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MONTREAL, FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 1879.

Mr. George Maynard is no longer connected with this paper, and the public are requested not to pay him any subscriptions. Those who have done so and have not received their paper, will be supplied with their copy on forwarding their receipt to this office.

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NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS.

Contributions to appear the same week must be handed in not later than Tuesday morning.

OUR LAST NUMBER.

Our readers will pardon us for calling attention to a matter in which we venture to hope they will have some interest. We refer to the policy of this paper. We are within the bounds of truthfulness when we state that at twelve o'clock last Friday every copy had been sold. It did not pay us to re-order under a certain number, and not wishing to run the risk of having so many undisposed copies on our hands, we did not order more. The object in making the statement is because the impression had gone abroad that we had been served with a legal process to discontinue the sale. This is not true. It could not have been true, for the reason that, in the first place, it would have taken at least twenty-four hours to do this, and in the second place, there was nothing in this journal to warrant this course of procedure. Our policy has been, and will continue to be, a fearless exposure of public abuses. We venture to assert that we have referred to subjects which no political journal of either shade would have cared, for obvious reasons, to handle. But not having any political considerations at stake, and bearing the important fact in mind that it is the Public at large to whom we look for support, and *not* to the Government, we shall continue to treat public topics and public men in the same spirit we have hitherto evinced—not caring particularly whom we offend, so long as the facts will justify our actions. It has been, and is still a hard matter to make both ends meet; but, if we fail, we shall fall at least on the side of outspokenness and candour, and if we succeed, we shall owe our success to the same cause. It is a healthy sign to note the occasional irritation which the timely exposure of an evil will create. We accept the full responsibility for everything we print, and should any be displeased, they have their remedy which they are welcome to use at their discretion. In the meantime we shall pursue the same independent course mapped out from the first, and those whose corns may happen to be over-sensitive will have to provide their own plaster, as it may suit their convenience.

A WAKE, AND AN AWAKENING.

There has been no other actor—except, perhaps, Mr. George Riddell—who has been so petted by Montreal society, as Mr. E. A. McDowell. At various times Mr. McDowell has made desperate efforts to make the Academy of Music attractive and profitable—and to his credit he has generally succeeded—minus the profit. For all this he is to be commended. But it is just possible to push good nature too far. The "gods" are not to be offended with impunity, and they have an occasional way, peculiar to their lofty sense of impropriety, of manifesting their indignation. Last Friday Mr. McDowell got a taste of their humour. In fact it was a complete set-off to the original talents displayed by McDowell, junior. Even people who pay their quarter have a right to have their feelings respected, just as much as those who occupy the orchestra chairs. We don't suppose that Mr. McDowell was ever so forcibly struck by the "green-eyed monster" before. Cabbages and rotten eggs are always regarded as the inevitable accessories of entertainments of the "Professor" Hewitt order; but we scarcely looked for them at so respectable place as the Academy of Music. At any rate, Mr. McDowell has by this time, we hope, been convinced that he cannot do just as he pleases. The "Wake Scene" ought never to have been introduced to a mixed audience—especially in a city where religious feeling has caused more difficulties than even Mr. Tuley's Budget. It was indiscreet and untimely, and although Mr. McDowell makes a capital Irishman on the stage—he is scarcely up to that high standard of dramatic talent to take upon his shoulders the very difficult role of a discomfited corpse.

TWELVE REASONS WHY LIQUOR LICENSES SHOULD BE GRANTED.

1. Because keeping a saloon is the easiest way of living at other people's expense.
2. Because a saloon is so handy during political contests (This, perhaps, is the reason why the *Herald* and *Gazette* are so reticent about hurting the feelings of the proprietors.)
3. They are so well adapted for holding ward meetings (Candidates are always sure of getting "full houses.")
4. Having their "exits and their entrances" you can go in by the front door and out by the back, if you *don't* wish to be seen by any of your friends.
5. Because they contribute so largely to the funds of the Recorder's Courts.
6. Because they form the staple source of the local columns of the daily papers.
7. Because they afford employment to most of the men on the Police Force.
8. Because the License Commissioners, in their official capacity, could not very well get along without them.
9. Because they indirectly contribute to the pockets of some of the poorer medical practitioners.
10. Because it is the place where a man is likely to meet with familiar spirits.
11. Because a saloon is the only place where you can get a "soft drink"—with a "stick" in it.
12. Because it furnishes so many Temperance Associations with the largest assortment of "frightful examples."

MY HUSBAND.

"He caught her by the throat, but she managed to escape, and coming back, found him asleep with the razor in his hand. She took it from him and hid it. Her life will not be in danger for two months, however, as the Recorder sent him to Payette's mansion."—*Star*, 25th March.

Who, courting me, had used to say,
When married, he at home would stay,
And never, never, go astray?
My husband

Who, soon,—(Alas! Unhappy fate!),—
Began to make me sit up late
At night, for his return to wait?
My husband.

Who, home, at early dawn would reel,—
His mud-bespattered clothes reveal,—
And, cursing, make my blood congeal?
My husband.*

Who, fired with mixed up "ale" and "rye,"
Would knock me down, and "black" my eye,
And leave me like a dog to die?
My husband.

Who, lately, after heavy spree,—
When verging closely on the D. T.'s,—
A razor in his hand did seize?
My husband.

And who, thus armed,—as if for strife
With deadly foe,—then sought the life
Of her he proudly made his wife?
My husband.

Who safely lodged,—as Payette's guest,—
For sixty days, will give me rest?
(Oh! Would 'twere years! Then I were blest!)—
My husband.

THE "PERPETUAL MEMBER" FOR MONTREAL WEST.

Last week a meeting was held at the National Hall, in anticipation of the speedy prospect of the Provincial general elections, whereat a few free and independent electors were present to discuss the suitability of certain candidates to represent Montreal West. The Perpetual Member was present as a matter of course. He always is present at such meetings. Even had either Messrs. McShane or Kirwan been nominated, they would, of course, have had to retire in favor of the Perpetual Member who has done so much for Conservatism—and contracts. There is not a member in the Conservative ranks of Montreal who has not been under obligations to the Perpetual Member at some time or another, and it is, therefore, only fit and proper to nominate him for this distinguished position. It is a graceful thing to do, because it gives his constituents a chance of letting him down easy just before nomination day, and it also affords him the opportunity of saying "they wished me to run, but faith I didn't want to." So take it all around, the Perpetual Member is just as well pleased in the long run, and everybody else is satisfied. There is nothing like amicability in these arrangements.

"TOUCHSTONE" AND "IAGO."

"Iago" has been "going for" "Touchstone" in the *Canadian Spectator* with a vengeance. "Iago" is evidently a satirist and a humorist. "Touchstone" is also something of a wag; but he has, so far, come out at the tail end of the discussion. It is very kind in him to endeavour to improve the style, and the salaries of the newspaper men of this city at the same time. This from a person who is not a newspaper man is exceedingly kind, and under more fortuitous circumstances would entitle him to a testimonial. But who is "Touchstone" anyway? Does he frequent the Court? Is he a representative of any of our local journals? Has he rendered any service to the newspaper men of the city to entitle his opinion to be received with weight or authority?

We are hopeful in thinking that he neither belongs to the Press nor has ever done the Fourth Estate such valuable service as to regard him—even in the capacity of a volunteer—as an accession to its ranks. And, until he has done so, we fear "Touchstone's" indignant protests upon matters which do not concern him will fall as flat as ditch-water upon a Public, who, if they are dissatisfied with the Editor's or reporter's respective style, are not obliged to read the papers which cause "Touchstone" so much labored effort to criticise. But it is one thing to scribble for "glory"—and another thing to write for pay. Even if "Touchstone" is content to do the former, we question his ability to satisfactorily perform the latter. Were his remarks entitled to any weight among newspaper men we should have felt justified into going into the merits of a discussion in which "Iago" might have levelled his caustic wit at higher game.

THE LAW—AND THE PROFITS.

It gives us much pleasure to refer to the success achieved by Messrs. D. A. Nicholls and R. D. McGibbon in their efforts to win the gold medal prize granted by the Law Faculty of McGill. So remarkably close was the competition between these gentlemen that it has resulted in a distinction without a difference, whereby they have been enabled to produce two gold medals where only one had been seen before. Both gentlemen have done credit to the law firms under whom they have studied. Phrenologically speaking, Mr. Nicholls is the proud possessor of a *Tete a la Tait*, but he is not bumptious by any means. A Kerr-sory examination would at once reveal Mr. McGibbon's qualifications to wear with honour the *toga virilis*. We trust, however, that neither gentleman will undertake a case without counting the costs, and that the judge will invariably rule that they shall be paid by "the other side." In that event their clients will have no cause for complaint.

LOGIC AT A DISCOUNT.

"Truly I am no poet,
And as truly I know it."
Here then is a proof that I'm truly a poet,
For a wise man's a man that's wise but don't know it;
Every poet's a wise man—every wise man a poet.
Now I'm a wise man, e'en though you don't know it,
And being a wise man, forsooth I'm a poet.

A GRIT'S WAIL.

(After Coleridge.)
He thought with a smile upon Canada the while,
And the trick that her statesmen had taught her,
Of hiding herself from the storm above,
By putting her head under water.

ASTRONOMICAL.

Does the tail precede or follow a comet? That depends on which way the comet is going.—*Ex.*

"SHOPPY"—VERY.

There have been many profitable evenings spent at the entertainments given by the Temperance and Literary Association of Emmanuel Church, and it seems that not the least among their attractions, is the happy way in which pleasure and business is combined. For instance: Dr. Andres, who, doubtless, is a very excellent dentist, undertook on Tuesday evening last, (according to the programme now before us—we are very sorry a prior engagement prevented our attendance) to lecture upon the "Growth and Preservation of Children's Teeth, with Magic Lantern illustrations." Doubtless the gentleman's mode of dealing with the subject, convinced people of the necessity of cutting their wisdom teeth at an early age. A treatise on gum-boils would have been very *appropos*: but it is not so much of the lecture as the principle to which we would draw attention. The Association having initiated this "new departure" in advertising, we hope they will rigidly adhere to a proper scale of prices for subsequent entertainments. We would suggest the following:—

For taking one hour to tell people where to get their corns cut, \$25. For a lecture on making a pair of boots, \$25; if illustrated, \$35. For a discourse on the latest method of killing sheep, \$10; if illustrated, \$25 extra. For an exposition on the animal heat contained in an ulster, with diagrams on the various styles and where to buy them, \$40. For a lecture on the ingredients contained in Nestle's Food, with chemical tests, \$75. In this way a very substantial addition might be made to the Association's exchequer. But, by all means, stick to the tariff gentlemen of the Committee, if you want to make the thing a success.

THOUGHTS ABOUT THE TARIFF, HUMBL Y SUBMITTED.

The balmy South wind may come over the line and blow where it listeth on the free list, not a zephyr will be forced through the Custom House. The Northern blasts may leave the country at zero, on the tariff, not a blessed blizzard will be subject to an export duty. Canada might make a fiendish monopoly of these two articles (blasts and blizzards), but Tilley says no, not a fiend. The juice of the hurricane is on the free list. The multitudinous sea is still "the blue, the fresh, the ever free." Tilley is not accountable for the tides rising, although he is for the rise in the paper collar of the howling swell. The glorious light of the sun Tilley has not "touched lightly," as he has the lumbermen. The twinkling stars are unenumerated. *Urza Major* and *Urza Minor* yield nothing for the heads of departments. The Northern Lights will still be a free exhibition to an admiring world (no matinees). The hail in Columbia (British) may descend from the clouds without let or hindrance.

A "MIXED" ASSEMBLY.

Through the enterprise of our reporter, we are enabled to give a report of the secret meeting of the Licensed Victuallers' Association. He was obliged, in order to secure an entrance, to go disguised: yes, disguised in liquor. He was so well disguised that his best friends would not have known him on Great St. James street; in fact, he hardly knew himself. The meeting was held at eight o'clock, in a corner grocery, behind a rampart of empty soap-boxes; the secretary called for drinks; no, this is a mistake, called the meeting to order, when it was moved by John Collins that Old Rye take the chair. So he was taken to the chair, and quiet having ensued, he addressed the meeting as follows:—Fellow-members we have met, yes, we have met here to consider (voice, bully for you.) The License Commissioners are determined to give us our licenses, and shall we not support them? Where will you find a more ambitious body of men? We are always thirsty for fame; yes, I repeat, we are always thirsty. Who is it that pays for justice and keeps lawyers? Who, I ask, supports the Recorder's Court? The Police Court? We, the saloon-keepers; we are the men who support these. Why, they would have nothing to do if it were not for us, and shall we be trampled upon? No, a thousand times, no! (Here a glass of water was asked for, and one of a golden colour was brought, and remarkable to state, all the members were thirsty, and took this unfiltered beverage without the least hesitation. Soon our reporter was more disguised than ever.) The chairman was continuing, when our reporter in the desire to say something suddenly interrupted him by adding that he protested. Immediately there was an uproar, and cries of "put him out," "put him out." Our reporter showed a ten dollar bill, saying you will not put me out now, to which the chairman replied, "we never put anybody out while he has money." Our reporter was questioned as to where his place of business was; he replied that he had not as yet started, but had no doubt of getting his license, as his application was genuine. He had written it himself. The chairman left the chair and took the floor. Everybody was speaking at once, so that the notes our reporter took, read as follows:—"Witness—drinks—what will you have—Judah—cigars—bitters—yee'se another—whisk—sleigh—live—don't know—home—morning—wife—mountain—station—Rye an—collapse."

Here and There.

In the programme of an entertainment given, lately, at London, Ont., we find the following: "Duet—Adam and Eve ('in character')."—

There has been a remarkable case of constancy in England. A man who separated from his wife 35 years ago has just returned and offered to "kiss and make up." A few days prior to the offer the wife had inherited a large estate.—*Ex.*

"Why does lightning so rarely strike twice in the same place?" Prof. Wortman asked the new boy in the class in Philosophy. "Hum," said the new boy, "it never needs to." And it is a little singular that nobody had thought of that reason before.—*Ex.*

The baby was doubled up by the cramps, and yelling at the rate of a mile a minute, as the father and mother stood over the crib with the laudanum between them. "No Miria," he said gently but firmly, "you pour it out; that child's growing so much like your mother that I can't trust myself."—*Ex.*

A hardshell Baptist preached in Washington lately, and took for his text, "God made man in His own image." He then commenced: "An honest man is the noblest work of God." Then he made a long pause, and looking around the audience, "But I opine God Almighty hadn't a job in this city for high onto 15 years."—*Ex.*

The late Mr. George Robinson, the famous auctioneer, after exhausting the language of praise in extolling a certain gentleman's park which had fallen under his hammer, said he was bound, as an honest man, not to conceal the only drawbacks to the property, which were—the litter made by the roseleaves and the perpetual din kept up by the nightingales.—*Ex.*

What is the fare to Putman? Clerk: "Putman, Massachusetts, or Putman, Connecticut?" Pat: "What is the fare?" Clerk: "Five dol. to Putman, Massachusetts, and eight dol. to Putman, Connecticut." Pat: "Well bedad I'll take the cheapest."—*Ex.*

At one time Daniel Webster had a difficult case to plead, and a verdict was rendered against his client. One of the witnesses came to him and said, "Mr. Webster, if I had thought we should have lost the case, I might have testified a great deal more than I did." "It's of no consequence," replied the lawyer, "the jury did not believe a word you said."—*Ex.*

Around Town.

April 1st made a regular fool of Spring, last Tuesday.

It only needs a pair of green spectacles, now, to make the weather look Spring-like.

There are signs of improvement on every hand.—*Ex.* Has this any reference to Carsley's "six-buttoned kids"?

"Gaily the Troubadour," but you know the rest, but we venture to assert that the Troubadours at the Academy discount anything in that line we have seen, or read of in ancient or modern history. Go and see them, and you will enjoy yourself.

A Sunday school teacher in a Beaver Hall Sunday-school lately used the word "abridgment" to his class, pulling himself up with the remark that, as some of the younger scholars might not know its meaning, he would say that it was a synonym of epitome. The younger scholars were affected to tears.



"SILENCE IS GOLDEN."

THE JESTER (as the Speaker during the discussion on the Tariff)—The House would like to hear from the members for the Commercial Metropolis on this question.

MEMBER FOR MONTREAL, WEST.—The fact is, Mr. Speak—Mr. Jester, I have been so engaged attending to applications for situations that I haven't had a moment to spare for the question.

MEMBER FOR MONTREAL, CENTRE.—Railway enterprise is more in my line just now.

MEMBER FOR MONTREAL, EAST.—Sir, my desire is rather to acquire a reputation for silence.

H. Jester