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#### Merry Christmas.

We wich you a happy christmas fair and unfair readers, even to you editors of La Lime, we wish the compliments of the season, and hope that the cellar from whence flowed the equisite champagne which christened that paper will not be held back, at this season of festivities. For gentlemen it is fitting that at this season you should drink a silent draught over the form of you defunct organ; if a ear should arise in your eye at the recollection of your defeat, drink on and the most golden dreams will succeed your orrow; champagne is the panac for all mental ufflictions.

# Curiosities of Literature.

A rumor is going the rounds that some gentleman intends shortly to publish a volume of Curiosities of Canadian Literature, among which, will be found—"Mr. Judah's Report on the Chaudière Gold Mines."

Mr. Aschers "Voices from the Hearth," and Editorials from the various Journals throughout the Province. We have seen the manuscript, and it is very well written. To relieve the Editors of the Toronto Leader and Montreal Gazette of any

nervousness, we will state that the greatest curiosities of Newspaper writings are not theirs, but those of the Quebec Chronicle, and A'ylmer times.

# Howlands Lament.

Written after losing his stick, on falling while going down Mountain-Hill.

What is the matter Howland dear Why do you shed that sorrowing tear Why such your thum

And look se glum
Oh, answer, please, do, answer quick:
Then tis because I've lost my stick,
Then tis because I've lost my stick,
An losing it feel on my thum,
An losing it fell on my . . . mum!

#### A Penial.

We insert with pleasure the following letter from M. Cochon in which he denies that he is a cochon. We fear however that his denial,—however flat it may be, will not convince people that he is not a cochon.

Quebec, 17th December 1863. To the Editor of the Saw,

SIR,

I see by a letter which appeared in the last number of your miserable paper from one who styles himself, "An admirer of the Abbé Ferland" that that ecclesiastical rooter into old musty Registers and documents, that officious, meddling creature of an Abbé has been insinuating, in a nonsensical work which he has lately compiled, that my ancestors were cochons, and that they were registered as such in the Registers of Notre Dame de Quebec. Now I beg to tell this pompous little abbé, that my ancestors were no more cochons than I am myself a cochon. I deny that

they were registered as such in the Registers of Notre Dame de Quebce; and I deny totally that I am a cochon. It is exceedingly annoying to me that I should be constantly put down as a cochon. It is far from being a charitable act on the part of Ferland to hint in his work, that those from whom I had my being, were cochons; and it is not at all in keeping with his sacred character to call men, cochons.

As to this "Admirer of Abbé Ferland," I have only to say that he and I do not see men and things in the same light, for I cannot for the life of me see anything to admire in the abbé particularly as I have always had a horror of those who were continually looking into the ancestry of individuals for their correct family names. I deny once and for ever that I am, or ever have been a cochon, and I trust that this denial will be taken notice of by those who are under the impression that I am one.

Your Obedient servant,

Jos. C.

P. S. When this Abbé pays his next visit to the old Registers of Notre Dame de Quebec, perhaps he will condescend to inform us whether he has come across any old documents appertaining to that highly religious tribunal called THE HOLY INQUISITION.

J. C.

#### Tis Hunkey.

By the author of "TIS WELL." "TIS BAD," "BE GAY," "BE SAD," "THE SAILOR'S SEA-SICK SONG," "A WEL-COME TO WINTER."

Accompanying he following poem was the Dr's' Card we must say that his style is much improved; for his other poems, were what the Kamtchatkan's or any other civilised

barbarians would call doggerel,—and we are not sure that if they fall into the hands of the Esquimaux's they will not shook, all the fine feelings of that elegant people. It is however with pleasur that we insert the following:

Of tis pleaseant to meet
On the broad crowed street,
The poor Savoyard and his monkey.
But to give a few cents
As a small recompense
Is much better than pleasant tis hunkey!

And tis pleasant to be
On the wild raging sea.
That is if a person's not funkey
But to be on the shore
When the elements roar
Is much better than pleasant tis hunkey.

#### DR. NOODLE BRAINS

" Universal genius "
Professor of Machine Poetry,

Regenerator of the humain race

Ivorytypes taken and clocks repaired on the shortest notice.

#### New Works.

The mysteries of Pool.—A tale of Stadocona, by the Revd. M. A. A. A. Treatise on Ornithology, by P. M. Partridge, Esq, of the Woods and Forests.—We have not had time to peruse the above work, but we hope the author is not making game of us

## New Music.

Ever of thee, Pm fondly dreaming—New version, by the Hon. John A. Macdonald, and respectfully dedicated to the Treasury Benches.

I would I were a child again,—by the Editor of the Chronicle.

Whither are we drifting, -a ballad, by George Sheppard, Esq. H. C.

Whistle and Pll come to you my lad,—by J. O'Halloran and dedicated to the ministry.

We have also received in addition to the above a "collection of airs" arranged by the Hon, J. H. Cameron.

We are enabled to give at length the eloquent speech delivered at the close of the second day's pelling, in St. Peter's Ward, by the successful Candidate.

## FRINDS AND ELICTHORS OF PETHER'S WARD.

As many among ye are aware, I have no pritinsions to be a public spaiker, howiver much of a public benefacthor I may have been, during the time I had the honor to riprisent yez in the Municipal Parliament of this strongly fortified say port town (Loud applause) and I could not permit ye to scatther this day without thankin ye from the bottom of my heart and from the very pit of my stomach for your noble and pathriotic conduct on this thrying occasion. (Cheers) The thriflin op-position, I met with this day has not, had the effect of dispellin the idea generally entertained that our saits in the "conthract depot" City Council I mane, were for life.

It is not for a man possessin so much natheral delicacy of sintement as I do to abuse the character, of my opponent, in order to elevate my own by comparishon, or to enumerate or lay before you an account of all the improvements in which I assisted, but I do not think I flatther myself when I say that no measures of any importance could have been got through, nor contracts managed or properly given out by our party wilout my silent vote (Cheers and cries of thrue for you.)

I'll not spake to you now of the great questions puzzlin the brains of us public min all over the country, but I must say that the triumph of king—James over the Canadians at the battle of the Boyne was but n mere thrille compared to the glories of this day.

The whole proceeding concluded with three cheers for Brian Boroimle and our Irish Bosthoon.

Complimentary verses to the Ministry by the officials.

How are you McDougall Mowar Sandenin, all You cunning set of rascals, Howare you great and small;—We wish you merry Christmas, Indeed, indeed we do, And hope that o'er your diener You may get slightly fou.

#### STRANGE.

The glengarians are about to creet a monument to John Sandfield. The Hon, gentleman will be represented as standing on the Laws of Canada, and holding the reports of the late comissions in his hands.

#### NEWSPAPORIAL.

It is the intention, we believe, of the Proprietors of the Daily News, to increase the size of their paper, as the Editor complains that he has not sufficient room for his editorials.

#### PAID--FIVE CENTS.

Why will the grass never grow under the feet of the present Postmaster General?

#### Answer:

—Because he will mow it (Mowat.) We beg to assure our readers that we were not party a to the above vile attempt.

#### -++o++--VILE.

"So, You're going to Ottawar next year," said Tompkins to his friend in the Civil Service. "Hand on Tompkins my boy were n'Ot awa (Ottawa) yet. Tompkins is recovering.

#### The Rink.

Mr. Cri-Cri was asked why the ladies were so fond of the Rink. His answer was given with that quickness for which we must say he stands unequalled, it was this "because its such a nice (an ice) place."

#### CON.

Why is Mr. Bourget a much larger man than Mr. Burns?

Answer:

—Because if Mr. Burns is gross Mr. Bourget is grosser (grocer)... Hem!!!

THE CHIEF SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT.—The trades people.

SECRETARY CHASE'S NEW WAY TO RAISE MONEY, by getting a draft on New-York.

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PRIVATE OF THE 17TH REGI-MEST.—We agree with you, the Quebecers deserve no favors at the hands of your Band, for they should, in our opinion, either have made up a purse, or given you a concert in the Music Hall.