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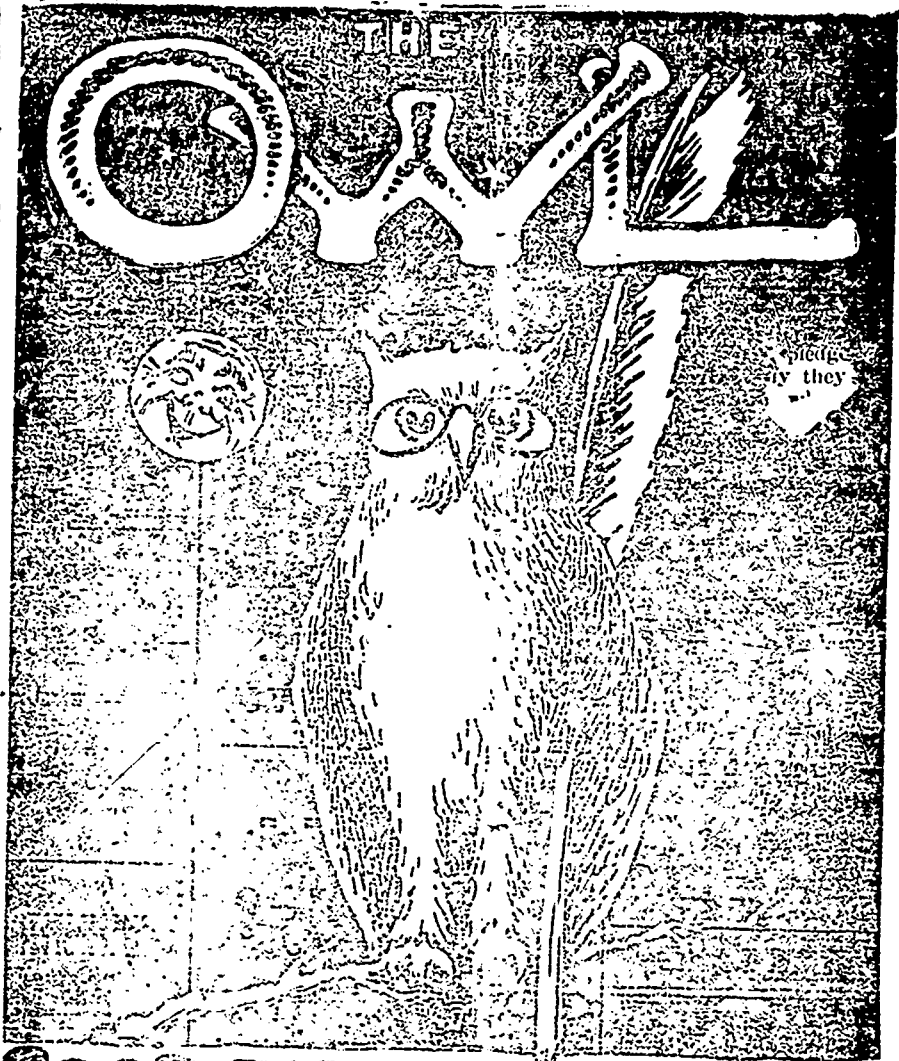
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Says the shrewd old OWL in the sycamore tree.

**HOOTS.**

THE OWL makes its initial bow as a candidate for public favor. Its claims to such favor are briefly stated thusly: THE OWL will be independent, outspoken, fearless and honest. It will call a spade "a spade" and not "a horticultural implement." Wherever "crookedness" appears in politics, business or elsewhere, it will either straighten the bend or break the crook. Wherever it finds a case of caput inflatum, it will, after the laudable fashion of Paddy Whack, at Donnybrook, hit that head, and hit it hard. It will, in short, do all it can to promote good, equitable government in the Dominion, the Province and the City, to secure a fair deal for everyone, to further the promotion of the true interests of the Province at large, oppose all sectionalism wherever found, expose all "boollers," whether operating on a large or small scale, and generally strike for the grand English principle of "fair play and no favor." The Bird, consequently, has every confidence that a liberal patronage will be bestowed upon it on every Monday, when it will greet the public with its mat-hoot-mal utterances.

Of course, the very first and most important matter for THE OWL to take up is the trouble which, though long existing, has only recently come to a head, between the Mainland of British Columbia and the adjoining island of Vancouver. On this subject THE OWL holds very decided opinions and proposes to set them forth as fully as the limited space at its disposal will admit of, and as emphatically as plain English can do it. There will be no mincing matters and no straddling of the fence with us. We are on the Mainland side of the fence in this matter, and will take care that every reader of this paper shall know it.

It were superfluous to rehearse at any length the particulars of the manner in which the wrongs, under which the Mainland has so long, and, withal, so patiently suffered at the hands of the city of Victoria, have grown and culminated until it has become clear to all that patience, on the part of the aggrieved one, must cease to be regarded as a virtue, and organized and resolute resistance be considered a positive duty which it were criminal to shirk.

It may not be out of place, however, to outline briefly what the grievance is, in what way its removal is sought to be effected, and what the Government has—or, rather, has

not—done to remedy the evil and render justice to those who have so long been iniquitously dealt with.

By the concession of every sensible man who is honest enough and free enough from abject partizanship, to give his candid opinion on the subject, the Mainland is not only now, but has been for years, inadequately represented in the Legislature. The time is so long past as to have become almost prehistoric, when the Island was dominant, because the most populous portion of the Province, and the opinion that it was high time that a fairer system of representation should be adopted rapidly ripened into a conviction so strong that the late Premier felt compelled to promise that a bill to accomplish that object would be introduced. Unfortunately, he died before his promise could be fulfilled, as it most unquestionably would have been had he lived.

Then Hon Theodore Davie took the reins of government and, when his ministry, by the mouth of the Lieutenant-Governor, made its bow to the people of the Province, one of the promises made was that an equitable Redistribution Bill would be introduced during the session then opened. That promise was reiterated by the Premier himself afterwards and the public accepted the pledges thus given as being bona fide. How egregiously they were fooled not only the whole Province but the whole Dominion now knows.

When the appropriation of \$300,000 for the erection of new Government buildings in Victoria had been secured, by the vote, be it observed, of a majority of members who represented a decided minority of the voters of the Province, the smart Premier dropped the mask, suavely told the members that, owing to the fact that the figures furnished by the Dominion Government, as representing the population of the Province, were evidently wrong, it was deemed better not to move in the matter of redistribution until the error was corrected.

Could there possibly be imagined a more diaphanous dodge? The excuse—which is, by the way as old as Balaclava—that "some one had blundered" was surely a poor one to justify the continuance of a gross and palpable wrong to the majority of the people of the Province. And Premier Davie, having no better excuse at hand, was compelled to adopt it, but it is hardly conceivable that he expected the people to believe it. We commend to his consideration the famous saying of Abraham Lincoln: "You can fool some people all the time; you can fool all the people sometimes; but you can't fool all the people all the time."

The blunder was, no doubt, made by the officials in Ottawa by their mixing up the reports of the Indian Department and the Census Commissioners—two documents which presented the results of calculations made by entirely different methods and for entirely different objects. The enumerators, moreover, of the census made no distinction between Indians and the white natives of British Columbia both being included under the same heading. Hence the mistake was easily made by officials at such a distance from the Province as Ottawa is, and so utterly unfamiliar with the facts as they necessarily were and are. But were the members of the Davie Government ignorant of the fact that, by the inclusion of the native white population with the Indians, a most unfair showing was made of the real numbers of the white population, especially of the Mainland? Did they not know, as well as every resident of the Province, that these figures, as given were absolutely erroneous and misleading, and had no bearing of any value whatever on the necessity of a redistribution measure being enacted? Had they not the result of the

last polling in every section of the country in their hands to show the clamant necessity for reform in the representation? Why then did they stoop to such a palpable trick, to the adoption of such a manifestly worthless pretext, to postpone for another year the fulfilment of the pledges given and reiterated? The answers to these queries will, we venture to say, be readily suggested to the minds of the intelligent people of British Columbia and we very greatly mistake, if, in the overwhelming majority of cases, these answers will not be anything but favorable to a belief in the bona fides of the Davie Government.

The defence of the Government's action, by its organs, the Colonist and the World, were significant. The former began by implying that, although representation by population might be the generally accepted principle on which elections should be based, yet it would never do to apply it to British Columbia. It labored hard to make good the position thus taken, but signally failed. Then, in a half-hearted manner, it argued that "postponement" did not mean "refusal" and that, in any case, it would do no harm to let things run on as they had been doing for a year. Finally it dropped the subject, after having relieved its feelings by giving the senior member for Vancouver the lie direct.

The World, as might have been expected, followed the method, which is one of the unwritten rules of procedure of the gentlemen of the long robe, who, when they have no case, abuse the counsel on the opposite side. Billingsgate is not only not logic but it is not even English, and little heed is to be given, as a general thing, to the utterances of a common scold.

Two terms were, however, employed by the partisans of the Government which call for animadversion. Those who were bold enough—or rather honest enough, let us say—to denounce the failure of the Government to keep its pledges and emphatically to express their determination to oppose the granting of the \$500,000 for Government buildings—"The Victoria Anchor Fund," as it might fitly be called—were characterized as "traitors," and the proposal to shake off Victoria and let it, like the proverbial tub, "stand on its own bottom" was stigmatized as "secession." In regard to the first word, it shows either that the men who used it were ignorant of the meaning of the term, or were laboring under the delusion that every citizen of British Columbia owes allegiance to the Premier and his ministry. A deeper depth of abject servility is hardly conceivable. The real "traitors" were, most unquestionably, the members of the House who betrayed the interests of their constituents by obeying the crack of the Government whip and voting for the "Victoria Anchor Fund." We mean certain members from the Mainland.

The term "secession" is entirely inapplicable to the proposed movement to "cut off" the Island of Vancouver from the rest of the Province. The majority does not secede when it shakes off an impracticable and overbearing minority.

The citizens of Vancouver will, in a few days, have an opportunity to declare their minds as to the city's guaranteeing the interest on the \$100,000 bonds of the Vancouver Electric Railway and Light Company, and it is hoped that few, if any, of the intelligent voters will fail to cast their ballots in favor of the proposed plan. The following are among the many cogent and obvious reasons that might be urged in support of the adoption of such a course, and it appears to THE OWL that they must suffice to convince every clear-headed citizen that the guaranteeing

of the interest is the very best thing that can be done, for the good of the City:

In the first place, it will insure the immediate extension of the street railroad system to Stanley Park, thus giving to all the citizens easy access to this charming pleasure resort.

In the second place, the entire sum now paid by the City for lighting will be retained in the hands of the council as a substantial guarantee for the payment of the interest on the bonds by the company.

Thirdly, the City's guarantee will liberate a large amount of local money now tied up in the concern, which amount will be rendered available for local purposes and foreign capital will be brought in to take its place at an easy rate of interest.

Fourthly, the present road-bed and appliances will be greatly improved. In fact \$100,000 will be expended in extensions during this year to the present system, so that, if, at any future time, the City should take over the concern, it would get the present plant, plus the extensions, at a price not exceeding cost, or, if the company failed to keep its agreement, then for \$100,000, no matter how valuable it might have become.

In short, that we may make the advantages of the proposed transaction perfectly clear to the readers of THE OWL, let us further explain that an absolute mortgage of all the Company's property is given to the City as a guarantee, and the City has, moreover, the power to take over said property for the bonded debt if the Company should fail to pay the regular interest or to carry out any part of the contract; the City has also the option of purchasing the aforesaid property, at the end of five or ten years, at cost; all franchises, good will and street privileges are to be extinguished; the sharing of profits exceeding 6 per cent is secured to the City,—and if the City maintains its present and past rate of growth it will take but a short time to reach that paying point; absolute control is secured to the city by its being empowered to supervise all expenditures for extensions and the disbursement of the money derived from the sale of the bonds; and, finally, the City will have the appointment of a director and auditor; to keep a check on the business of the company.

There could not be, THE OWL opines, a fairer business proposition or one more likely to result to the benefit of the City.

It is a significant fact that, since the arrival of the Premier in this City, to attend the court of Assize, the World has dropped its natural and fluent use of Billingsgate, and is now lavish of promises on behalf of the Government that everything will go all right "in a few months." From snarling and snapping and bloviating about "honorable men seated on two horns of a dilemma" it now "roars you as gently as any sucking dove." It was high time.

The Publishers of THE OWL regret that in issuing this, their initial number, they were delayed in consequence of being disappointed in securing the cuts on time. This, it is confidently expected will not occur again and "The Bird" will hoot in the same lively strain on the morning of the 15th inst.

The petition to the Gov.-General, asking, inter alia, that he forbid the iniquitous saddling of the Province with a load of debt in order to put frills on Victoria and anchor the capital there, is in circulation and is being readily and numerously signed by "men of honor" who are not a bit terrified by the prospect of being found "on both horns of a dilemma" nor in the least scared of the outpouring of the vials of wrath of the Vancouver World. Victoria has forced them to take this action in the interests of self-protection.

tion, if not the self-preservation, and it may well be that, if she and her partizans go much further, the excision of Vancouver Island from the body of the Province will become not only a matter of prudence, but of absolute necessity.

**To-Whit!**

The natives of Hawaii, now that the American flag has been pulled down by order of Commissioner Blount, should treat the handful of Yankees who engineered the emente as the natives of the same Islands did a certain famous navigator several years ago. They should "Captain Cook" them, then masticate, swallow and inwardly digest them. In short, make a "mouthful" of the "handful."

When it was proposed to make a peer of Sir James Y. Simpson who was accoucheur to the Queen at the births of all her children, some wag suggested that his title be "Lord Deliverus." Following that precedent, why not call Sir Charles Pepper (who is said to be about to be ennobled on the coming 24th of May) "Lord Liverpad?" This would be more appropriate for an ex-medico than "Baron Liverpool."

**To-Who.**

**HEY, WULLIE BROON!**

A Prediction which Follows its Fulfillment.  
 (AIR—HEY, JOHNNIE CORN!)  
 Hey, Wullie Broon, ha'e ye lost yer wit?  
 Or is there a bee in your bonnet yet?  
 That you want to be paid in a chair to sit  
 Wi' the School Trustees in the morning.  
 Ye socht that office, do ye min',  
 An' thocht the honor nichty fine,  
 But noo, ye come an' ask for coin,  
 Wi' an' itching palm in the morning!

Guid faith, my lad, ye are na blate  
 To puff yersel' wi' big consate,  
 An' bleed the toon at sic a rate,  
 To fill yer pooch in the morning.  
 But bide ye still! It will be seen  
 Ye'll ne'er be paid—I heard yestr'en  
 Yer weel worn wig will kiss the green  
 At an early hour in the morning!

Nae canny earl, frae the Land o' Cakes,  
 Can we permit to mak' sic breaks,  
 Nor wi' our cash play ducks an' drakes  
 Wi the Schule Baird chiefs in the morning.  
 Your scheme won't do to compensate  
 Yersel' for yer recent bad defeat.  
 Hech, Wullie, stick to real estate  
 An' no be a "hog" in the morning!

The Mayor of New Westminster  
 A big ghy man is he,  
 And we, the anti-Dave men  
 He's not in sympathy;  
 For what "vos poun" may say  
 He care's not o'it hawbee.

Well, Mayor Cut's, you and I  
 Don't on this point agree,  
 "Condemn the Public" may be said  
 By Vanderbilt's, d'ye see?  
 But touns like these fo' you touse  
 Is hardly Cr tisee.

The following notice of the death of a little girl, the daughter of a doctor, appeared recently in a medical journal:

Our little Sally d-d o Heaven go  
 Laby's life so fleet is  
 She was afflicted with cerebro-  
 Spinal meningitis.

'Twas hard to lose our Sally so,  
 But the reflection sweet is,  
 She's gone where there's no cerebro-  
 Spinal meningitis.



**Burial of Sir Jay Weevil Hawn.**

(By Afterim Lyka Wolfe.)

Not a sou's had he spent, not a nickel or cent,  
 Ere he off to the soup-dish was hurried,  
 For that was the way that he finally went.  
 Aul' boot-aided, tureen-ward he scurried.

We thought of the days of his indigent youth,  
 Ere his wealth he had got his hard hand on,  
 And we bitterly sighed as we thought that, of Truth,  
 His soul had no trace of a brand on.

We saw him drop into the ready tureen—  
 That form so lean, lanky and scrawny—  
 And we guessed, from the steam that pervaded the scene,  
 That hed drowned in some mulligatawny.

"The smoke of his torment" had darkened the sun,  
 As when cannon are rapidly firing,  
 And some one remarked:—"The mean son of a gun,  
 For once in his life, is perspiring."

He was done for we knew; and gamble you can,  
 That no man to save him was wishin';  
 So he lay, like McGinty, that "very wet" man,  
 Having come to the end of his Mission.

Ere we went from the spot where he had been soup-  
 pressed,  
 That tureen we resolved to adorn  
 With this legend (in chalk); "Here lieth at rest  
 'The exceeding small end of a hawn."

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## NOTABLE SAYINGS

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J. W. H—e.—“The World,” in its editorial of the 29th ult., must not be construed as implying that I was one of “the horns of the dilemma” on which “the man of honor” got stuck. I’ll take my affidavit that no “man of honor” is stuck on me.”

G. A. J—n.—“Talk about shape. You ought to see O’Brine and myself “peramble” on the fashionable side of the street about 3 o’clock p. m.”

Stenographer B—n.—“Tell you what, when wit flashes from the members of the bar and coucscates from the bench, as it often does, I am kept so busy that I feel quite short-handed.”

Alderman Salisbury—“What I mean to say is that, if Ald. Anderson states that two and two make four, I will undertake to show, by my system of financing, that two and two only make 3.14159.”

Alderman Anderson—“I rise to remark that, in my humble opinion, Alderman Salisbury is as toplofty in his own opinion as the spire of the Cathedral whose name he bears.”

Alderman Towler—“I move you, sir, that I, sir, as chairman of the Police Committee, sir, be empowered to attach pedometers to the breeks of each officer, sir, so as to make sure how often he patrols his beat, sir.”

Alderman Cargill—“I move, Your Worship, that Alderman Towler be furnished with some grey matter for his brain at the expence of the city, and that the cost be defrayed from the emergency fund.”

Alderman Collins—“I, as a military man, born to wield the baton of a Field Marshal, but condemned by an untoward fate to brandish a yard stick instead, would like to know what in thunder the Minister of Militia means by refusing to grant the city a site for a reservoir in Stanley Park, on the absurd pretext that the location is required for militia purposes. Between you and me, Mr. Mayor, I don’t believe that Minister of Militia could go creditably through the extension exercise or do the goose-step in the awkward squad.”

Sam Wo is a Chinaman who conducts a washery at 531 Carrall street in this city. He wanted a sign painted, and, hearing that John Cannon was an artist in that line applied to him. This is what John (who learned Latin at Marischal College, Aberdeen) furnished to the Mongolian:

DE PROFUNDIS

Washee, Washee!

Heap sabe. No checkee  
no shiltee.

“You see” said the Caledonian bard, in explanation, “I thoct something in the classicle line wud fill the bill and ‘De Profundis,’ whilk is the name of a penitential psalm, wud be a guid translation of Psalm Wo. Am I richt.?”

Oh, Ben, what darkened so your eye, and shaded it in gloom?” “Hr! hum!” said Ben, “I hit it hard against the Kaslo boom;” and, as he spoke, he smiled so sly, and gently “winked the other eye.”

The Colonist, in advertising Kaslo, inadvertently spells the word “Kalso.” If it had added the word “mine,” the full name would have been quite appropriate to a district so full of mineral, though it might look a little like white-wash.

“I have got a new name for Kaslo” said Dick Dedbrok who had just returned from the Kootenay country.

“What is it?” enquired his interlocutor. “Kash-low, by Jove. I went there flush, a month ago, had a good time with the boys, bucked the Bengal; shook dice for the drinks, went the whole quadruped generally; got busted wide o’er and had to beat my way back. ‘Kashlow’ is the name, every time.”

Tom M-tth-ws,—“Yes I hear everyone remark how much more “distingue” my appearance is since that trip I took to California. Ahem!”

Lynn-Brown—“No, I am no relation to Linnereek, but I want you to undestand that I run ‘Town Topics’ with a buzz-saw and a hatchet.”

W. H-yw-d—“Yes I hear that Sir Oliver Mowat is afflicted with ‘wicked partners.’ Oliver has my sincere sympathy. I’ve been there myself.”

## Civic Flotsam.

It is said that the Smead-Dow system of heating schools and other public buildings has been found not to be all it was cracked up to be. At any rate there are statements to that effect made in Winnipeg. What a pity Scoulkar is not in the Council now. What a lecture he would give the City Engineer and School Board.

The “Leiderkranks,” as some of their friends jokingly call the excellent musical society of men from the Fatherland, had a most successful “sing-song” and ball in the Imperial Opera House on Thursday evening. Every body enjoyed themselves to the top of their bent as is always the case where the sons of Germany congregate for pleasure and a good time.

One of the most supercilious, though not by any means the handsomest, of Vancouver’s policemen, one day accosted an old Scotchman whose attire is not always free of patches and is not unfrequently full of holes. “Well, R—, that is a fine coat of yours,” said the cop sarcastically. “Aye” was the reply; “but it wad be better, may-be, if I hadna to help to buy yours.” The bluecoat took a walk.

The management of the Steveston Enterprise has been taken over by Mr. T. F. Burnet, who is an experienced, practical newspaper man and who will, no doubt furnish the patrons of the paper with a live and sparkling sheet which will do credit to that prosperous burg. Mr. Burnet has enlarged the Enterprise to double its former size and furnishes an excellent summary of the happenings of the week both local and general. It is hardly necessary to say that, like all other honest papers in the Province, The Enterprise is “agin the Government” on the policy of delay in Redistribution and giving away \$600,000 as a “Victoria Anchor Fund.”

The Rossin House, 160-162 Water Street, in this City was formally opened on Thursday evening by its new proprietors Messrs Ross & Ferguson. The Hotel was formerly known as “The Stag and Pheasant” and has been thoroughly overhauled, painted, papered and refurbished by its present lessees, and is confidently recommended as at once comfortable, clean and economical in its charges. No better Hotel for transient visitors or for those who want a comfortable boarding house is to be found in the city. The opening evening was spent very pleasantly by the large company who assembled to wish Messrs Ross & Ferguson the success which they certainly will deserve and, no doubt,



command.

The employes of the Hudson's Bay Company in this city, waited on their retiring manager, Mr. C. W. Robson at his residence on Saturday night and presented him with a handsome marble clock suitably inscribed and an address expressing their high regard for him and appreciation of the unvarying courtesy and urbanity with which he had treated them during the four years he had been manager of the Company's business in this city, and their sincere regret at parting with him. The address was signed by Susan S. Omand, A. B. Ward, M. Tite, D. Hughes, J. W. Parry, D. Stewart, G. Payne, C. H. Welsh, C. Wood, etc. After the presentation, which Mr. Robson feelingly acknowledged a pleasant evening was spent with songs and music.

Rev. Ng Poore Chew is the remarkably "cultus" name of a mongolian who has been ordained as a Presbyterian minister in San Francisco. "N.g." everybody knows, stands for "no good," and a "poor chew" comes off a bad plug. Hence it seems as if the "Rev." as a handle to a name like that is a little out of consistence with the eternal fitness of things.

In the Evening World's account of the opening of the Columbian Fair a Chicago it is stated that "the street in Cairo emptied of its residents and the Esquimaux colony did not even leave a six weeks old baby in the door." Who could the Esquimaux colonists have been? Wonder if they were "chappies" in the chronic attitudes of awaiting remittances from "ome"? It is just possible, however, that the wires spelled the word "Esquimaux."

Says the Toronto Mail in a recent issue: From the tone of the press of British Columbia the injustice which is done to the Mainland in the matter of repress station will not be submitted to tamely. The Columbian, of New Westminster, declares that the Government has assumed "such a load of outrage, perfidy, and gross abuse of power as no Government in any free and self-respecting community could hope to survive. For the country's fair name, an Administration so condemned, upon which sentence has been passed, upon which the shadow of the political gallows already rests, must not be suffered to remain above ground longer than can possibly be helped. Last session the Provincial Government persecuted the Columbian, for expressing contempt for it, and this year the Administration has given the paper an excellent opportunity to repeat the offence."

## Spindrift.

Mr. James Macbeth Grew, now a prosperous and (except when it rains) a contented rancher on Seymour Creek, is a very particular friend of THE OWL's and he and the Bird often have a talk together—in Volapuk chiefly. A day or two ago Mr. Grew said to the Bird:—"Talking about human responsibility, as the theologians call it, I remember one man who was properly held to be irresponsible. When the C.P.R. was under construction on the other side of the Rockies, the half-breeds were employed to carry the nitro-glycerine on their backs to the points where it was to be used in blasting. I was prospecting in the mountains at the time, and, one day, I heard the boss of a gang caution a breed, on whose back was a can of the oil, as it was called, to be very careful not to let it fall on any account by the way.

"Mind," said the breed, "I no 'sponsible if him fall. You no hold me 'sponsible."

"Oh, no," was the dry reply, "if you let it fall I will not hold you responsible." Then in an undertone, which the breed did not hear, he added: "It would be god-darned hard to find enough of you to hang an ounce of responsibility on if that he draps."

PSALM XXIII.—Revised version.

[By] J. C. McL-g-n, Esq.]

- 1.—The Premier is my shepherd; I shall not want for promises of good things while this fight is on.
- 2.—He stuffeth me like a green gosling; and he maketh me to drink of the foaming lazer.
- 3.—He maketh me to feel bully, and leadeth me where the snaps are softest.
- 4.—Yea, though I do now walk in the mud to defend him, yet will I look forward to his pap and his blood sustaining me, and call the thing square.
- 5.—He backs me up against mine enemies who call me Grit and oke An-nexationist. He appointeth my pain with oil, and filleth my tan-tan with fatness.
- 6.—But what if he should be beaten at the polls?—Alas, then, should my name be loud and his promises would be but wind. I should find that the wool had been pulled over mine eyes all the days of my political life. Dog-gone my luck!

A communication has reached this office to the effect that a certain young gentleman of this city when out walking with his prospective "summer girl," passed her "in the vicinity of Georgia and Granville streets." Now THE OWL respectfully submits that the young man in question made a bad break. That is not the proper spot to kiss a young lady on. What is the matter with her lips?

"Arrah, now Mick, an' f'whoo is that man annyway?"

"Sure, ye emh'laun, and don't ye be knowin' Pat Egan when yez see him?"

"May I never sin, if I knewn the cratur. Fair! but he puts on shtyle

since he wint to Chile, bedad! Yez would think to luk at him that he was somebody in particklar, be me sowl, so ye would."

N.B.—It was only the Chilean Consul they were lookin' at as he took his constitutional on the sunny side of Corova S. road.

When Chief Scannell, of the San Francisco Fire Department, died recently, a country paper headed a long obituary notice with the significant caption, "Gone to His Last Fire." If Dave Scannell hears of that heading and meets that editor in the next world, the old chief's remarks, it is safe to predict, will be worse than an election from the Atlanasian creed. He was, in life, an artistic swearer.

One day, last week, as Ald. McCraney was coming down town to his office he heard the sound you could not call it music) of bag-pipes in the neighborhood and found the worthy bard of the Caledonian and St. Andrew's Society busily engaged in his avocation of painting a stone fence. "Why don't you start in and dance to your national music, John? Don't you like the bag-pipes?" "Like them," said John, grimly, "av course I like them—when they're playt be Scotchmen, but I ha'e nae cease for them when the music is murdered be a whien Bektalyans. I wuss ye wad tell the Chief o' Polleece to sen' up ane of his men an' run the skreechin' landloupers into the place whaur craws canna dray on them." And John went on daubing the dyke as fiercely as if he had a contract to pain: the town red.

Ex-Market Clerk Thomas is trying to make a fuss between the City and Mr. A. M. Beattie, lessee of the City Market. Thomas thought that things could not run in the institution without him and made a bluff by jangling in his resignation. To Mr. T's astonishment Beattie saw his bluff and accepted the resignation. Now, Thomas, backed by some junkdealers whose exorbitant profits are being lessened by Mr. Beattie's selling things by auction in the Market building, is raising, or trying to raise a racket, basing his plea on a technicality in the Market By-law. There is a significant fact—or rather two of them—to be noted in this connection, to-wit, that, under Mr. Beattie's management, the market has ceased to be, what it was during Mr. Thomas' regime, a white elephant on the hands of the City, and has become a source of revenue; and, secondly, that, had not that resignation been accepted, there would have been no word of the terms of the by-law or the damage to the interests of the junkdealers. Thomas should give the long-suffering citizens a rest and go and put his head in soak for a few months. He is a public wearistor,

## Psalmi Mundi.

[By the "World's" Political Psalmist.]

PSALM I.

That scribe hath perfect blessedness  
(Increased) shall be his store,  
His fall who'll sin, through thick and thin  
To mighty The-o-dore.

He shall be like a hox that feeds  
On "boo-tle-son" and pap,  
For ready coin he'll never wince  
Nor sigh for softish snap.

But as for those who deviate  
From Davie's beaten track,  
No lands get they in Kootenay  
Nor boodle from "the sack."

PSALM II.

Who'er they be, in f'dr B.C.,  
Thou art a mal'content  
If it be found thou takest ground  
"Agin the Government."

But in "the song" thou shalt no droop,  
But feed on "pap" and gravv,  
If thou and thine bow at the shrine,  
Of thy tinfol khol, Davie."

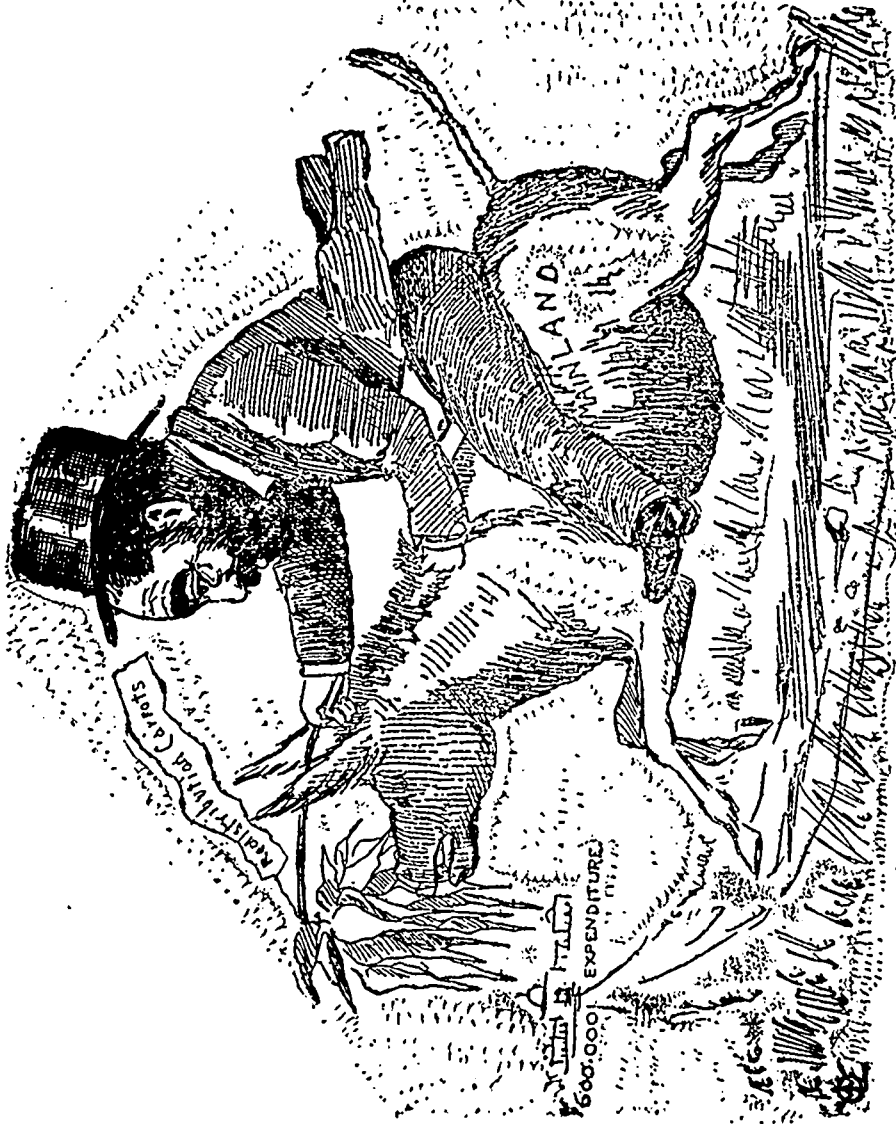
## Personal Card.

James McPhee, electric wire man, of this city, having been informed that three or four men, in the same line of business, have been endeavoring to injure him by circulating reports that he "scamped" his work and did it in a defective and unsatisfactory manner, takes this means of giving them the lie direct, and of informing the public of the following facts, namely:

1. Mr. McPhee has taught the men referred to all that they know about their business, as he has done every man who does that kind of work in the town, with the exception of two—Mr. Hutchins and Mr. Macdonald.

2. It would be impossible for him to pass defective work if he wanted to, since all work of the kind has to be passed upon and approved by the Underwriters' inspector.

With this statement of facts, and relying on the well-established reputation which he has made for himself in this city, he leaves the matter with the public to judge between him and his slanderers.



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BY MIDWEST ESQ.

(Air—"My Nannie's Awa.")

["Mr. M. McLeod, a prominent member of the Vancouver, B. C., police, is in Toronto spending a few days, and has been examining the methods and system of working adopted by our officers here. Mr. McLeod's extended experience and undeniable genius cannot fail to benefit the Toronto force. It may be added that Mr. McLeod's appearance is extremely striking and his dress the very pink of fashion. They must have some tailors out at the jumping-off place of the C. P. R., in the wild and woolly West."—Extract from a Toronto Daily Paper.]

Come list to my moaning, give ear to my wail;  
There are drawbacks, I find, e'en to life in a jail;  
Though I feed on good "skilly," and sleep on clean straw,  
To me they're delightless, since Murdoch's awa!

I don't make a kick in regard to my wittles,  
Or complain that my life's not all "lager and skittles";  
The pain's in my heart—it is not in my maw—  
I am down in the dumps, now that Murdoch's awa!

John Clough is a good one, you bet, I should smile;  
But then John, don't you see, is deficient in "style";  
He can't come the "swagger" or strut with "eclaw,"  
Like "Magnificent Murdoch"—and Murdoch's awa!

The Chief is all right, no flies are on him;  
He is kindly and pleasant and seldom looks grim;  
But he is not so gay, or so posted in law  
Since he lost his right bower—for Murdoch's awa!

I'm fond of the Sergeant—I'm stuck on his shape—  
There are few malefactors from him that escape;  
But he's now feeling lonely—a sigh he does draw  
As he sadly remembers that Murdoch's awa.

It is just all the same with the others, of course,  
There's a sense of depression pervading "the force";  
In the lute of the cops there's a manifest flaw,  
From McLean down to Grady, since Murdoch's awa.

There is more I might say, if I only might speak,  
And I'm scared to say much in regard to "the Beak";  
But a desk that was vacant before him I saw,  
And I know he feels widowed since Murdoch's awa.

Of the "cops" of Toronto McLeod is the guest,  
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The next day the sign read:

INSIDE BOOTS BLACKED OUTSIDE.

That nearly caused a riot. Scores of people gathered around it, and casual remarks were made about lynching. The Italian became alarmed and pulled in the sign. The next day this appeared:

BOOTS OUTSIDE BLACKED INSIDE.

There was a rumbling sound heard, as of an earthquake in the throes of composition, in the vicinity of that stand. It swelled into a roar, that seemed as if it were about to sweep everything before it, when the Italian ran for his life. When next he appeared he proudly pointed to his new sign:

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That Italian says that "this is one great country for taking the man, but one dan country for the crank," for the police made him take that sign in. The newest sign reads:

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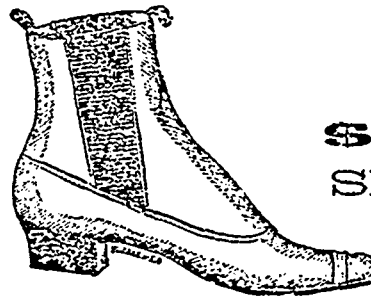
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