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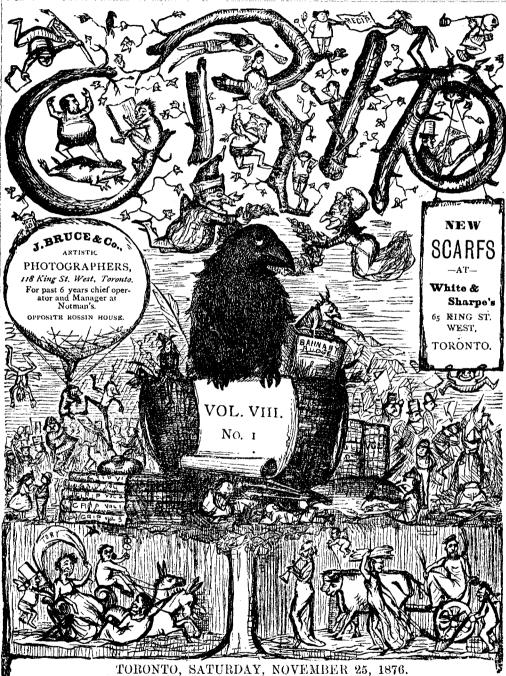
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TORONTO, SATURDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER 1876.

#### The Hangman to Mr. Blake.

Wot ever's the good o' me hangin' around, With never no hangin' to do Wot do they keer if they've guilty been found, So 's' I has'nt the puttin' 'em through?

Now it's some priest or some minister don't Fancy my way a good means o' grace is. Now it's some lunatic doctor as wont Let me spile some nice "possible cases,"

And they let 'em right off on excuses so small, As nobody used dare to mention. I'm blest if it soon won't be murder at all, When one haint adwertised his intention.

Take back this commission as I holds from you. If I was on wages as you is,
I'd not care how seldom the jobs came to do,
But to work on the piece they too few is.

### The Debating Societies We are Coming To.

Colonial life tends to lack of self-assertion, and consequent fear of aggression, and no less fear of competition. GRIP hath been to Oswego nay, further, even to Boston, and there did he, even GRIP, see orchards,

"Apple and plum tree, fruited deep,"

Gardens, flower-gardens, almost without walls, or fences, and neither boy nor man stole fruit or flower. Here, in dignified and terrified Toronto, they would have been walled, fenced, picketed, and broken-glassed, while the owners were alternately delighted by the perfume of the roses, and horrified as, sniffing vigorously the morning air, they dethe coses, and normed as, summy vigorously the morning air, they detected the odors of imaginary building borne upon the breeze. Grip was led to these reflections by noticing the style of Debating Club common in Toronto. These, like the gardens, are all spike-fenced. Each church gets up one of its own, universities get them up of their own. Law Societies are establishing theirs, and now actually the Reformers are getting up one for themselves, and no doubt the Conservatives will follow up the department of the degradate of follow suit. It is an excellent plan, and worthy of the descendants of the judge whom hearing both sides always puzzlei. The churches take care that their beloved infants shall not hear their particular fancies on church polity confuted by the dear children of other churches, for they shan't hear them disputed; the Universities don't like the idea of outsiders licking them in logic, and won't give 'em a chance; the Law Society think if their acolytes were worsted by laymen—"bless us all they'd be pleading their own causes next"—the Reformers can prove MACKENZIE right so much more conveniently if there's no rascally Con-Exclusive probably about to be born don't want anybody chattering Pacific Scandal when they are demonstrating the perfections of that astonishingly-diminished-in-opposition party. It is all right. There is one more step: Abolish'em all: they're too open: confine it to families. one more step: Abolish 'em all: they're too open: confine it to families. Each parent can then exercise proper supervision. No, there is yet a further—that's too open also. Confine it to persons. Parerfamilias in his study shall solus debate the question of "Is over-Taxation Justifiable?" Materfamilias in the drawing-room shall fro and con dispite with herself "Is the Depravity of Servants Hereditary or Acquired?" while cook in steaming kitchen (scullion rigidly excluded) settles solitarily whether "Missuses has Souls or not?" and high in garret Tonuny, the youthful hope of the family, srlves with profound and self-satisfying logic "Are the Holidays Too Short?"

GOOD FOR HIM-The Church of England pastor of Lucan, Ont., has requested to be assessed, as he believed the exemption of church proper-ty from taxation to be wrong. Now. after this, who will dare to say a word in favour of Those Dissenting Fellows? If they don't come forward and declare for this new doctrine of the Old Establishment, they should be excommunicated, and GRIP will take measures to that effect.

#### Where is the Grave?

A FRAGMENT BY COLERIDGE.

Where is the grave of SIR TORY REACTION? Where may the grave of that good knight be! Buried he was by the picknicking faction, Sadly interred by the Chaplain BOULTBEE.

Vainly on standard he flaunted "Protection!" Vainly the high tariff bugle blew clear. Never a champion of his selection Parried the Clear Grit statistical spear.

Cold is the tomb of SIR TORY REACTION. Wildly the cypresses over it wave, Killed by supporters with knowledge no fraction, "Dead of Incapables," write on his grave.

### Letters between the Hon. Grip and the Hon. Cartwright,

Toronto, Nov. 1, 1876.

MAGNIFICENT SIR—As Canada has chosen you her finance manager, you are no doubt one of her keenest minds, and therefore I, also somewhat in that line, apply to you for the assistance congenial minds should ever be willing to bestow. I want your invaluable advice. I sent a clerk of mine lately to London, to dispose of Twelve Million Volumes of my invaluable publication, which you are aware is in demand there. The market price was, as money goes now, about \$96 or \$97 per hundred volumes. He gave notice that he would sell them at \$91, and they were snapped up in a moment at that figure. Had he acted differently, he could have secured the market price in full, as money is now a drug there, and the edition is for the present out of print, and wanted. Now. Sir, I am short by his operations \$600,000 at least. He may be a fool, and not have known; or he may be a knave and have gone snacks, which he could easily find ways to do. What shall I do with him? Yours anxiously,

To the Hon. Mr. Cartwright.

London, Nov. 14, 1876. Fellow,-You are extremely audacious and astonishingly impertinent, to trouble a personage of my distinction concerning your paltry private affairs. But one capable of the idiocy you relate may be excusable. Your execrable folly in trusting such a person shields you from the due punishment of your impudence in applying to me. Discharge the rascal at once, and if possible, nab his swag.

Sir, I am indignantly,

To GRIP, Toronto.

CARTWRIGHT.

### Prepare.

The melancholy days are here The summer's come and gone, Now make your parlour fire burn clear, And put your flaunels on.

Life's flickering candle out to puff, Death in the lane doth go; But wrap you up in cold-proof stuff, And you may let him blow.

### A Fishy Tale.

The Government started a fish factory on the banks of the Detroit River last year, the object thereof being to turn out ready-made whitefish every spring. In order to protect the whitefish a "close" season from the 1st to the 10th of November was ordered, as during this period the fish spawn. The fishermen were bitterly against this order in council, so much so that the order was rescinded. GRIP, anxious to find out the state of opinion, sent its resident reporter to interveiw the fishermen on the subject, and the following conversation actually occur-

REPORTER.—" You object to the close season?"

FISHERMAN.—" Certainly we do. If they can why can't we fish by horse-power. Steam ough wny can't we fish by horse-power.

ahead of us; if it can't let them get a bigger engine.

REPORTER.—"Do you think the breeding establishment will be of any practical benefit?"

FISHERMAN. "S" If they can make fish by steam,

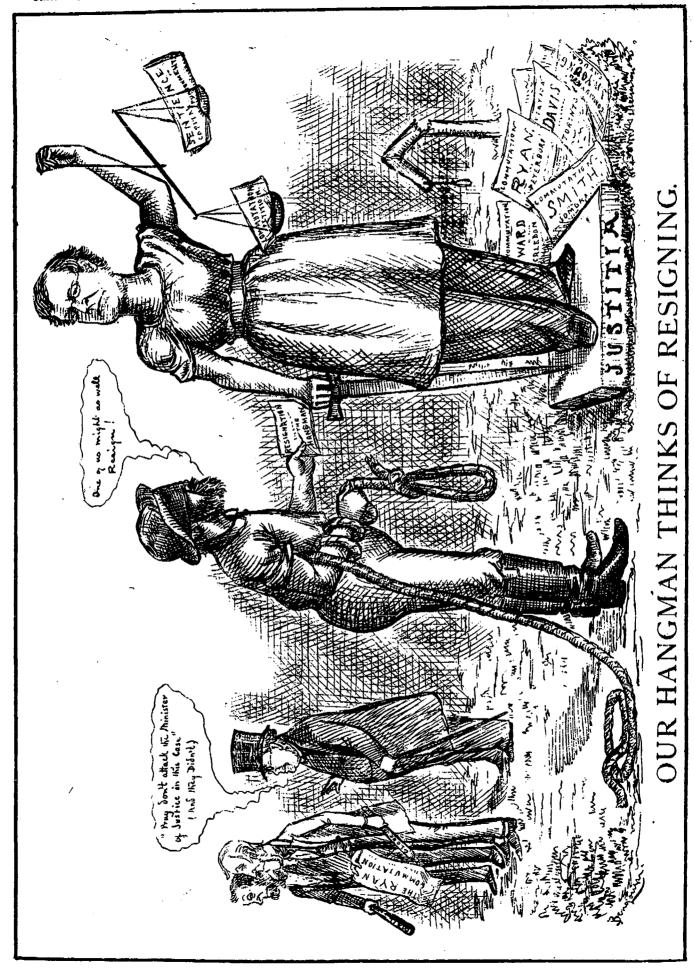
FISHERMAN.—" No I don't. They say they turned out 18,000 fish

FISHERMAN.—"NO 1 (10h). They say they turned out 18,000 hish last year, and yet this year is the worst we ever had for fishing."

REPORTER—"(1)h, but last year's fish have not had time to grow yet."

FISHERMAN.—(With a look of contempt at the reporter's ignorance.)

"If they can make fish, why can't they as easy make big ones as little ones? The fact is I don't believe they can make them at a 1--steam or no steam.



### Conversation on the Depression.

ELASTIC. - My dear friend, have you heard the news? The depres-

Solid.—My dear friend, have you neared the news? In edepression is about to cease! Times in Toronto are to improve at once!

Solid.—Why, cash is scarce, work scarcer, business dull.

Elastic.—Oh, but there certainly—you know—the Globe said yesterday there was a brightening tendency in the distance; and the Mail remarked this morning that it saw a glimmering on the horizon; and the Telegram added this evening that a brightening and a glimmer were said to be visible.

SOLID. - What about houses empty!

ELASTIC.—Well, over a thousand in the city. But the Globe says— SOLID.—The Water Works expenditure of several millions is about over; the City expenditure on streets and buildings must stop, or bankrupt the citizens by debt, for they cannot pay the taxes; these will throw many out of work—empty more houses; then as no more houses are wanted, a great number of builders and so on must leave town—empty more houses—empty twice as many as at present.

ELASTIC.—Oh, but they say—the Mail says there's a glim—

SOLID.—Confound your glimmer. Can't you see that if the business is not here to do business can be no better. We've expanded too much—built too much. Even it Canada does buy through Toronto as much as last year, which she can't, trade can be no better than last year. And if it is no better there is not employment for half of us who are in Toronto. We must leave it—folks are leaving it.

ELASTIC.—Oh! you are timid. The Telegram said there was a brightening and a glim—

SOLID.—Can't you see they are all in a string? One guessed it—hoped it—said it—the others read and said it. Humbug! My good friend, be not led by the nose. Business cannot revive till there's more to do. If there comes no more to do it must get worse, for folks must leave.

ELASTIC.—Good heavens! Surely you are mistaken. There is cer-

tainly a glim-

Solid.—Glimmer of moonshine! What is to bring business to Toronto—to every city—every village in the Dominion—is Protection; a thing which will not hurt the farmer five dollars a year to the hundred it will bring him, and which will be the very salvation of the towns. That—or ruin—is imminent. Business better! Can't you see for yourself?

ELASTIC .- Bless me, I can't see any improvement. Things seem to me getting worse. But when the highly respectable Globe says it sees it, how can I believe but that I, as a good Clear Grit, also see a glim-

Solito.-Globe-cracked, by Jingo!

(exit.)

### Directions for Diet-What to Avoid.

Meat, being generally swill-fed, if beef; or flabby western stuff if pork; mutton has its evils, and who could cat sausages?
 Fish, horrid; where do they feed;—think of the sewers. Oysters.

positively fattened on suction of city-poisoned rivers.

3. Poultry.—Decomposes too rapidly; must generate gases.
4. Tinned provisions.—Aw(ul revelations at Woolwich—Franklin's party appear to have been lost through 'em. If it's sardines, most likely they're in bad oil.

5. To choose healthy vegetables and fruit requires more knowledge

6. Pastry clogs the digestion and utterly ruins the stomach. Bread is the mother of dyspepsia when improperly fermented, which is very

7. Milk and butter-the first sewer-poisoned water adulterated with 7. Milk and butter—the hist sewer-posoned water admicrates which imitation milk—the second all physicians denounce; eggs, well, if you feed your own hens, and don't let them off the premises, not otherwise.

8. Tea, coffee, cocoa.—Now would you really swallow Prussian blue, and lots of things? Think of the risk, or at least, insure your

life heavily.

9. Water.—Well, if it is filtered two or three times perhaps it is safe

to be in the same room with it. Ice.—Reflect on the horse-ponds l
10. Good wines are awful dear, and doubtful then; cheap ones awfully doubtful, and dear then. Whiskey's got fusil oil—most deadly thing. Gin weakens and poisons.

11. On the whole GRIT earnestly advises people to avoid eating and drinking till further notice. N. B.—This does not apply to his subscribers, whose health he secures by his weekly tonic, the perusal of which secures happiness, health and digestion, at the small cost of \$2 vearly.

We have all read of the Daw with borrowed plumes. Now this Daw's son used to be a reformer, he tried to fly to Ottawa with the borrowed feathers of Toryism, but his wings gave out and he fell into the MILLS-strom of Reform majority and is lost to sight forever.

When MACKENZIE heard that MILLS was elected for East Kent he remarked to GRIF "  $\Lambda h$  Kent he wad wun."

### The Trust Railway.

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But now they kindly say the thing will live, If we, instead, four times as much will give.

The Spherical's a paper published here. The Spherical was cool on this last year.

Quite cool on this was then the Spherical, But now it seems the Trust Line's regular pal.

Swears that it's this prosperity has barred. And wants the cash paid over to its pard.

There's no new fact come out about the thing. Why does the Spherical its praises sing?

Thus fast and loose did other papers play GRIP would not hesitate "Approached!" to say.

It can't be that—they go for purity.
And GRIP would simply ask—What Can it Be?

### Croaks and Pecks.

Palestine is to have a railroad. Oh, Jerusalem! won't it be easy to "Go to Jericho!!"

Windsor, Ont., has two papers-the Record and the Times. Wilkesbarre, Penn., has one called the Record of the Times.

The Canadian Loan has been so successful that the Conservative papers let it (a / Loan.

The would-be robbers of LINCOLN's tomb were caught in Chicago. They make no bones about the matter. A grave responsibility rests on the people of the States. They should in-sinew-ate the ghouls into States prison.

How little we know of real poverty! Truly one-half of the world don't know how the other three-quarters live!! The poor Czar of Russia has to support his family and rub along on a mere pittance of \$25,000 a day!!! And a hard Russian winter staring him in the face!!!! Subscriptions for the sufferer received at GRIP office !!!!!

Turkey is very in-Sultan to Servia. Otterman to stand calmly by, and see Turkey Gobbler?

The Weekly Globe of the 17th says that gold fish should be fed on rice Now we don't see what this has to do with the political situation, but we venture to add, that the fish must have a literary taste when they take their paper regularly, and as they prefer rice paper to the Globe we suppose it is because they are averse to "lye." Still they are generally kept in glass Globes.

The presidential contest of 1800 was not settled till February 17th Bot. Will not we now have to wait Til-den, before the present Hayes is cleared away, and we can sec who's president?

The Americans make a standing joke of SITTING BULL.

Mr HILL, premier of Nova Scotia, has dismissed his Attorney General Mr. WEEKS on account of immoral conduct. The Premier is determined to reform the Government even if it is up-Hill work and takes Weeks to

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