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The Weather.

IT is certain—if there is anything certain—that Vennor's predictions are uncertain. Everybody had confidence the first year or two, that he would be right—now everybody has confidence in him that he is wrong. What are we to do for a weather-wise, correct, impartial, particular, exact, calculating, foreseeing, prognosticator of the weather?—is now the universal cry. And Grip, ever ready to be of service, rushes forward like Curtius to precipitate himself into the gap. He will explain with that undoubting confidence which forms the solid basis of his remarkable character, that a warm February makes a cold March. That March coming in like a lion goes out like a lamb. That the average of cold has to come some time in the winter. That it has to come this winter. That there will be no time for it except in one of two ways. Ist. If it is all put into March, it will have to be 300 below zero, at least, to make up for lost time, a degree of cold which will freeze people, fires, houses, cattle, street railways, steel rails, Pacific Scandals, and all the mixture of Canadian society into one undistinguishable mass, which will take a thousand years to thaw. Or, 2nd. The cold weather must extend right through April, May and June. Already Grip sees himself clad in furs, listening at an ice-crack in the garden for the music of his favourite summer rivulet, and picking nothing but snow-balls off his June rose-bushes. He sees long vistas of farmers watching their ice-bound fields, and considering whether they can do a little spring ploughing in August. He sees the people clamouring for bread, and the ships arriving from southern regions with rice to feed the starving Canadians—secured, alas, only by a fresh issue of debentures. He sees the raile searching for fodder, and the Grangers screaming to the middlemen they have driven away to come back and fetch some oats. He sees, in the possible future, a great many other terrible things, but hopes they are not coming to pass, and would remind the people at large that they should ende

The Bottle.

The M.P. for Centre Toronto has done something in Parliament—which is—is—something. He has, being the representative of a great commercial constituency, screwed up his mind to the fact that he should do something proportionate to his office, his promises, his wealth, and the calibre of his abilities. He has done it! Hooray! He has brought, introduced, and advocated in the legislature of Canada in session assembled a most important measure, before which PITT, BURKE, and WILBERFORCE must pale their ineffectual fires. He has introduced a Bill to regulate the sale and disposal of Bottles used in the manufacture of mineral water and other drinks. GRIP congratulates the member for Centre Toronto on his effort, and Centre Toronto on its member. GRIP will do more for him. He will wed him to immortal verse, which shall be sung before Orion in the mansion of the Pleiads (as soon as they will be kind enough to send their address to this office).

When a bottle ('twas empty) KING WILLIAM had seen On the table, he cried "Take away that marine;" But unto a sea-soldier he deigned to explain, "It has done duty once, and may do it again.

It may do it again."

But when members who sometimes to Ottawa go, Stand inactive down there in a dummy-like row, GRIP must say that the rule don't appear to be true, For they little have done, and they little will do.

Oh, they little will do.

What a pity the name of the member is JOHN, For it spoils the addendum we might have slung on. If his name were but WILLIAM, why then we could still Have our member described as The Great Bottle Bill.

Oh, The Great Bottle Bill.

LORD DURBY has resigned again. He is evidently an old gentleman of great resignation.

THE Porte finds himself unable to sign the Treaty. Perhaps the Porte has been at the Sherry.

The Demand of the School Trustees.

We are the Board of School Trustees in session who array us, And now we tell Toronto folks the cash they'll please to pay us. What's that you say?—that cash is scarce?—why there's no doubt about it.

And ain't that just the reason why trustees can't do without it?

We don't tell you new schools to build-tain't that which we're commanding.

We say you'll please improvements do in those which now are standing. We'll mention to you what they'll cost—if you don't please to pay it, We'll send the bailiffs to your house—we the trustees do say it.

Niag'ra street—just four new rooms—to hold a few more scholars.
What will they cost?—Oh, nothing much, just SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS!

Winchester street wants just the same—we couldn't come it nearer, And if Niag'ra's right, you see that this is no ways dearer.

There's Borden street wants just two rooms, and George street wants the same too.

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Just as they say your cash to pay, so out your money shell, you!

FOUR THOUSAND more for John street school-five thousand for some others,

Just forty thousand is the whole—please fork it out, good brothers. So that the whole we want this year to teach your city scholars, A HUNDKED—yes, and rather more—and TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS!

You needn't say these changes need not cost one-eighth the money. To give you any right to speak would be extremely funny, For ancient RYERSON has fixed that this Canadian nation, Has quite resigned to School Trustees the whole school legislation.

Another thing—as soon as you pay out that little sum, folks, We'll add a good few dollars more, though you may think it rum, folks. We'll raise the teachers' salaries, though you think they require Just now to fall—not so, it pays far more to make 'em higher.

Hurrah to be a School Trustee! there's nothing in all natur That you can see as near as he to being a Dictator. Hurrah to have the spending from the pockets of your neighbour! There's none who know how nice that is but those who in it labour.

An Eastern Incident.

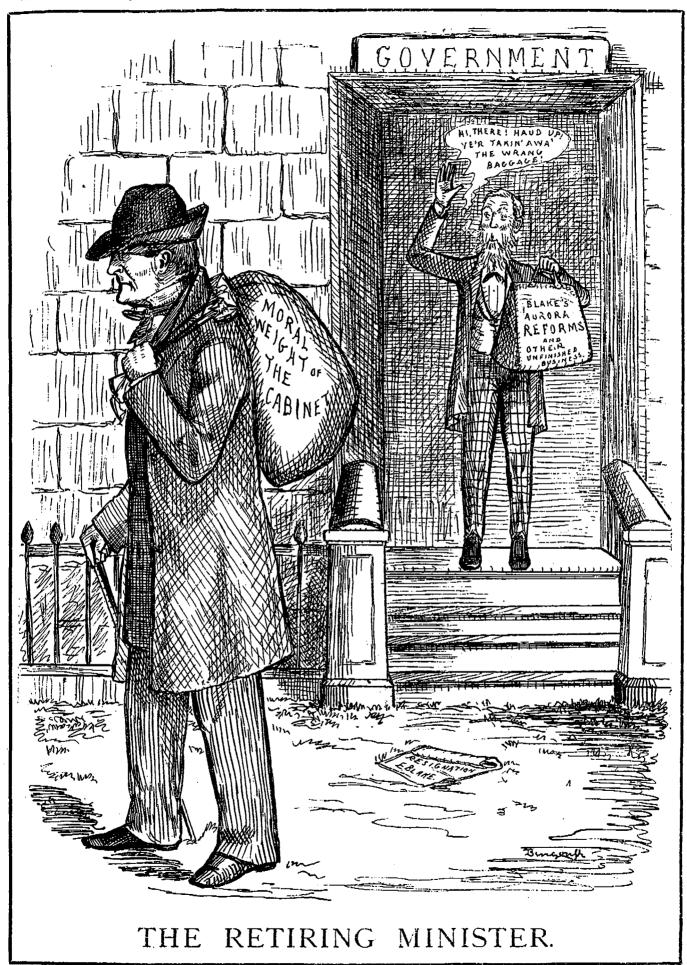
(Special cablegram to GRIP.)

The Grand Duke stood, with his generals around him, viewing the minarets of Constantinople. A boy with the Montreal Telegraph Co's badge on his cap approaches and hands him a telegram. The Grand Duke tears it open: "Ha—from Old Gort.—Due 25c: Wish he would pay his telegrams—Ah, 'England asks if we are going to occupy Constantinople, told them none of their business. Of course we are going to occupy it—Bully for Gortschakoff; What did we come here for if not to occupy Constantinople.'" Another boy with another telegram. Grand Duke—"What, Austria is getting her back up—wants to know our intentions eh? Well we intend to go through old Constant., you bet. Give the marching order." Wildly bounding across the plain comes a boy on horseback waving aloft a special per Dominion line. He flung himself from the jaded animal and pantingly offers the 'gram on bended knees to his Highness. The Grand Duke reads, strikes his hand to his brow, gasps: 'Heavens, do my eyes deceive me—No! It is indeed true—my worst fear is realized"—Shows signs of fainting. His generals crowd around. "Generals" he faintly murmurs—"Order back the troops, turn from the city of the Bosphorus. It must not be. Canada has begun to arm her forces and this message confirms the report." The noble generals BLINKENOOF GRUBUESKI and others turned pale and instantly countermanded the order to advance on Constantinople.

Oh VENNOR, dear VENNOR, please give us some snow. Snow matter if only a few Flakes, to go sleighing, you Vennorable man, And we'll do as much some time for you.

A "BACKWOODSMAN" writes to ask how it is that Mr. and Mrs. DUFFERIN have a son Lord CLANDEBOYE and another Hon. TEMPLE. He wants to know if the family name of DUFFERIN isn't good enough for these uppish young men.

QUEBEC is trying to rush on the millenium by abolishing its city council for three years.



Personal Expenses.

Sing, O goddess, the wrath, the very hot wrath of MACKENZIE. Stonemason he is and Premier, Clear Grit and Scotch and undaunted. He who with wonderful pressure had kept his bile unexploded, While there had happened unto him terrible exacerbation, Caused by an opposite party, one of the base Opposition.

Who was that opposite party?—what had he gone and been doing? MITCHELL he was—Honourable, also (by courtesy merely), One of those parties whom DICKENS, in his pathetical pieces, Mentions as wanting to know, you know, and still keeping a wanting. He had been wanting to know—had the impertinence brazen, He, a plebeian, and common, only a clod of the valley, Ventured to ask that the mighty heir of the DUFFERIN Earldom, CLANDEBOYE also, and other Irish names many and awful, He who is good enough lately, yes, and for several years back, Just for the pitiful payment weekly of dollars a thousand, In a Canadian mansion humbly to crain all his titles, Also his person most noble; also those eminent parties, On him who come in attendance—he too who has condescended Several journeys to travel when it was pleasant to do so, Also to make to us many clever and impromptu speeches. What did the MITCHELL, then, dare to ask of this eminent person?

This was the boldness of MITCHELL.—this his audacity awful— (Doubtful it is if he should not then and there straight have been taken Out to the backyard adjacent, that the most eminent SPEAKER,— If he were not then engaged in filling a contract for printing— Should with all due ceremony chop off his head at the wood pile, Unless his good Excellency rushed in a la Pocahentas, Graciously letting him off it, merely his goods confiscating) GRIP must remark to his readers he has not come to his crime yet. Truly it is so tremendous, scarcely he ventures to speak it.

This he had ventured on asking—such his unparalleled cheek was—Namely for full information touching the cost of the journeys, Made by his good Excellency, as hath above been referred to, Saying a full quarter million had been alleged to be spent thus, Which was expenditure awful; yet was more awful his boldness, Seeing the question suggested that his most great Excellency, Also those eminent persons in his respectable suite too, Must have been wearing of bags just like to our JACK in the story, (Great extirpator of Giants) wherein they tumbled the dollars, Given to them for their journey, as he the pudding in spoonsful, When the big Welshman he fluked so into a big hari-kari. Truly a horrid suggestion; nor was it strange that MACKENZIE Down on the horrid suggester flopped in this terrible manner.

Wad I humcelecate mysel'—me, o' the clan o' MACKENZIE—Askin' the representawtive here o' Her Majesty gracious, Hoo mickle he on his journey had been deesbursin' for dennars? What they had chargit for fetchin' him in his het shavin' water—Whether the callants on railways sell't him his GRUP for a five cents? Shall I by sic like inqueeries after sma' base quarter meelyans Boo mysel doon in the dust?—disna the blood in ma body Boit at the thocht? while the meeriad atoms o' corrugate limestane, There since my audd occupation, rattle in grimmest approval? Base and despicable meember, ye suld be built in a niche up. Were the materials near us I wad enclose ye this censtant, There suld ye stay till ye're banes did far in the ecenturies future, Gleam through the toomblin' audd stane-wark, showing the wrath o' MACKENZIE.

Then rose the terrible HOLTON, he whom the members are scared of. Being authority awful down there on House regulations, (Not that he knows much about them; but that the rest know so little), Stated that his Excellency was a most excellent person, That he was going away soon, which was a woful catastrophe, And that His good Excellency had in an excellent manner Done hots of excellent actions, and that this MITCHELL was wicked, Shooting this Parthian arrow after his excellent rear now. Wherefore is HOLTON unlearned, also the Globe is another, Making and quoting a figure which at school boys would be flogged for. Know ye, O HOLTON and Globe, also the rest of the stupids, Parthian arrows were not things shot after flyers, but by them.

Then uprose TUPPER in thunder, followed him WRIGHT and eke Masson.

Got up Dr. Cosmos moreover, (is he related to Humboldt?) Rose up the Pope teo from Compton (not the late party deceased), Also one Blandet remarking members were speaking too often, Also one Dewdney explaining that he was certain there had been Awful extortionate business, and that Dr. Cosmos had done it. Then spoke a member named Smith, whom we have frequently heard

Saying that these here expenses really were little things now. Then altogether they clattered, then in succession they shouted, Screaming a great many things out more than the papers reported. Then all their desk lids they rattled, then their key bunches they jingled, Mocking the crowing of roosters, mocking the braying of donkeys. Then did the SPEAKER all vainly scatter his oil on the waters, Small is the deference owing unto a contract-bought Speaker. Then dropped PLUMB into the contest, minding to leave his mark somewhere,

nen did the members adjourn that House, and adjourned to their houses.

The People's Friend.

The Friend of the People is everywhere found, At each big public meeting he's sure to be round; And how fierce is his voice, and tremendous his tone, When he shouts that their interest he works for alone.

He's quite often opposed to religion and sect, And from priesterali of all sorts stands out to protect All the poor people round him, who otherwise would At the churches be taught what was not for their good.

He's opposed to the law very frequently too, And believes we might manage without it to do. (He objects in his heart to religion and laws, As two things which keep other folks' goods from his claws)

Or he strikes t'other tack, and goes in very strong For the faction or sect to which he may belong. He may yell for the Orange, or shout for the Green, Or decked out in processions be frequently seen.

You'll be certain to find him each place where he can, Shouting loud in the cause of the poor working man: Though the classes of workmen he loves best of all, Are those chaps who have votes and do no work at all.

Those who hang round the taverns each day of their lives, In whose houses the only workmen are their wives—Our good Friend of the People lets them understand, That they're always the very backbone of the land.

(They're his backers at least) Then that excellent class Who from country to country for labour still pass, A sort of a workman—a sort of a tramp——
He is great in that sort of a working man's camp.

But the workman who's saved and bought property here, Is a workman the Friend views with envy and fear. For the good of the country's that workingman's good. And he wont be wirepulled by the Friend as he should.

From the old mother land when our Friend emigrates. He is sure to fly first to the neighbouring States. In the States, though, they frequently ask him to work, Which he hates worse than Russian is hated by Turk.

He's but one hope in life—that some office he'll get, Or some contracts lucrative—which he'll underlet, Or as emigrant agent that he'll go away, Lounge in old country taverus, and gobble his pay.

Let all people this Friend of the People who see, Watch him close, for he means in their pockets to be. 'Tis a pity such Friends of the People have not, From the people free lodgings at Kingston still got.

Croaks and Pecks.

Oh darlint O'DONOVAN ROSSA, The chief of the Fenian Boys, As a lecturer you are the boss o' All successful shouters of noise.

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DOES BEECHER believe there is such a place as the Hellespont?

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