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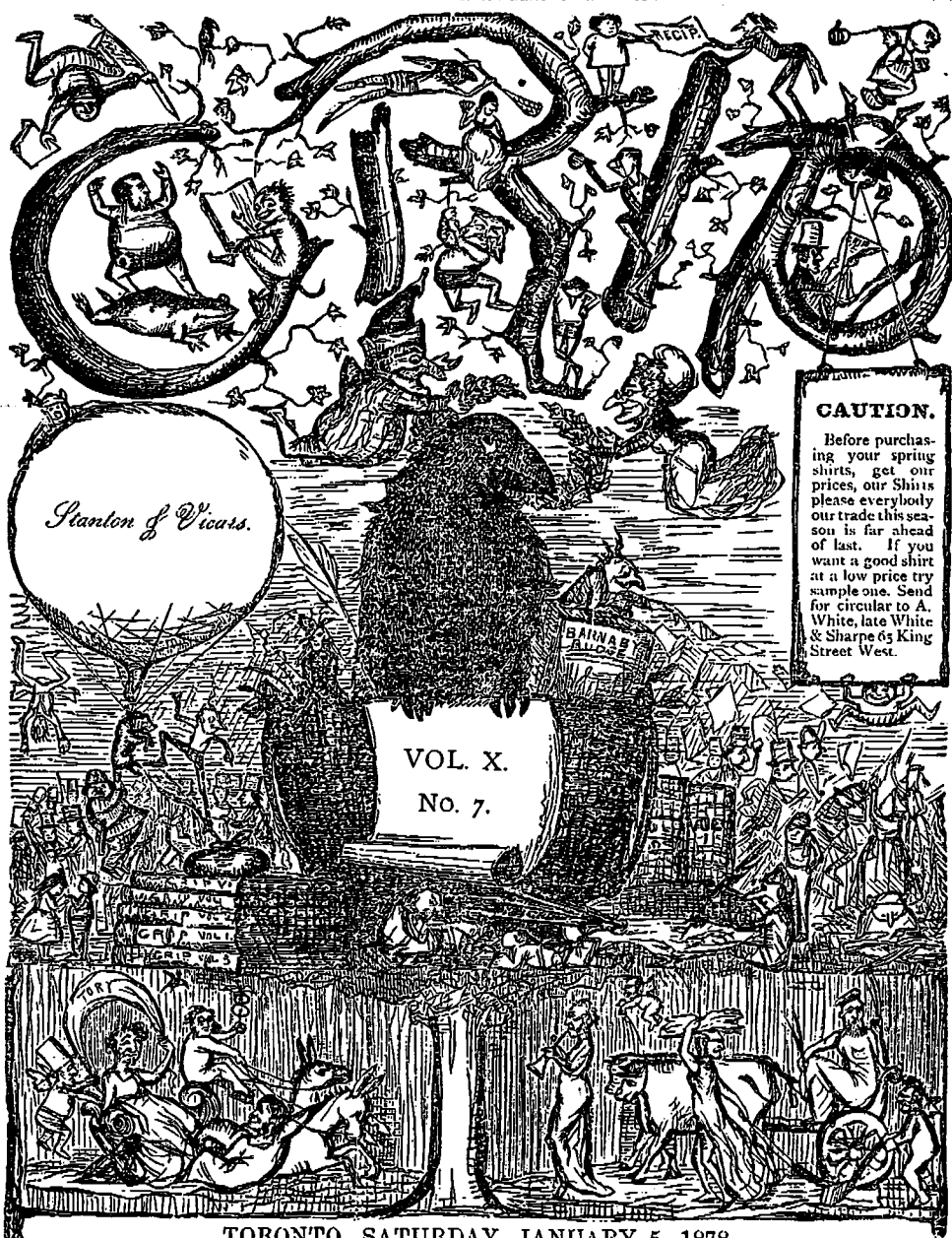
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TORONTO, SAUTRDAY, 3TH JANUARY, 1878.

Twinklings.

Reporters do a credit business—they take notes.

"To edit a newspaper requires that one be a statesman, essayist, geographer, statistician and encyclopediac," says TALMAGE. He might have added that one must have a fair knowledge of the shear-manipulating art and be able to brew good paste.

The Vision.

There is a period to all things, and there was to GRIP'S Christmas dinner. If you will take roast beef, and turkey, and celery sauce, and rabbit pie, and plumb pudding, and trifle, and cheese, and port, sherry, claret, Roman punch, and coffee, in sufficient quantities, there will be one to yours, and it is not unlikely that what happened to that renowned individual may happen to you. What Was That?

He Went to Sleep.

He Had a Vision.

This Was It:—

The people of the Earth deployed before him as they would do, or as they should do, during the New Year. At first, it was a dreadful picture. Quarrels, riots, disturbances, wars, famines, miseries of every kind mingled with horrid uproar. Turks and Russians slew one another in the region of the great war; Austria and Prussia, France and England, each fully armed, stood with hand on sword, expectant each moment to join the fray. Republicans and Democrats, Hard Money and Paper Base. Men in the States were ready to fly at each other's throats. In Canada, Free Trader and Protectionist were tooth and nail; Orange and Green were anxiously waiting to pitch in. Everywhere was nothing but clamour, bloodshed, spite, hatred, and destruction.

He Looked Again.

A mighty change had occurred. Turk and Russian had made it up, sworn everlasting friendship, buried the dead, fixed up the wounded, and were rebuilding the villages. The Great Powers had given up all thought of war. Something had occurred which put them in such good humor as rendered combat impossible for a length of time. The Great United Statesmen had united in earnest and were having a gin cocktail. Archbishop Lynch was giving his benediction to the Grand Master, and JOHN A. was clasped in MACKENZIE'S arms, while CARTWRIGHT and TUPPER were frantically drinking each other's health in the distance.

What Was the Cause?

The Nations Looked at GRIP.

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The Vision Closed.

The Skating Rink.

At last a look of happiness
Comes on a face which you may guess.
It needn't take you long to think,
The man who owns the skating rink.

November came; upon his knees,
He prayed for frost; it wouldn't freeze,
December—still there was no ice,
He made remarks which were not nice.

In vain his hose did nightly pour
The water on the level floor,
While at thermometer he stared,
With eye in which a fury glared.

Last night there came a little snow,
And frost—it surely will not go.
But if it should, and then again,
Oh, woe to the rink-owning men.

In his wet rink will each him drown?
Or will he mudily leave the town,
And desperate off on railway roll,
To open rinks at the North Pole?

The Novelist.

Amelia:

How thrilling are the tales
The glorious fiction-carpenter turns out!
A spring that never fails
Is he—a most entrancing waterspout!
I sit and quaff and dream,
And revel in his conjurations bright—
He brings on sentiment by steam,
And is, in fact, intoxicating quite!

MOURNFUL NOTE BY GRIP:

Ah, couldst thou see him now, confiding maiden,
Mixing his cock-tail in the gay saloon,
In truth, though with less romance, could'st thou say then:
He is a most intoxicating coon.

A Hymn of Fire.

What the Insurance Promoter said to his Conscience.

"Tell me not, with dire prediction,
Mine is an ill-fated scheme,
Shares subscribed a pleasing fiction,
Prospercluses not what they seem.

Cash is real; notes are earnest
Of the cash that shall come in;
To contributors returnest
Surplus cash?" Nay—that's too thin.

Not security, not surplus,
Is our destined end or aim,
But to swell returns, get business,
Part stock, part mutual is the game.

Cheek is strong, and dash is sweeping;
And if hearts are hard and brave,
Agents bold, the risks up-heaping,
For a while we'll dodge our grave.

In this land the field is ample;
Fame's my first aim—second, pelf;
No man shall be my example,
I'm a law unto myself.

Future, say you? Shun the subject,
You'd chill a furnace with your dread;
We're a-goin' to gain our object,
Let dead companies bury their dead.

The Stadacona was a jumble—
Its forerunner strained its luck—
And, before one fire to crumble,
The Provincial folks lacked pluck.

Don't remind me of the Beaver—
The Niagara's dying roar—
Canada Agricultural either—
Cease your croaking, you're a bore.

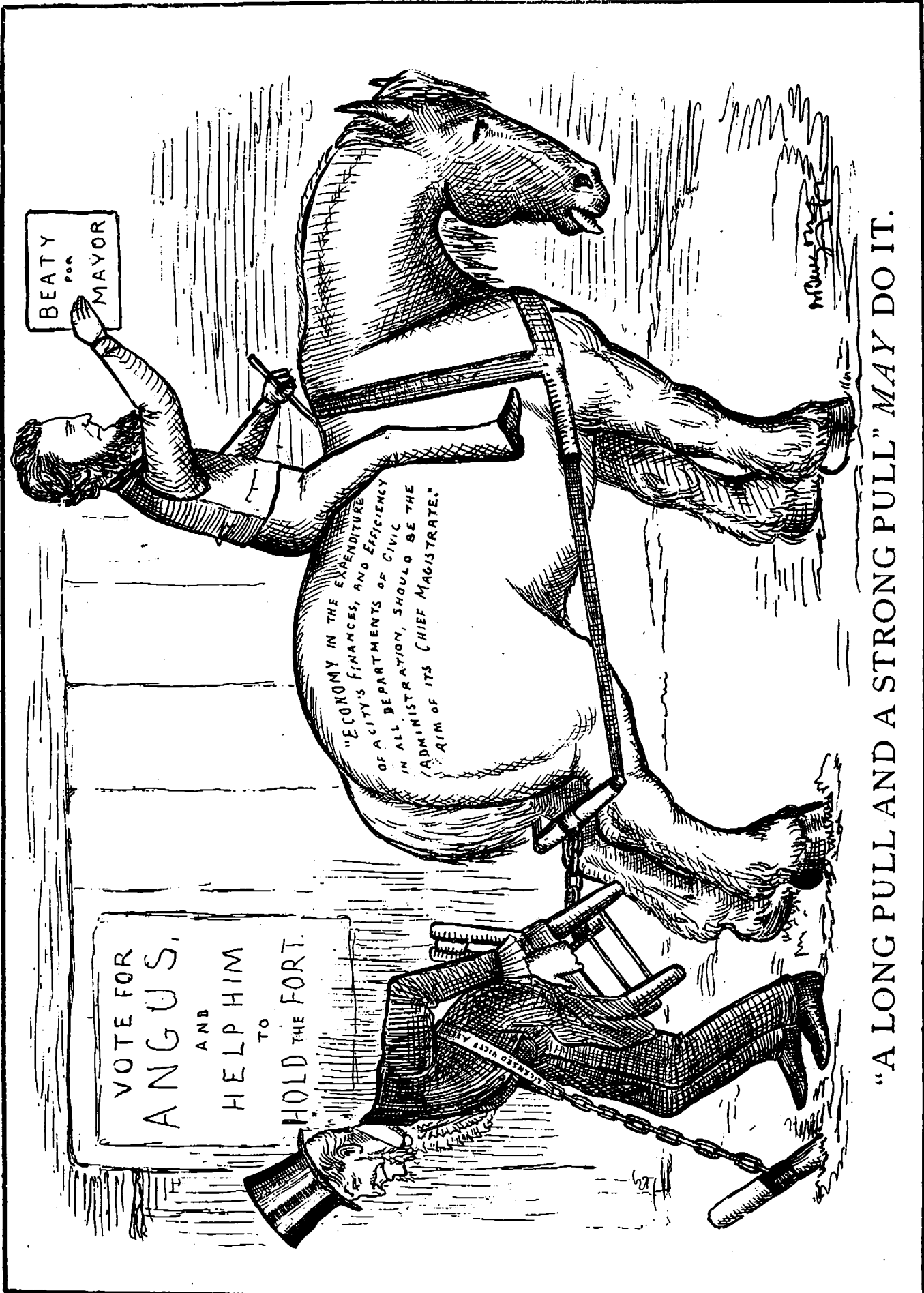
Ours shall live, shall soar like Eagle,
(Till I sell my shares, whate'er),
Make its title something Regal,
Hoist the Ensign in the air!

Lives of reckless men remind us
We can clear our skirts of crime,
Or levanting, leave behind us
In the annals of the time,
Hoofprints" * * *

(The shade of his departed conscience gloomily here takes up the unfinished strain.)

Yea, Hoofprints in the dust that smothers
Whole communities in flame,
Which, forlorn and fire-wrecked brothers
Seeing, execrate your name.

Companies! be up and doing,
For no fair Utopia wait,
Rivalry excessive rueing,
With its evils still accruing,
Wise rules obeying, right pursuing,
Labour to maintain your rate.



"A LONG PULL AND A STRONG PULL" MAY DO IT.

The Disgusted ex-School Trustee.

To the Editor of GRIP :

SIR :—I would like, as an hold School Trustee, to know what is goin to happen. I considers French Revolutionism, Communism, and any other think possible!

Look at this. Here is people comin' hout for Trustees sayin' they wants to put down hextravagance! Actually printin' it!

And they say they 'ave been teachers, and are well hup in hedication, and that! It is hun-British, that's wot it is.

I puts hit to hany School Board hif any perkers:ics can be picked hup on such a system. They cannot. I wants to know hif any hedicated chap hon a School Board isn't: a noosance to them as knows less. He is.

The city wants no hinnervation—no heconomists—the lor' says the people *must* pay all the Trustees axes—I goes for axin' plenty. Down with heconomy! New schools hevery year and plenty of 'em. Ooray!

ONE WHO AS BIN A TRUSTEE.

Toronto, Jan. 2, 1877.

The Matrimonial Duet.

HE.

The first day of the year. My dearest, say,
For still for help, you know, I look your way,
How can we best proceed? Our income, dear,
Will be just one half less the coming year,
Than what it has been. Now, with your good aid,
This saving, though excessive, may be made,
Say, may I count on you?

SHE.

You know you may.
I have it planned in mind, ere you can say.
Already I a hundred chances see,
For well retrenching superfluity.
One half is all you wish, you say, to touch
Well, we have always spent one half too much.
Do you not think so?

HE.

Certainly I do.
In this, as in all else, I think with you.
How undeserving I, when gods above,
A wife bestowed so worthy of my love.
Now mark the items down, and never doubt,
All you dispense with I will do without.
Begin at once.

SHE.

Let's pen and paper take,
How happy should her luck *one* woman make,
Who such a husband has, with whom nor she,
Nor any reasoning mind could disagree.
Ah, kiss me, love; and now 'tis fit you say,
What may be lopped; my duty to obey,
Fear not I shall forget.

HE.

My charming wife.
Joy of my present, as of all my life,
Well, first the house, five hundred here we pay,
There was a cottage offered me to-day
For half that rent. The extra furniture
We can dispose of, and thereby secure
Some ready cash.

SHE.

Oh, that will never do,
My dear. There's FLORENCE now her studies through,
Just coming out. How could I folks invite
To some small, poky, one front-windowed fright?
And you have often said, you know, with men,
It helps to give a dinner now and then.
You couldn't give it there.

HE.

And that is true,
Well, let us think of something else to do.
Now, as to dress, your bills on King Street make
Sharp pulls upon my purse. Could you not take
Some off in that direction, and yet show
Extremely well? I thought of late you go
Beyond the mark.

SHE.

My dear, 'tis very sad,
To hear you talk as if no sense you had.
What have I had? My princess dress—brocade,
(To save, I had the back of velvet made,
My furs are good; but furs are out of wear.
A silken sacque I bought—those two, I swear,
Are all I've had this week.

HE.

Don't angry be.

SHE.

Well, let my dress alone, and we shall see
What else there is. Your club, two hundred clear,
And all those vile cigars—you owned them dear,
Must be a hundred more; and then you treat
Your friends; don't get, I pray, in such a heat,
We'll cut things down.

HE.

We will, I plainly see,
But all the cutting's to be done on me.
Will you do with a servant less?

SHE.

I'll save
With any one; but make myself a slave
I never will; and when you married me,
If I had thought—

HE.

Or I, that this would be.
But your extravagance—

SHE.

Your horrid waste
Has caused it all, and soon you will be placed
In Bankruptcy; don't speak to me; I'll not
Hear it. I know you've not one penny got
Laid by for me. Abominable, mean.
Weak creature; if I'd only never seen
Your ugly face.

HE.

To match with yours it might
Be so; your friends agree that quite a fright
You've grown of late.

SHE.

That's nothing but your spite
You miserable, base, low, abject wretch,
I'll go for a divorce; I'll go and fetch
My brother here. You horrible and vile!
I'll scratch your eyes out;—yes—I'll—I'll—I'll—
(Goes off into hysterics; husband goes off to town.)

Clerical Retreats.

To the Editor of GRIP :

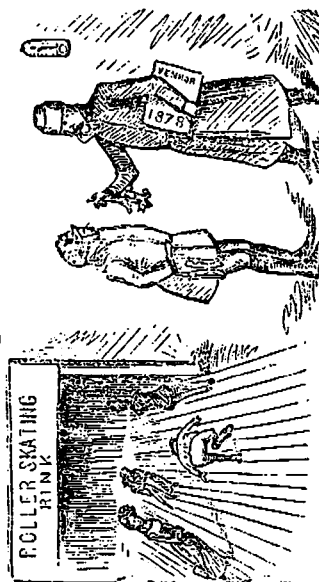
The merely lay and secular element in the church—of course I mean the Church of ST. SWITHINAS, now, alas, the only representative of the Direct Succession—is strangely ignorant of the true cause and nature of Clerical Retreats. I—an humble brother—a mere neophyte—am deputed to explain.

Pressed as the clerical element is in modern times, by the assaults of infidelity, the attacks of nonconformists, the faiths, desperate in their dying agonies, the troubles of their flocks, the troubles of getting flocks, the difficulty of watching and especially of shearing flocks when got—the health, spirits, and strength of the worthy clerics decay to an alarming extent. Recuperation is necessary. They find it in a Clerical Retreat. Not yet well adopted in this country, they hope it soon will be. For instance, a gentleman is rich. Why should he not afford means for a Retreat. His country house, say, he places at the disposal of a number of worthy clerical friends. Far from worry, confusion, and annoyance, they can there spend some months in preparation for a fresh attack on SATAN. The *cuisine* is necessarily excellent. The country air is refreshing. The repose is what is needed. The course is varied, but dinner at seven, and perhaps supper at eleven is as beneficial as can be suggested. A mortification of the flesh is of course necessary in the course, fasting next morning till the time of rising, say ten, should be proposed. This short explanation will give some idea. By the way, the Middle Age Monasteries—which should not have been altogether suppressed, furnished excellent Clerical Retreats.

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