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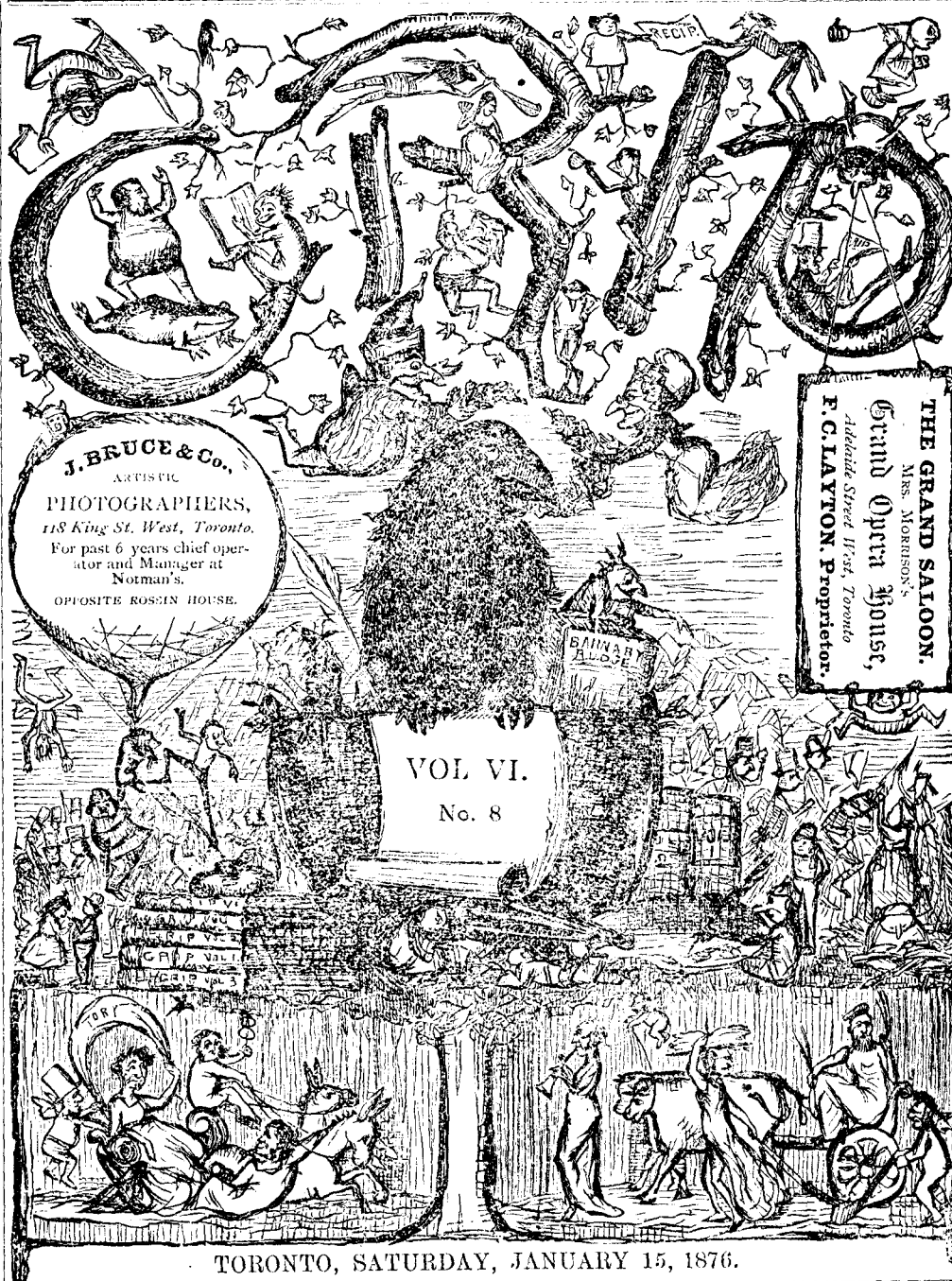
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Answers to Correspondents.

R. G.—HAMILTON.—Thanks for your "Tragedy." Let us hear from you often.

H. D. L.—Much obliged.

Michaelmas.

By the Early Duffer.

'Tis Michaelmas:—
Warm smells are blending
Goose sage and onions
Recommending,
Though rents are due
And funds are low
And friends are few
And markets slow.
If this be so,
Then let us borrow
A goose or two
And dine to-morrow,—
Let poulterers lend
Their fattest geese,
Let stuffing blend
With odorous grease—
Let apple sauce
Withal be taken,
For goose is lost
By sauce forsaken

Grip's Organ Recital.

The formal opening of the magnificent organ of the Metropolitan Church has been a notable and happy event of the week. Our good friends of that congregation have two distinct reasons to be proud—first, that the Recital was an unqualified success; and second that their instrument is bigger than the one on Jarvis street. Its bigness is, just now, the fashionable topic of conversation, and comparisons of its dimensions with those of famous European instruments are among the innocent amusements of home. On this point it makes GRIP's patriotic heart bound with joy, to be assured that our new "kest o' whistles" is larger than that in Strasbourg Cathedral, or Exeter Hall, or Westminster. It must not be concluded however that, on account of its size, it is the greatest organ in the Dominion. For real compass and effect (we say it with all modesty) it will not bear comparison with GRIP, the recognized organ of justice and universal liberty. Indeed in some important respects, the Metropolitan must yield the palm to the organs owned by the Grit party, (or perhaps we should put this ownership the other way on,) and the Conservative party, respectively. A brief description of these organs may be acceptable. In the first place, in delicacy and refinement of voicing, they are of rare excellence. Very rare indeed. They are without speaking stops, so they never stop speaking, and the blowing apparatus in each is simply prodigious. The Tory instrument excels as a *swell* organ while in that of the Grit party the *pedal* appendages are equally renowned. The *reed tone* in each is noted for its depth, in fact the *tone* is so low sometimes that you could hardly *reed* it at all. *Stops of free reeds* are frequent in both organs. Recitals are given regularly twice a day, but in most of these recitals the *base* notes predominate.

THE feeling of members is that there is too much HAY in the House, and that the Premier should MOWAT (mow it.)

THE Water Commissioners are evidently not Sons of Temperance. They don't take much interest in pure-water.

At Parting.

We met—heigh ho!
A week ago;
To see was to adore you,
At least I know
I told you so—
And many more-before you.

I cannot fret;
I'm not as yet
Completely broken-hearted.
I do regret
That we have met,
But not that we have parted.

At the Speaker's Elbow.

The Legislature re-assembled after the holidays, but it was a *Senatus infrequens*, many of the members failing to come up to time. Rounds of Christmas and New Year's festivities have evidently proved too much for some of the gladiators in the political P. R.

Time being called, both sides of the House came up smiling, but nothing resulted except a little unscientific sparring. The noble art of political self-defence, which consists in blackguarding your opponents in strictly parliamentary language, is in its decadence, alas!—gone out with Rykert's scrap-book, the Proton Outrage and Archie, the honest yoman. How I sigh for the "brave days of old"!

A Tragedy of the Last Ball.

'Twas at the last Ball—and the forms of the dancers
Moved lightly (and heavily) over the floor,
They were dancing (I think 'twas a set of the Lancers)
When I met *her* again whom I'd I-liked long before.

Her face was perfection, her figure excelling
In grace all the forms in that vast crowded hall.
And she smiled upon me in a manner most telling
As we met once again at the very last Ball.

One dance she had yet, further on, and enraptured
I wrote down my name at full length on her card:
All my heart was enthralled—all my senses were captured,
So I found conversation remarkably hard.

We talked of the past—of her old fascinations,
Which had not departed, I felt more and more.
Of her goings on since—of her many flirtations,
Till her vile partner came, and my raptures were o'er.

I gazed on that partner, as from me they parted,
With feelings not quite what a christian's should be
For a wish like a lightning flash through my mind darted
That he were in prison—and I the turnkey.

Then I turned me away, and took one glass of sherry,
Perchance five or six, for I will not be sure:
And my feelings suppressing, I seemed gay and merry,
None dreamed of the pangs that this heart did endure.

I passed by the couples so quietly spooning,
I danced with the grace of the wild Kangaroo,
I passed by the ranks of the dowagers crooning,
And wond'ring "how girls could go on as they do."

The dance comes, and wildly about I am tearing,
But vainly to find her I ceaselessly roam,
Till at last a wild thought flashed upon me despairing,
And I said—"I'll be d-(hanged) if she hasn't gone home!"

No more! ah, no more! every trampled affection
Has been of my young life the blight and the curse:
All her charms still—still dwell in my sad recollection,
I felt wretched then—and now I feel worse!

WE are proud to be able to state that our appeal for THE DEFENCE FUND has been responded to. A correspondent has already sent us some stamps—postage stamps. In the emotion occasioned by doing a virtuous act he has overlooked the fact that they have been used. This, however it may affect their mere intrinsic value, does not detract from the essential merit of the deed. We thank him all the same. He regrets that he could not send *skin plasters* as they would be appropriate in a leg-*al* difficulty.



"OFFICIAL PRECEDENCE!"

Kafoozlem.

A Canadian society story for Christmas time. (Written expressly for Grip by Mrs. Muddledhead.)

CHAPTER VII.

UPSETS.

The programme of the day was to drive to one of the thousand islands, which are a few miles from Toronto, to partake of refreshments there and to return home.

With this object in view, the sleighing party proceeded gaily on its way, stopping every now and then to laugh over an upset in the line.

It is a notable fact that the only people who ever upset in sleighs in Canada, are officers driving young ladies.

DE SNOW at these sleighing parties always drove by himself, in a red-wheeled dog-cart. He dared not select any particular young lady as his companion. There would have been trouble amongst the rest.

Driving as usual in solitary meditation, he unconsciously drove over a brother officer's toboggan and rolled both its occupants over a bank.

At this untoward event the genuine nobility of the man displayed itself. Instead of driving on, and pretending not to have noticed the *contretemps*, he leaped from his dog-cart and looked over the bank.

The spectacle that met his eyes made him pour forth peal on peal of god-like laughter.

He saw the frightened face of Miss SILLY REMAINS gazing at him, while close beside her appeared the soles of her chevalier's boots.

"Pray help me up," said SILLY pleadingly. She had never met DE SNOW; but in a snow-drift one does not stand upon ceremony. Something in her manner touched DE SNOW'S heart.

"Promise me one thing" he said.

"Any number of things" she answered eagerly.

"That you will be mine for ever, if I find I care about you."

"With pleasure," said SILLY cheerfully, "only get me out of this muck as soon as possible."

This negotiation having been concluded, DE SNOW, who had the strength of a Hercules, hanging by his toes from the fence which ran along the bank, lightly pulled Miss REMAINS from her uncomfortable position.

CHAPTER VIII.

FLIGHT.

It is certain that I am loved of all women.

—*Much Ado about Nothing.*

The island being reached DE SNOW wandered with his latest love to a sequestered part.

His absence created some uneasiness in the minds of several other earlier loves.

KAFOOZLEUM and CIS ROLLINGSTONE both felt a good deal of interest in his movements. So they both wandered after him.

When they found DE SNOW swearing eternal devotion to SILLY REMAINS, a scene ensued. They both made no secret of their impression that his way of doing things was too attenuated to stand criticism.

The sound of mutual recriminations drew to the place two or three other girls who had consequential claims on DE SNOW. They infused new ardour into the conflict.

Soon the whole party, including the grooms, had gathered round the combatants. It was rare sport.

DE SNOW, though hard to move as a rule, began to feel irritated at the attention his *affaires de cœur* were exciting. He looked around to find some means of escape.

At the end of the island where they stood the river was open, being just above a furious rapid.

A large piece of ice had detached itself from the solid mass and was floating by.

Uprooting a young maple, he leaped upon the floating ice, and waving his hand in graceful adieu, he lit a cigar, and sailed into the swift current.

The last they saw of him was his figure fading away in the gathering shades as he entered the most terrific maelstrom of the St. Lawrence.

"Oh my GUSTIE, my faithful GUSTIE" wailed SILLY REMAINS, wringing her hands.

"Your faithful GUSTIE" said Captain DEVILTREE to whom SILLY was affianced, "Egad the fellow has a wife and six children!"

CHAPTER IX.

L'ENVOI.

If this be so 'tis not in vain

That life is love, when love is life:

For love commingling strength with strife,

Tunes all things to a happier strain.—TENNYSON.

CIS ROLLINGSTONE married JACK FLIRTINGTON, who sold out and embarked in the beer-bottling business.

SILLY REMAINS married a bank clerk.

KAFOOZLEUM has'nt married anybody yet. She went on flirting till the age of thirty-two, when she gave up in despair and took to telegraphing. She has been known to say that even a sedentary militiaman is not entirely unattractive.

DE SNOW having performed with the greatest *sang-froid* a feat which none but the most daring of the aborigines ever attempt, landed at the foot of the rapid, and travelled on a hand-car of the Toronto and Nipissing Railway to Montreal. Hearing that there was likely to be a war in China he thought it advisable to sell out.

He is now an actor of reputation in a theatre in the Bowery of New York.

They say his Romeo is a caution to snakes.

THE END.

A Dirge.

(Dedicated to the Catholic League.)

AIR—LOWER CASTLE YARD.

Come all true office hunters and listen to my lay,
My melancholy muse she comes in grief to-day
To celebrate the wrongs and woes of your best Canadian pal
For they've gone and they've abolished the great Agent General.

In Canada was JENKINS born, in India he was bred,
With new ideas in politics they crowned his infant head,
Of GINX'S babe and little HODGE he made his capital,
And for this they made our hero the first Agent General.

He told the folks that starving poor were England's greatest curse,
And shipped them off to Canada, where they fared a good deal worse,
But those wicked prints the *Belfast News*, the *Mail* and *National*
Declared this was a fraud of the good Agent General.

He built a house in London, and he put on lots of style,
And he advertised that there was kept the daily *Globe* on "fyle." *
He gave grand parties, and to them in mode ironical
After dinner asked the Premier, did the Agent General.

He trotted round his master the various sights to see,
And procured for him the freedom of the city of Dundee.
But in spite of all his grandeur, they against him did cabal
And questioned the utility of the Agent General.

They declared his salary to be a burden on the nation
At a time when all they wanted was a stop to immigration.
So they cut down the expenses that were 'nt economical,
And among them they abolished the great Agent General.

Four thousand dollars yearly, and to pay his railway fares,
Is to be the total pickings of our new *charge d'affaires*.
Upon this he won't go very far beyond the capital,
He won't loaf about the continent, like the Agent General.

If agencies and clerkships fail as it appears they will,
There's a rosy chance with contracts every empty purse to fill.
There's a good deal to be made out of railway and canal,
Though it doesn't give the grandeur of an Agent General.

*This word is not in any dictionary. Will the *Globe* and *Mail* proof-readers explain what it means

Croaks and Pecks.

A MAN of mettle.—The Iron Duke.

SOUND as a Roach.—The Mayor of Hamilton.

SUGGESTIONS FROM "MARMION."—MOLLO for the new City Engineer:

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HOPS.—"There is no decided change as yet, but in some quarters there is a tendency to talk a little more cheerfully. Figures are much the same as usual, though some people are holding out for fancy ones, particularly in the higher grades. The home call is light."—*Commercial Exchange*.

We have attended a good many hops lately, and we can bear out the above report, except that we had not noticed that the talking had ever been anything but cheerful. As the report indicates, they stick to the same old figures pretty much, Quadrilles and Lancers and so on. The Boston is the only fancy figure we have observed lately. "The home call is light." Well it might just as well be, for when you get a young lady at a good hop there's no use calling on her to go home till she has made up her mind to.



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For other parts of the works tenders will be received until Tuesday the 21st day of March next, and for which plans and specifications can be seen at the respective places above mentioned, on and after Tuesday, the 7th day of March.

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