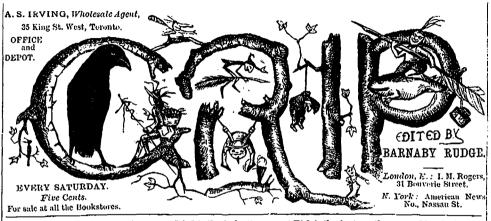
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TORONTO, SATURDAY, MAY 2, 1874.

Gcip's Sense of the Session.

Wednesday, April 22.—Our Schators met at three, received two petitions, added Mr. Smin's name to the committees, and having postponed several juvenile Bills, found the work utterly inadequate to the pay, and therefore adjourned at 3.30.

Ob, potent, grave, and reverend signiors!
In the Commons, the "great uncontroverted" met at three also

at which time the Speaker was graciously pleased to take his scat.

Mr. Haggart wished to know, in regard to the Lauark Postmaster. ship, if the Government would be kind enough to acknowledge that they had done wrong in this matter, to which the P. M.G. (Postmaster General, not Past Grand Master) made answer that he rather thought not.

Mr. Ross enquired if the Government intended to take the Telegraph Lines into their own hands; but the Fremier seemed of opinion that their lines were already cast in pleasant places, and that they

had better " let well alone.

In re the Montreal Harbour Commissioners, Mr. RYAN waxed wroth, In 7e the Montreal Harbour Commissioners, Mr. Kran waxed wroth, and elevated his dorsal column (Anglice—got his back up) with reference to his own and fellow Commissioners' dismissal from office; "he, himself, didn't care a rap about it, but, nevertheless, he could tell the hon. gentlemen," &c., &c. At which the statesman whom the Mail designates the "Accidental Premier," simply intimated that if Mr. R. didn't like it, why, Mr. R. might lump it.

And then with many a longing look at the descript here there went

And then, with many a longing look at the descried bar, they went to ten.

In the evening, Dr. Brouse moved for a Sanitary Bureau (No puns, gentlemen, if you please).

Mr. Macrenzie thought the Doctor's idea first-rate; it had been

one of his own, and, though he was not exactly prepared to say No, still, he could hardly see his way to an affirmative reply, but, nevertheless

Here the House cut short his eloquence by going into Supply.

This being merely a question of spending the Nation's money, was easily got through, and 11 p. m. saw the country's legislators in their nighteaps, and their nighteaps in them.

April 23.—In the Senate: discussion on the Government Railways actually detained members until 6 p. m., which M. de St. Just thought was really too bad.

We shall have no Senators soon if they are to be overworked in

this way.

In the Commons, very little was done beyond discussing the New

Election Bill.

Mr. Mills fell foul of Dr. Tupper for bringing on elections in the MILES TELL IOIL OF Dr. INPER for DYNIGING ON RECUIONS IN the absence of the fishermen, thus altering the net results of the election; and, amongst other opinions, Mr. Kirkhatrick thought that minors, felons, and women, should not be prohibited from voting.

Sir John didn't think the present bill as good as his own pet scheme; he was open, however, to conviction, though he would like

to see the man that could convince him; he hoped the Minister of

Justice wouldn't do anything rash.

And they put on their hats at midnight.

April 24, Friday.—Hon. Mr. Borsfond complained of the issue of free passes over the Government railways. Whereupon Hon. R. W. Scott explained that the only deadheads were the Local Legislators, to which Mr. Warn objected that they are paid their travelling expenses.

Happy Local Legislators! who can both eat their cake and have it At 5.45, however, hunger prevailed over the country's interests. In the Commons, the ventilation question once more arose.

Mr. CAUCHON drew a lamentable picture of asphyxiated members, and complained that although the subject had been ventilated, the chamber hadn't.

Dr. Brouse attributed the impure atmosphere to the escaping gas.

(Oh! sureastic Doctor).

While for his part, Grap suggests as a cause:—
The ventilation of such scandals as the one yelept Pacific;

And as a remedy

Respirators for eloquent members, and gags for the remainder, at the country's exponse.

The House here shewed signs of impatience, and at 1 a.m. members were swearing at their latch-keys, and wondering where the dence the key-holes had gone to.

HINTS TO CARTWRIGHT.

GRIP beholds with undiminished and lively interest the efforts of suffering manufacturers at Ottawa to procure a slight advance on the protective duties. It is perfectly right for all men to get what is right. But there are certain other interests that appear to have been overlooked in these delegations to the Government, e.g., the farmers' labourers. Our laboring population want Protection from hordes of mud-sills coming out to Canada to cut down the wages; Gare wants a tariff of his first year's wages off each miserable working man who is "thrown, nitaled, east or atherwise denoticed as were the way." a tarm of his aret year's wages on each miserione working man who is "thrown, pitched, cast, or otherwise deposited on our shores." He is also extremely anxions to "protect" the interest of the literary profession, poets and lecturers on "Westminster Abbey," indeed all "big guns." (Grar desires it to be distinctly understood that he has placed guns." (Gur desires it to be distinctly understood that he has placed the posterior claw of his left foot at the point of his beak, and the autorior claws are projecting in front in a loose and jocular style.) All "big guns" should be imported free. Newspaper writers, however, are verging on the grasshopper limit; they are too thick. Gan would put an ad valorem on these commodities. A writer with a mere London experience should be fined, that is "tariffed" \$20, to be paid out of his first earnings, otherwise garnisheed; but a writer with estimated a held head and warring tractagles. out of his first earnings, otherwise garnished; but a writer with testimonials, a bald head and wearing spectacles, should be quarantined for two years till he gets accustomed to the climate, and then admitted to the profession on payment of all the money he has in his possession, with his "expectations from home." Further, no poor but good-looking young women should be permitted to land here on any account; our own ditto are quite sufficient for the situations that are vacant. Among the non-dutable goods, Ghip casts his sparkling eye upon unmarried ladies (any age) with fortunes ranging from £10,000 to £40,000 stg.—in their own right. To use the backneyed slang of parliamentary speeches, "there are openings for this sort of immigration at present in Canada equal to those of any other country in the world." On the subject of Miss Ryr's children, Ghip has not yet decided whether to make them dutiable or not, but will take information on the subject hefore it comes up before the Hoyse. tion on the subject before it comes up before the House.

A COMICAL DEBATE—QUITE LAUGHABLE

(From the Globe's Parliamentary Report, Tuesday.)

AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS.

Mr. Orron moved for a suspension of the rule in reference to Select Committees.

Mr. DYMOND said it was not possible to get a quorum of five righteous men to save the great agricultural interest from destruction (cheers and laughter!) (a) He (Mr. Dynoxo) therefore ventured to move that, &c., &c., who would help the mover of the motion in bringing the matter to an issue, although not the issue expected when the motion was proposed (cheers and laughter!!) (b)

Mr. Young said he was already on the committee.

Mr. Walken suggested Mr. Dymond's own name.
Mr. Dymond said he was already on a committee (laughter and cheers, and cheers and laughter.) (c)
Mr. Orron asserted there was a quorum (silence all round.) (d)

Mr. Speaker said he would have to rule the amendment out of order (hear, hear, and laughter.) (c)
Mr. Cauchon said the hon. member for North York could insist on

the members being named by the House if he desired (No laughter). (f)
Mr. Dymond said he took exception to the original motion, on the
ground that no notice had been given of the names of those who were proposed to be on the committee. (g)

(a) Where is the joke?
(b) Is that a humorous saying?
(c) May we enquire wherefore?
(d) Why didn't the members laugh at that?
(e) How very witty, indeed!
(f) For a wonder.
(g) Most unaccountably there is no indication that cheers and laughter followed this brilliant repartee. Perhaps the reporter was evercome with mirth, or the night editor was sick of it.

HAMILTON HUMOUR.

Those who have a penchant for practical joking and occasionally suffer from the want of an opportunity or a victim, will be quick to take the hint incidentally offered by their jocund confrere in Hamilton. According to the Globe's correspondent in that city:

"A practical joke was played on the bouse of a family on James Street, last night, when no one was at home."

Here is a boundless field of rare fun opened up. What a very jolly thing it must be, playing jokes on empty and unprotected houses!



MRS. GAMP'S HOME-THRUST.

SAIREY GAMP (The Reform Party)—"'AVEN'T GOT NOTHINK TO SAY ABOUT THEM 'ANDS THIS TIME, I SUPPOGE, MISTER SIR JOHN?!"



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MORE ABOUT SPRING.

And now the editor of the Teeswater News has taken up his pen

And now the enter of the Tecswhiter News has taken up his pen and indited a few lines upon Gentle Spring. Here they are:

"Spring.—The snow has disappeared at last. March with its cold bitter air kept full control until within a day or so, since which the warm balmy breath of Spring has assumed the sway, implanting new life and vigour, in animate and inanimate nature. The ploughman may now be seen trudging the furrows! length, whisting merrily at his work."

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He has placed the article first under the head of "Local and General News," but that is of course merely formal; we do not think he really meant to have it understood that his remarks applied to the country at large. Indeed he seems to have apprehended that difficulty, for mark with what ingenuity he leaves the question of time open. He says March "kept control until within a day or so." Like the weather in the Danbury Newsman's Almanac, this is calculated to suit all sections. In this vicinity we are becoming reconciled to the idea that it may be "within a day or so of"—Dominion Day. And as we sit shipering here, heavy we cannot the relationary whose the property who shivering here, how we envy the favoured denizers of Teeswater who are even now enjoying—

"Ethorial Mildness,"
and "seeing the ploughman whistle!"

PATRIOTIC SACRIFICES OF THE REFORMERS.

We are quite ready to believe in the honesty, as honesty goes, of the average Reform member of the House of Commons. The Globe, however, attributes to him a greater singleness of purpose and spirit of self-sacrifice than we have ever been privileged to observe in him. This patriotic conduct is not manifested, it would seem, on a small scale, but has reached such a magnitude, that a species of insurance companies, distinguished by offices with plate glass and polished ashlar fronts, have been organized to assist these public martyrs to bear the losses incurred by them on account of voting with the Government. Such drains have been made on these companies already, that our contemporary fears they may not be solvent, and demands that their accounts be inspected. The passage to which we allude is in an editorial on Inspection of Insurance Companies in the issue of Wednesday, April 29th, and reads as follows :-

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"Could they, if called upon, pay all their dues? They seem to be prosporous. What about the savings of many a toiling anxious father who, in his desire to make some provision for his little ones when himself shall have gone over to the majority, has put his trust in these companies, with their plate-glass and their polished ashlar fronts, and hopes that all will be right when he is away? They may be quite secure, and his money may come back with interest some day; but it is also just possible that all the while that father is putting his money into a bag full of holes, and is only helping to keep up some fine establishments with what ought to be forming a provision for his own old age or for the days of his window's solitude."

Truly, we were not aware of the enormous sacrifice of position and prospects involved in going over to the Government side.

Grip Gossip.

No. III.-THE CLUB.

Believe in Science-gossip if we may, Nature abhors a vacuum they say; A kindred want, no doubt, led to the fact that once upon a time,

A club was formed, as may be told in rhyme; and how twas brought about.

Halt and main'd bachelors not apt to wed,

Weak Benedicts, strong-minded, yet Miss-led—

Hec genus omne—more, the vacuum felt—met on a given day,
When fire had swept a central square away. Then each his views

talked o'cr.
There met White, Gray and Dunn, Green, Black and Brown,
Lex, who had taught club-law to half the town;

And knaves for clubs well suited; JENRINS, from Ireland, where, as jockey used To bruise by stick and foot-rule—solf-accused, In time had grown club-footed;

But when the surgeons were at last called in,

"An operation" set him on his pin, and now he ranks M. D.
So they agreed to club, and plan, and build

Until the yawning space should be re-filled?
But what should the name be?
Lex had suggested "Hercules"—advised

As tit, so many Pigmies it comprised,

And many more might join.
The "Exclusive" White would have, with stringent rules,

Admitting only graduates of schools,
Or bankers flush of coin,
Or of the Faculty's that science hath,
Excluding Hydro-path and Homeo-path
By All-o-pathic rules—
All mushroom graduates, tho' dub'd M. D.,

Or budding Lawyers, ere they fobbed a fee, And all eclectic fools. Med'cine or law that could not blister, bleed Patient or client all for love-not greed

Patient or client all for love—not greed
Or rank, so low as Sun,
Must be ignored—but title high, or rank
Or rich b'hoys who for wealth their fathers thank—
These should recruit the Club.
Donald, of jokers circlo deemed "the hub,"
The Scot who helped to organize the Club,
Thus gave his view—"Now sir!
Is not a puppy call'd a cur—for short?
Then why not Hercules be Her? In sport
Let's dub the Club, the Her!
Bulmer and Blace, who joking think a sin,
And never see just where the laugh comes in,
Their risibles ne'er.stir;

But they whose Club seems the chief end of life,
And represents friends, family and wife,
Thenceforth have sworn by Here!
And Scot tells German—"You's our Club, ye ken—

To Hymen closed—open to Highland men-Eh, man! Hen's quite select."

See on our walls hang heroes done in paint, A face of beauty or a head of saint-

Till like a palace deck'd; By some pet name is every member known-

So, in Club parlance, Jones is Darry Joan—
And White is Whitey-Brown,
Because, on Brown, he like a shadow waits—
Brown will not mix with Green or Gray as mates,

The White tile fits his crown. And so "the Hercules" arose in pride, Augean stables (out of sight), beside, In sight a distant spire.

Tho' at the corner a proud warehouse rose, Shops, dens, and mansions the next block disclose,

The Club HER. stands still higher; And off as in the rooms they congregate,
Of varied tastes, yet like with like will mate,
If publican or sinner.
Thus Club experience shows—Birds of a feather

Instinctive sympathy will bring together,
If but for din and dinner!

And when young BALL plays billiards, minus stakes, Or BELLUM yields for love the game he makes,

The two become sworn friends; Their rubbers ever shulle off at whist, Or in the anto-room to gossip list,

As chance may shape their ends. Thus goes a party to the rooms each day, Some but to cast sheep's eyes across the way-

Careless where they may drop.
Yet Green oft fancies that he sees bright eyes Thrown back! and quick responsive heaves two sighs,

Then whirls off like a top! Then, fop-like, see him pacing down the street, In expectation these black eyes to meet, That suit his Bluc-nose taste. Yet friends and brief reflection bid him mend,

Bring club-life and loose habits to an end,

And ne'er make love in haste! But there are many folk about the club

Apart from steward, errand-boy or scrub, Or cripples touched by gout—
To note, who take their wine and dine each day
Within the club—because—they jointly say

It can't be done without !

WONDERFUL CALVES.

A paragraph is just now in active circulation amongst the papers,

to this effect:—

"A calf with two heads lived for several days last week, at Mr. Henchett's, farmer, of Tyastown. It had two mouths through which it swallowed food, and two cars—one outside each head. Another extraordinary calf was developed last week, at Mr. A Murchison's, on the East Front. It had a head like a huge ball, with a protuborance, near the cranium, which gave it the appearance similar to that of a child suffering from hydrocophalus."

Grif desires to submit Torento's contribution—a couple of remarkable cases. The first is that of a calf with no head at all. This strange critter has developed a laughable weakness for publishing "charity" advertisements in The Sun and other papers, calling attention to his own misfortune above specified. The second case is not so well anthenticated. It is reported to us that a body—identified as that of a calf—was found the other day on our King street promenade. The object was quite a phenomenon. It was entirely lifeless and, to our thinking, shapeless, but stranger still, upon closer inspection it was found to be—stuffed with saw-dust.

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