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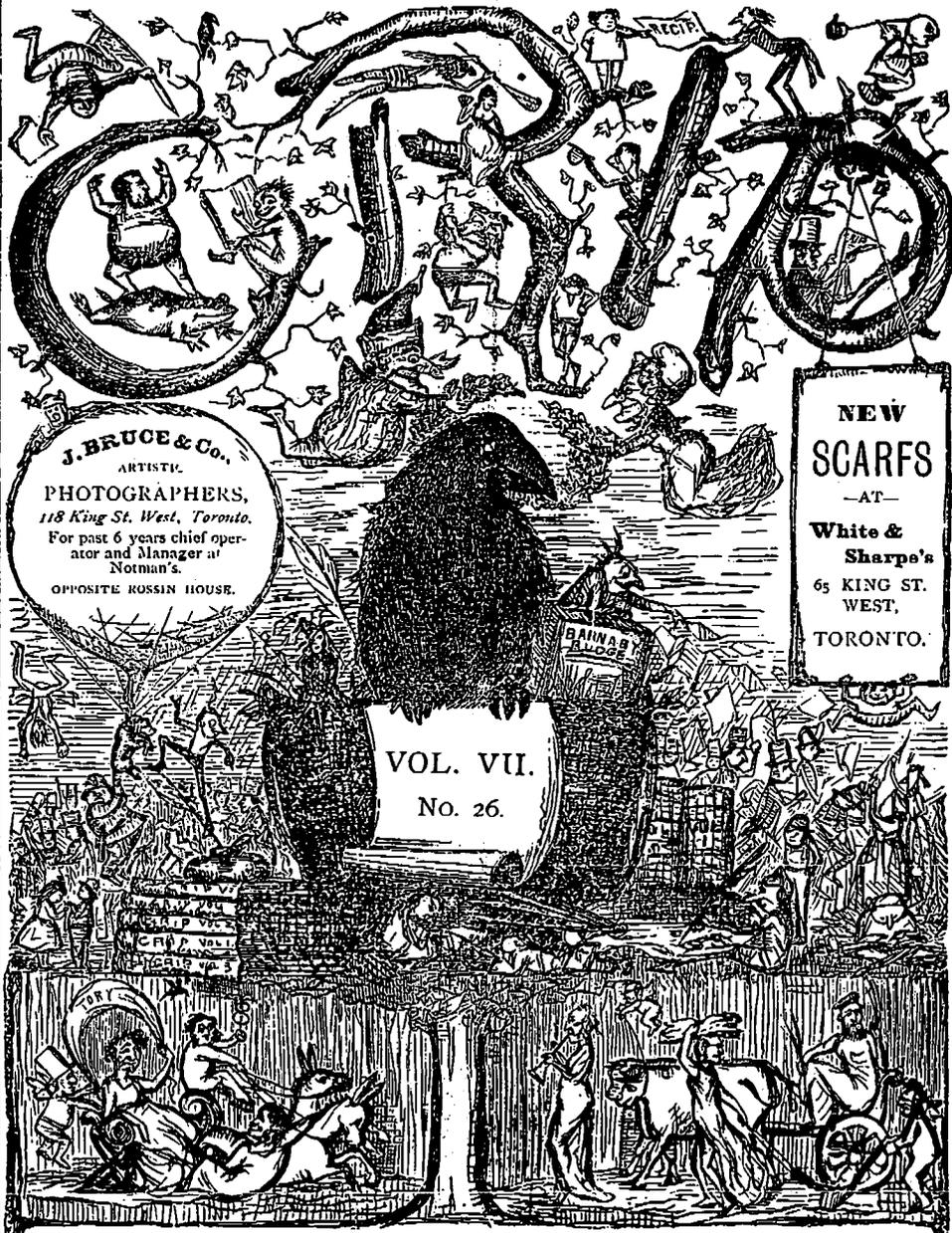
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TORONTO, SATURDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER 1876.

### Battle of Bothwell Bridge.

(Modern version.)

At Bothwell, Tories all lie low,  
Because they never have a show,  
Their candidates all run so slow,  
And MILLS, he runs so rapidly.

But Bothwell saw another sight,  
When Grits said, Tories "DAWSON" fight,  
For DAWSON rose in all his might  
To run for the Conservatives.

But "Sombra" looked the prospect, when  
It "Dawn"ed upon the DAWSON men,  
That they'd to swim "Or-ford"; and then  
"How-'ard" to sink so helplessly.

Then pealed Reform in thunder tone:  
Then Zone became a Torrid "zone."  
And peeled poor DAWSON, who did groan,  
So great was MILLS majority.

### The Water Commission Proposal.

GRIP, always delighted to observe the progress of invention and the course of art, is charmed to see that our excellent Water Commissioners have made an invention, which is well worthy of being ripened into an art. They have done the former; he will show them how to do the other. Their invention is one which will be hailed with joy by the ingenious poor (particularly of the thieving classes). It is simply a plan for making people purchase what they do not want, and have no means of using. It is discovered that some silly legislator has given power to charge all people for water whose houses front on a street where pipes are laid, whether they need it or not. Now, many people have excellent wells and large cisterns, giving them abundance of better water for either washing or cooking than any lake water can be. They have paid very large sums for these, and having them, would not take the lake water as a gift, were it even pure, and not the foul liquid too often furnished. No matter, the Commissioners have whispered away all their funds, and these people must pay for the water they do not use. It is excellent. Two sets of meters will hereafter be necessary, one to indicate all the water the citizen uses, the other all that he does not, add them together, and charge him for both. What visions of wealth appear in the distance! But why limit it? GRIP will point out how, this glorious principle once admitted, it can be utilized. Let the gas company also be allowed to charge frontage rates for wherever their pipes run. If you like coal-oil better, that's nothing; you must pay for gas, in order that those who like it may have cheaper. Let all companies have the privilege. Here there's a street railway passes your door; you walk because it is healthy; no matter, you must buy a lot of tickets that the riders may pay less. Let all who bake their own bread be compelled to pay the baker for what they did not buy of him. Let tailors be empowered to collect bills for all mending and making done at home—similarly dressmakers. If you dig your own garden, that's nothing, you must pay a labourer all the same. GRIP means to commence business on the hint at once. He has his lines of message boys laid in all directions, passing all the doors in the city with his inestimable publication. He demands power to collect a frontage rate from all who don't buy it. If it be not granted him, this is not a country fit to live in for anybody but Water Commissioners.

Mr. DAWSON ran against Mr. MILLS of Bothwell and Mr. QUIXOTE ran against Mr. WYND MILLS of Spain, (probably an ancestor of our Mr. MILLS). The result was the same in both cases—The MILLS stood it first rate but the effect on Mr. DAWSON and Mr. QUIXOTE was Spain-fal to behold.

The MILLS of BOTHWELL grind slowly, but they ground Mr. DAWSON exceedingly small.

### Mr. Blake in the Courts.

AFTER AN ARTICLE IN TUESDAY'S "TELEGRAM."

"Mr. BLAKE's opponents are driving at him. Quite natural, being curriish, they attack in curricular style. And what do they say? Actually that it is unseemly that he should plead causes before judges whom he has placed and can promote or leave unpromoted. Piff! Paff! Poof! What! The angel BLAKE! And our judges! Would they be biassed? Has not Mr. BLAKE's great supporter Mr. BROWN always declared that Ontarian judges are infallible! What do they care that their getting a few extra future thousands a year may depend on his good will? Would they not deal out snubbing to him just as impartially as to any other pleader? Will not Mr. Justice Impeccunious, with a large family, and all his hopes depending on the next judicial vacancy, say with equal sharpness, "You are extremely in error, Mr. BLAKE; I fear you have omitted to study the authorities on the point in question." Will not Mr. Judge CLEVER, who, as his legal brethren know, rose by a succession of well planned civilities, come down furiously on the possessor of power, thus, "Unusually bad argument, Mr. BLAKE; I fear you must suppose your administrative engagements prevent proper attention to the interests of your clients?" Or will not the venerable Judge OBLIVIOUS, who always decides as told by whatever lawyer he believes best remembers the law he himself has forgotten, be quite unmoved by the reputation of the Governmental star, and gruffly remark, "We must overrule all that, Mr. BLAKE?" Of course, and as for poor Lawyer CLEARHEAD, who has ventured to accept a brief in opposition to the great Minister of Justice, won't they all be remarkably civil to him, and back him up with the greatest affability? Of course they will; and although there never yet was a court where lawyers did not make points by civility to the judge as well as by attention to their briefs, we are not to suppose a moment that over-subservience to the Bench can continue when promoted to that Bench in over-subservience to the pleading Minister, powerful in present and future! Oh! no! Our judges, it is confessed, do generally what is right; at least, they have not been lately found out in anything wrong. Therefore, let our lawyers do what is wrong, for although we make judges of them, no doubt they will do all right then. "Train the lawyer up in the way he should not go, and when he is a judge he will depart from it,"—an excellent quotation. The Bench biassed! Insulting theory! Utter Rubbish! Absurd nonsense; who ever was biassed by hope of money or position? Why they do something almost as bad in England—at least, something we choose to say as bad, though it is not. What a miserable partizan he must be who says if they do wrong in England we should not here! Is that his loyalty? Ought to be hanged! Traitor! There still remains the question whether even if our theory be somewhat indefensible, it would not be better to allow Ministers of Justice to practice in the Courts, even if it played the very deuce with Bench, Bar, and public, than pay them insufficient salaries. What's \$8000 a year?—barely thirty dollars a working day—hardly enough to buy dry bread and water? And for such a gentleman as Mr. BLAKE! Quite true that his father would have probably been glad of less; or his uncle Judge CONNOR once of Bay street; or his uncle Mr. HUME of the Orillian backwoods! But him!—and from a rich country like Canada, rolling in wealth, business flourishing, and never increasing her debt! Why not let him earn it thus instead of tempting his integrity to hook it privately from the Exchequer, and set it down as Secret Service Cash?—as no doubt he would, the angel. Why Sir JOHN did what was almost equally wrong; he had a partner pleading. Why shouldn't BLAKE do what is more wrong, and have a partner—or more like half a dozen of 'em pleading—and himself plead too? Why not? We pause for breath—no, for a reply. Didn't Sir JOHN accept presents from railway men, and editors, and other improper people? Had he not better have introduced immoral practices into the courts than do this? Of course he had! Why shouldn't the Minister of Justice secure means of support for his declining days now he has a chance, in the courts, since nobody makes him presents? The independence of the Minister Is Not Thus Tampered With, while all the hurt which the judiciary will sustain Will Not weaken their Purity or Usefulness in the Slightest Iota!!! That is, Our Ultimatum! And who are We? Are We qualified to speak for Canada? That's none of your business?"

Seriously, now, what can the article in question, the ideas of which GRIP has (*more suo*) put in a more lucid form, mean? Is it to be sent to Ottawa, labelled "With editor's compliments—a few advertisements, please?" Do they know what Mr. BLAKE's answer would be? Shall GRIP hint that it would be this: "For Heaven's sake spare me your defence!"

### The Difference of Meum and Tuum.

Lots of streets, which the Council have left without flaw,  
Have the Water Board badly defaced,  
And the Engineer wants to know if there's no law,  
To assist him to limit such waste.

If such spoilers, GRIP thinks, for our cool engineer,  
Were his property knocking around,  
It wouldn't have been near the end of the year,  
Before on the law he was sound.



CANADA'S HINT TO THE NEW PRESIDENT.

**John Hillyard Cameron.**

Give ear : we name a Man, for he was one  
 Who left the shores of Time but yesterday.  
 Let party blame or praise his actions done—  
 No weakling soul then trod the Eternal Way,  
 Through Lite's long fight a leader in the fray,  
 His still to choose the path those following trod.  
 Much good the friends, slight ill the foes can say,  
 Of him whose form we place beneath the sod,  
 Of him whose spirit now stands hushed before its God.

Where in our land his equal shall we find ?  
 Not in our legislative halls, nor where  
 Beneath judicial dome the legal mind  
 Sifts Truth from Evidence with painful care.  
 Build high the tomb ; the columned shaft prepare,  
 And write thereon what written shall be true—  
 With more than many mortals have to bear,  
 His failings were—his virtues were not—few.  
 May He who gave the soul be gracious thereunto.

**A Parable.**

1. And the genius GRIP sat on the outskirts of a great city.
2. And it came to pass that a great concourse of people appeared out of the city, coming toward him, and they were burdened as for a great journey.
3. And GRIP rose and said unto them, "O ye that come from the city, and that journey thence. Tell me now the reason of your journey, for ye seem not like ordinary travellers, but like men distressed and driven.
4. And the concourse of people, even of all trades and handicrafts, came nigh unto GRIP and wept before him.
5. And they said, "Let it be known unto our lord, even unto GRIP.
6. That we are men who make steam engines, and who make furniture, and are cunning in the making of boots and shoes, and skilled in all handiwork of brass and copper, and likewise of tin.
7. And we refine sugar, and also make cotton cloth, and divers woollen goods, and alpaccas and casimeres ; moreover thy servants are tailors, and make railway materials and rails, and also stoves, and exceeding large kettles, and many small pots.
8. And we did use to make them in this city, and in others, even from the west unto the east, and throughout this country, and in all the coasts thereof.
9. And lo, it came to pass that cunning men have deluded the rest of the people, being those who plough the land, and reap the fruits thereof.
10. And have told them to buy foreign goods, even from a far land, and they buy not ours, wherefore thy servants starve, and go now to that ... country, to get work there.
11. And with thy servants go likewise many who build houses, even carpenters, brickmen, and those who paint, and also those who fed the same, being butchers and storekeepers.
12. And the cities are becoming desolate, and the grass groweth in the streets, and the Evil One, which is called "TO LET," hath set his mark on their doors. And there is great lamentation therein.
13. And the people went, and the cities were desolate, and GRIP waited to see the end thereof.
14. And the land was left to the husbandmen.
15. Now the husbandmen grew poor, because they had no one to sell to ; that only which could bear a long journey could they sell.
16. So that the land was in great farms, even very large farms, and there were few men to each.
17. And it came to pass that the people of the south country, even the Yang-kees.
18. When they saw what had been done, and how the people of the country stood.
19. Said to one another, "Verily they are in our hand, for they have not left to themselves a city, nor scarcely a village ; nor have they the means to make weapons of war.
20. Moreover they are scattered over the face of the land, and no man hath a close neighbor."
21. And they arose and fell on the people of that country, even the foolish husbandmen, and took their land.
22. And did make their servants and slaves, and compelled tribute from them.
23. And the husbandmen lifted up their voices and wept, and said, "If we had not destroyed our cities and our villages, truly it had not happened."
24. And GRIP left that country, and journeyed southward, and that country became a hissing and a desolation and no man knew it.

**The Central Prison.**

In the year '57, as certain old men,  
 Can attest, there was one thought to be  
 Not so overly-kind to his prisoners then.  
 Can the trait be hereditary ?

**Safe Criticism.**

How very cool it is to hear a lot of fellows howling,  
 Of STANLEY's plucky venture far away on Afric's shore,  
 That he's shooting down the niggers just as if he were out fowling,  
 That it's cowardly, and cruel, and a lot of humbug more.

The very people these who, on the explorer retreating,  
 Before the poisoned arrow or the pointed assagay,  
 Would shout, "Oh, you cleared off because you thought you'd get a  
 beating,  
 You disgrace to Anglo-Saxons ; you turned round and ran away."

Let these poor *ignorami* know that former explorations,  
 Have failed for need of force, and failed for need of force alone,  
 When, forced to an unhealthy route for fear of hostile nations,  
 Their leaders died—as lately died lamented LIVINGSTONE.

Have they not got the brains to know that one small expedition,  
 Among a hundred million men, keeps peace while keep it can ?  
 Do they not know that, forced of late to dangerous position,  
 If STANLEY had not fought, the blacks had butchered every man.

"We drove them off!"—the news would fly along the negro border.  
 "We'll have the spoil!" the next would shout, and they would  
 have it too,  
 Good critics, who want savages ruled in such pleasing order,  
 GRIP wishes you were there, and thinks he knows what you would  
 do.

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 than another bristles with knowledge, it is the column of "Answer to Cor-  
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 be without it. GRIP has long yearned to establish a collection of facts  
 like that column, that would thrill its readers, but nobody would under-  
 take the task which is so ably performed by our solemn contem. GOLD-  
 WIN SMITH fled from the country when we asked him to edit such a  
 column. LAIRD immediately got a situation in Manitoba when we  
 spoke about the matter, and MILLS hid in a Cabinet the moment we  
 mentioned it to him. So we are forced to borrow from the *Globe*  
 until we hear from some other great men whom we have written to.

CONSTANT SUBSCRIBER.—Yes.

J. C. C.—We don't think so.

REFORMER.—Perhaps it might.

READER.—No.

BROKEN HEART.—Sue him for damages.

D—D M—L.S.—Better stick to farming. We have too many  
 Ministers now, and too little religion.\*

L—RD.—If you can afford it, the best way is by Chicago and St.  
 Paul especially in winter. The climate of Manitoba is healthy.

\* This answer has been written by Mr. Brown after reviewing his editors. We  
 have often wondered why he never found it out before. Certainly, great fault of that  
 office, too many of them writing too little of it.

**The Eastern Question.**

Slowly, but surely, and increasing ever,  
 Fears, rumours, hints, have grown to full-blown fact,  
 And England learns it all too late to sever  
 The great Triumvirs who against her act.

To bar her Eastern path see millions ranking  
 Beneath the standard of the Northern Bear,  
 See Europe's mighty Eagles sullen flanking,  
 His course to guard, and in his spoil to share.

Where now the sons of France, the Russ resisting,  
 Firm by her side, as in the years gone by ?  
 Ask of the fields whereon, all unassisting,  
 She saw them 'neath their German foemen lie.

Who would have strong allies, must strongly aid them,  
 Or in their turn must stand without a friend,  
 Who by the sword have mighty empires made them,  
 In distant climes, must by the sword defend.

Vain such regrets, the fated hour grows nigher,  
 When she once more must fighting stand or fall,  
 Well for her now if still their ancient fire,  
 Her sons retain, for loss would lose her all.

Professor FOWLER laid it down in his lecture last night that no man  
 is fairly fitted to enter into the struggles of life till he is fifty-five. GRIP  
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 ing wrestling exhibitions, and are only 30 or so.

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