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TORONTO, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1874.

Grip's Essence of Parliament.

THURSDAY.

The petitions presented were all together perfect, being seven in number.

A number of reports were heard; but they didn't appear to startle anybody.

A lot of members brought in bills. GRAHAM had a tax-bill. We understand that members often make a good thing in getting bills passed. In such cases the Act is that of some private party; but the commission thereof is generally due to Honourable gentlemen. This day but one bill was passed, for certain real property actions and suits. It was MOWAT's bill, therefore it may be taken for granted that it amounted to a good deal.

A number of members severally asked for a return of names and moneys, not their own. Each has had his good name taken from him by the others, and its not worth asking for again; but any of them will take all the money they can get,—“for professional services.” They are all professional innocents, who “can't be bought”—without money.

The House committed itself to a change in the mode of securing immigrants, the chief desire being to present the claims of Canada First.

Sundry items of supply were concurred in, the House doing what it seldom does, allowing others to lie before it. No one need argue after this that figures can't lie.

The bill to increase the ways and means by which municipalities can spend their share of the surplus was read a second time. RYKERT expressing himself pleased, the House thought it a good time to adjourn.

FRIDAY.

CAMERON wanted to raise a question of privilege, but was denied the privilege. LAUDER would have discussed the point, but to his great disgust was knocked out of time by the chair. Then he just cussed. A brief debate took place on a motion to ratify an Order-in-Council with reference to the Prince Edward County Railway Company. Business out of session is done by Order-in-Council; during the session by disorder in council. CAMERON wanted it committed for consideration. He'd commit almost any act for a consideration. LAUDER wanted the members to obtain all necessary information. He might just as well propose to put a head on each of them. The House divided: 45 members put down 14, and carry the motion.

The Opposition being satisfied with their ill-success in division, two other Orders-in-Council were quietly ratified in addition.

The House re-echoed the reports of the Committee on the Immigration resolutions.

On motion for concurrence in further items of Supply a debate took place on the item for the Crown Lands Department, RYKERT moving an amendment expressing regret that the expenditure for contingencies exceeds the appropriation. PARDEE offered explanations, but LAUDER could not accept the arguments, being constitutionally opposed to accepting anything in that shape. GOW moved an amendment to the amendment expressing justification for increased expenditure. STEPHEN RICHARDS claimed credit for the reductions made when he was Commissioner—*reductio ad absurdum*. PAXTON assured the Unready that he was too slow for a Crown Lands Commissioner in this age of progress, and STEPHEN, not being ready with a reply, became simply querulous. The Opposition failed to give the Government a ROWLAND for their OLIVER, though it would not take much of a ROWLAND to pass him through the Custom House, neither would the duties be heavy, even with a retaliatory tariff. Some petty passes were made a new re-valuation, a war of small arms which was resumed after recess, 35 members eyed the amendment to the amendment, while the eight old war-horses of the Opposition nayed. The original motion was then carried through the House triumphantly.

On the item for gratuities to officers whose services have been dispensed with, LAUDER moved an amendment against gratuities to persons who have resigned or been dismissed the public service. SINCLAIR moved an amendment to the amendment affirming the propriety in certain cases of reasonable gratuities to retiring officials, who don't generally consider them gratuitous insults. A question of order was drowned out by a gush from the mouth of the little WELLS. The amendment to the amendment was carried, the minority representation being CAMERON, McCOLL and RYKERT. Three don't look well

opposite three dozen. MEREDITH moved an amendment regretting the vote to the Inspector of Division Courts, and declaring the office useless—eight other members thought likewise, and voted with him, but thirty-four went for the grant, many of them thinking nothing about it. The original motion was then carried, and members carried themselves off home.

MONDAY.

RYKERT evinced a desire to remove a HILL, who is a Police Magistrate at Clifton. It does not please the scrap book man that Clifton is not wicked enough to pay the magistrate's salary in Police Court fines. He declares that this HILL, like other mountains in labor, has brought forth a mere mouse.

The House concurred in a number of items of supply; but it remains to be seen whether the country will concur in the government expenditure on the one hand and the opposition waste of time on the other. There were a number of amendments, which we hope will lead to an amendment of the House by the return of a lot of better men next election. The votes led to a little arithmetical practice, the opposition always appearing as an exceedingly vulgar fraction. The ministerial side may be considered under the Rule of Three, and these three are MOWAT, FRASER and CROOKS, and they in turn will be found to act as exponents of ruling figures in the political problem. These are our estimates, in which we move concurrence.

TUESDAY.

FRASER stated that he wasn't the other FRASER.

The remaining items in the Report of the Committee on Supply were concurred in.

The Bill relating to Fire Insurance Companies was read a second time, a thing insurers had better do with their policies. A number of other bills passed a second reading.

The Bill respecting Water Privileges was allowed to stand. That's a privilege any Bill is entitled to. CAMERON did not see the use of additional legislation. We don't either; but then we know nothing about Water Privileges. We wonder had the question been one of Whiskey Privileges, would the House allow it to stand.

The debate on the Agricultural College showed that the Opposition has been learning something from the dismissed Professor, and that the Model Farm has grown a good crop of scandals, if nothing else. CAMERON moved for a committee of inquiry, and opened the rank oyster. MCKELLAR took the creature out of the shell and showed its resemblance to the brain of McCANDLESS. MOWAT moved an amendment in which the proposed committee was changed so as to secure a majority of Government supporters. LAUDER wanted the House to leave politics out of the matter altogether. He is in the House. FRASER and others having said their say the House divided and the amendment was carried by a vote of 31 to 21. The House adjourned at 2.20 a.m., and it is supposed all the members went to bed, and to sleep.

WEDNESDAY.

There was more wit displayed at this sitting than any since the opening. It was very short, and we know “brevity is the soul of wit.”

McREA moved for the correspondence relative to the allotment of pine lots to WILLIAM QUICKLEY. He will probably find, and quickly too, that it will have no impression on the occupants of the Treasury Benches. We would advise the mover to spare himself the trouble of listening to such counsels as induced him to make the inquiry. “Hear it not, Duncan, 'tis the knell that summons thee to—shall we say it,—well, to be the victim of another sell.”

But little business was done during the sitting. In this it resembled all preceding ones. However there was less talk, and consequently less folly displayed. Probably owing to the protracted sitting of the previous night, the talkative members were too sleepy to inflict themselves upon the nodding figures around them, and the readers of Thursday's dailies were in consequence given a lighter omic than usual.

How Much?

THE ladies of New York, after a most alarming discussion, have arrived at the conclusion that men possessed of an income of \$1,000 and over, who do not take to themselves a wife, are nothing more or less than brutes; selfish animals, who having had the bad taste to declare for celibacy versus marriage, ought never again to be blessed with the smiles of a pretty girl. This is a rather hard sentence, and the New York Times has much to answer for in letting loose the feminine tongue upon the peaceful community of bachelors, who prefer the unfettered principles advocated by the charming VICTORIA, to be loved out of house and home, ruined by milliner's bills, and ultimately killed with kindness.

The question of marriage or celibacy is beginning to assume most ominous proportions; and we cannot but entertain the gravest fears for the safety of the lords of creation. Our mind's eye carries us onward to a period in the future when erring mankind will be led like lambs to the slaughter; when languishing belles of New York will



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insist on their right to be married, and will accept no shallow excuses of impecuniosity from the victims they select.

What sum a man can safely live on in the blessed state so as to avoid those "little difficulties" which do not always terminate in ecstasies of bliss in the vicinity of the curtains, and which are generally brought about by the failure of certain kissings and squeezings and other connubial endearments to produce the desired effect—money, seems to be the question at issue.

We should like to know what Canadian ladies have to say on the subject, and whether they can contribute towards the solution of this momentous question. Some of our consumptive dailies might with advantage follow the example of the *New York Times*, and make capital out of this feminine excitement.

A Frightful Example.

Some fellow has exposed his malady by having his ravings published in the *Bothwell Advance*, thusly:

"Talk of devils being confined to hell, or confined to invisibility! We have them by shoals in the crowded towns and cities of the world. Talk of raising the devil! What need for that when they are constantly walking to and fro in our streets, seeking whom they may devour. There they are; do you not see them; you do not recognize them simply because they have not the hoof or the tail!"

That chap had 'em badly. We would recommend hydro-chloral, or prompt retirement to an inebriate asylum. Poor fellow! His case is an argument for a Prohibitory Liquor Law before which all our temperance lectures pale into utter insignificance.

Pride of Country.

A prominent feature of Scottish character is pride of country. An amusing instance came under our notice the other day. A Scotchman remarking on the difficulty of producing a good map of Canada owing to the conformation, or rather want of conformation, of the country, said, "It's a hard thing to map Canada, because it's so long and narrow. It's easy enough to make a map of England, or even Scotland, *large as it is*; but Canada—"

Being a Canadian, we laughed aloud and spoiled a probable depreciation of our wee bit hame in comparison with the immense "Land o' Cakes."

'Grip' as a Reviewer.

THE STORY OF SAMSON. Toronto: Royal Opera House.

There are four pages in this story; and that's four too many.

It is anonymous. The writer after setting to work made a mixture of Yankee slang with sacred story, and, anon, a muss.

We would advise people to read the history of Samson in their Bibles. It will thus have the charm of novelty to many.

Croaks and Pecks.

A LECTURE was recently delivered in St. Marys, the subject being a king, viz:—"William the Third." The lecturer was a clergyman, and the reader is enabled to judge for himself of the manner in which the subject was received, as the newspaper reports that "the reverend gentleman was warmly congratulated on the termination of his lecture."

JOHN O'DONOHUE confessed on Thursday of last week, and was absolved from the sin of being an M. P.

THE investigation of the charges against Mr. Rykert was delayed at the very start because one son of a GUNN who had been summoned was not present.

SUFFERY, N.Y., is sufferin' from the effects of the recent storm.

We hope that those directly interested will be able to see well how the SEWELL scheme for the winter navigation of the Lower St. Lawrence can be carried out.

AN ARTICLE in a late number of the *Montreal Star* is appropriately entitled "More Water." Exactly! In comparison with other *Star* articles, "more water"—less milk.

THE *Leader* is nothing if not sanguinary. The old lady has blood in her eye, and shouts, "While the remains of Thomas Scott are decaying in Red River those who dare to extend mercy to his brutal murder must be wiped out of existence." 'Scanth, but she's a violent old hag, who would show no mercy to the merciful. Fie, Deacon James!

"SAMSON," the play, has proved very strong, in the nostrils of the people of Toronto.

THE Duke of Edinburgh's baby is named Albert Alexander Alfred Ernest William. Should he survive the baptismal infliction an Irish friend suggests that the boy can write part of his name with great ease. He will then get in *Earnest* and finally sign himself, William. Certainly the Duke did go it pretty strong when he "named his little Bill." The question, "How high is that?" at once suggests itself; and the answer as readily comes:—The height of nonsense.

LAKE ERIE caught the infection, and but recently burglariously burst the locks of the Welland Canal. Well, well, and can all virtue be gone? Water calamity!

THE other day we came across a paper published somewhere in Toronto, entitled *Our Cheerful Friend*, and on examination we found it about as cheerful as an undertaker, or an impecunious ratepayer when the tax-collector has an execution in the house. It would be a good thing to wear in one's pocket to a funeral.

Servant-gal-dom has gained such an ascendancy that it bravely dictates terms to the trembling housekeepers, who are generally forced to capitulate. We notice that some of the latter in advertising for an *ABACRY* try to compromise the case by stating that "a man is kept." We are afraid it won't do, though it is cleverly contrived; for on making application the first thing asked for will be a sight of that man, and unless he is a very *ABACRY*, good-bye to the chances of getting a servant in that house.

BENGOUGH is drawing good houses and pictures wherever he goes; and he goes "but" and goes "ben;" does Bengough.

WE are informed that it was a Napanee girl who presented her young man with a Bible on the fly-leaf of which she had written the following:—"From JENNIE to ARTHUR.—Those that seek me early shall find me." If the youth didn't take the hint he don't deserve to have her, or else he don't want her, and had better stop fooling round there.

TRUE to its annual recurrence, JOHN BILLINGS' literary tumor had come to a head; he has spread some of the matter on paper and called it "JOHN BILLINGS' Farmers' Almanax for 1875." As it is now some time since it was issued, one would naturally infer that it was as much ahead of the times as this criticism appears to be behind, but a glance over its contents, comprising stale jokes and philosophic rubbish rehashed, &c., will not only undeceive, but lead to the conclusion that J. B. is in a condition bordering upon idiocy and confirmed dotage. On one page he exclaims, "Hear the papers talk!" and then follows, not what the papers really did say, but what JOHN BILLINGS said. For instance, he makes the "Coonhollow Democrat" say, "We would rather be the author of JOHN BILLINGS' Farmers' Almanax for 1875, than be elected Captain of a Militia Company." Whereas, what that paper really did say was, "We would rather the finger of scorn pointed to us as the originators of the "Presidents Message," than as the author of JOHN BILLINGS' Almanax for any year." The only testimonial he correctly inserts is one from the "New Orleans Budget," which truthfully observes, speaking of the *Almanax*, "No man will buy our copy; No man will borrow it, and he who steals it, will finally die." The fact, that any man stealing such a compound of rubbish, will finally die, is not more certain than is the equal fact, that he would righteously deserve to.

A young theological student defined "effectual calling" as "the offer of a liberal stipend."

A case is now furnished to the Opposition. It is Mr. H. CASE, appointed postmaster at Hamilton.

As a proof that ecclesiastical domination prevails in the Province of Quebec, we have only to mention the fact that a *CHURCH* furnishes the law to the Government.

THE Conservatives of Muskoka have "resolved" to run JOHN TEVIOTDALE "if his health will permit him to stand." They should in the French Assembly the Right is said to have a majority "over the Left."

A FRENCHMAN who had taken a Cockney friend to a favorite opera, at the conclusion asked him if he were not satisfied. "Aw! oui," was the reply. The Gaul fancying the Saxon complained of *ennui*, was naturally disgusted.

THE *Berlin Telegraph* declares that "the country is full of rascals, the writer not even taking the precaution to reserve room for one honest man; and he is in the country."

RYKERT and McKELLAR seem to be nowise troubled about the result of the investigation on which depends the reputation of one or both. Probably they feel as did the pauper, who did not fear thieves because he had nothing of which to be robbed.

CLUBS are trumps just now with newspaper men.

THE *Leader* says the Opposition in the Ontario Legislature "need a whip"—GRIP proposes a cat-o-nine-tails, in the hand of MRS. ANCHIE McKELLAR.

THE other day we timidly asked an editor of the *Globe* who would be elected for East Toronto. His answer displayed ignorance of the matter, for he only growled, "Oh! dunno who!" remember that a man may be able to stand, and yet be unfit to run.

