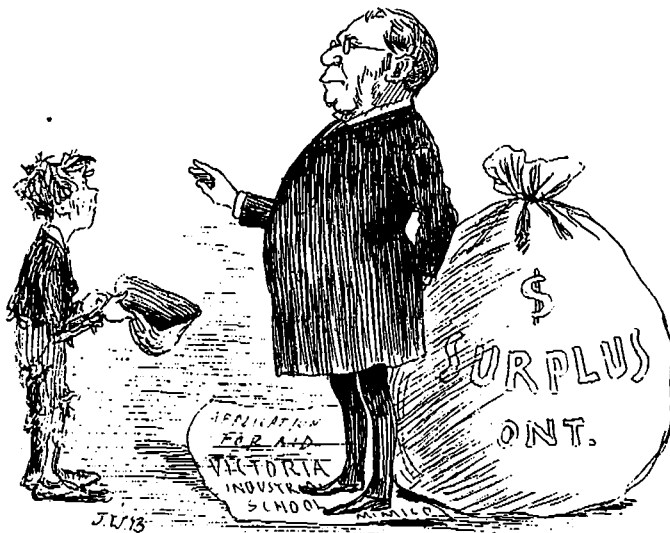
"A PROPHET OF POLITICAL PROSPERITY."—You are right. The Reform party generally have taken kindly to the new story, "The Day Will Come." But the fact of the matter is the Day has Come, several times, to the Reform party, only the party wasn't at home. It was away fishing or something.

MAKING TIME FLY.

BARTENDER (to impecunious newspaper reporter, who is getting on a spree)—"Get out of here, or I'll kick you into the middle of next week!"

REPORTER—"Do! and I'll draw my salary and get on a good drunk while I'm at it!"

CONVERSATION between two Imperial Federationists:—1st I. F.—"Well, Charlie! how is Imp. Fed.?" 2nd I. F.—"Fed on pap, of course."



### ECONOMY vs. HUMANITY.

GAMIN.—“ Please, sir, me and a lot more boys would like to go to the Industrial School at Mimico, to get eddicated and learn a trade, but they ain't got no room for us, and they ain't got no money to make more room. Won't you give 'em some help, sir, out of your big bag ? ”

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.—“ My boy, I would be sorry to see you and your unfortunate companions go to the bad for want of a little Government assistance, but we must practise economy, you know. Surely, you wouldn't have us squander some of our surplus just to make good citizens out of a lot of poor little gutter-snipes ! ”

### A STOUFFVILLE EPISODE.

(BY A STUFFER.)

HENRY SCHILINGBURGER dropped anchor in Stouffville one dewy morning, when the birds were trilling glibly, and the rippling brooks laughed a stream of soulful melody. He was anxious to soothe his mind, and began to soothe it at the first hotel. By the time he had pedestrianized over the mile and a half of street which comprises Stouffville, he was yearning for a lodge in some vast wilderness. An adjacent orchard offered such infinite possibilities in the way of peaceful slumber, that Henry climbed over the fence to seek a sequestered spot.

It was just about this stage of the game that Henry's proceedings attracted the earnest attention of Farmer Green's bull-dog. Farmer Green's bull-dog had been turned out in the orchard with a roving commission. He had been given general instructions to keep that orchard free from tramps, and he did it with cheerfulness.

When Henry saw that dog the thought suggested itself to him that the animal might not want him there. He didn't stop to argue about it, or anything of that sort. He just prepared to retire right off. He was willing to concede his dignity and some of his clothes to the occasion and the bull-dog. So he started for an adjacent tree. He started quite rapidly, and increased his speed, but the dog came after him at a gait that would have tired Maud S. in ten yards.

Henry didn't reach the tree a moment too soon for his own safety. As he grasped the low-hanging branches and swung himself quickly up, he heard the vicious snapping of mighty jaws behind him, and a large section of striped trouser disappeared from view. The bull-dog pawed around for awhile, and muttered various reflections

in an audible voice, but he couldn't get up the tree and Henry wouldn't come down.

The minutes lengthened into hours, and the dog showed no inclination to leave. Henry lifted up his voice for help more than once, but none heard his agonized calls. The day bent westward, the gloaming came, the night fell, and Henry at last, worn out with his adventure and other things, dropped off into a restless sleep.

The bull-dog turned one eye on him, put his nose between his paws, and had a snooze himself.

When Henry woke, the morning sun was lighting up the distant horizon. The bull-dog was still there, as if someone had planted him there and he had taken root. His features wore a joyous smile and a slight expression of *ennui*.

Thus the day wore away.

Henry stayed right there in the tree. Once or twice he ventured to remark, “ Doggie, doggie, does 'oo 'uv' oo own Hanky-panky ? ” but the dog turned a deaf ear to his endearments and blandishments.

The second day passed.

So did the third.

Likewise the fourth.

The days succeeded the nights and the nights succeeded the days. The flush of morning melted into the glow of evening, the dews fell, the birds sang, the chipmonks played hide-and-seek among the verdant trees. And still Henry clung grimly to the branch, and still the dog sat patiently upon the grassy ground.

This was last summer.

The other day Farmer Green had occasion to go through his orchard. In a far corner he saw the bleached frame of a bull-dog with head turned towards the branches of a tree, in which was the bleached frame of a man. The clothes were Henry's. W.C.N.

### OUR SPÉCIAL AT OTTAWA.

LETTER NO. I.

OTTAWA, *Session of 1889.*

MY DEAR GRIP,—The first thing I did, after securing a nice boarding-house and putting up my hair, was to find out all about the rumored early dissolution of the present Parliament.

Instead of my sex being an aid to me, I fear it was rather the other way on. Everywhere ministers, members, and those hard-worked civil service gentlemen, treated me with every courtesy and studied reticence.

I took a couple of the Press men into my embrosive confidence, but the scheme was vain. I might have known this, since most men are so.

One of my confidantes assured me there was only one simple thing which prevented him giving me the completest information on the point—he didn't know. My answer was that there certainly was one simple thing associated with the difficulty—and as I laid the accent on “ simple thing ”—I looked him square in the face. Then the young man frankly apologized and proceeded to inform me that there was no earthly use in my “ nosing around for ticker stuff ” of this nature. They would just “ stand me off ; ” he was mortally certain I would “ get the grand shoot ” in some quarters, and he, therefore, advised me not to “ razzle-dazzle ” myself in quest of news about whether Sir John was soon going to the country.

The mention of the Premier's name was like an inspiration. I at once hurried off and interviewed him. Sir John assured me positively that the report was a lie—an infernal lie of a desperate and disgruntled Opposition. Hence my calm conviction that the election will come on right away.

"READY, AYE READY!"

Such is the motto emblazoned on the Reform party flag. These are the cabalistic words which Sir Richard Cartwright has had neatly and expeditiously printed on his letter-heads. I know this for a fact, because I have interviewed several of the most lately accepted leaders, and learned a number of the most recently-adopted policies.

I found Mr. Laurier busily brushing up his trusty musket. "Our policy," he said, with a far-away look on his beautiful face, "has decided us on war. We mean to rise in insurrection and put the tyrants to death. For myself, I shall use only a gun. It was A. Gunn which killed Sir John one time in Kingston, and history is going to repeat itself. Those of our party who are not so proficient in the use of fire-arms as I am will be permitted to weapon themselves according to the dictates of their unlightened consciences. Col. Trow, for instance, will wield a tomahawk he found during his memorable North-West trip, before free passes were granted on the C.P.R. His axe will drink the blood of the Minister of Customs, who has no pity—no bowels of compassion—ha! ha! ha! involuntary, I assure you—on the importers.

"Major Jim Somerville has already a shooting-stick, borrowed from the *Banner* office, concealed in his right boot-leg. He feels like killing Tupper *filis!* These little bon-mots, my friend, are entirely spontaneous. Pray, do not think I wittingly deal in levity.

"Paterson, of Brant, has Capt. Joseph's own and only scalping-knife now undergoing repair; and, misguided man, he wants to have Nicholas Flood Davin assigned to him for despatch!

"Without going further into detail you will see that there is a large-sized splash of blood on the political moon. But say nothing till the massacre is all over, I beg of you."

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Mr. Blake told me candidly that the certain policy of the Opposition was to propose coalition and thus have the offices and things shared up. He had every hope of winning the Government over to this; otherwise he would stop his subscription to the *Empire*, and go off somewhere for his health and more briefs. In case of Coalition he would be pleased to take the portfolio of Railways.

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Mr. James David Edgar positively declared that he had been instructed by the *Globe* to announce that the Reform party's very newest policy was Annexation. No other Reform policy was genuine without the name "Annexation" blown in the bottle.

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Sir Richard Cartwright told me in savage tones that the last revised and improved policy of the Reform party was Imperial Federation, to embrace the whole of the North American continent. It was an idea of both Mr. Wiman and himself, that if this I. F. scheme succeeded, the United States would be able eventually to annex Great Britain *in toto*, instead of a mere fractional part like Canada. The ultimate aim was a secret known only



"ENGLISH, YOU KNOW."

SCENE.—Brandon, Man. Tramps just arrived per C.P.R. freight—free ride.

FIRST TOURIST.—"Pard, I'm sorry we come so far west. They's altogether too much work to be done here. What'll we do about it?"

SECOND TOURIST.—"Pshaw, that's easy. You do the English lard racket, an' I'll perform the part of your college chum, see? That'll catch 'em every time."

to himself and his friend Erastus, and he would not for the world have it disclosed at this critical juncture. I solemnly promised him it was all right.

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Mr. Mackenzie informed me unhesitatingly that the party in which he was still permitted to rank as a member had definitely decided on a Prohibition watch-word.

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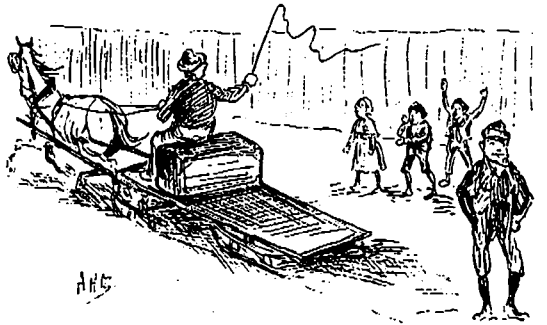
Mr. Wm. Paterson whispered to me confidentially that it had been at last resolved to place him at the head of the Liberal party, and to adopt a policy of good, honest, progressive government. In taking leave of the Coming Man I ventured to observe metaphorically and in a dignified tone, that he was the stuff. Encouraged by his gentle smiles, I went on to say: "Sir William, you make the cake; you also take the cake. My candied opinion of you is, that your policy will both put the Government in a pickle and preserve this country. You have snap about you—ginger-snap, as it were. In common with a vast number of the best class of Canadians, I hold you in affec—or, rather, confectionate regard."

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From the foregoing, my dear GRIP, I leave you and the 5,000,000 souls in Canada, to judge whether the Great Reform Party has not reached a grandly decisive and noble up-shot on the much-vexed policy question!

With such a policy as I have endeavored thus plainly and dispassionately to outline, boldly enunciated, is it any wonder that rumors are current about the corridors that Sir John and his ministerial minions are packing up provisions and preparing to take to the swamp? More anon.

ANNA NYAS



### TRIUMPH!

JUVENILE CHORUS.—“ Give us a ride, mister?”  
 DRIVER—“ No! —! —!! Get out you —!!!”  
 BILLY BUFFER—“ Yah! we made him swear, anyhow!”

### ENQUIRIES FOR OUR HUGH.

PRESTON, Feb., '89.

MY DEAR GRIP,—Nothing but the greatest solicitude for the well-being of my dear friend, Hugh Airlie, could induce me to trouble you with this enquiry. Where, oh where is Hugh? I have ransacked the public prints and Health Bulletins in vain for poor Hugh's demise. But, thank goodness, he is nowhere reported dead, though quarantined for small-pox. Hang that Rev. saintly fellow, Wiry Jones, for Hugh's latest afflictions. Speak, Hugh! for the sake of many impatient enquirers.

ONE OF THEM.

[In reply to these anxious enquirers we may state that our own Hughie is at present enjoying a visit to Auld Scotia, where, we doubt not, he is gathering fresh inspiration for the future benefit of our readers.—ED.]

### GINGER-SNAPS.

THE quality of Mercier is not strained.

Voices of the night—Cat's.

The Order of Jesuits—Give us that money!

A sign of the times—“ Licensed to Sell.”

Popular Winter pastimes: A sleighing party—Jack the Ripper.

Visitors to the Montreal ice palace received a cool reception.

The question of the hour—What time is it?

Working his weigh—A busy grocer.

The right kind of eyes for a business man—Advert-ize.

The true inwardness of the mild Winter will not be thoroughly appreciated until next Fall, when the iceman sends his bills in.

Our social queens may entertain, our society buds may blossom and bloom into matrons, our young men may reign supreme in the glory of borrowed dress suits and be mistaken for waiters three nights a week, but the humble snowball still continues to be the aspiring juvenile's old reliable stand-by 'mid-Winter social revel.

### ANOTHER PAIR.

DUMBLEY—“ Why, how's this, Meekie? I hear your engagement with Miss Snappingturtle is broken off. Ain't you afraid of breaches of promise?”

MEEKIE—“ Not so much as the promise of breeches being worn by her which our marriage held out.” Mc.

### THE OLD BARN DOOR.

AND now, thou old barn door, what shall we say of thee, for thou also wert with us in the days of happy childhood. We have shed fond tears of grateful remembrance in the old oaken bucket, we have opened reverently the creaking old farm gate, we have sat in the straight-backed old arm-chair until the fancies of the past have been dispelled by the pains of the present. We would we could say a kind word to thee also, as thou liest there lowly, all unhinged and dishevelled. But truth compels us to accuse thee of ever taking a malicious pleasure in disturbing the peace of our early years. And though thou frequently showed this enmity in an open manner, yet were thy hardest blows bestowed on us behind our back or in the dark. How often hast thou sprung from our clutch and with thunderous bang hid in ambush under the eaves, waiting with cunning patience for an opportunity to waylay our unsuspecting footsteps. And when thou hadst gotten thy wind again, and a favorable chance occurred, with what catapult-like swiftness didst thou dart out of thy hiding place and wipe the floor with us! Years and misfortunes cannot palliate such conduct. Yet in this hour of peaceful retrospection we are disposed to be forgiving. Notwithstanding thy murderous propensities we would not have thee hung. For hanging is too good for thee.

McGILL.

### TRUE!

THE tramp, when lodged, “ remains to prey,”  
 And yet the hostess kind  
 Mourns less that which he takes away  
 Than what he leaves behind.

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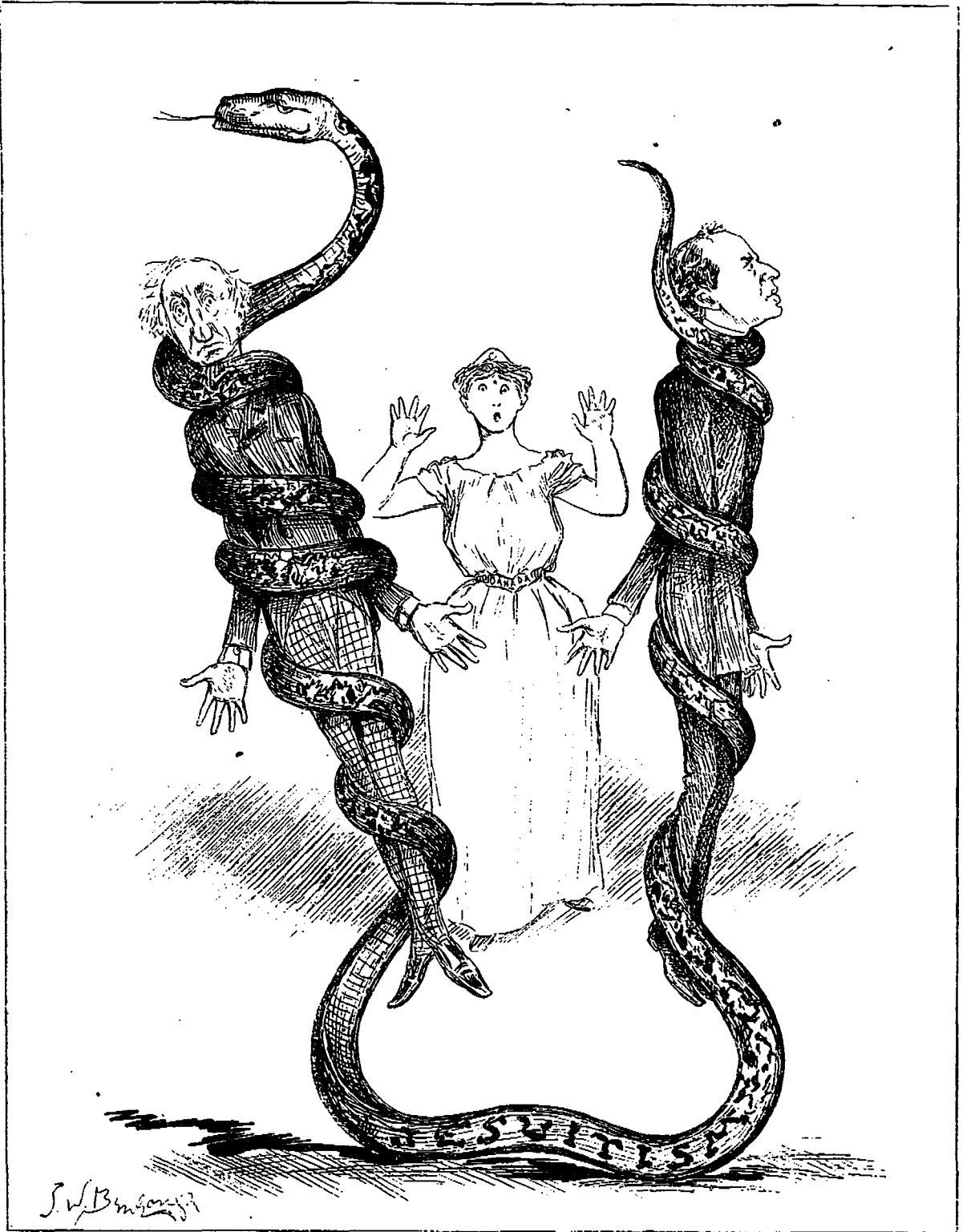
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Fifty-Sixth Annual Meeting of the Stockholders.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1888.

The fifty-sixth annual meeting of the Stockholders of this Company was held in the Company's offices, Front street, on Wednesday, the 20th instant, the Governor, Mr. John Morison, occupying the chair. Among the gentlemen present were:—Henry M. Pellatt, W. J. Macdonnell, Thomas Long, J. V. Reid, G. M. Kinghorn (Montreal), Robert Thompson, Geo. H. Smith (New York), A. Myers, Dr. Robertson, John Leys, J. Wardrop, H. D. Gamble, John Downey, Alex. Wills, Geo. R. Hamilton, J. Morison, jr., Wm. Adamson, J. K. Niven, Alex. Smith, John Hoskin, J. Jakes, J. M. Brooks, and R. M. Gilkison.

The Assistant Secretary, Mr. W. H. Banks, read the following

ANNUAL REPORT, 1888.

The Directors have the honor of submitting the Fifty-sixth Annual Statement, exhibiting the financial position of the affairs of the Company, accompanied by the Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1888, duly audited.

The Marine Branch shows a very marked improvement, resulting from the action of the Board in abandoning the ocean business, as mentioned in last year's Report.

The following amounts have been written off to profit and loss, namely, Bills Receivable, amounting to \$2,898.25, and from Office Furniture Account, \$494.35.

Your Directors have pleasure in bearing testimony to the efficient work done by the Company's Agents

and Special Agents throughout Canada and the United States. The reports received from these gentlemen indicate a decided improvement in rates and in the quality of the business, and it cannot but be gratifying to know that with the present general revival in trade, together with the thorough supervision of the Company's business, the prospects of the coming year lead to the conclusion that it will prove more profitable than the past.

All of which is respectfully submitted.  
J. MORISON,  
Governor.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1888.

Assets.	
United States bonds.....	\$ 477,400 00
Bank and other Dividend paying Investments.....	413,855 86
Cash in Office.....	1 72
Cash in Banks.....	47,545 06
Real Estate.....	150,000 00
Business Maps, Office Furniture, etc.....	\$19,774 20
Less Depreciation.....	19,979 85
Agents' Balances.....	92,246 88
Interest Due and Accrued.....	7,589 73
	\$1,147,919 10

Liabilities.	
Capital Stock.....	\$ 500,000 00
Losses under Adjustment (Fire).....	93,236 11
(Marine).....	7,606 55
Dividend No. 89.....	3,293 62
90.....	17,500 00
Balance.....	526,282 82
	\$1,147,919 10

Profit and Loss.	
Fire losses, paid.....	\$436,921 55
unsettled.....	93,236 11
	\$530,157 66
Marine losses, paid.....	68,270 08
unsettled.....	7,606 55
	75,876 63
Commissions and all other charges.....	245,355 16
Government and Local Taxes.....	17,404 81
Rent Account, including Taxes.....	3,888 41
Balance.....	43,785 61
	\$ 936,408 26

Five Premiums.....	\$812,819 98
Less Reinsurance.....	62,876 77
	\$749,943 21
Marine Premiums.....	98,533 74
Less Reinsurance.....	12,268 04
	86,265 70
Interest.....	35,743 22
Rent Account.....	5,928 35
Profit and Loss, increase in Investments, etc.....	60,467 78
	\$ 936,408 26

Surplus Fund.	
Dividend No. 89.....	\$ 17,500 00
Dividend No. 90.....	17,500 00
Balance.....	526,282 82
	\$ 561,282 82
Balance from last statement.....	\$ 517,497 21
Profit and loss.....	43,785 61
	\$ 561,282 82

Reinsurance Liability.	
Balance at credit of surplus fund.....	\$ 526,282 82
Reserve to reinsure outstanding risks.....	391,346 88
Net surplus over all liabilities.....	\$ 134,935 94

To the Governor and Directors of the British American Assurance Company, Toronto:

GENTLEMEN,—We, the undersigned, having examined the Securities and Vouchers and audited the books of the British American Assurance Company, Toronto, certify that we have found them correct, and that the annexed balance sheet is a statement of the Company's affairs to 31st December, 1888.

R. R. CATRON, )  
HENRY M. PELLATT, ) Auditors.

Moved by the Governor, seconded by the Deputy-Governor, that the report now read be adopted and printed for distribution among the shareholders. Carried.

Moved by John Hoskin, seconded by Alex. Smith, that the thanks of the Shareholders are due and are hereby tendered to the Governor, Deputy-Governor, and Directors of this Company, for their attention to the interests of the Company during the past year. Carried.

Moved by John Wardrop, seconded by J. Jakes, that Messrs. W. J. Macdonnell and Henry M. Pellatt be appointed Scrutineers for taking the ballot for Directors to serve during the ensuing year, and that the poll be closed as soon as five minutes shall have elapsed without a vote being taken.

The following is the Scrutineers' report:  
We, the undersigned Scrutineers, appointed at the annual meeting of the British America Assurance Company, on the 20th day of February, 1889, declare the following gentlemen duly elected directors for the ensuing year:—Messrs. John Morison, John Leys, Hon. Wm. Cayley, J. V. Reid, A. Myers, G. M. Kinghorn, Geo. H. Smith, Thos. Long, and Dr. H. Robertson.

W. J. MACDONNELL, }  
HENRY M. PELLATT, } Scrutineers.

The meeting then adjourned.  
At a subsequent meeting of the Board Mr. John Morison was unanimously re-elected Governor and Mr. Jno. Leys Deputy-Governor for the ensuing year.

WESTERN CANADA Loan and Savings Comp'y.

THE annual meeting of the above Company was held yesterday at its offices, No. 70 Church street, Toronto, the President, Hon. Speaker Allan, in the chair. The Managing Director acted as Secretary, and read the following statements:

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS  
The Directors have much pleasure in submitting to the Shareholders the Twenty-Sixth Report of the Company's affairs.

The profits of the year, after deducting all charges, amount to \$152,430.72, out of which has been paid two half-yearly dividends at the rate of ten per cent. per annum, amounting, with the income tax, to \$141,885.26. The balance remaining, \$10,545.45, has been carried to the contingent account.

The rate of interest in the early part of the year ruled low, and the competition for good investments on mortgage security, during the whole year, has been exceedingly keen; nevertheless the Directors have been enabled to invest the funds of the Company at fairly profitable rates.

The amount loaned on Mortgage Security during the year is \$1,303,682.46, and there has been paid back by borrowers \$1,250,666.67, viz.: in Manitoba, \$180,350.59; and in Ontario, \$1,070,316.08.

The amount placed with the Company by investors has been largely increased during the past year, and the Directors are at the same time able to report a very favorable reduction in the rate paid by the Company on money borrowed on its Debentures.

Out of \$504,391 of Debentures, bearing five per cent. interest, which matured during the year, a large proportion was renewed at four per cent, making with the new Debentures issued at the latter rate, a total for the year of \$803,936, or an increase of \$299,565.

The repayments on the Company's loans during the past year have been satisfactorily met, and in Manitoba, where the Company's Branch office is well organized and profitably conducted, the total repayments for the year amounted to fifteen per cent. of the entire amount invested there.

The Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account, together with the Auditors' Report, are submitted herewith.

G. W. ALLAN,  
President.

STATEMENT OF LIABILITIES AND ASSETS AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT OF THE WESTERN CANADA LOAN AND SAVINGS COMPANY, 31ST DECEMBER, 1888.

Liabilities.	
To Shareholders—	
Capital Stock.....	\$1,400,000 00
Reserve Fund.....	700,000 00
Contingent Account.....	77,733 08
Dividend, payable 8th January, 1889.....	70,000 00
	\$2,247,733 08
To the Public—	
Debentures.....	\$2,885,286 73
Deposits.....	1,246,957 08
	\$4,132,243 81
Interest on Debentures and Deposits accrued and due.....	63,526 78
Sundry Accounts.....	715 54
	4,196,486 13
	\$6,444,219 21

Assets.	
Investments.....	\$6,181,260 60
Office Premises, Winnipeg and Toronto.....	120,587 92
Cash on hand and in Banks.....	142,561 69
	\$6,444,410 21

**Profit and Loss.**

Cost of management, including salaries, rent, inspection and valuation, office expenses, branch office, etc.....	\$ 39,525 12
Directors' Compensation.....	3,490 00
Interest on Deposits.....	59,372 32
Interest on Debentures.....	124,275 84
Agents' Commissions on Loans and Debentures.....	16,849 18
Dividends and Tax thereon. \$41,855 26	
Carried to Contingent Account.....	10,575 46
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	132,430 72
	\$387,143 18
Interest on Mortgages, etc.....	\$387,143 18
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	\$387,143 18

WALTER S. LEE,  
Managing Director.  
FEBRUARY 13th, 1889.

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE WESTERN CANADA LOAN AND SAVINGS COMPANY:

GENTLEMEN,—We beg to report that we have completed our examination of the Books of the Western Canada Loan and Savings Company for the year ending on the 31st December, 1888, and certify that the above Statements of Assets and Liabilities, and Profit and Loss, are correct, and show the true position of the Company's affairs.

Every Mortgage and Debenture or other security, with the exception of those of the Manitoba Branch, which have been inspected by a special officer, have been compared with the Books of the Company. They are correct and correspond with the totals, as set forth in the Schedules and Ledgers. The Bank Balances are certified as correct.

W. R. HARRIS, } Auditors.  
FRED. J. MENET, }

Scrutineers having been appointed, a ballot was taken and the retiring Directors—Messrs. Geo. Gooderham, Geo. W. Lewis, Alfred Gooderham and Walter S. Lee—were re-elected. These gentlemen, together with Messrs. Thos. H. Lee, Hon. G. W. Allan and Sir Da id Macpherson, K.C.M.G., constitute the full Board.

At a subsequent meeting held by the Board the Hon. G. W. Allan and George Gooderham, Esq., were re-elected President and Vice-President respectively.

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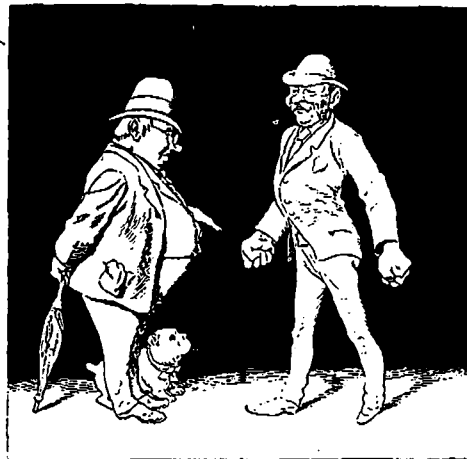
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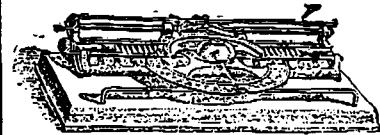


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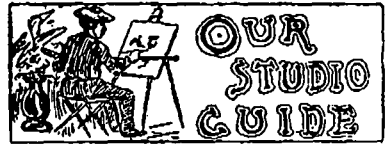
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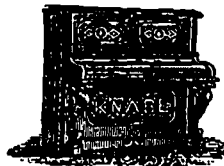
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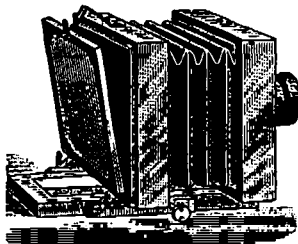
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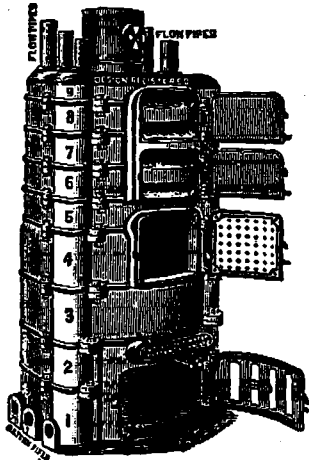


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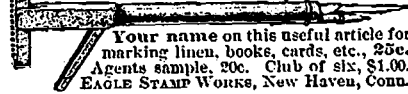
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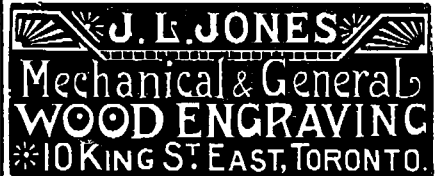
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