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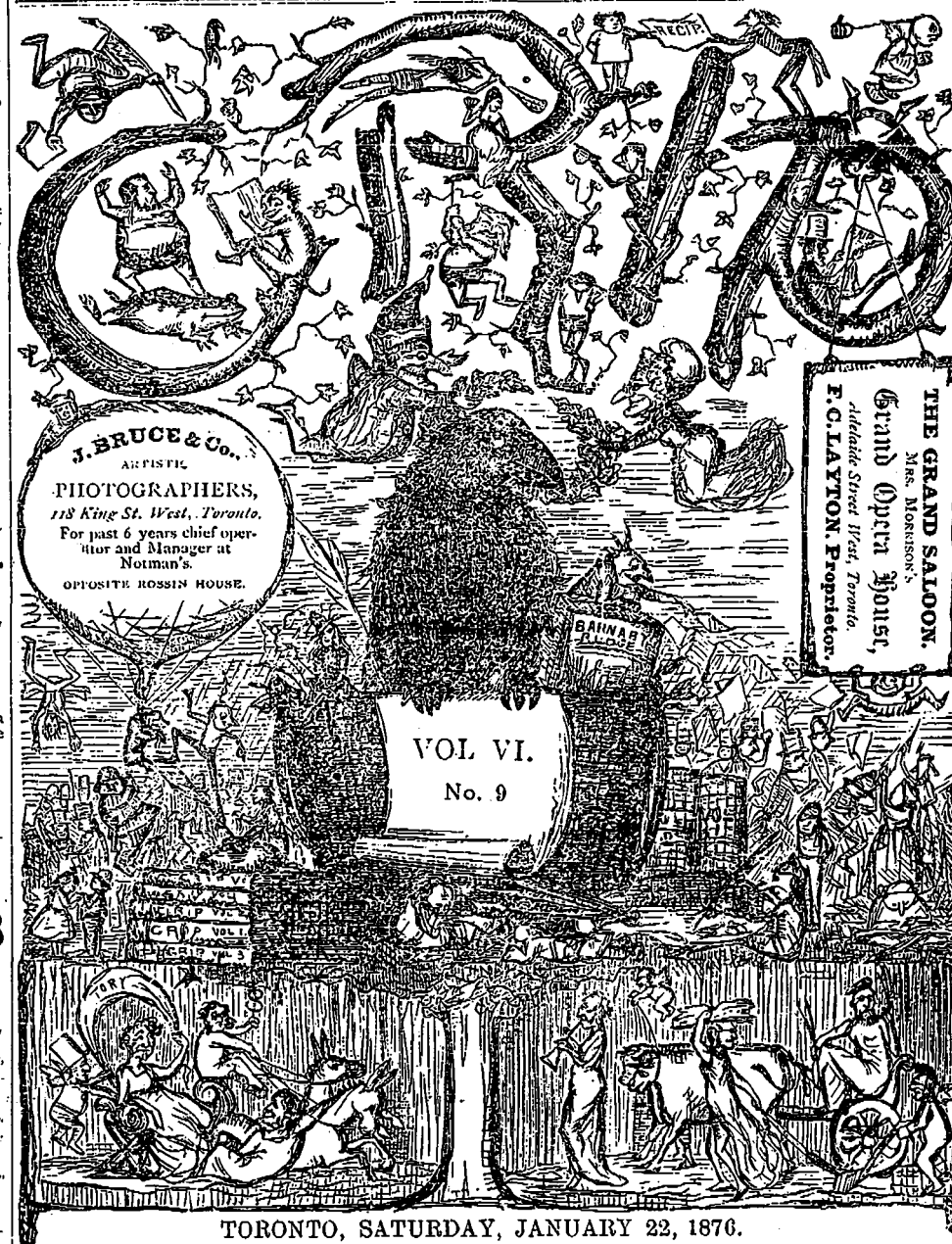
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The greatest Fish is the Oyster; the greatest Man is the Fool.

TORONTO, SATURDAY, JANUARY 22ND, 1876.

## From Our Box.

THE GRAND.—This week we have been treated to the series of plays which a year ago were interpreted for us by the genius of Miss NEILSON. The impressions she left on our minds we do not care to have effaced, and it was with some dread that we saw Miss AGNES BOOTH. To compare her with Miss NEILSON would be perhaps unfair. Next to her, she is beyond a doubt the best actress Toronto has seen—has a good though somewhat massive appearance, a graceful carriage, and a fine clear voice, free from the usual American defects. But like many American actresses she pronounces her words too precisely. Last night she appeared as *Pauline* in the *Lady of Lyons*. She is too self-restrained to portray thoroughly well the extravagance of passion. *Pauline* is to our mind effective only in the hands of an actress capable of looking love with the snpernal power of Miss NEILSON. Mr. GRISMER acted the part of *Cloude* with his usual amiability. He has too much of the air of an excellent member of the Y.M.C.A. He is not a master of "terce an l quart", Mr. SPACKMAN to the contrary notwithstanding, and the fencing was rather mild. He fetches sighs—as heavy sighs as any man of his size we know, but he is too liberal of them. However, he does his level best,

"And when good will is show'd, though 't come too short,  
The actor may plead pardon."

The remaining parts were fairly filled. Mr. SPACKMAN, as old *Colonel Dumas*, the French officer, was very good. Miss BOOTH will appear to-night as *Julie*. She deserves a good house. On Friday night she will appear as *Constance* with Mr. BOOTH as *King John*. As this magnificent drama has never been played here before, we look forward to it as a great treat. In portraying the maternal sorrows of *Constance*, Miss BOOTH is said to be at her best, and her appearance is well suited for the part.

## Rain in Winter.

BY H. W. SHORFELLOW.

How disgusting is the rain!  
Drenched is every one you meet  
In the sliny dirty street,  
In the muddy lane,  
How disgusting is the rain.

How it drips from all the eaves,  
Gaining dirt from all it leaves!  
How from corner spouts it gushes  
Forcing passers-by to rushes!  
Across each window pane  
It pours and pours,  
And each wash-tub open wide  
Overflows with muddy tide,  
And the water inundates the floors.  
The rain—the thrice disgusting rain.

The sleighing trade is slow;  
Covered cabs are all the go;  
India rubbers in the muck,  
Slip and slide and go 'ker-chuck;  
Everybody tries to borrow,  
Umbrellas till to-morrow;  
Mackintoshes are in vain,  
Greatcoats wet, get wet again  
And everybody grumbles at the rain.

And the damp and dreary breezes,  
Bear an atmosphere of sneezes;  
And the patient blower blows,  
Most unfruitfully his nose,  
And it red and redder grows,  
Till he wishes it were froze,  
So those tidal ebbs and flows,  
Could be dried up in his nose.  
As he blows and blows in vain  
Madly cursing in his pain  
Such a miserable, wretched and disgustingly  
unseasonable—rain.

## A Logical Sequence.

Whene'er I roam Toronto streets  
What mud on mud my vision meets!  
Yet still for mud Gerrard street west  
Methinks it bosses all the rest.

There as I strayed and in the squash  
Stood prying for my gone golosh.  
The Reverend ROBB I full inclined  
A preacher orthodox to find!

Yes! sure some calorific place  
Must wait on men devoid of grace.  
Our "City Fathers" else, I bet,  
Could ne'er their due requital get.

## Legisl.

The Government alive at last to Mr. KENNETH MACKENZIE'S distinguished unfitness for the position of Crown Prosecutor, have given the conduct of the CLEMENTS' prosecution to an itinerant temperance lecturer from Kingston. KENNETH is to appear as a witness, in which *role* he will no doubt be more successful. The Kingston man is not used to contend with the astuteness of a CAMERON, and fell most innocently into the trap laid for him. He appears to be a man of some account, or rather of too many counts.

## At the Speaker's Elbow.

THE LEADING MEASURE OF THE SESSION.

Thursday, January 20.

Hon. Attorney General, in moving the second reading of "The Bill to supersede the Ballot," said he proposed briefly to explain the nature and object of the measure. It had long been felt that some more simple, expeditious and decisive method of settling contested elections was needed, and that the ballot was far too cumbersome for these go-ahead times. Accordingly, the preamble of the Bill set forth that it was in the public interest that the Ballot be superseded, and that the choice of rival candidates for seats in the Legislature be decided by "the toss up of a copper." He (Mr. MOWAT) was prepared to say that the day was not far distant when not only the election of members of the Legislature, but all cases involving a choice, would be decided by the universally applicable, and perfectly fair principle of "tossing up for it." (Hear, hear.) It was felt on all hands that life was too short for ballot-boxes and the elaborate machinery implied by them. In regard to the details of the measure, he would only say that he had duly considered the various modes by which the great principle of hap-hazard could best be carried out. He had looked into the "old-man-out" plan, "heads and tails," "drawing cuts" and "odds and evens," but on the whole he considered that the plan finally agreed upon by himself and his colleagues was the one most likely to approve itself to the House. The plan they had decided to adopt, he ought in fairness to say, was one originally suggested by the *Glob.*—and he would take that opportunity of acknowledging the many valuable suggestions which he had from time to time received from the same source—as it was, "to birl up a bawbec." He need not say any more on the point, as the printed Bill was now in the hands of members, and they could judge of the details for themselves.

Hon. Mr. CAMERON believed in open voting, even to the extent of having the polls open—for a whole week. He was a Tory, and thought it an unmanly thing to leave an election to the arbitrament of hap-hazard. He did not, however, intend to oppose the Bill, which, he found, was looked upon with favour by many on his side of the House.

Mr. HODGINS demonstrated a subtle connection between the modern principle of hap-hazard, or, as it was popularly termed, "tossing up," and the ancient practice of taking the auspices.

Mr. LAUDER claimed that the measure had been forced upon the Government by the Opposition. He himself had urged that land valuations should be made in this way in order to prevent a recurrence of such outrages as had recently been perpetrated in Proton.

Dr. CLARKE said he intended to vote for the Bill. He believed in the principle of hap-hazard because he believed in Prohibition. When the glorious principle of tossing up came to be universally applied, he would have hopes of Prohibition becoming the law of this land.

Hon. Mr. MACDOUGALL had always contended for a fusion of law and equity. The leader of the Government had very truly remarked that the principle of deciding by the tossing up of a copper was a perfectly fair principle, and he (Mr. MACDOUGALL) recognised its equity. It only required to become law in order to bring about that fusion which he had so long contended for.

Mr. BETHUNE highly approved of the measure. Indeed, it was his intention to introduce, on an early day, a Bill having for its object the application of the same principle to criminal trials, and also to civil trials in which, at present, a jury was considered necessary. He believed that the tossing up of a copper was destined to supersede trial by jury.

After a few remarks from various other members, the Bill was read a second time and referred in the usual way.

THE "PROGRAMME."

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PROTESTANT  
SHALL BE  
ELECTED  
IN  
QUEBEC.  
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"Like the Toad, ugly and venomous, yet wears  
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MODERN  
CIVILIZATION  
AND  
INTELLIGENCE

Signed  
PIUS X



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POPE'S CANDIDATE  
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ULTRAMONTANE  
ALLIANCE  
IN ALL ROME

APPOINTMENT OF  
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ANYTHING TO GAIN  
ULTRAMONTANE VOTES

THE TOAD AND THE TOADIES.

**Nonsense Verse.**

A young girl who lived at Couchiching  
Was considered by young men bewitching,  
When she sat down to sew  
They away would not go  
So t' was seldom she could get a stitch in.

**A Street-Car Ride.***(By an Enthusiast.)*

Friend GRIP! when'er thou'rt melaucholy.  
Or wishful to be extra jolly,  
Or soar on Fancy's pinion free,  
A street-car ride's the thing for thee!

The ec-tacies which there belong  
The muse in vain would set in song:  
The atmosphere so fresh and sweet,  
The bumps and jolts are quite a treat.

Make trial of the situation—  
You'll find it quite a new sensation,  
I have been there, and still would go,  
'Tis like a little heaven below.

The rattling pace at which you rush,  
Puts walking postmen to the blush.  
Three miles an hour at least, I'm sure—  
'Tis strange the wheels and springs endure.

A problem DIZZY did perplex  
Your bland conductor ne'er doth vex.  
The "quart in the pint pot" he can  
Quite easy get—an able man!

In car for twenty people made,  
He soon has forty folk displayed.  
And still there's "room for more" he swears—  
I wonder who gets all the fares!

Oh! yes, a car-ride's jolly fun,  
There's nothing better 'neath the sun,  
But mind you don't let go the strap,  
Or you'll be in some lady's lap.

Or tumbling 'gainst some fellow's nose  
Who'll growl and swear a bit *sub rose*.  
Or else you'll through the window go,  
And self and pocket come to woe.

And when the spry conductor goes  
From end to end on each man's toes,  
The general squeeze will make you cry:  
"TAPPEY was jolly—so am I!"

To civic bosses here's success!  
May KIELY'S shadow ne'er grow less!  
KIELY was doubtless made for me,  
And doubtless we were made for he!

**A Sorrowful Reminiscence.***By our Fat Politician.*

It was an election to fill the elevated position of Grand-Chief-Back-Scratcher of the Ancient Order of Superincumbent Membranes, then vacant by the decease of Grand-Chief-Back-Scratcher Brother Plumery.

For upwards of a quarter of a century I had labored zealously in the rank and file of this celebrated Order. I had borne their banner through calm and through storm, in fair weather and in foul, and never had I flinched from the performance of any duties however arduous. I had assisted in the most solemn manner at the funerals of every one of the highly respected Brethren who had hitherto filled this exalted office from the period of my first induction into the preliminary grade of S. N. (Skinny Novice) until the impressive ceremony attendant on the burial of our late lamented Brother Plumery whose premature decease had been undoubtedly occasioned by his intense application to his onerous duties, although perhaps somewhat accelerated by seventy years gigantic efforts to grapple with his thirst.

But grief, however great, and sorrow, however profound, must give way to the stern realities of life: and thus it happened that our illustrious Order, after unanimously paying a most feeling and delicate tribute to the private worth and public virtues of our late revered friend, and after causing a letter to be written expressive of their deep commiseration for the two bereaved orphan sons whom he had left, unprotected and unaided, to fight the great battle of the world at the tender ages of forty-five and forty-three respectively, had now passed to the momentous question which remained to be solved, in other words, who was worthy to be the

successor of the mighty Superincumbent Membrane whose shade seemed to hover over the scenes he loved so well and to tone down in dulcet harmony the rugged natures of the grave and sorrowful survivors there assembled and lead them to a just decision between the claims of myself (an old and faithful member) and a mushroom mountebank put forward by an inconsiderable knot of discontented individuals who hoped by this means to sow disunion in our glorious Society.

Great was my anxiety and deep my emotion as I realized the fact that a few fleeting minutes would irrevocably decide whether I should step proudly into the grand position for which I had struggled, or whether a mere upstart who had scarcely reached the inferior status of Bony Membrane should wrest from me the laurels I had so richly earned.

It had been with feelings of the deepest disgust and abhorrence that I had heard the first whisper of the intention of this wretched impostor to place his villainous pretensions between me and my just promotion; but even this astounding effrontery I found to my sorrow was not sufficient to satisfy his malignity.

On the memorable occasion when he arose to advocate his own miserable claims to the high office then vacant he meanly used the most personal allusions (which I always strongly deprecate) and asked the assembled Brethren whether they thought, because I was somewhat fat and rather old, I was therefore to be chosen in preference to himself.

I am glad to remember that, notwithstanding this gross provocation I did not retort upon him as I justly might; but with quiet dignity addressed the meeting as follows:—

"Intelligent, intellectual, and mighty Superincumbent Membranes, after my many years unbought and, shall I say, unrecompensed services to this great institution, am I now to be set aside in favor of this cadaverous and bony specimen of anatomy that no medical man's youngest pupil would condescend to dissect—this malignant and foul-mouthed detractor of human worth—this concentrated quintessence of all that is base and disgraceful, than whom anything more worthless and quart-pot-gobbling has never yet been discovered by the scientific men of this or any other age! No, my old and tried friends, I cannot and will not believe so ill of human nature—an unmistakable and prophetic instinct assures me that I shall this day be triumphantly elected, to the utter and complete dismay and confusion of spurious imitators and their idiotic supporters—and, in conclusion, permit me to observe that, if there is one thing more than another I hold in the uttermost contempt it is the introduction of personalities into a solemn proceeding such as that upon which you are now called to exercise your gigantic intellects and to settle according to the Pre-Adanute convolutions of your respective brains."

Loud and long were the cheers which greeted this simple and manly appeal to the best sympathies of our finite nature, and I naturally thought that my hard-earned victory was secured: but judge my feelings when my antagonist started upon his feet and bellowed forth that "he was indeed happy to hear me admit that he was a Cadaverous and Bony Anatomy. That it was the great pride and joy of his life. That he had looked forward for thirty weary and toilsome years to that crowning moment of his existence—but that he would defy me to shew or prove to any ordinary human being, that I was an Anatomy or that I had any, even the slightest, claims to the honorable titles of Cadaverous or Bony. And that he would further defy me to produce, then and there, any eminent or well-known surgeon who would venture to stake his professional reputation in support of such a monstrous and untenable proposition. That he would appeal to the plain common sense of the Brethren there assembled to decide conscientiously and without bias on the issue then placed before their enlightened minds, between truth and wisdom on the one hand, and falsehood and ignorance on the other—between a genuine though deeply humble Superincumbent Membrane, and a blatant, bald headed, hump-backed production of human weakness and milk-and-watery depravity, fit only to be suspended by his ears outside the door, as a scarecrow."

Thunders of applause greeted this speech and although I made the most strenuous endeavours and the most heart-rending appeals to the Brethren, it was decided unanimously against me on the ground that I had not produced before them the eminent surgeon above alluded to by my opponent.

Oh, my dear GRIP, it has seared the heart-strings of  
YOUR FAT POLITICIAN.

**Croaks and Pecks.**

PAUCA (porker) VERBA.—CAUCHON'S speecches.

THE (AD)ORIGINAL ADAM.—ORONHYATIKHA says ADAM was a red man. We may say we don't care a red—but it would not be polite to say we don't care (EVE'S husband.)

METHODIST PROGRESS.—It is said that in view of the fact that the Metropolitan Church is to give a series of concerts, an enterprising speculator has ordered a quantity of opera glasses "for the use of the people called Methodists."

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