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TORONTO, SATURDAY, MAY 4TH, 1878.

"Lance" Cartoon.

Lo and behold, Canadians! our machine
In its grand machin-ations so bewitching,
Oft out of office turning patriots clean,
While into places "void pet" jobbers pitching!
Cartoons, of course, are pictures of the brain,
Symbols of commonsense and mental vision,
That serve to point and guide us to the train,
Of Ministerial frauds that cause derision!

And while this patent combination plan
Applies its powers to farming, hedging, ditching,
An added power it centres in one man,
Such as the Premier, whose ambition's itching!
This queer machine had origin in France
Or Spain, and by mule-train cross'd the Atlantic,
And so has been adopted now by LANCE
In hope of taming down Grits who go frantic.

See how it works! G. B. the engineer,
Stands while the boss the friction tube is oiling,
Ready to let on steam and place in gear,
E. B. admires and smiles at others toiling!
With rubber gear it would "make bright" steel rails!
Help labor-saving plans, of this young nation—
Might pitch and stamp the letters for the mails,
With Huntingdon to "boss" the operation!

Had its rare powers been utilized before,
To him its worth had far exceeded "copper!"
It, Cartwright's "shield" too, might have silver'd o'er,
And, figur-a-tively saved him many a "whopper!"
Bills thro' the Senate Mills, too, might have worked,
By patent process and rare combination,
Nor with amendments had they then been "burked!"
By Senators, pitch-forked by elevation!

With added wheels, Laflamme new powers had found,
Blake by machine had worked up legal cases,
And Jones, when marching his inspection round
Goose-step recruits, had put thro' all their paces!

And Cartwright, well the new machine might use
In printing ponderous tomes of "Budget speeches!"
Nor economic principles abuse—
So oft a text, from which his master preaches!
Such machine running too might help Quebec
Put through official work—all sorts of jobbing,
Might save the Joly remnant of a wreck
With salvage sure to all adepts at jobbing!

Had Nixon dealt with Ballantyne for ties,
By patent gear saved thirty thousand dollars,
His Ottawa visit had been freed from lies!
Nor hidden profits puzzled all the scholars;
If Ministers are not less knaves than fools,
Their machin-ations soon will show new beauties,
Dropping Goff-Oliver, and other tools,
This patent one—charm-like, will do their duties!

Pembina Railway Tie Contract.

Thirty one thousand dollars, in excess
Of lowest tender, Nixon gives for ties,
Yet hopes it may not cause clear Grits distress!
It will but match Mackenzie's steel-rails rise!

Excess of Jo-ey.

In a certain House of Commons
There's a very funny man,
And the Grits half die of laughing
When he's funny as he can.

When he wanders thro' the country
To get the silly folks Brown done,
Just listen to a specimen
Of Joseph and his fun.

"If I owed the devil," quoth he,
"Half a dozen abandoned souls,
And he wouldn't take Sir John A.
In exchange for all their polls.

"He'd be very hard to please,"
Says the devil, "I agree;
I'm very doubtful of Sir John;
But you'll soon come back to me,
Just only give you rope enough,
The other five and ye."

A Mys-tified Miss.

A young lady residing on Huntley street called at the police station the other night and reported the loss of a portmonaie, containing \$5. Her story of the affair is a beautiful example of the extreme exactitude and strict attention to details usually manifested by ladies in all matters involving the "filthy lucre." While promenading King street, she became possessed of the idea that unless she removed her purse from her sacque pocket, that operation would be performed by some one else. Not having a much safer pocket to store away her treasure away in, she undertook to carry it in her hand, and did so—for two blocks. She appears mystified in regard to the loss, and is not certain whether she threw it away, or it was taken from her hand by a snatch thief.

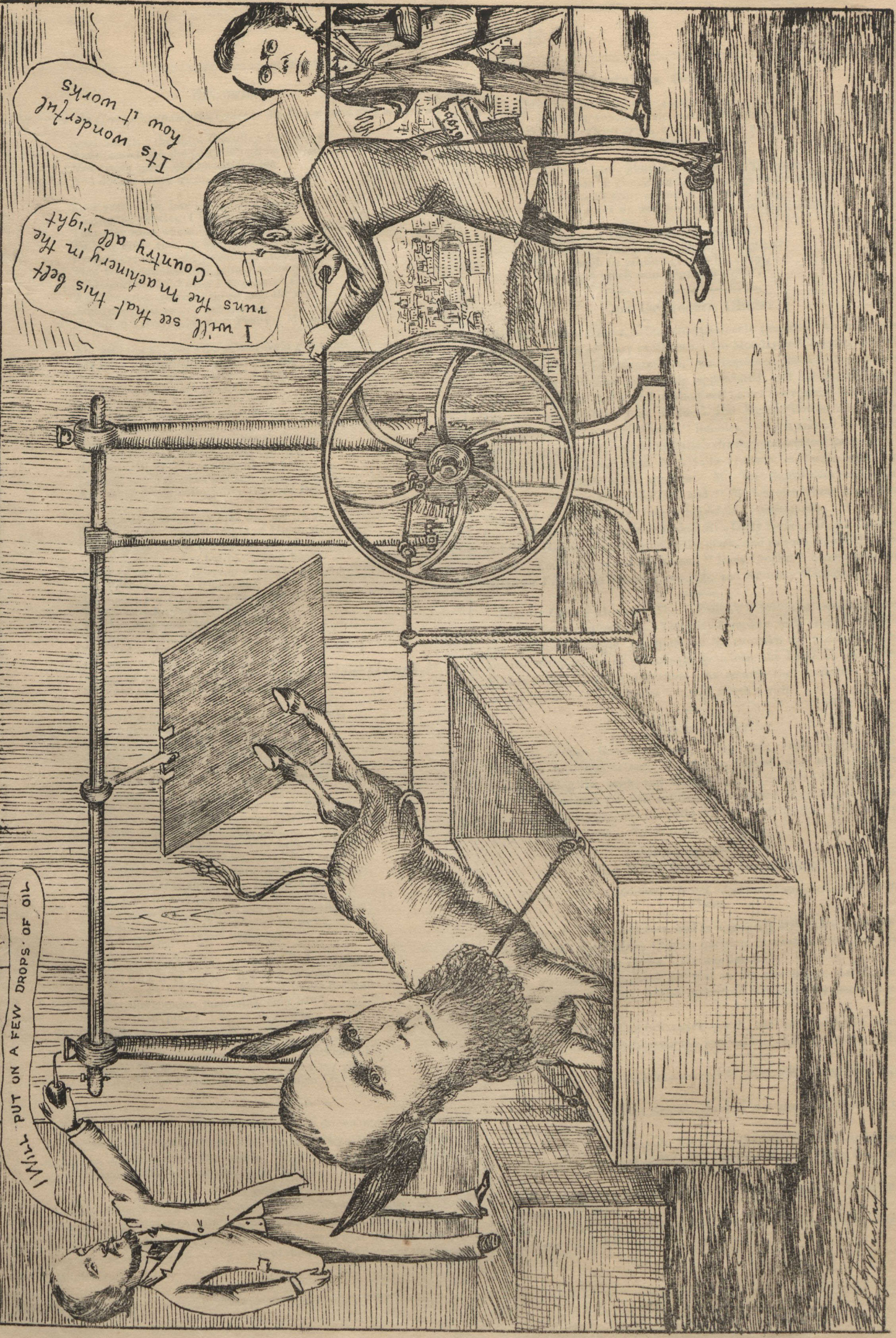
Rymal as a Humorist.

As once, our old dog Tray, we loved to hear,
To Rymal we give rhyme and lend an ear!
For every silly dog must have his day,
And growl and bark, by turns, his life away,
If exercise of mother wit Joe ask,
Why not across his face first draw a mask?
Be jolly then, while masquers please a section,
Who'll give his *manufactory* "protection!"
Some State M. D.'s opine Joe's not insane,
But draws on a full *vari-cose-y* vein!
So his vain humours, they indulge with unction,
As they do Cartwright's *shield* of double junction!
Dick vows if Rymal does play the buffoon,
He's only *stage-struck* at the full of moon!
And while amusement flags not—does not cloy,
Sir John should this Grit actor not annoy!
Should not *distract* Reformers!—raise a storm
Of words, when they "have nothing to reform!"
The LANCE may spear him, if Joe needs a spear?
But now his humors do but raise a cheer!
Still, let not Rymal wander or be serious!
Else by admirers he'll be deemed delirious,
Tho' a dull witling he may serve for clown,
Joe-Miller's leaves for *Mills*, or big-push BROWN!
The LANCE, then, every whit of blame revokes
With but one *prod* to stick Joe to his jokes!

Our Orchestra Chair.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE.—Miss May Fisk's "English Blondes" made their appearance this week, and met with an enthusiastic reception. It is impossible to single out any particular individual for commendation without doing an injustice to the rest. The troupe is composed of finished artistes, whose singing and dancing form one of the principal features of the entertainment. The "Classic Groupings" were highly appreciated, as was also the mystic illusion entitled "A Stolen Statue." The amusing absurdities of the two "Niggers" as the *Baby Elephant* in the "Centennial Quadruped" fairly convulsed the audience. Viewed as a variety entertainment, it is decidedly superior to anything of a similar character witnessed by a Toronto audience for some time.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.—On Monday, the "Jarley Wax Work Exhibition" was exhibited to a good audience. The "Texas Jack Combination" appeared on Tuesday, and has been the attraction since. The vigorous acting of the veritable Jack, himself, was greatly applauded, as was also the champion shot, Ira A. Paine. The rest of the performers acquitted themselves very creditably.



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The Knights Benighted.

"There came a sound of revelry by night,"
The Blake and Brick-layer parties had united!
The prospects at Quebec were growing bright,
Another of the Smiths had just been Knighted!
The "shield" of double face showed silver there,
Though "Lucius Seth" thought copper thereby slighted;
Yet both rejoiced, that "Grit reform" stood fair,
Another of the Smiths had just been Knighted!

Cartwright and Huntingdon of letter'd fame,
Whose metal faces masked them, un-affrighted
Joined with the Premier to "keep up the game!"
Till yet another Smith might soon be Knighted.
Friends Oliver and Davidson were there,
Vail and all beaten candidates invited!
With Proton Nixon, his accounts to square,
Another of the Smiths had just been Knighted.

The Chief's sworn friends came all! they'd have a spree;
Sir John, the wily foe, must be indicted!
The trade in brass and copper be kept free!
Another of the Smiths might soon be Knighted!
The Kami-nas-ty job had been perfumed;
The guests of Neebing's slab hotel, delighted;
Another slander 'gainst John A. exhumed;
Another of the Smiths, too, had been Knighted!

Dymond, of *Globe* report, met Ryan's looks,
Whose tell-tale telegrams had all been righted;
Cartwright's deficits were confirmed by Crooks!
Another of the Smiths had just been Knighted.
The Lib.-Con. champion they would bring to book;
See that no future scandal should be quite hid;
Into the Moylan case take a last look—
Another of the Smiths had just been Knighted.

By Northern Railway they would meet "steel rail"—
If one pass'd muster t'other might be *wih*-ted.
Of Foster-jobs—says, "dead men tell no tale!"
And now another of the Smiths is Knighted!
Give "tit for tat" in scandals. Why shall they
Go free, when Grit shortcomings all are cited?
Lib.-Cons. can root out scandals every day,
Yet 'spite of them another Smith is Knighted!

They have no care, tho' Nixon's railway ties,
Which timid M. P.'s in committee sighted,
Should strike some timid backers with surprise,
Before another of the Smiths be Knighted!
Let heathens rage! Dymond the *Globe* can move.
There's nothing to reform! why get excited?
If Lib.-Con.'s 'gainst Reformers nothing prove
Another of the Smiths will soon be Knighted.

Tho' JUSTICE needs two "heads" Grits have but one—
Thus office-holding policy is blighted.
Beware! Shall they not pack the Senate soon,
With Smiths and Browns as fast as such are Knighted?
Let, then, all Smiths in copper, clay or brass,
Who suffer in their country's cause be sighted;
Then the base metals for pure gold shall pass,
And JOHN, last of the Smiths, may be be-nighted!

Lambton Epigram.

Why will the Lamb-town men be ever sheep-y?
The wool drawn o'er their eyes, aye, worse than sleepy,
They too much trust Mackenzie—their pet lamb—
A boss, that Lambtown safely cannot cherish;
Because he drives them like a battering ram,
At last to leave the "erring sheep" to perish!

The Platform of Consistency.

"No Coalitions!" such the plan Grit policy first drew,
Shown by the fusions of the past—since eighteen seventy-two;
An "Independent Parliament," the next plank brought to view,
The "Anglin and Vail printing jobs" the illustration drew;
"Economy of public cash" composed plank number three,
Which the deficits yearly prove a slight mistake to be!
The fourth subjected public funds to Parliament's control,
Three millions for *steel rails* alone, paid out Mackenzie *sole*!
"Purity of Elections," gave the fifth plank, as a text
Madiver, Simpson and Big Push! show well the precept vex'd;
"Able Administration" stood the bait for number six,
Well illustrated by pretence of purity, *plus* tricks!
In railway Foster jobs, and all the out-puts of hard times!
That leave no room for reason's rule—a little room for rhymes—
When principles are bankrupt all—plain common sense asserts
Its rights—and each deluded Grit, quits IDOLS, and deserts!

A Joly Question.

What of Quebec? And when will end her folly?
Has she no punishment for one *un-Just*?
Will she return a House with head so Jolly
That the majority will hail or trust?

A policy of fraud will little serve them—
For the burnt children will avoid Rouge fire;
And loyalty, with broken faith will nerve them
To give the Rouges taste of loyal ire.

A Parody.

When Luc Letellier stooped to folly
Quebec's best interests to betray,
He sought a friend! that may be Jolly!
To help Grit power, and place, and pay.

No saintly art his scheme can cover,
Or shield him from the Patriot's eye!
Who'll serve him as maid serves false lover,
Send him to coventry—to die!

Right Joly Men.

Innings for Rymal, who Grit humor shows
That should disarm the clownish joker's foes.
Humor's a better shield than Cartwright bears,
When wanting cash his double face he wears.
Ill humor only marks the grave St. Just,
Fit to inspire in candid minds disgust;
But Oliver, and Crooks, and Rymal, all
Steal hearts away—they are so comical—
Thus Oliver, who gave friend Crooks a seat,
Repay himself by that queer Neebing cheat,
And its collaterals! That's purely funny,
Apart from paltry sentiment or money!
Tho' Rymal told a friend there were some Crooks,
Or crooked calculations, in the books,
And while ironically meeting praise
To Oliver, made jokes on Crook-ed ways—
These are the only *Joly* men we cheer,
For fun has nothing from the LANCE to fear!

A Reigning Error Corrected.

An event oft occurs, viz., a very wet day,
Which is so unaccountably strange in its way,
That, although you may say it is not an uncommon one
Still you'll admit to be quite a phenomenon.

When Jupiter Pluvius looks from his throne,
And sees that the earth is as dry as a bone,
Then he turns on the cold water tap up aloft,
And philosophers tell us the water is soft.

Now, I think I can show in a sentence or two
That philosophers tell us what isn't quite true;
(Though a *savant* might better do this than a bard),
How can water be *soft* when it's coming down *hard*?

Now that the *silver glut* is on, would it not be well that the Finance Minister see to the re-silvering of one side of his Shield, at least for the sake of *economy*, like that which influenced the Premier in buying the Steel Rails when the market was glutted. But apart from that *silver nuisance*—the public should bear in mind that a five cent piece of silver, will entitle them to a copy of the LANCE, all over the Dominion! Thus the LANCE, too, has a silver side, as all may see.

Brotherly Love.

They met, where M. P.'s crowd,
And methought Charles would shun him,
Yet he spoke, in whisper loud,
Like a bailiff that might dun him:
"Now you're Premier, let me say
I desire a new commission!
With elections on in May,
I shall be in poor condition!
If you want no more steel rails,
Look out sharply for some other
Good job! or there will be cause
Of *ra-il anguish*, my good brother!"

Joe Miller and Joe Rymal.

Joe Miller ground his jokes above his mill!
Fit place for "attic wit!"
Rymal takes his spontaneously at will,
From Miller's, adding Grit!
It follows then, as his stump speeches run,
"Joe Miller's" come to mind,
If not so *racy* as a clown's in fun!
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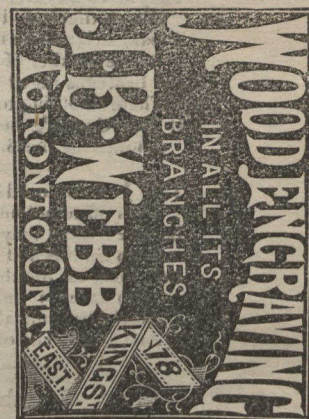
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