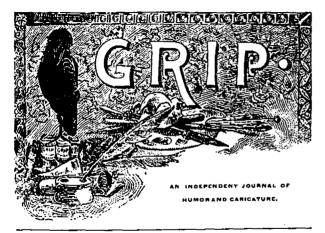


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Provincial Generosity on Dominion Cash. — The Empire, which is "established and endowed" as the special pleader of the Government, deprecates the popular clamor against the Jesuit Estates Bill. "It is an exhibition of impertinence," saystheorgan, "seeing that the legislation was quite within the powers of the Quebec Government. It is no outsider's business how they see fit to squander their own money down there, whether by voting half a million to the Jesuits or to the man in the moon." This is about as forcible as anything a journalist in such a tight place could be expected to scrape up for the occasion. But of course it really amounts to nothing. In the first place, the incor-

nothing. In the first place, the incorporation and subsidization of the Jesuits is far more than a mere local act. It is a matter which touches the interests of the whole Dominion most vitally. And in the next place, it is assuming far too much to talk of the proposed subsidy as something to be paid out of Quebec's "own money." Everybody knows that the treasury of the French Province is all but empty, and that the deliberate intention of the managers of this political deal is to make the payment in question out of the proceeds of a fresh raid upon the Dominion funds. Before the present session at Ottawa is over some more or less plausible appeal will be made in behalf of Quebec, and in response to it an unconsidered trifle will be sure to find its way into the supplementary estimates under the head of "railway subsidy," or something equally elastic. This being so, the people of the Dominion at large have every right to protest against the Act and to demand its disallowance. They are going to do so, too.

When it becomes generally understood that the Act has not yet passed beyond the control of the Federal Government—as is now popularly supposed—but that it is subject to the veto for several months to come, we have confidence that the public sentiment will be revived, and the agitation will take such a form that the pottering politicians will find their offices in danger, and do from fear what statesmen would have done from principle.

THE NEW LUTHER.—A cry has gone up for a leader to step forward to deliver the Canadian people from the dangers which beset them. He has come! Observe his noble presence on our first page. Like Luther of old, the new Deliverer has nailed his thesis to the church door, but the controversy he has with Rome is not, like Luther's, concerning religious doctrine—it is purely a question of civil politics. To the Roman Catholic worshipper absolute liberty is heartily granted—the same measure of liberty we ask for ourselves. Between man and God let no earthly power dare to interfere. In the civil realm we also demand equality of rights. The pretentions of any Church or sect to control the political acts of citizens we repudiate and reject, and if any Church claims special authorization from the Almighty to govern the people outside of their spiritual affairs, we denounce the claim as a lying fraud. We propose that these doctrines shall be enforced in Canada, and to that end have proclaimed a new Declaration of Independence, whose propositions we commend to the consideration of all.



R. ALEXANDER MACKEN-ZIE, on his accession to power, offered Mr. Carruthers a Senatorship, but he declined it. His common sense was of the most uncommon quality. Thus it is written in the obituare notice of a prominent citizen of Kingston. The se-

quence of the sentences is perfect.

CONGRESSMAN BAKER has introduced a Bill to provide for retaliation on the part of the United States "in case of any unfriendly measures being carried at Ottawa, as is now threatened." "Evil for evil" is good Protectionist Christianity, and Mr. Baker ought to be admired for trying to live up to it. It is humiliating to every respectable Canadian, however, to know that the Government of his country acts in such a way as to impress outsiders with the view that we are a sneaking, unprincipled lot of creatures.

IN showy gold letters upon some of the ground floor windows of the fine new building of the Ontario Medical Association, are the words: "Toronto General Burying-grounds Trust." It is suggested that the doctors ought to keep a man stationed at the door to explain to a puzzled public that there is no professional connection between the Association and its tenants.

THE N.P. imposes a duty upon corn for the benefit of Canadian agriculture, but, lest this should injure the highly moral and beneficial industry of manufacturing drunkards, a "drawback" to the amount of the duty is allowed to distillers upon all liquor exported. Dr. Landerkin—innocent man!—thought the principle ought to be extended to the farmers who pay duty upon corn which is afterwards exported in the form of beef, and he introduced a motion in Parliament last week to that effect. After a sharp debate the resolution was defeated, 112 to 70. There was nothing the matter with the doctor's logic; where he made the mistake was in supposing that there is any principle about the N.P.



MY DEAR GRIP,—

The delighted audience which assembled at the historic Pavilion last Monday night—at four dollars a head, more or less—to hear our own and only Albani, must have departed with feelings of gratitude at being citizens of a country of which the great prima donna is a native. And, mingled with this pardonable ebullition of a sentimental patriotism, no doubt, were natural feelings of admiration for the remarkable and self-sacrificing condescension, so characteristic of many artists, which privileged those financially blessed to share in the delights of Albani's superb vocalization, and the untold horrors of an ordinary support.

AS is usual on such occasions, the lion's share of the proceeds naturally falls to the lot of the star, while the ensemble suffer both in quality and also in the quantity apportioned them as their quota of the earnings. They appear willing to be sacrificed as contrasts, however, (at so much per head), besides filling in gaps of sufficient length to inspire an average listener with the idea that he is receiving his money's worth.

A ND now a few bold spirits have begun a crusade in Toronto, in behalf of the seldom heard, and consequently little understood, Richard Wagner. The ball was set rolling at the Music Hall of the College of Music, on Thursday evening last, and partook of the nature of an illustrated lecture by Mr. A. S. Vogt, who was ably assisted in the musical part of the programme by such capable artists as M'île. Adele Strauss, Messrs. H. M. Field and E. W. Schuch.

MUST make special mention of the powerful dramatic ability displayed by M'lle Strauss on this occasion, in her splendid renderings of an aria from Oberon, by Weber, and the Prayer from Tannhaueser-her delightful conception of this school of music, combined with the natural beauty of her highly cultivated voice, resulting in an interpretation of the numbers allotted her, such as is seldom heard from one who excels, as well, in the lyric school. Of Mr. Field's pianoforte performances, especially in the bravura of the soul-stirring Fest-Marsch, as trascribed by Liszt, I cannot but speak in the highest terms of praise. What is better, he combines a truly poetic conception of the different styles of pianoforte compositions -a faculty often lacking in these days, when "pianosmashing" frequently poses as a substitute for piano playing.

I'T is proposed by these young disciples of the philosophic and essentially modern schools, as embodied in Beethoven and Wagner, to still further invade the territory of fossilated conventionalities. A second Wagner evening is in preparation, consisting of selections from the great master's advanced period, in which Madame

Ascher-Lucas has volunteered a helping hand, thus iden tifying herself with the progressive element in the furtherance of the cause of the "divine art."

A PROPOS of my allusion last week to a forthcoming Canadian comic opera, I am permitted to raise the veil of secrecy which I cast over the identity of the libretist, who ought to be slightly known to you, Mr. Grip, being no other than your own editor. Mr. Bengough's opera is called "Puffe & Co., or, Hamlet, Prince of Dry Goods." Mr. Lucas is doing great work on the score, I am told; but more anon. Yours, STIMMGABEL.

SPENCERISM.

I HAVE often thought it would be pleasant to be able to write like Herbert Spencer; his style is so elevated and so universally admired. In fact, I am so taken up with his manner that I have bought a Spencerian pen and decided to write a book like some he has written, when I have a few days to spare. Just to see how I would get along at such a task I wrote a few sentences once, but I am not certain that I succeeded very well in catching his style. Here is what I wrote: "To get an adequate conception of the ultimaturity of unknowableness, we have to keep in mind the differentiations that all things undergo when in correspondence with inexorable environments and with infinite nescience, etc., etc." Do you catch on?



THINGS WE SEE WHEN WE COME OUT WITH-OUT OUR GUN.

A DISTINCTION.

(Miss Upperten has just howed, and favored them with a dentifrice advertisement smile.)

DE SMAWLER—"What a sweet smile!"

DE TAWLER—"Not exactly sweet, but still very toothsome."

IMAGINATION NOT A BLESSING.

DERWATER—"Do you know, they say that writer Jones's imagination is so strong that you cannot convince him that in his visionary moments he doesn't see real spirits."

DERBEER—"Golly! wouldn't it go tough with him to have the D. T's!"



DISINTERESTED.

HORNY-HANDED SON OF TOIL (to platform advocate of Reform)—"But what will you do for a living when everything has been put to rights?"

1. ORATOR—"I? Oh, I shall be content to die of starvation as a martyr to the cause of justice to mankind at large!"

"CASSABIANCA."

(BY A REVISING BARRISTER.)
THE boy lay on his father's knee,
Before his time for bed—
A strap was in that father's hand,
That hand above his head.

The strap came down with tingling sound.
The boy was underneath;
And as that strap touched tender parts.
It took away his breath.

The hand would then more slowly rise.
Then swiftly down would come,
Like music baton marking time
To plaintive "Home, Sweet Home."

"Say, father, say," he faintly cried.
"If yet my floggin's done."
"No, sir," the old man roughly growled.
"It's only just begun."

The boy braced up, then gave a grasp—
A spring—and he was free;
The strap descended, but, alas!

It struck that father's knee.

He rose with mingled pain and rage—
The boy, oh! where was he?
Ask of the hayloft, where, all night,
He's hiding stealthily!

HONOR AMONG-SPECULATORS.

I'T, was a burglar bold,
Who, on a murky night,
Had broke into a house
By a dark lantern's light,

He burgled right and left. And quickly filled a bag With proceeds of his theft And various kinds of swag.

So soft and light his tread The inmates never stirred: He stood beside the bed But not a sound they heard.

Then up he slyly crept, And from the pillow took, As still the owner slept, A bulky pocket-book. (Slow music.)

"Aha! what have we here?"
By the dim light he reads,—
"Hum! mortgage—tax-receipts—
Agreements to give deeds!

"A plan of lots for sale—!
I'll kick myself, I shall,
W'y, blow my precious heyes.
I've been and robbed a pal!

"His lay is real estate.—
Of all of 'em the boss.—
Would I go through a mate
Wot's working on the cross?"

He left the pocket-book, Restored the goods again, And penned this hasty note His visit to explain:

" DEAR SIR,-

I greatly fear
You'll think I've been too fresh,
I'd really no idea
You were of our profesh—

"Dog don't eat dog.—not much! Some blokes might do the likes, Which I ain't one of such, Yourn truly—William Sykes."

WHICH SHALL IT BE?

A FAIR maiden sat on an old pine log, Awaiting the cows a-coming, And while watching the meck-eyed, browsing kine, She slowly fell thus a-humming:

"Oh which shall it be? And when shall it be?"
The old log swayed to and fro-a,
"There's gruff old Tom, and David the King.

"There's gruff old Tom, and David the King.
And homely, hard-working Noah.

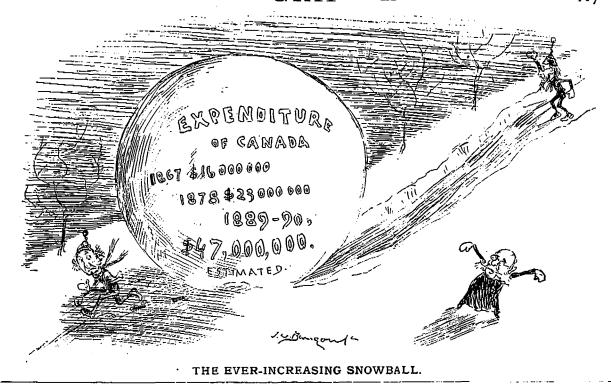
Old Tom has tour'd o'er the wide, wide world. The mariner's compass boxin'; While David can talk of dim forest glades, Noah can talk but of oxen."

"King David can walk with his head erect, Tom's not a bad sort of beau-a; If I should say yes when he asks me, why What would become of poor Noah?"

So the sun went down, and the old cow lowed. Yet still the fair maiden pondered, Till Bossy quite cross shook her two mile bell, And young Daisy greatly wondered.

"Oh, which shall it be? Hark! a warning note—
'Tis mother calling to task me,
Oh, when shall it be?—I guess I'll not vote
Till one or the other ask me!"

THOMAS C. ROBSON.



CATEGORICAL ANSWERS.

WHERE are the snows of last year?" queried Ronsard, centuries ago. It was very kind and thoughtful of M. Ronsard to ask the question. It showed an enquiring mind. A good many writers of the present day exhibit the same desire to "scrute the inscrutable." They ask "What is the infinite essence of things?" (and just here let me protest against the tendency to fiddle with infinity that the mathematicians and versifiers of our city exhibit). "Where are gone those good old days?" etc., etc. The abomination of their number is only exceeded by that of their numbers.

Well, it might allay the pangs of this school of questioners, these seekers after truth, to tell them that the average man, the ordinary unpoetical snow-shoveling citizen of Toronto, is quite satisfied with the present fleecy sufficiency and doesn't care a cent where the snows of last year are. But to still further satisfy these versifiers I put the question to six of my fellow-citizens, and these are their replies.

QUERY—Where are the snows of last year?

No.1. Don't know, nor don't care, but I hope that the snow that I shoveled last year will drop in front of that old McBride's house this winter.

No. 2. "Snows of last year, ch? You're on the rounds rather early for a spring poet, young man. Have you any tobacco?

No. 3. Nixey, but I hope some of it will go to form a little piece of ice just big enough to wreck your interrogative system! Get out of this!!

No. 4. I don't know; but until the city gets a snowplough I wish all snow were in — (and he named a place where no snows be.)

No. 5. Have you ever seen those girls who amuse their feminine solitariness nightly on Yonge street by riding up and down on a board two inches above this year's snow, and blowing a fog-horn that sounds like the call of the care-worn cow? Well, last year's snows went with their last year's escorts. See?

No. 6. (A philosopher). Last year's snows went with the hopes, the fears, the thoughts of last year, just as the dreams of yesterday faded with the twilight of yesterday; they have gone and we, too, shall go.

Seeing him grow so mournful I sighed for sympathy. "Yes, we too, shall go "---and I went."

New name for Old Conservatives-" United Empire Loyola-ists."



IT WASN'T CALLED FOR.

MANMA (to Flossie, who had been lunching with a little friend)
—"I hope you were very polite, Flossie, at the table, and said,
'Yes, please,' and 'No, thank you!'"

Flossie—"Well, I didn't say, 'No, thank you,' because, you

see, I took everything."-Epoch.



A FRIEND IN NEED.

CHRONIC BORROWER-" Ah, how de do, old fellow? By-thebye, can you lend me a dollar? Came away from home this

morning without my purse, by Jove!"

OLD FELLOW—"I haven't a dollar on mc, as it happens, but I can put you in the way of getting the money. (Taking out his tocket-book.)
C. B.—"Ah, that will suit as well, thanks!"

O. F .- "Here are two street-car tickets. Hurry home and get your purse, old man. Good day,'

RAFFERTY ON CALISTHENICS.

MISTHER GRIP, SUR: I do be sufferin' at this blissed moment wid an arm in a shling, a leg done up in bandages like an ould ham, an' about four fate shquare av shtickin' plasther dishtributed nately and conshpicuously in big shnips over the remainin' portion av me unfortinate anatomy.

I'm a victim to murdherin' calisthenics, so I am. The life is nearly bate out av me body, be the silf-same things, bad scran till thim! An'av I iver recover the use av me limbs an' the soundness av me sinses, thin may Ould Scratch fly high wid me do I be fool enough to luk even at a calisthenic or anything else that resimbles it a mile aff.

Yu'll undhersthand, GRIP, I was radin' in the hilth departmint av the Mail that min av sidinthry habits shud practice up on bodily exercise to presarve the eaqilibrium betune mind an' muscle.

Bein' app'inted Magisthrate be Mr. Mowat, and Township Clark be the council, I settled down to a shtate av illegant inactivity that made aitin' three full males a day less aisy than whin I was cobblin' on the binch or peddlin' tinware through the counthry.

I grew fat and lazy, an' wid the fear av becomin' like Aldherman Baxter shtarin' me in the face, I mintioned cal-

isthenics to my wife.

"Mrs. Rafferty," says I, "I do belave I nade exercise." "Thru for you, Rafferty," sez she. "Do yer own woodsawin'; help me wid the washin' every Monday; tind the cow and pigs yerself, 'stead av wee Oweny; thry a little shovellin' an' less bossin' at the road-work. There's lots av chance for exercise, ould man, without advertisin' for a job. But, bedads, what wid yer offices, an' yer dooties, and yer ships av one kind an' another, the niver a bit av honest labor do ye be doin' now at all, at all!"

"Mrs. Rafferty," sez I, layin' aside the Gover'mint Bluebook I was lookin' through for a pint av law, " it isn't manial sarvice I want, but proper an' constitutional exercise. Faix, it's calisthenics I shud be thryin'."

-!" At this moment, a neighbor kim in "Calisto make an affidavit afore me. So the discussion

dhropped.

But me heart was set on the calisthenics, an' next day I rigged up a horizontal bar, a thrapeze, an' a bit av a hurdle in the cow-shtable. I bought a pair av Injun clubs, too; an' thin I wint to work.

What happened is aisier to tell about than to suffer. The firsht shwing I give the clubs wan av the divil's playthings hit me a bang on the back av the neck, while the other flew out av me hand an shtruck Maloney, the milk-man's boy, a whack in the shtomach, that laid him spachless on the flure. Sorra bit av grief it gimme, ayther, bekase what did the young Jackanapes mane be shtandin' in the dure-way wid a grin on his ugly mug as much as to say that the sight av me an' the clubs was a pic-nic till him?

Thin I climbed on to the bar and thried the cart-wheel fake. Begobs, the first whirl brought me hid agin a raf-

ther, an' down I wint like a sthruck ox!

Lapin' over the hurdle I thripped an' shprawled like a toad in a pool, lamin' me leg and barkin' the shkin aff me

Frinzied like, I grabbed the thrapeze an shwung, whin down kim the whole conthrivance, landin' me atop av the cow. The baste kicked me, throd on me, an-bucked me wid her horns, till me yells brought Mrs. Rafferty to the riscue an' I was taken up far more dead than livin'.

"Calisthingamejigs, Rafferty," raysoned that lady, when the doctor had gone an' I was able to undhershtand that some part av me was left to tell the tale, "Calisthingamejigs is for judes—not for dacent, able-bodied min. Av ye nade physical culture, me man," she wint on, "grab a shpade, a pick or a buck-saw. 'Dade, an' I'd sooner see ye carryin' a hod than thryin' to operate these booklarnin' jim-cracks. D'ye be thinkin' ye're growin' podgy? Thin ate less, do yer own home chores an' quit dhrinkin' beer."

An' for wanse, widout a row or a ha'porth, the mistress had the hearty concurrence av DENIS RAFFERTY.

DON'T YOU?

HEN the sunrise is cold as a clerical smile, W And the days roll along in Siberian style; When shrieking and howling the frosty winds blow; When the hall-heater strikes and the furnace won't go; Then we love to lie still in our downy spring bed With the blankets tucked round our poetical head, And a snore-song of dreamy defiance to sing To the breakfast bell's tinkle-a-ting-a-ling-ling.

P. Kus.

A LESSON IN GEOGRAPHY.

ERASTUS WIMAN, Teacher. U.S. Congress, Class.

EACHER (pointing to map of Canada)—"Now, boys, I want you to pay particular attention while I describe this country. The idea that it is a dreary waste of snow and ice, only fit to be inhabited by Santa Claus and his reindeer, is a mistake. It is, as you see, a larger country than your Uncle Sam's, with a better soil, a better climate, better mineral resources, better forests and It is, in short, the "Better Land," and if you fisheries. are good boys you will get there some day."

CLASS (in chorus)—" We will! we will!" W. McG.

THE SQUIBOGRAPH.

M. P. KUS, who has for some time been trying to make a deal with GRIP for a machine for writing poetry, called at our office the other day. His outward appearance is that of a confidence shark or book-agent, and his voice sounds as soft as the gurgle of the goose oil that used to cure our croup. After he had been formally introduced to the Raven he was requested to produce his machine so that it might be thoroughly tested. Without hesitation he hung his shiny plug hat on the gas jet and began to open a huge hand-bag that he had brought with him.

Presently he produced the machine, straightened up, grasped a couple of the levers, and said—"Now I'm ready for the test."

We pulled up our collar, smoothed our necktie, and prepared to furnish facts to the phonographic part of the machine. Assuming a very sarcastic tone we said, "The National Policy originated with the monopolists, and it is a scheme for the protection of the laboring classes."

Mr. Kus then turned on the electric current and awaited results. In a few moments we got this:—

There's many a love that's unspoken,
There's many a love that's unknown,
There's many a heart has been broken
Though the world has ne'er scoffed at its moan.

As soon as Kus read this stanza he snatched it out of our hand and blushed like Aurora when she throws her arms around the neck of the morning star. "Confound it," he stammered, "I choked off the Squibograph too soon when I was having it grind out a love song for a friend of mine."

We pretended to believe him and held our peace.

"Never mind, it will be all right this time," he said, as he turned on the electric current again. Here is what we got—

Ye potent juices that till now unsung
Have swayed the fate of empires, and have turned
The course of destiny; full well you've carned
A master's praises, when with lyre full strung
And calling on the gods for high support,
His soul he rouses and will brook no rival.
Yea! even your names are sounds of large import,
Gastric, pancreatic and salival.

"It reads as if it were going to be an Ode to Digestion, we remarked, handing the paper over to Mr. Kus, who looked about as perplexed as a cat listening to Wagnerian music. When he came to himself he didn't kick the



PRACTISING ECONOMY.

JIMMY RATS—"Huh! you told me your folks was rich."
ALGERNON PERCY UPPERTEN—"Well, so we are."
JIMMY RATS—"O, get out! I looked in your front winder las' night an' seen your two sisters playin' on the same pianny!"



ART.

LADY VISITOR-" How very sweet you paint, Mrs. Brown; and did you make the frames, too?"

machine into yawning oblivion and then sow our office with salt; but—we regret to say it—he cussed.

"Now," said he, when he evidently felt that he had done the matter justice, "I understand this. After using the Squibograph last I negligently left it in such a condition that it has been gathering material for poetry ever since. Every fact uttered in the room in which it was placed has been stored up, and I have no doubt that yards of rhyme will have to be written on various irrelevant subjects before it will be in working order again."

We accepted his explanations and agreed that if he gets the machine into shape for regular work before next week we will purchase it. At present Mr. Kus is filling our waste basket with stuff like this—

Mary bring the frying-pan
And poke the kitchen fire—
Of getting into libel suits
The World, perhaps, will tire—
The lovely snow that fell last night
A cold to me has brought—
When Grip buys up my Squibograph
I'll buy a house and lot.

He has now been working his machine for two days, and it seems as far from being empty as ever. He has just handed us this piece which it has ground out during the last few minutes. The rhyme evidently refers to the opening of Parliament:

We had no cavalry nor guns,
Oh, woe is we!
From bad to worse our country runs.
Where will we be
Ten years from now if this keeps on?
All glorious farces will be gone.
We surely should
With pomp, and pride, and circumstance,
The glory of our work enhance,
Or we will soon be democratic
And sensible—

What follows, being unusually irrelevant, we give no more of the production.

After this week we expect to have the Squibograph in working order again, and friends who wish to see it will be welcome to call at our office and examine it thoroughly.



THE GOLDEN RULE.

Uncle Bill. (who has just witnessed the usual osculatory exercise)-" Can't you girls get along without kissing each other? But then I suppose you are only following the Scriptural injunc-

AMELIA-" What do you mean?"

UNCLE BILL-" Doing unto each other as you would have men do unto you."

EXTRACT FROM A ROARING FARCE.

DEAR GRIP,—It is not often that we backwoods chaps have a visit from "city folks," and consequently we can enjoy a good thing on them when we have a chance. Last summer five "Royal Commissioners" came round our diggins, picking up notes, etc., relating to our mineral resources. The "etc." part consisted of specimens—the richer, the better—which they all with one acclaim desired to "bone." In justice to two of them hailing from your fair city, it must be confessed that their object was, as they announced, to place them on public exhibition, or use them for scientific purposes-not so the others, however, for they plainly expressed more selfish intentions.

A few nights ago, at a church entertainment here, a farce was performed, as written for the occasion, by Capt. Blank, the manager of one of our principal mines, and the hit he got off on the commissioners was so good that I give it to you just as I have been permitted to copy it

from the manuscript.

Scene-Any mine in Ontario.

Dramatis personæ, the Manager and five Mining Commissioners.

Manager-"That, gentlemen, is all I have to tell you."

IST. COM. (The Blue Man)-"Very good, we are greatly obliged to you, but let me add that we were thinkging-g about collecting-g a few specimens during-g our trip for the purpose of studying-g, and of showing-g to interested parties.'

2ND COM. (The Man of Merit)—" Ah, ah, ah, yes, ah,

it would ah, ah, ah, ah, be ah, very nice.

3RD COM. (The Chair Man)—"Certainly specimens are very interesting; I will thank you for a few to place in my private collection; I am very fond of them."

MANAGER (aside)—"The deuce you are !"

4ти Сом. (The Coe Man)—" I would like some, too. I don't take no stock in nothing but iron myself, but I want a few first-class pieces for my aunt-in-law; she's a hustler, I tell ye."

Manager (aside)—"Your aunt-in-law be hanged."

5TH COM. (The Bell Man)—"By all means I must have some for the geological museum at Ottawa, and we want the very best for that purpose."

MANAGER (aside and ironically)-"Oh, yes! I say Ottawa! (Aloud)—Yes, I'll send you all a lot. Good-

bye, gentlemen."

Exeunt the Commissioners.

Manager (solus, loquitor)—It's too bad, too bad. Three of these fellows should travel and call themselves "We, Us & Co(c)."

I may inform your readers that although the whole piece was capital, the foregoing episode brought down the house, as the subject had been for some time "the talk of the town." All the hits were purely local.

Yours truly,

PICK AXE.

BY OUR OWN COMPOSER.

THAT is the difference between a combination of melodious sounds and an indisposed cat? One produces music—and the other a sick-mere!

AT THE BOOK AUCTION.

AUCTIONEER (selling Tennyson's Poems)—Here you are! here you are! greatest poet of the age. (Seeing Smith, who writes)—Beg pardon, Mr. Smith; no offence intended; but Tennyson did write some pretty fair things, you know!

SCRIPTURAL reflection of Mrs. Malaprop, a fagged-out hostess of Montreal—"To be Carnival minded is death!"



IN MONTREAL.

FIRST EXILE--" Hello! What are you doing here?" SECOND EXILE-"I am here for my health."

FIRST EXILE-" How about that article in the papers stating that you were getting away with the bank's money on a system of your own?"

SECOND EXILE-" That's all right. I tell you I'm here for my health; my system got run down."



PROVINCIAL GENEROSITY ON DOMINION CASH.

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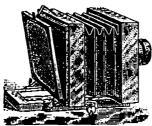


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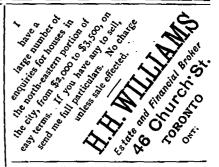
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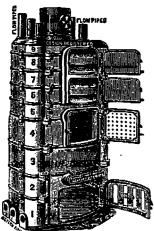
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