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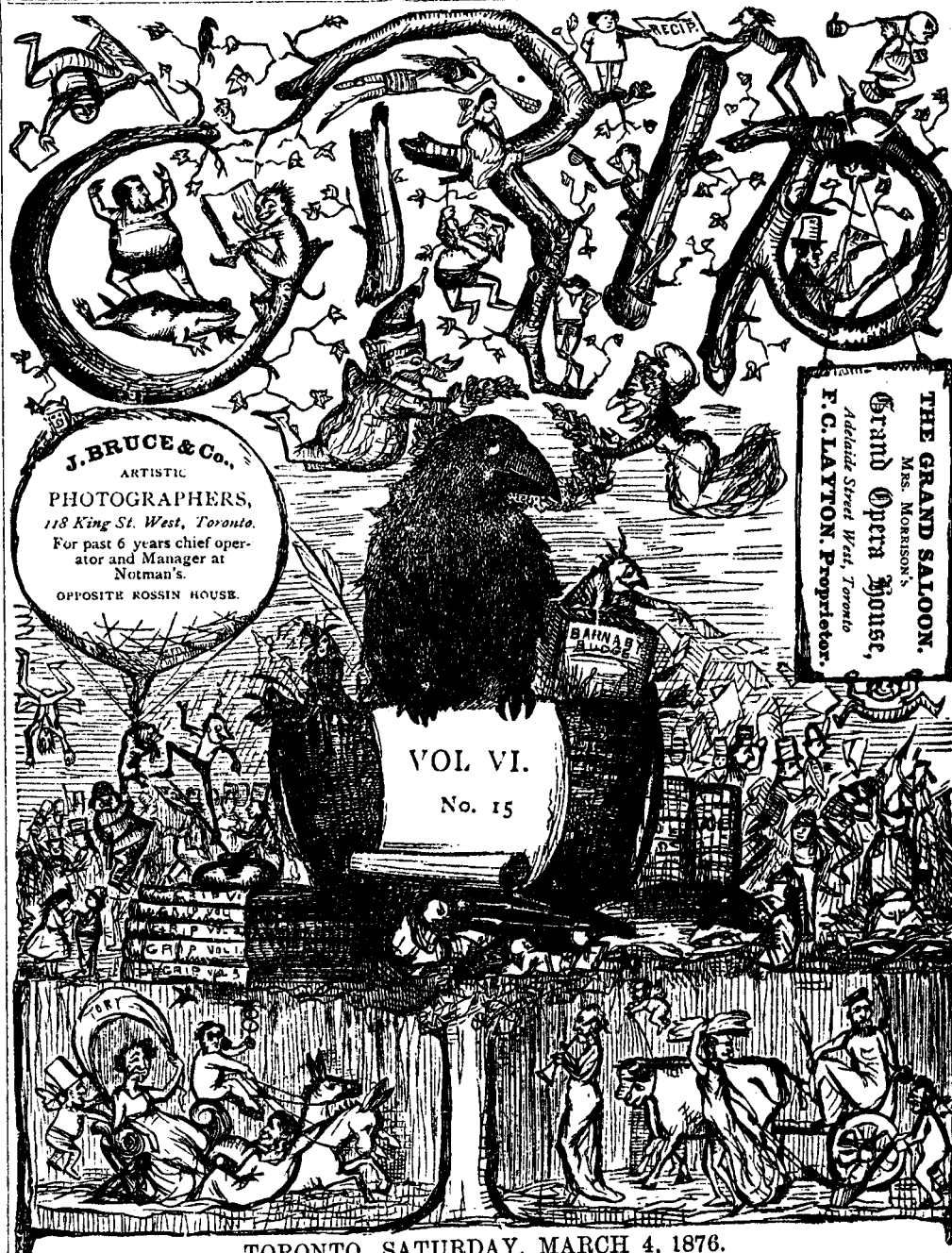
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TORONTO, SATURDAY, MARCH 4TH, 1876.

Answers to Correspondents.

NIC.—We have made use of your contribution.

RUS.—Read the papers—especially the parliamentary debates. Try social subjects—Experiences of a country school-master or a rural attorney.

SERAPHINA.—We regret that we cannot insert your verses about a recent occurrence in this city. We do not touch upon matters which are not of public interest. Always glad to hear from you.

ANGELINA.—No. JAMES GORDON BENNET has not been at the Fancy Ball. He made a good start but his Grand Trunk didn't come up to time. He was invited to appear in his fancy costume at Government House on Monday last, and the *Mail* offered to publish an editorial on his dress as an inducement. The native modesty of an American however, compelled him to decline the honor.

SOPHONISTA.—This young lady writes us a letter of fifty folios, on the subject of Government House hospitalities. She wants to know why Mr. MOWAT, instead of devoting his time to *Washing Bills*, doesn't bring in a measure making it incumbent on every Lieutenant Governor to learn the *Boston* and give a Ball once a week. She says the *at Home* last Monday night was sweetly charming, and if it had not been for the spurs of the A. D. C., which spoilt her best dress, her happiness would have been complete. She goes into raptures over those dear Volunteers who looked so lovely in their neat jackets, and were as solemnly conscious of their formidable appearance as Col. G. T. DENISON on a field day.

From Our Box.

THE GRAND.—Last night the lamentable comedy called *Votes* was presented. A *Ward Politician* is the hero of the drama, and it therefore drew a large house. JERRY MERRICK occupied a conspicuous seat in the pit, and the boxes were filled with young Conservative bloods. Mr. RIGGS as the *Ward Politician*, was as pleasing as that interesting type of humanity usually is. His elocution was admirable, especially when with a strong Milesian accent, he delivered the lines beginning—"O that this too solid flesh would melt." The most meritorious part of the performance was supplied by Miss JULIA DAVIS, who acted her part with considerable skill and irresistible pathos. Mr. SPACKMAN was somewhat too frivolous as *Spider*. This evening Mr. RIGGS takes his benefit.

Lincoln Election.

AFTER much deep thought on the matter, GRIP has come to a conclusion about the merit of the candidate who got in, and the candidate who did not. According to the evidence as laid down in the published speeches, Mr. RYKERT, Capt. NEELON, and their principal supporters, are qualified for anything rather than Parliament. We have the printed and public statements to the effect, that, between them, they have committed most outrageous crimes. Some of them, it seems, have been in the habit of robbing all their female acquaintances of their spare cash; some have been expelled from Parliament for selling their influence; some for bribery; some never pay their tailor; some have cheated all the tradesmen near them; some cannot now be believed on oath; some never could have been; some had to be whitewashed (whatever that is) by Special Acts; some couldn't get any special act, and are unwhitewashed yet; some appear to have stolen all the savings of certain poor needlewomen, who are now, it is stated, going round crying; some have robbed their grandmothers; some would, if justice were done, be looking through prison bars. They are robbers, thieves, blackmailers, it appears. GRIP does not know, but they say so of each other. Now he would say to the people of Lincoln in all sincerity, for there are things about which even GRIP does not joke.—Of all parts of this country, yours should not be destitute of honourable men. When the States attacked Canada, your fathers suffered ruin, wounds, death itself, rather than accept dishonourable safety. No man would have dared to offer them a bribe. Can it be that now, in all your broad and fertile territory, you cannot select as your representative one man, whom you might without shame own as such!

I Choose to be a Rowdy.

As sung with the applause of admiring Tories
by *Thersites C. P-t-t-s-n, Esq.*

I choose to be a rowdy;
I find that on the whole
There's nothing I can do so well
As play the rowdy rôle.

In many ways I've sought for fame
Till now without success,
But who is there that doesn't know
The "Rowdy of the Press."

There's RYKERT, CURRIE, GORDON BROWN,
And all the rowdy gang;
Not one can hold a rush to me,
For Billingsgate and slang.

What's logic, truth, morality?
A dream, an idle phrase:
I'll none of them, I choose to be
A rowdy—for it pays.

I choose to be a rowdy
And rowdy views express,
Eton, behold your noblest son,
The ROWDY OF THE PRESS!

A Buzz from the Beehive.

"HOW DOTTH THE LITTLE BUSY BEE."

OUR gentle friend whose cell is in the *Beehive*, and who keeps up an amiable hum in the interest of the farmers of Toronto and public morality, has published the following terrific threat:—

"*Caution to Immigrants*.—The state of the law in Ontario is such that it allows starving men to be sent to prison as vagrants. This notice will be continued until an alternative is provided less inconsistent with justice."

Our Legislature is too much occupied with Fancy Balls and other amusements to look after vagrants. All extravagant and erring spirits must hie to their confines, if they are too proud to starve like christians.

Robinson Beware!

Ah me! what perils do environ
The man that meddles with cold iron.
HUDIBRAS.

Useful Maxims for Fashionable Matrons.

1. Always invite twice as many people as your rooms will hold, you will thus save coal and furnish your guests with a topic of conversation.
2. Invariably give champagne for supper. It is very cheap consisting chiefly of vitriol and soda, and it looks well. Besides your guests will have a lively remembrance of your party, for days after. Never give your friend's beer, it is so vulgar. But if you do, see that it is the worst to be had in the city. You will thus create a distaste for that poor creature.
3. Keep an affable lackey in attendance who will bawl out directions to your guests in a tone of authority, and keep his limbs moving like the arms of a wind-mill.

The Fancy Ball.

We hasten to present our readers with a description of some of the costumes, which want of space compelled us to omit last week.

Mr. W. H. HOWLAND, ROBERT ELLIOTT, and W. A. FOSTER, were arranged as an allegorical group. They were dressed in the costume of the greek slave, Mr Howland in the centre waving aloft a banner on which was inscribed "Canadian Culture." On his right hand stood Mr. FOSTER, holding a beaver by the tail, and on the left, Mr. ELLIOTT with a can of maple sugar gracefully poised on his head.

Drs. WILSON and RYERSON as the Siamese twins provoked frequent bursts of merriment, but during an unfortunate altercation about the book depository, they got separated, and were led out by the A. D. C.

Mr. KENNETH MACKENZIE, who was got up as LOUIS XIV, was a conspicuous object, clad in a blue coat, a queue, and green tights terminating in brilliant diamond shoe buckles. An indictment protruded from his coat-pocket.

Chief Justice HARRISON appeared as the Apothecary in *Romeo and Juliet*, and his lugubrious expression and pinched wan features added greatly to the effect.

Mr. Cartwright's Speech on the Budget.

SIR,—In rising to move this resolution, it would be both idle and dishonest to conceal from you the gravity of the situation. That gravity has several aspects—our supporters are gravitating away to the opposition—we feel ourselves rapidly gravitating away from office, and the faces of Ministers have an awful gravity. (I regret to inform the House that Mr. BLAKE was actually accosted yesterday by a bereaved parent looking for an undertaker.) Yet, sir, I believe the bulk of the people are happy. I have ocular demonstration, sir; wherever I pass I see many people laughing. I know the outcry against us is general; but I feel confident we shall weather the squall. There is a cowardly alarm, sir; undue apprehension, sir; members afraid to vote for us, sir. If we do not stand so high in the opinion of the country, I beg members to observe that the shrinkage of values has extended all over the world. I call attention to the returns. Our imports greatly exceed our exports—last year by forty millions. I challenge the world to show a country getting so much and giving so little. Is not that progress? What if we do run in debt for the balance? Are gentlemen so unaware of our resources? Is there not such a thing as a Bankrupt Court? Though our debts be as scarlet, we may be whitewashed as white as NEELON.

Our whole accounts show a good balance; in spite of the assertion of the Honourable TUPPER, who cannot understand them, owing to his unutterable ignorance, not knowing that twice two are six. As to the commercial depression, it is owing to the fact that during the last few years a very considerable number of persons have engaged in manufacturing industries, without the slightest idea that Government intended to knock 'em on the head. These people evidently had no brains. It is also owing to over-production—not here, for I have taken care to stop our factories producing anything, but elsewhere. Of course, shutting out their over-productions by a high tariff would have saved Canada from sharing in the evil, but would have injured other countries—injured England, too. I am a Free Trader. Free Trade prospers there; if it don't here, so much the worse for Canada. Rule Britannia; Britons never shall be slaves, and they shall be free to crush out any Canadian factory they choose. Hail Columbia! so shall the Yankees.

I am opposed to high tariffs. Manufacturers in the States have made colossal fortunes by them; I shall take care nobody does anything of the sort here. Then Mr. WELLS of New York says their manufacturers are all being ruined; of course they are. The statements conflict, but you will be kind enough to believe them separately. Moreover, if Canada would prosper with Protection, why does it not begin now, and prosper without it? Yes, sir, I demand to know why does it not? We have, sir, done many things to promote the welfare of the country. The rails of our various roads required steeling. I am happy to say that in connection with this matter we have done a very considerable amount of steeling indeed. The country has much to be grateful for. When we took charge, you were all making money rapidly. What would have followed? I repeat, what? Prosperity—dangerous prosperity. What then does history show us follows? What? Luxury. What next? Effeminacy—Destruction! We rushed into the gap—we did our duty, I may say in this case England peculiarly and peculiarly expected us to do it. That alarming and dangerous prosperity we have most thoroughly checked and put a complete stop to. I defy the most mendacious Conservative to say we have not. And under the guidance of our glorious Free Trade principles we shall go yet further; if I can only keep MACKENZIE in the right track (he's constantly jibbing towards Protection) I intend to shut up every factory in Canada. In the words of the great PITT, "No colonist shall even make a horse-shoe nail." And when that glorious result is attained, though poverty overspread Canada, though bankruptcy follow, though annexation be imminent, though rebellion occur, yet I, and those of my colleagues who stick to me, shall always be satisfied, for WELLS of the States has said we are right, and a greater than WELLS, even BROWN of the *Globe*, has said we are right. And though the States does not believe WELLS, and Canada does not believe BROWN, I believe, and shall believe, till we lose our majority. *Fiat injustitia ruat Canada.*

Plan to Insure General Prosperity.

THE first thing we would remark is what a general rush is made, every January, by a vast multitude of people who wish to become Aldermen. The next thing to be observed is that a certain number of them always succeed in becoming Aldermen. The next thing to notice is that this is an unpaid office. It is honorary. There is no salary attached. Then we would observe that people continue year after year to strive for it. They year after year succeed. They work on committees. They make speeches at Council meetings. Also, and to conclude, we would observe that they generally grow rich. They build houses. They accumulate property. This, as they do not, of course, make it out of the city, is simply the result of a peculiar blessing of Providence which falls on them. Now then, finally, the plan is this:—Let it be provided that all citizens be and are Aldermen henceforth. Let the blessing be general, and let us enjoy and watch the results.

A propos of the Weather.

(By our own Punster.)

Suitable to the late snow storm. All hail!
In what feature has the weather been deficient? Its snows.
On what condition can we excuse it! If it thaw't to please.
Besides it has been ill had a general complaint—*murrain*, which is apt to afflict *wethers*, but although the latter are sheepish they need not necessarily be so soft:

Ginx and Jenkins.

"WHEN GREEK MEETS GREEK, &C."

THE *Mail* hates our JENKINS, and the reason is obvious. The amplitude and delicate appreciation with which Fancy Balls and Fashionable Weddings are treated, shew that one of the JENKINS family conducts the *Mail*. The bitterness of family quarrels is proverbial.

Alas, Poor Ghost!

O, Horrible! O, Horrible! Most Horrible!

IT is rumoured that the clergymen of the Diocese of Toronto intend to contribute towards the *Testimonial*, which the Law Society, grateful for many deeds of omission as well as commission, are about to present to an eminent Q. C. Surely the ghost of BOUTON will revisit the glimpses of the moon, and make night hideous. Rest, rest, perturbed spirit!

Rejected Addresses.

"TO TABITHA.

My Idol! whom I worship silently,
Ever at thy sweet shrine,
I do beseech thee let me be
Alone thy valentine.

HARRY."

To this exquisite effusion TABITHA replied as follows (after no hesitation whatever.)

"Sir,

In the first place I have to remind you that you mustn't worship idols, in the second that I'll let you be alone, willingly, if you only won't bother me.

Yours truly,

TABITHA."

And then followed this excruciating reply.

"Dearest TABITHA,

Being idle, I felt like idolizing you, my ideal! you cannot surely object to my subject—I dearly love you. Yours devotedly,

HARRY."

(The rest of the correspondence will appear in our next number—perhaps.)

A Kindly Suggestion.

To the Editor of Grip.

DEAR SIR,—I have been a constant reader of your excellent Journal. I have given up the *Globe*, as I find your political articles much more instructive than those which appear in that Paper. As I do not keep horses I have no use for a Sporting News, and therefore do not take the *Mail*. Besides I find its horsey metaphors unintelligible. As for the *Globe* it is too heavy a tract for me. The action of a stomach pump delights me not. I took the *Weekly Globe* for some time for the sake of its Caricatures, but I gave it up too, as yours are much more true to the originals. As a Sunday-school teacher I find GRIP extremely useful and I consider it superior as a manual of morality to Dr. RYERSON'S great work on "Agriculture and Morals." Many dear friends to whom I have made a practice of sending GRIP, have conspicuously improved in their morals. Some have given up swearing—by the *Mail*, and a bank clerk who was addicted to billiards at the National Club and drinking lemonade with a stick in it, now omits the stick, and plays parlour croquet. I think that many others would be glad to adopt the same course as myself. You need not send your agent to me to collect my subscription for the future. I may add that I am not "An Original Shareholder."

Yours &c.,

ENERY B. 'EAVENS.

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