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TORONTO, SATURDAY, 14TH APRIL, 1877.

### Pots and Kettles!

THE boys at Ottawa are on the rampage, and a great jangling of pots and kettles fills the air. The Grit lads have fastened two most disreputable utensils on the caudal appendage of the Tory dog, and from present appearances there is no hope of his ever shaking them off. The Tory boys, to be revenged, after careful searching unearthed two formidable pots which they have fastened to the Grit anemile. Thus the sport has been kept even, and GRIP hopes, for his own sake, that both parties will keep it up as long as the canines hold out.

### The Canine By-law.

The moon did glow, the sun was low,  
The dogs were all around,  
There each did go whose name you know  
Bull, spaniel, whelp, and hound.

And sharp and fell did the mongrels yell,  
For the most of all were they,  
And each did tell the woe that befell  
In the Council Hall that day.

"Now every ill close follow him still,"  
They barked, "that WITHROW man,  
For he has a will us all to kill,  
And will do it if he can.

For the poisoning law which last year saw,  
Its agent we could evade,  
And our bones could gnaw without any awe,  
For he by the day was paid.

Now, where urchins abound, and a canine is found,  
By the city unticketed, they  
Can just carry him round to the City Hall pound,  
And receive fifty cents as their pay.

And there shall he die, which the reason is why  
We our curse to the law-maker gave,  
For the day is gone by when evasion so sly,  
Can unticketed caninists save."

### Mr. Blake on the Anglin Job.

To advocate the Independence of Parliament, Mr. SPEAKER, has been the proudest occupation of my parliamentary career. What member but can recall my repeated attacks on the so-called administration of CARTIER and SIR JOHN, that nest of corruption and hotbed of jobbery? How fervently then did I denounce the idea—the thought—the possibility of purity combined with parliamentary contract accepting. And still do I denounce it—most decidedly and most unsparingly—in the abstract. In the abstract, Sir, the acceptance of a contract by a member is a corrupt and shameful piece of infamy which howls to the skies for punishment, and demands the vehement and trebly earnest opposition and reprobation of all patriotic Canadians, and the undying and eternal malediction of every lover of his country—in the abstract. But Mr. SPEAKER, when we descend to particularities, and find that a slight transaction of this sort has taken place among the members of our own party, and that party emphatically the party of purity, there is strong *prima facie* evidence that there is really nothing incorrect. For a member of a pure party must be pure, or the party of purity would have been an impure party, which is absurd. Therefore, when this pure party, a member of a pure party, commits an act, the supposition is that that act is pure. I am sure the House is with me so far (Loud Ministerial cheers.) Besides, gentlemen, the act of accepting contracts, pay, and so forth, on the part of a Speaker, is not to be hastily pronounced upon. He is the Speaker. Who is to tell us what is right, if not he? The supposition is that the Speaker can do no wrong. Therefore the transaction had probably nothing incorrect in it after all. I am certain honorable gentlemen are of my mind (Tremendous Ministerial cheers.) And besides, it is not wrong that a member shall take a contract, so that he resign his seat. What proof is there that the Speaker did not intend to resign his seat? He probably—I may say certainly, intended to do so. Would you have had him come running here with the wild rush of a

schoolboy to resign it, first thing, next morning, before breakfast? Certainly not. No, Sir, the Speaker knew what was due to his own dignity and that of the House, and he moved, in the matter of resigning his seat, with a calm, unhurried, contemplative deliberation, which entitles him to the thanks of every true patriot in this country. (Immense Ministerial cheers, and the Hon. EDWARD exeunts, his unwearied tongue reposing tranquil in his vast cheek).

### The Turkish Imbrogllo.

The zeal of the Turk had risen to par,  
(It's more than his securities are)  
And he was as sour as vinegar,  
And he sharpened up his scimitar,  
And loaded his rifle that kills afar,  
(Snider it is, as ours are.)  
Stuck up the moon and the morning star,  
Twirled his moustachios so angular,  
Swore by the Saints of his calendar,  
And by MAHOMET particular,  
Spite of danger of wound and scar,  
Nothing from slaughter should him debar,  
Off he went by the morning car.

As he met the Servian on his way,  
Straightway was the deuce to pay,  
Cross and crescent in array,  
Each of each made bloody clay.  
Men they were at the break of day,  
Food for crows at night they lay,  
But the Turk's the fellow for fight and fray,  
And remarkably neat is his scimitar play,  
Which slashed the Servian uniformus gay,  
Arms and legs flew off like spray.  
Demoralized and in great dismay,  
Legions of Servians homeward stray.  
Allah for Osman!—seize the prey.

Wo to the fair of eye and of cheek,  
Up to the sky goes the woman's shriek.  
And a thousand villages burning reek,  
Nothing is left but the hill-side bleak,  
Or the thicket dense where the swamp-trees creak,  
Bed of brambles and food of leak.  
Far and wide does the Mussulman wreak  
Vengeance and hate on the yielded and weak.  
What be the Christian men who streak  
The ranks of the Turks and in English speak?  
Sharp and poignant had been their pique,  
Once to be told they should honour seek,  
Aiding MAHOMET 'gainst JESUS meek.

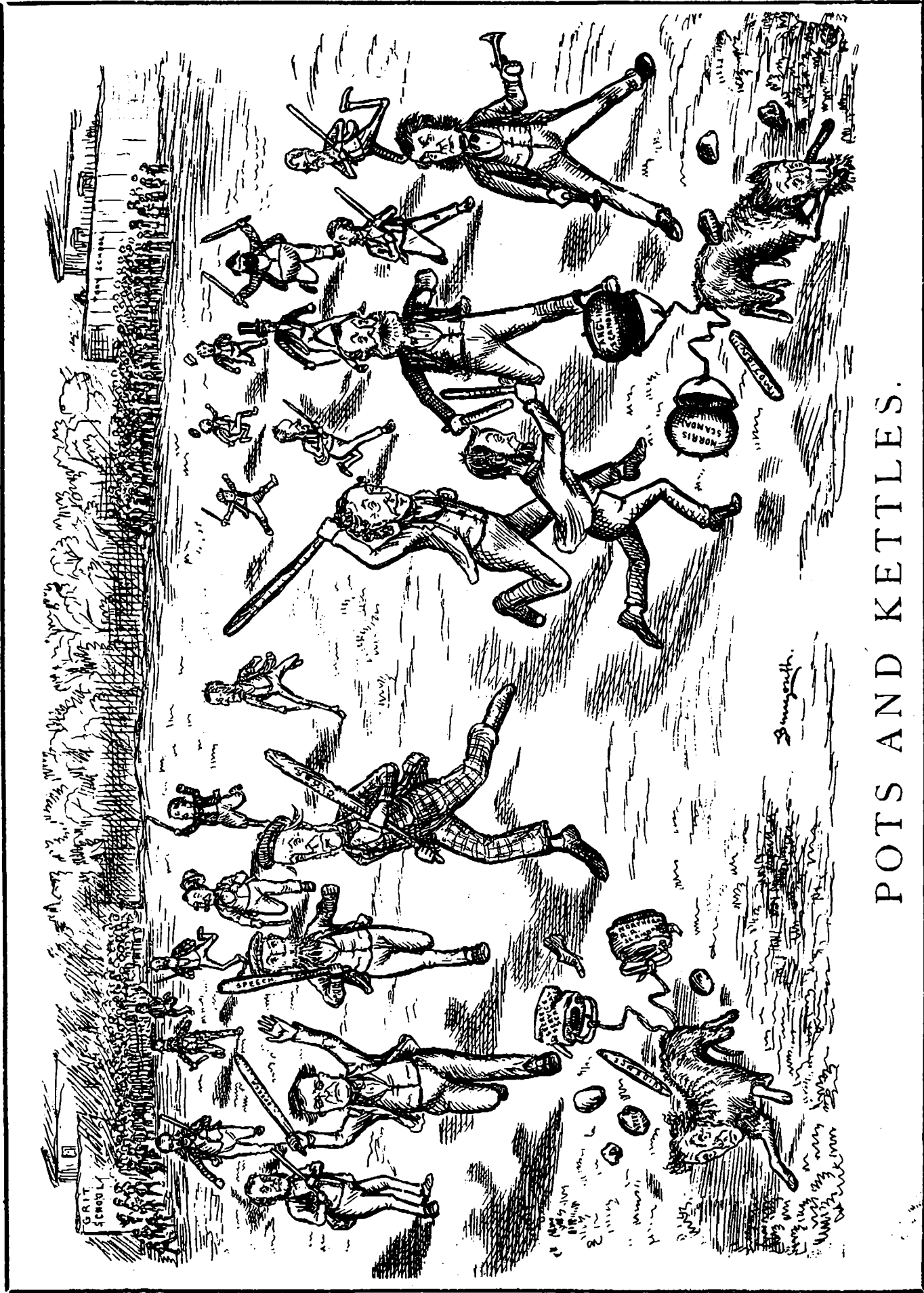
Savage and shrill on the forest air,  
Sounds the roar of the Northern Bear,  
He must come to raven and tear,  
See you his ferie millions marshalled fair,  
Notice the great Count Popemoff there,  
Who doth in Russian the choicest swear,  
He shall the Turk for the eagle prepare,  
And their British backers may all beware,  
For he shall make it a small affair,  
Of Briton and Turk to thrash the pair,  
And chase the lion into his lair,  
Drive him home like a frightened hare,  
And his tawny skin as a trophy wear.

Then the clever DISRAELI  
Spoke to the Marquis of Salisbury:  
Go to the country of far Turkey,  
Speak you this to the Turk from me:  
Fight the Russian on land and sea,  
We for expense will responsible be,  
But do it extremely quietly,  
Under the rose; but openly,  
You will with us quite disagree,  
And pitch into us most violently,  
Yet find the men, and fear not we,  
Powder and shot shall send you free,  
And the Russ shall find him up a tree.

And as DIZZY said, so it was done,  
The curtain has risen, the play is begun.

MACKENZIE AND THE OTTAWA WORKINGMEN.—They asked for bread and he gave them a—speech.

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Mr. Grip.

SIR: I am accused of having incited the working men of Ottawa to make that memorable raid on MACKENZIE in the House of Commons, for the purpose of making a little political capital. I have only to say that I was not in Ottawa at the time at all, and took no part in the affair. The whole thing was organized and managed by some political friends of mine who reside at the Capital, and we consider it to have been a great success. I am at present on a mission in the North West, and you need not be surprised if you witness a similar raid upon the government by a few thousands of our wild Indian fellow-citizens. They are coming, on my advice, to demand that MACKENZIE shall put an end to this scarcity of buffalo on the plains. Next week I begin my labours among the grass-hoppers of this section to the same end. I find this influential portion of our population bitterly disposed towards the government's policy, and Conservatives to a hopper. They demand protection to the Consumer. I will advise them to follow the example of the Ottawa working men and the Blackfoot Indians. *Vivat the Reaction!*

Yours,

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**Meeting of the Mail Stockholders.**

(By our own Reporter.)

A GENERAL meeting of the stockholders of the *Mail* newspaper, was held the other day, at which a large number of gentlemen, representing all shades of political opinion, were present.

The Right Hon. Sir JOHN MACDONALD, K. C. B., President, occupied the chair. In the absence of Mr. WEBB, Mr. GORDON BROWN was elected secretary *pro tem*.

Mr. JOHN MACDONALD, M. P., moved, seconded by Mr. EDWARD FARRAR, that this and subsequent meetings of the Company be opened with devotional exercises.

Mr. JOHN R. DOUGALL, of the Montreal *Witness*, spoke against the motion. He said there was a place for everything, and it struck him as peculiarly incongruous to think of devotional exercises in connection with the *Mail*.

Mr. GEORGE BROWN said he differed from the last speaker. It was the spirit of fervent theology which had made the *Globe* so powerful and respected. To object to the purpose of this motion because the *Mail* was a bad paper he considered poor argument. Devotional exercises might lead to reform.

Hon. Dr. TUPPER said that was just why he objected to the motion. The *Mail* was a Conservative paper, and intended to remain so. He would vote against everything that could possibly lead to *Reform*.

Hon. THOS. N. GIBBS said he regretted this discussion, and was pained to observe that it had been introduced, apparently for purposes of obstruction, by one of the new Grit stockholders. For his part he regretted that the general public had been admitted to membership in the *Mail* Joint Stock Company, as he thought it would lead to serious embarrassments in the transaction of business.

The RIGHT HON. CHAIRMAN called the last speaker to order. His remarks sounded like a reflection on himself (the Chairman). He (the Chairman) had been mainly instrumental in thus enlarging the Company, and had done so from disinterested and patriotic motives—the motives, he might add, which had governed every act of his public life.

The motion was put and lost by a large majority.

After the despatch of routine business, Mr. JOHN CAMERON, of the London *Advertiser*, said he desired to introduce a resolution which he hoped would be carried without a dissenting voice. It read as follows: *Resolved*: That the sincere thanks of the General Public of the Dominion of Canada be and are hereby tendered to Mr. FRED CUMBER-

LAND, for his disinterested kindness in appropriating a sufficient amount of their (the General Public's) funds out of the Northern Railway Coffers, to buy an interest in the *Mail* newspaper for every man, woman and child in Canada; and to Mr. ANGUS MORRISON for his valuable services in completing such purchase of stock on their behalf from the original stockholders.

Mr. T. C. PATTERSON, said it gave him the greatest pleasure to second the resolution of his esteemed friend from London. He thought the gentlemen named in the resolution certainly deserved the compliment thus paid them, as he believed this great public benefit had been conferred in a wholly gratuitous manner.

The Resolution was carried *nem con*.

The RIGHT HON. CHAIRMAN accordingly tendered to Mr. CUMBERLAND and Mr. MORRISON respectively the thanks of the General Public.

Mr. FRED CUMBERLAND, in rising to respond, was greeted with much applause. Having placed his eye-glass in position, he bowed modestly and said that he was deeply sensible of the honour done him by the resolution. He was glad that his proceeding in this matter had met with the approval of the General Public, for he confessed that really he had not taken that into account at the time of the transaction. He had not handed Mr. MORRISON the cash for the purchase of shares for the public with the view of gaining a flimsy popularity, but thus it was proved that Virtue was its own reward. In fact, he had not paid him the money for the purchase of shares at all: he felt that to Mr. MORRISON belonged all the credit of the public spirited department of the affair. Again thanking the mover and seconder, he sat down.

Mr. ANGUS MORRISON was also received with enthusiasm. He said the motion quite overwhelmed him with honour. He had not expected thanks for doing what he deemed his duty, and a benefit to all concerned. He bought those shares because he thought that, on the one hand it would be an advantage to the General Public, politically, to be drawn into closer fellowship with the *Mail*; and on the other hand, the *Mail* could not but be improved by having imported into it the elements of purity and piety which would be the result of contact with such spirits as the editor of the London *Advertiser*. He had acted all for the best, and was happy that his conduct met with universal approval.

Mr. TYNER, of the Hamilton *Times*, said that the remarks of the last speaker reminded him of a subject which he had intended to bring up at this meeting, namely, the general character and conduct of the *Mail*. As a stockholder, he would be pleased to see some alterations made in the editorial management. The course of the paper on the subject of Protection met with his approval; the *Times* also advocated Protection. But with regard to the Secret Service question, he must disapprove of the *Mail's* course. He did not think it was the wish of the shareholders in general that the paper should stultify itself by sticking to JOHN A. through muck and mire.

The RIGHT HON. CHAIRMAN.—I must call the gentlemen to order. Let him confine himself to the subject under discussion.

Mr. E. J. BAKER PENSE, of the Kingston *Whig*, said he quite agreed with what had fallen from Mr. TYNER. He believed JOHN A. to be a most unspeakable political fraud, and, so far as his (the speaker's) share of stock went, he earnestly protested against the *Mail* being degraded into acting as the personal organ of such an incarnation of corruption.

The RIGHT HON. CHAIRMAN.—Gentlemen will be good enough to keep to the subject *before* the chair, not in the chair.

Mr. ALEX. MACKENZIE said he fully endorsed the remarks of the previous speaker. He would also like to refer to another matter, which called for immediate action on the part of the stockholders. This was the attitude of the *Mail* on the Steel Rails question and on the ANGLIN and NORRIS questions. The articles which had recently appeared in its columns were an unmitigated insult to the majority of the stockholders, who were members of the Reform Party. He would suggest that hereafter, the editors of the *Mail* be required to submit their manuscript editorials to a committee composed of Messrs. DYMOND, BROWN and the Mover.

Mr. F. C. PATTERSON protested against the passage of such a resolution. He said the *Mail* was not going to be a Grit paper, although the majority of its present stockholders might be Grits. He was afraid the gloomy apprehensions of his friend Mr. GIBBS, with regard to trouble arising from this indiscriminate enlargement of the stock company, were going to be fulfilled, if this present discussion were continued any longer. Therefore he would move an adjournment. After a most turbulent discussion this motion was carried and the general meeting adjourned.

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