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HENRY GEORGE (to Principal Grant)—"I'll teach you to criticize 'Progress and Poverty' before you know the first thing about its contents!"

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ON THE

Cartoons.

"DAR'S A COON 'ROUND."—The great outbursts of applause which greeted every sentence Father Huntington uttered against tariff restrictions in his address on Tuesday evening, indicated the state of public opinion upon the question which

at present is expected to form the issue of the next Dominion election. The audience was eminently representative of the masses, as it contained members of all parties and creeds. So great was the applause at one point that the speaker was obliged to pause for a couple of minutes. In resuming he said, "I am surprised at this manifestation. I was informed that I need expect no expression of the sort in Toronto. But it is clear to me that this is just the premonitory sign of an uprising in Canada such as that which on the fourth of November overwhelmed and swept away the party of restriction and corruption in the United States." Such symptoms are not likely to escape the notice of the shrewd Sir John, and signs are not wanting that he and his colleagues are making notes of them. It will surprise nobody who knows the Premier well if, before the date of the general election is announced, he declares for Reciprocity as the surest method of dishing the Grits. At present he is loafing around the Liberal Hen-coop, where roosts the solitary pullet, in a manner which is, to say the least, highly suspicious in such a political Darkey.

THE SCHOOLMASTER SCHOOLMASTERED.—Principal Grant, of Queen's College, has at last brought forth the demolition of Henry George and "Progress and Poverty," for which an anxious world

has been looking for a long time. It came in the form of a lecture delivered at Trinity College in this city last Saturday week. If the full report in the *Empire* does not do the eminent Principal gross injustice at every point, the lecture was one which will only furnish food for mirth both to Single Taxers and those who, while unable to accept the Georgian doctrine, have an intelligent comprehension of its meaning. Principal Grant, notwithstanding his erudition, cannot be numbered amongst the latter. It would require more space than we can possibly spare to even mention the absurd errors into which he fell in his effort to combat the eternal truth that God made the earth as the common heritage of man, and not as a speculative commodity for the benefit of a limited number. At the close of the "criticism," the Provost of the College moved a vote of thanks, which was seconded by that brilliant orator, Prof. Clark. This was all right, because it is the customary thing, and besides, it is quite possible that these learned gentlemen do not know any more about the subject than the lecturer himself; but, if exact justice were meted out, Principal Grant would receive, not a vote of thanks, but the reward which in every well-regulated school falls to the lot of the boy who comes up to recite a lesson without first having taken the trouble to learn it. Our cartoon suggests how this deserved censure could be most appropriately bestowed.



FOR Her Majesty's service,

Sir John Thompson has

authorized the purchase of a photographic apparatus for the Department of Justice. This is an instrument by which

the impression on the eyes of murdered persons may be reproduced, to be used as evidence against the criminals. It works on the same principle as the perpetual motion machine and the Keeley motor. You can learn all about it by consulting any good authority on Exploded Theories and Obsolete Notions. With all his other accomplishments Sir John appears to be a joker, or else somebody has been guying him.

THE Montreal *Witness* suggests very reasonably that at the forthcoming Reform Convention an effort should be made to define the meaning of "Unrestricted Reciprocity." At present it is certainly hazy. If it means, as most people suppose, absolute free trade between Canada and the United States, how is it proposed to head off the gentle transatlantic smuggler? What about equalizing the tariffs against the world at large? How is this to be done? Let there be no adjournment even for lunch or drinks before these questions are definitely and clearly answered.

WE have a suggestion of our own for the consideration of the Convention. When the party platform has been constructed and all the planks nailed down, let the document be published broadcast and kept standing in every Grit paper. At present nobody can find out by consulting the average organ what the creed of the party is, hence the persistence of the painful jibe that the Grits have no policy. The Tories ought to do the same, if they believe in anything beyond the Red Parlor, which is doubtful.

A DESPATCH from Rome informs us that at the next consistory, which will be held in February, the Pope will issue a dogma declaring America to be a Catholic country. Whether His Holiness will tolerate any other than Catholic worship on this continent after the promulgation of this important *ipse dixit* remains to be seen.



THE FAVORED PEOPLE.

CHRISTIAN—"You Jews are certainly a wonderful people; especially in business pursuits."

ISRAELITE—"Ve are. And vy? Ven de plague of flies was sent on de Egyptians, de chil'ren of Israel vent free. Dere vos no flies on dem in de plague; and has been no flies on dem efer since!"

But no great apprehension need be felt. We, GRIP hereby forestall the sovereign Pontiff by declaring in advance of February that America is and shall remain a free country religiously, neither Protestant, Catholic, Jewish nor Agnostic. Our authority for making this *ex-cathedra* announcement is in every respect as good and valid as any Leo XIII. can possess. The one will neutralize the other, and so things will remain in *statu quo*.

L T.-COL. DENISON declares himself with characteristic vigor against "this nonsensical Henry George Single-Tax business." "What!" exclaims the Colonel, "take the rental value of land in the shape of taxes? It would be outrageous robbery, sir! How did the Denison landed estate come to have rental value? By the hard, earnest and ill-requited toil of my grand old ancestors, who settled here when the land wasn't worth anything." The Colonel has good reason to be proud of his ancestry, but we're afraid that their hard toil wouldn't really have brought much *rental* value to the land if population hadn't somehow found its way here. Where would that value be if the population of Toronto departed tomorrow? Think this over, Colonel, between cases.

THE London *Advertiser* learnedly discusses the question "Is pessimism increasing?" After weighing philosophically the exceptional and the recondite, the psychological entanglements and other things, the erudite editor concludes that "men love as deeply, feel pleasure as keenly and enjoy their happiness as fully as they ever did." This is going too far in the optimistic direction. Does the *Tiser* mean to say, without qualification, that Sir Richard and the boys of No. 6 at Ottawa really enjoy life as much as they did for a few years before Sir John worked his little N.P. game on them? Nay, verily!

AN eminent French physician has just declared that a "good cry" is, under certain conditions, most beneficial physically. However this may be, our politicians

are entirely convinced of the benefits of a "good cry" at election times.

MR. DALTON MCCARTHY intimates his belief that Messrs. Chapleau and Mercier are planning a joint raid on the Dominion treasury in the interests of Quebec. Fortunately for us there is nothing in the safe just now but a big deficit, which it would be hardly worth their while to carry off. By the way, Mr. L. Côté has treated this subject in an amusing cartoon which we hope to publish next week.

FORMAL THANKS.

ALDERMAN GILLESPIE having, with his usual good sense, put an end to the silly custom of presenting each retiring alderman with a vote of thanks embossed at an aggregate cost of some \$1,500 per year, MR. GRIP sees an opening for some printer to turn an honest penny by supplying the city authorities with blank forms to the following effect:

CARD OF THANKS.
CITY HALL, Jan. 1, 18..

To.....
Retiring Alderman.

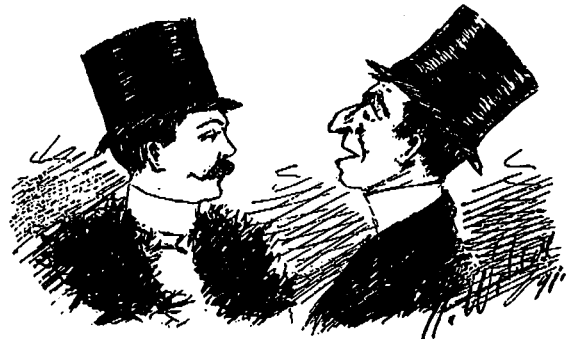
DEAR SIR,—I have the honor to transmit to you the following vote passed by the City Council at its last meeting.

.....
City Clerk.

"Moved by..... seconded by.....
Resolved that we are sorry to part with Ald.
and take this opportunity of thanking him for the statesmanlike ability, unswerving honesty, consummate devotion, untiring energy, etc., with which he has performed his duties as a member of this council for the year 18 .."

Signed on behalf of the Council.
.....
Mayor.

These blank forms could be printed on plain or colored paper of fair quality, size about 6 x 12, and supplied at the rate of say 10 cents per 100. They would be as valuable morally as the old style engrossed documents, and at the same time would effect a great saving of time and money.



CORRECTED.

SMITH—"Why, it is as plain as the nose on your face."
DE SMYTHE—"Or, rather, on *your* face!"



AMONG THE FOUR HUNDRED.

MR. JONSON (*with exquisite gallantry*)—"Accep' my cha'r, Miss Snowflake."

MISS SNOWFLAKE (*blushing*)—"O, I'm sorry to deprive yo' of yo' seat."

MR. JONSON (*most politely*)—"Not ertall; no depravity whad-evah, I assuah you!"

FUN WITH THE TELEPHONE.

"BACK in ten minutes," eh? That means he won't be in for half an hour yet, I'll bet. Hello! he's eft the office door unlocked. Billiams always was a careless fellow. Guess I'll just sit down and wait for him. Want to see him particularly.

Ah, I see he's got a telephone put in. Guess I'll call up somebody and have a chat just to pass the time away till he comes. Let me see, who'll I ring up? Say No. 265. Haven't the remotest idea who 265 is. No matter, as I've no special business, he or she, as the case may be, will do as well as anybody else. "Hello, Central, hello! put me onto 265, will you?"

"Hello, 265, is that you?"

"Yes."

"Ah, how the devil are you, anyhow? Nice morning, ain't it?"

"Yes. Who are you?"

"It's only me, you know. How's things? Still living on your mother-in-law, I suppose? By the way, I think you really ought to buy a new hat. I heard a man say the other day that this was going to be a hard winter."

"You've made a mistake, I guess. Have you any business with me?"

"Business? Oh, not at all, dear boy. Just rung you up for a quiet chat. By the way, what do you think of the present aspects of the Behring Sea difficulty?"

B-r-r-r-r! Blamed if he hasn't gone off mad. He don't seem to be conversationally inclined. It's really most discourteous to cut the conversation short in this fashion without replying to any of my questions. Never mind. I'll try somebody else. Hello, Central, give me 193."

"Hello, hello! 193, I'm delighted to make your acquaintance. I feel at home already with you. I want to talk to you for a few minutes."

"What name?"

"Name? Oh, never mind the name. 'What's in a name?' says Shakespeare—'the rose by any other name,' etc.—I presume you are familiar with the quotation. I say, old man, how about that mash you made at the matinee last Saturday? Oh, the boys are onto you."

"Sir, it's a lady that's speaking. I don't know what you mean."

"Oh, I beg pardon, miss. 'Twas but a *lapsus linguae*, which, I may explain, is Latin. Do you not think that the tongue of the ancients possesses a forcefulness and significance superior to our own language? Which reminds me I heard a good story the other night about—"

B-r-r-r! She's rung off. Interrupted me right in the middle of a sentence. Now that's what I call downright rude. Wouldn't even hear what I had to say. I must say that social amenities are at a low ebb in this community. However, let's try somebody else. Central, give us 54.

"See here, 54, this is a strange world, isn't it? Funny things always happening."

"Who's speaking, and what do you want?"

"Now, don't get excited and impatient. Who said I wanted anything? Can't you converse calmly like a rational being? I was about to observe that this Stanley exploration business seems to be creating more or less excitement, don't it? When do you think Sir John will bring on the general election?"

"* * * * *"

!! taking up a business man's valuable time with your foolery !!!

Well, well—he's like all the rest. What right has he to insult me in this fashion merely because we're talking over the telephone instead of face to face? It's positively outrageous. Business man, is he? Ah, that explains it. This eager race for wealth—this sordid and soul-destroying greed for gain is ruining men's higher faculties and shrivelling up the finer feelings which differentiate man from the beast which perisheth. These money-grubbers take no pleasure in the intellectual delights of quiet social converse. I'll just try one more—there's luck in odd numbers, so I'll ring up 333.

"Hello! Central, 333, if you please."

Ah! no answer. "Hello! hello, Central! Give me 333!"

Can't get anything from them. Guess they must have cut off the wire. Perhaps some of those fellows have been mean enough to complain. Well, it don't matter to me. Guess I'll hardly wait for Billiams—he may be quite a while yet. So I'll just write "Liar" on his fraudulent "Back in ten minutes" card and quietly make my sneak.

SENT US FOR REVIEW.

"THE Rich Man's Fool," by Robert C. Givins, published by Laird & Lee, Chicago, is a decidedly sensational novel, though it can hardly be said to be a powerful one. The story turns upon the impossible incident of a surgical operation, whereby the brain of a sane man is transferred to the skull of a lunatic, and the complications which result owing to the change of character effected. Mere impossibility is no bar nowadays to the success of a novel, provided it be clever, but this book is not clever. The style is faulty and slipshod, and the characters badly drawn. It is just such a book as any fair-to-middling newspaper writer could turn out.



"HARK! HARK! THE DOGS DO BARK, THE BEGGARS ARE COMING TO TOWN!"

THE ONLY GENUINE DOCUMENT.

FOR many years the right of our Provincial administration to call itself a "Reform" one has been a standing joke among advanced men of both political parties. Its few forward steps have been taken very timidly and with no great length of stride. Progressive legislation came from it as one extracts juice from a lemon—by the squeezing process. Old abuses, antiquated customs and time-worn precedents were permitted to flourish, and every advanced suggestion was taken into "serious consideration," never to come out. All this is to be changed. With another four years' lease the members of the Government feel that they owe the country something more than a grudge, and we are at last about to have "a movement as is one." It is not needful that GRIP should say how or where he picked up the document of which the following is a copy. The fondness shown by birds of his feather for bright objects will suffice to explain in what way his attention was caught. To see was to grip, to grip was to appropriate, to appropriate was to print—hence the following copy of The Speech from the Throne,* as it is to be, or may be, or should be, delivered at the proper time and place:

Members of the Legislature of Ontario:

GENTLEMEN,—I am delighted to welcome this new Parliament, and to wish you all a Happy New Year.

* The speech recently printed in GRIP was spurious. This is the only authentic one.

You will find everything well advanced in the shape of preparatory work, so that the country will not lose about one thousand five hundred dollars a day for two weeks, as has hitherto been the case. This will effect a saving of at least \$20,000. Your attention will be directed to the consideration of many important bills, as my advisers have determined to deserve the name of a Reform Administration—at last.

A measure will be introduced rendering it impossible for any member or ex-member of this assembly to accept any office of emolument in the gift of the Government, as it is quite plain that such prospective rewards affect the independence of the House, and, anyhow, if any rewards are to be given they should be given to some other fellows, and not to those who have already been hoisted into prominence by the popular vote.

A bill supplementary to this will also be presented making sheriffs, registrars, county court clerks, etc., elective by ballot of the people, as is now the case with municipal and legislative representatives (the B.N.A. or any other Act to the contrary notwithstanding), as the public won't stand the prevailing order of things much longer without kicking up a racket about it.

A Civil Service Bill will demand your attention. This will provide for proper examinations, and appointments in order of merit. It will also have regard to the promotion system, and will provide for the instruction and advancement of medical practitioners to take charge the insane, as was the case in anti-Confederation day



"TO POINT A MORAL AND ADORN A TAIL."

—Goldsmith.

thus avoiding the wicked and absurd practice of placing inexperienced persons at the head of asylums, where more special knowledge is required than in any other kind of public institution.

You will remember that during last session a distinguished member introduced a bill having for its object the placing of women in charge of the female wards of asylums, reformatories, etc., and you will be pleased to learn that this honorable gentleman, who is now a member of the Government, has elaborated his scheme and fortified it with an immense mass of authority, which cannot fail to carry conviction with it.

The Honorable the Attorney-General has, after much "consideration," failed to discover any good reason why women are not as well-qualified to vote for legislators as for municipal councillors and school trustees, or why they cannot exercise the franchise as intelligently as "farmers' sons" or the sons of any other class, and he has prepared a bill which you will be asked to pass.

Other measures relating to education will be laid before you, embracing first, the distribution of the grants to Public Schools irrespective of attendance, and in a manner to encourage teachers to remain teaching from five to ten years; second, free school-books; third, the ballot in Separate School elections; fourth, the election of High School trustees; fifth, the abolition of Upper Canada College and the application of the new building as a home for the better class of such patients as now go to Orillia; sixth, the appointment of a commission (including, of course, the Hon. Mr. Anglin) to enquire into the present methods of Public School inspection; and seventh, the erection of a *cast-iron* fence round the "Education Department," instead of the old wooden one.

Tax exemptions and the method of assessment will demand your thoughtful attention. It has become plain that the single-tax system commends itself to the majority of intelligent men who are not land speculators, and that this is by all odds the best way to levy assessments on a community.

My advisers also wish to satisfy the growing demand for fair play in the matter of non-exemptions, and having taken one step in the clergyman's salary department, they are now resolved to prove their consistency by

utterly wiping out everything in the shape of exemptions. Should this bill pass, therefore, there will not remain within the boundaries of this great Province a single piece of ground, or (should the land-tax fail to secure your approval) a single building which shall not pay its due share of the public expenditure; not even excepting the legislative buildings and the schools and colleges of the Province.

You will be asked to legalize the appointment by Toronto University Senate of certain Canadian scholars as associate-professors in "Moderns" or "half-pay," so as not to trench unnecessarily upon funds that may be required to remunerate full-fledged English and foreign professors.

Special legislation will be asked for in the interests of "Little Thunder," whereby it will be considered not unparliamentary to employ a few cuss words for the relief of one's feelings on the floor of the House.

It is proposed to appoint a commission consisting of Mr. Anglin and others to investigate the waste paper problem, and this you will be asked to authorize.

The Provincial surplus remains about the old figure, although the treasury received a considerable amount from the sale of Crown lands. This is on account of Upper Canada College having cost a good deal more than was estimated, and you will be asked to vote a few paltry thousands to make good this over-expenditure.

I am unable to say what arrangements have been made by your new Mr. Speaker regarding the "Bar" of the House, but they will no doubt prove satisfactory.

As heretofore, the Sergeant-at-Arms hails from Dakota. Ta-ta.

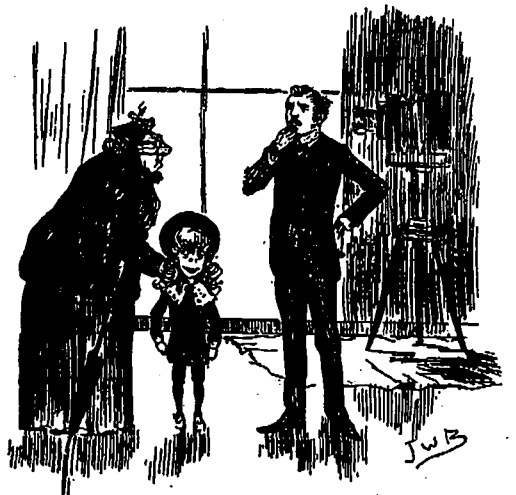
SUSPICIOUS.

ROUNDER—"Say, that toothache cordial you gave me last night got me into a terrible row."

CHEMIST—"How's that?"

ROUNDER—"You put oil of cloves in it, and my wife noticed the odor on my breath."

PHILOSOPHY would be useless if our neighbors were all they should be.



A DELICATE SITUATION.

PROUD PARENT—"You advertise to photograph pretty children free for the next thirty days, sir. I've brought my little boy, accordingly."



A NECESSARY PRELIMINARY.

"Now, then, Patrick, the ice is in prime condition; we can take right hold and do some lively sawing."

"Bedad! will we, thin? Not till oi'm sure av wan thing—which ind av the saw will oi be takin'?"—*Harper's Weekly.*

SERIOUS DANGER OF INTERNATIONAL COMPLICATIONS.

(FROM OUR WAR CORRESPONDENT.)

KINGSTON, Jan. 20, '91.

THE city is greatly agitated over a question that is quite likely to assume graver proportions than the famous Behring Sea embroglio. Carleton Island, a few miles from the Limestone City, but on the American side of the river, has suddenly acquired interest, through the appearance of a veritable seal. The timid animal has no doubt been driven by the fierce anger and the subtle diplomacy of Salisbury and Blaine, from his favorite haunts in Alaska to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and has made his way, by forced marches, up the mighty stream. He has chosen Carleton Island as his new home, and ever and anon makes his appearance, through an air-hole in the ice.

All Kingston is in a state of furious excitement over the matter. The ladies have quite exhausted the supply of seal caps and jackets, and are at their wit's end what to do. The last one was bought at 8.30 o'clock Xmas Eve. There is not another at any of the shops. Several have been racking their brains in the Knave's Word Contest, and are living in daily expectation of being declared winners of the sealskin jacket. The majority, however, have centered their aspirations on the lively animal at Carleton Island. All classes of the community are determined to have him as soon as spring opens. Several fleets are being fitted out. The Folger Bros. are preparing the *Pierrepoint*, *Maud*, *Islander* and *St. Lawrence*, besides several tugs and schooners. The St. Lawrence & Richelieu Company have several steamers wintering here. They have given orders to have new engines

placed in the *Corsican*, and for the whole fleet to be ready to sail at a moment's notice. The design is evidently to get ahead of the Folgers, who are considered pretty smart men. The Montreal Transportation Company will have all its tugs and barges in order, and will be able to send out a very formidable flotilla.

In view of international difficulties, Col. Irvine has just inspected A Battery and declared it ready for action. Col. Cotton is drilling the men night and day. The Bloody 14th has a round of ammunition served out, and, under Col. Smith, will give a good account of themselves. The Cadets of the Royal Military College are drilling daily, and, with Major Mayne in front and Major Edwards and Capt. Huskisson as a rear guard, are expected to drive back all the force the U.S. can spare from its Indian War. There is but one sentiment, "The seal shall be ours." This is no *mare clausum* or *Epluribus unum*, and we are determined to "*veni, vidi, vici.*" So say we all of us.

A WEDDING IN HUMBLE LIFE.

FATHER TIME, that ancient Bluebeard, has lately taken to himself a new wife. Like her predecessors, she comes to him dressed in white, as the most fitting costume for a maiden bride. She is a young person of unexceptionable character, and is believed by some to be a near ancestor of that Good Time Coming. Let us extend to her a hearty welcome as she comes from her parents, Fate and Fortune, to join her future with that of our old servitor, to be our maid-of-all-work. Let us lighten her drudgery with our cheerful good humor and not take her to task too severely, though she break a few cherished but essentially useless ornaments in her zealous sweepings. What are plaster Cupids or other bric-a-brac household goods compared to an upper chamber from which all cobwebs have been thoroughly swept?

Welcome, then, thou brisk, youthful Mrs. Time, to our hearth and home. We wish thee all happiness in thy conjugal relations with the old curmudgeon who lords it over us so completely in our own house. Kindly exert in our behalf all thy influence over the idle, fussy, scheming rascal. Necessity alone has made us endure such a rude, unwilling servitor, one who has to be dragged up early in the morning by the foretop before he will do the least turn for us. WILLIAM MCGILL.

SAMJONES' LAST.

SAMJONES—"Brethren, I have an easy one for you. Why is the granolithic pavement like the emblem of Ireland?"

OMNES—"Give it up!"

SAMJONES—"Oh, pshaw! Any schoolboy ought to be able to tackle that successfully. Because it's a sham-rock."

A CASE OF EMERGENCY.

BRICKTOP—"No, thank you, Budger. You really must excuse me. Fact is, I promised Mrs. Bricktop that I would never drink except in case of emergency."

BUDGER—"Well, when we emerge from the saloon that'll be a case of emergency, won't it?"

BRICKTOP—"That's a fact, old man. That lets me out."



"AND THE YEARS ROLL BY."

AN UNNECESSARY IMPORT.

HELLO! What's this? A telegram to the *Empire* announces that "Messrs. Bell and Shaver, of Montreal, had an interview with the Minister of Customs to-day in reference to the proper value for duty of a lightning heeling machine, one of which has recently been imported into Canada. Before giving a decision the Department will ask for further information."

It might be supposed that bringing heeling machines into Canada was a good deal like carrying coals to Newcastle, what with the Red Parlor and party caucuses and conventions. Competition on the part of the pauper heeling machines of Europe or the United States against the very effective mechanism for heeling purposes, now in operation wherever there is a Government office to be filled or a monopolist to be enriched by special privileges, might be deemed a bootless task. Talk about "lightning," indeed, in connection with your imported machines. Why, it can't begin to compare with the native heeler in point of efficiency in lightening the pockets of the taxpayer. That is an industry at least in which Canada is *facile princeps* and about the last in which any protection is needed.

BULLITIONS OF FEELING.



"HOME, SWEET HOME."

Some of the Effects of Mrs. Agnes Thomson's Singing.

"The tour of the rising young Canadian songstress, Mrs. Agnes Thomson, through the Province, is attracting a good deal of attention. Everywhere she has appeared the warmest praise has been showered upon her by the press and by all who have heard her wonderful voice. Some interesting stories have been related of the effect which Mrs.

Thomson's touching rendition of "Home, Sweet Home," has produced in individual cases. One rough old drover attended the concert in Woodstock recently. He had listened approvingly throughout, but when, in response to an enthusiastic *encore*, the fair prima donna, with intuitive tenderness, began the dear old song as if her whole soul were in the words and music, he commenced to show signs of uneasiness, fidgeting with his collar, wiping his spectacles and trying his best to look unconcerned. At the second verse he

could stand it no longer; he got up and went out, the tears rolling down his cheeks. "No; I'm not ashamed of it," he remarked afterwards in the Commercial House, when twitted by a friend; "I tell you I'd give \$25 to hear that song again."

The other evening, in Petrolea, no less than four men were noticed to be suspiciously moist around the eyes during the singing of the same selection. "What's the matter?" one was heard to blubber out to his companion. "What's the matter with you?" gulped out the other snappishly; "your face is a regular canal now." And then they both gave up. The pretty vocalist, indeed, has the power of reaching the hidden recesses of the heart and appealing to the finer sensibilities.—*London Advertiser*.

You're right, she has! The anecdotes quoted above give but a very faint idea of the effect of Our Aggie's rendition of that pathetic old song. Out of some scores in our editorial scrap-book we add two or three which may be authenticated by any one who will take the trouble to do so.

At the cricketers' concert in the Auditorium, Mrs. Thomson sang "Home, Sweet Home," in response to one of the innumerable *encores* she received. Before she had finished the first line a deep sob startled the audience. All eyes were instantly turned in the direction of the sobber. It was Mr. George Dunstan. He was bathed in tears. As the song went on its effect upon the sympathetic nature of Mr. D. increased in geometrical ratio. His heart-rending gurgles were awful to hear, while the tears flowed in an ever-widening stream. As the fair singer concluded her wonderful effort, the lessee of the hall came in with a blanched face to find out where the water pipe had sprung a leak, as the plaster was dropping off the ceiling of the room below. A change of clothing and a new, dry seat having been provided for Mr. Dunstan, the programme proceeded on its course.

At Hamilton, when Mrs. Thomson, in response to a recall, sang "Home, Sweet Home," Mr. W. C. Nicholl, of the *Herald*, who had up to this point borne the concert with his usual nonchalance and fortitude, completely broke down. His frame shook with emotion to such an extent that persons in the vicinity feared its joists and things would give way. Oh, it was terrible, and the worst of it was, poor Nick had forgotten to bring his pocket-handkerchief. None of the regular Hamiltonians seemed to be in the least affected by the song. Nicholl had, however, moved there lately from Toronto.

Mrs. Thomson lately sang "Home, Sweet Home," as an *encore* number, at Guelph. The memory of it is cherished by at least one grateful heart—that of the caretaker of the hall. "I only wish that beautiful young woman 'ud come an' sing that there song in this hall regular once a month," said that worthy to our representative. "Why?" we enquired. "It would save me the trouble of scrubbin' out the bloomin' place, that's all. W'y, sir, when she sang that there song 'o'other night, it set the whole awjence cryin' to that degree, the floor was soaked complete, an' I didn't 'ave nothink to do but go over it with the mop, sir. She just made 'em 'owl, sir, I assure you."

GOOD STEERING DOES IT.

A MONTREAL despatch says:

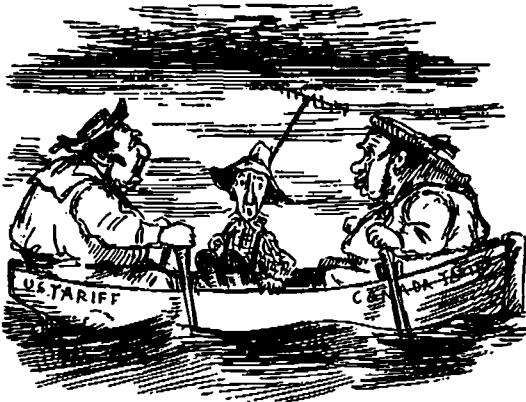
It is stated that the annual statement of the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company, to be presented to the shareholders early in February, will show a net profit of \$103,000, which will be applied to paying off the floating debt, amounting to some \$200,000.

It will not surprise anybody to learn that the debts of a navigation company are largely floating debts. We suppose the concern proposes to pay them by means of a sinking fund. It is to be hoped that the increasing buoyancy of the money market will enable them to keep their heads above water and remain in the swim.



"DAR'S A COON 'ROUND."

OR, THE SOLITARY LIBERAL PULLET IN DANGER.



THE FARMER BETWEEN THE TARIFFS.

(Toronto Globe.)

Between the high tariff men in the States who won't let him sell, and the high tariff men here who won't let him buy to the best advantage, the Canadian farmer occupies a position not unlike that of "Little Bill" in the mournful ballad of the "Three Sailors of Bristol City," who took a boat and went to sea :

Says guzzling Jack to gorging Jimmy,
"I am confounded hungry,"
Says gorging Jim to guzzling Jacky,
"We have no wittles, so we must eat we."
Says guzzling Jack to gorging Jimmy,
"Oh, gorging Jim, what a fool you be !"
"There's little Bill, as is young and tender ;
We're old and tough, so let's eat he.
O, Bill, we're going to kill and eat you ;
So undo the collar of your chemee."

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A 'VARSITY DITTY.

VEN you vas vant to read der Deutch,
Der fees you first down plunk ;
Undt den der books you must haf puy,
Vich makes you in von funk.

Den Vandersmissen gomes to glass
Von half-von-hour so late ;
Undt ven he don't shew up at all,
Vy den, you needn't wait !

Der Cherman brose ven you up writes,
He don't got time to spare,
Shoost leave der exercises ; vy !
Der library vos dere !

Der Scientific Cherman tongue,
Der c'riculum haf got,
'Dersmissen—no, he don't ! shan't ! won't !
You haf yourself teach dot.

Undt ven exams., Ach Himmel !—gomes
Undt plucked mine hopes all dead,
Dot Missen Vander grin undt say,
"Oh ; vat a dunderhead !"

DID NOT REGARD THE TRUTH.

LINER—"Penner is now lying in the lap of luxury."
SPACER—"I don't doubt it. I fancy he would lie anywhere."

HIS FAVORITE BRAND.

DRYLEY—"What kind of wine does Fastly show a taste for ?"
SLYLEY—"The kind that someone else pays for."

AN OBJECTION.

PHILANTHROPIST—"Why don't you use a spirit stove to cook your food? You would find it cheaper than a coal stove."

MRS. MCGUFFY—"Perhaps so, if you could get my husband to sign the pledge."

IN THE DAYS OF SUNDAY STREET CARS.

"HURRAH for Sunday cars!" said Bill,
"These long-faced saints all joy would kill,
And shut us up to read and pray
All through the pleasant summer day.

"But all that nonsense now is past,
We've downed the Pharisees at last,
And so to-day the cars will run,
So let's go of and have some fun.

"I guess we'll travel to High Park,
And not come back till after dark ;
I've got the growler full of rye—
About enough for you and I.

"Why, what's up now, Bob? Why so glum
I made quite sure that you would come,
You ain't no saint, so don't begin
To say you think 'twould be a sin."

"It ain't that, Bill," replied his chum,
"Why, I'd be mighty glad to come,
But, aint you heard? We'll have to stop ;
The boss requires us at the shop."

"The shop! Come off! Don't tell me that,
I will not do it, now, that's flat !
I never was brought up that way,
I won't work on the Sabbath day.

"I guess this country's free as yet,
No Sunday work for me, you bet !
Slave if you like, but as for me,
I'll stand up for my liberty !"

"All right, my friend," quick answered Bob,
"Kick if you like, and lose your job,—
There's lot's of men as good as you
Will work all week and Sundays too."

"But, heavens and earth! I never saw
Such tyranny! Is there no law
To save us from the bosses' greed?
If not our case is bad indeed."

"There was a law to meet the case
Which long we labored to efface ;
We strove full hard for its repeal,
So its no use for us to squeal."

"But who on earth would have supposed
They wouldn't let the shops stay closed
It's most outrageous thus to be
Deprived of Sunday's liberty."

"I put it to the boss just so,
But did he tumble?—oh, no, no !
Says he, 'You'd have the car-men work,
Why should you Sunday labor shirk ?"

"For your convenience you thought best
To do away with Sunday rest,
Regardless of your helpless neighbour,
Now for my profit you must labor."

"HELP."

MRS. GUMSO—"Before I hire you I may as well say that my husband will not allow a girl about the house who has a sweetheart."

APPLICANT—"Sure, mum, yez may tell him that my heart is free at prisint, mum, at his sarvice."

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"OUR MONTHLY" is the title of a very handsome sixteen-page illustrated journal, the first number of which has reached our table. It is published by that enterprising institution, the Manufacturers' Life and Accident Insurance Company, and edited by Mr. George Moffat. Besides a great deal of matter specially useful to all who are interested in insurance (and every intelligent man ought to be) the Monthly contains a varied assortment of instructive and humorous matter of a more general character.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.

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OPENINGS FOR AGENTS.

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AFTER a hard day of mental work there is nothing that soothes so much as Ram Lal's Indian Tea. It seems to refresh and tone up all the weak spots in one's body. We have tried this and speak from experience."

THE latest musical success is "Danse des Pierrots," by Emma Fraser Blackstock; played by the Zerrahn Boston Orchestra. Mailed on receipt of price, 50c., by the Anglo-Canadian Music Publishers' Assn., 13 Richmond St. West, Toronto.

MR. SMITH (of Canojoharie) — "What town's this?"

NATIVE—"Luray, Virginny, sah."

MR. SMITH—"Any battles fought around here?"

NATIVE—"Yes, sah; but yer wanter keep it dark. Limber Roach an' Corky th' kid, 'f Hagerstown, hev a mill t'night 'thout gloves. Gimme a dollar an' you get a tip whar its ter be, sah."—*Judge.*

CONSUMPTION CURED.

AN old physician, retired from practice, had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthama and all Throat and Lung Affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints. Having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, and desiring to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge to all who wish it, this recipe in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail, by addressing, with stamp, naming this paper, W. A. NOYES, 820 Powers' Block, Rochester, N. Y.



A CRUEL AND UNFOUNDED SUSPICION.

GRANGER—"Look here, Ras, what air ye doin' with that hen?"

RAS—"Fo' de land sake, boss, I'se only returnin' her; she done skipped ober de fence into my yawd."

IN another article headed "National Sentiment, in this issue of the *Commercial*, we thought of mentioning GRIP among the papers of a distinctively national tone. However, we decided to reserve GRIP for a special notice by itself. This journal is undoubtedly at the front of our national papers, and it is the only one of long standing, being now in its thirty-sixth volume. GRIP is a Canadian production, and a good one at that. It compares favorably with any journals of its class in English-speaking countries. It is our national humorous publication. It is a fixture, a Canadian institution, and is looked for in Canadian homes from the Pacific to the Atlantic. As an educator in public matters, GRIP is unrivalled. It will teach more common horse sense in a few numbers in politics, etc., than can be gleaned from vast masses of ordinary political newspaper literature. GRIP is published at Toronto, for \$2 per annum.—*Winnipeg Commercial.*

A ROYAL QUILT.

A prize competition of especial interest to every lady who does fancy work, is just announced by *The Canadian Queen*. The lady making by handwork, the handsomest block one foot square, (to be of silk, either in one piece or patchwork, and embroidered or hand-painted according to the state of the maker) for the Royal Quilt, will be presented with a pony, cart, and harness, valued \$350.00. The Royal Quilt will contain forty-eight blocks, and to each of the next forty-seven ladies sending the handsomest block will be presented with either a solid gold watch or an elegant silver tea service, valued \$40.00. Send four 3c. stamps for the last number of *The Queen*, containing full instructions as to what will be done with the Royal Quilt. Address, *The Canadian Queen* "Royal Quilt Competition," Toronto, Canada.

SOMETHING new in photos at the Perkin's studio. See our window. J. J. Milliken, 293 Yonge street, successor to T. E. Perkins.

AT the recent meeting of the Canadian Mutual Life Association the annual report disclosed a highly satisfactory state of affairs, the Company having done a prosperous business during the year. The number of policies issued was 1,064, in addition to 156 renewed policies. The total number of policies in force is 5,147, representing insurance amounting to \$9,643,845. The reserve fund has increased rapidly during the year and is invested in first mortgages on real estate. The Association has now \$62,020 in Reserve and Disbursement funds.

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SOME of our readers have not yet possessed themselves of copies of this, the latest issue of GRIP's celebrated annual. Thus they have up to date deprived themselves of a literary and artistic feast which would only cost them 10 cents apiece. The Almanac this year is, in the opinion of many, the best of the twelve issued. It is full of bright original fun and capital pictures. The double-page cartoon is a very amusing burlesque of Meissonier's celebrated painting 1807, in which are introduced caricatures of a great number of Canadian public men. The chronological tables are immensely funny, and in fact the entire contents are good. A few copies yet remain unsold, and we would advise our friends to send the price to the publishers without delay and secure copies before the supply is exhausted. Send now.

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THE REWARDS.

The one making the best average in answering the following questions in Canadian History will be given one of THE QUEEN'S handsome prizes, (Sir John) value \$125.00. The one making the second best average will be rewarded with a first-class Safety Bicycle or Tricycle, value \$75.00. The one making the third best average, will be rewarded with their choice of either a fine Breech-loading English Shot Gun, or Elegant Silk Dress Pattern, value \$40.00. The one making the fourth best average, will be rewarded with a first-class Kodak, Photographic Camera, value \$30.00. Each of the next five making the best averages, will be rewarded with a Coin Silver watch of elegant design, and first-class time-keeper, value \$10.00. Each of the next fifty making the best averages, will be rewarded with either a girls or boys, A. 1. Pocket Knife, containing four blades of the best Sheffield steel, value \$1.50 each. If more than one correct answer is received, the one bearing the earliest postmark will be awarded the leading prize, the others following in order of merit.

THE QUESTIONS.

The beautiful month of September. A deep, wide, rapid flowing river, whose bank on the North is high, steep, and rocky. Perched upon a point of this high bank, is a city surrounded by walls, and defended by a brave army under a brave general. Fleets of war-ships have for months held the river below and vainly sought to force the surrender of the city. One dark night soldiers from the ships scramble up the steep bank, and with their General, gain the plain above. The morning light reveals to the garrison of the city, its enemy ready for attack. A fierce battle ensues. The generals of both armies die from wounds received. The city is captured. 1. Give the names of the river, city and general. 2. What nations were represented by the two armies? 3. Which army formed the garrison of the city? 4. By what name is the fierce battle known? 5. In what year did these things happen? 6. What was the result of the capture of the city?

The answers to the above questions must be accompanied by \$1.00 for a year's subscription to THE QUEEN. The Young Peoples' Department of THE QUEEN, is devoted solely to entertaining and instructing the youth of Canada. The popularity of "Uncle Joe," who has charge of this Department is demonstrated by the fact that he receives daily, from sixty to one hundred letters and puzzles for publication from young people residing in all parts of the globe.

SPECIAL DAILY PRIZE.

Each day during this Competition, either a First-class Stem Winding Nickel Watch, a good time keeper, or an Elegant Silver Desert Set, (Cream and Sugar) value \$8.00, will be awarded to the person from whom the first correct answers to above questions are received at THE QUEEN office, and opened, for that day.

The history of our Country should interest every loyal Canadian. If you are a little rusty on this subject, take down your old school history, study up and join THE QUEEN'S "National History School.

The distribution of rewards will be in the hands of disinterested persons, and decisions will be based on the correctness of the answers. Competitors can use their own language in wording their answers.

Answers may be sent in any time before April 10th, but as postmarks may count in awarding the leading prizes, it is better to send as early as possible. No correction can be made after your answers are mailed.

Every one answering the entire six question correctly, will receive a present.

If you have never seen a copy of THE QUEEN, send four 3c. stamps for a late number containing full particulars of all THE QUEEN'S Competitions, and letters from persons who have received over \$10,000 in prizes during the past year. We intend distributing prizes to the value of \$25,000 during 1891.

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The Tenth Annual Meeting of this Company took place on the 22nd inst. at the Head Offices, King Street East, being well attended by those interested. The President, Wm. Rennie, Esq., occupied the chair.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (Condensed.)

As is our custom at this time, we present you with the Annual Report for the past year, which is the Tenth Annual Report it has been our pleasure to submit. The statement we have to make in this report shows every department in a flourishing condition, tending to the Company's permanent progress and prosperity. In fact we are prepared to say that this year, taken in every respect, shows the most satisfactory condition of the Company's affairs ever presented.

During the year we received applications for insurance to the number of 1,116, and issued policies on the one to the number of 1,064, the rest being declined or held over. Besides these there were renewed policies of parties who previously lapsed, 156 (showing increased confidence on the part of our policy holders), this making a total of 1,220 policies new and renewed. In our last Annual Report we mentioned the fact of a lighter death rate than that of the year 1888. We have again to report a still lighter death rate in 1890 over that of 1889, the death rate for the year being 882-100 per 1,000.

Increased vigilance in examinations and acceptance of risks is showing favorable results. After taking out lapses and deaths we have a total number of policies now in force of 5,147, a very gratifying increase over the previous year, representing insurance in force December 31, 1890, \$9,643,845-04.

Our reserve has increased rapidly during the year. The usual amount placed to the fund from each assessment, together with the interest upon invested reserves, has made a large addition to this fund, and we have now in reserve and disbursement funds, \$62,020-58.

As in the previous year, we have had to meet the universal cry of "hard times," together with increased competition, making it more difficult to secure new business, and as a consequence increased expense to secure the same, although we are glad to say that, unlike many other companies, we have not resorted to the practice of paying exorbitant salaries or commissions for the securing of such business, the increased strength and popularity of the Company materially assisting in such work, making it easier for agents to secure business.

We promised you when soliciting your patronage to give you insurance at the lowest possible cost, reliability and security considered, and feel that we have been successful in fulfilling our promises, giving safe, reliable insurance at a very moderate cost.

The actual cost per \$1,000 to insurers for 1890 (exclusive of annual dues) was at age 30 \$7-59, at age 40 \$9-20, at age 50 \$11-50, at age 60 \$23.

Our reserve funds are invested in first lien upon real estate, drawing from six to seven per cent. interest. The matter of Government deposit, as made by stock companies and required of foreign assessment companies, has been under consideration by our Board, and although not required to make such deposit, application was made to the Insurance Department, and we have copy of resolution of the Treasury Board, authorizing department to accept the same. We have funds which could be so used, and it is contemplated making such deposit at an early date, provided such meets your approval.

We were advised, and after due consideration decided to make a slight change in the name of our Company, changing the word "Aid" to "Life." The present name therefore being "The Canadian Mutual Life Association," which more fully specifies the business of the Company.

Following we give you the financial statement, and feel that, while congratulating you upon the success of the past year, you will feel highly gratified, and with the increased confidence which this must give you, that each member will lend a helping hand towards furthering the future interest of the Association.

Financial Statement.

ASSETS.	
Mortgages on real estate (first liens).....	\$ 49,660 00
Cash in bank	19,727 41
Other assets, including furniture and fixtures, accrued interest, etc.	24,216 99
Total assets	\$ 93,604 40

LIABILITIES.	
Claims for death losses.....	\$ 24,850 00
Accounts payable	1,289 43
Surplus to credit of policy holders	\$ 26,139 43
Receipts for year, including amount on hand at beginning of year	\$ 67,464 97

INCOME.	
Receipts for year, including amount on hand at beginning of year	\$138,386 06
EXPENDITURE.	
Paid death losses	\$ 69,766 19
" total disability	6,203 84
General expenses	27,433 40
Increase of mortgage investments, with cash in banks	34,982 83

AUDITORS' REPORT.

To the President and Directors of the Canadian Mutual Life Association.

GENTLEMEN,—We have examined the books, documents, and vouchers of your company, represented in the foregoing accounts for the year ending 31st Dec., 1890, also each of the mortgages and other securities, and certify to the correctness of the same. We also beg to testify as to the satisfactory manner in which the books and accounts of the company have been kept.

H. J. HILL (Manager Industrial Exhibition,) } Auditors.
JOHN WALES, }

Toronto, Jan. 21, 1891.

A full discussion on the above report was taken part in by the policy holders, agents and others interested. Among those present and who take a lively interest in the discussions were Rev. Chas. Langford of the city, J. B. King, Esq., Secretary Oddfellows Association; J. G. Hull, Secretary Separate School Board, and others, all expressing the highest confidence in the company's future.

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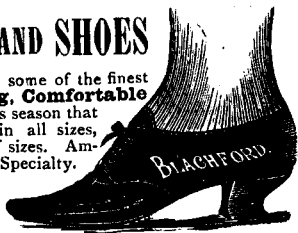
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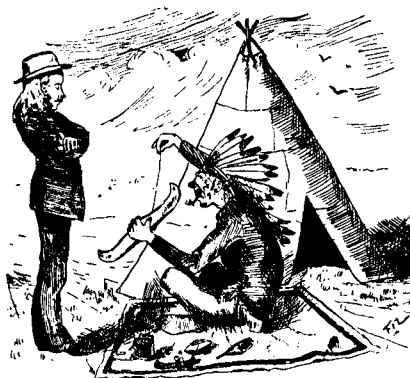
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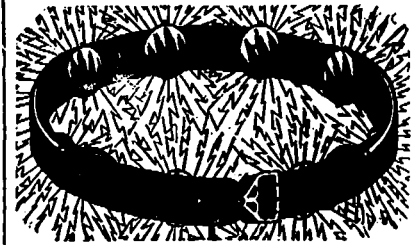
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