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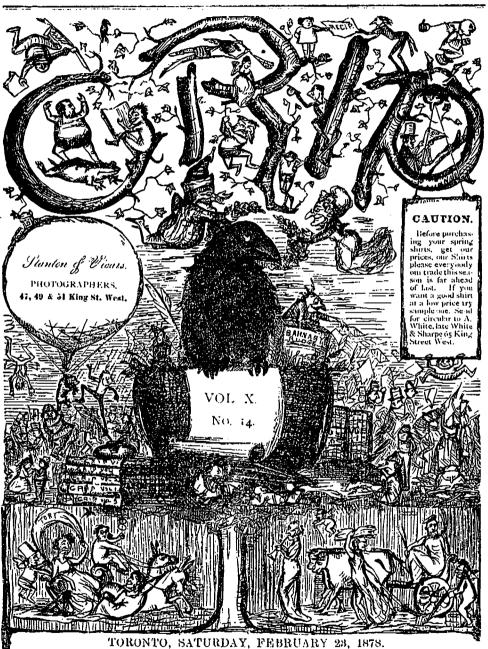
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TORONTO, SATURDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY, 1878.

The Handwriting on the Wall.

MACKENZIE BELCHAZZAR and all his gay coves, Are guzzling free on the fishes and loaves; The flesh-pots of Egypt lie round on the floor, And the good things of office are scattered galore.

For four years the Party has surfeited there, With appetites strong and digestive powers rare; While the Tories outside (heaven ordained to rule) Have been fretting to death in the shades that are cool.

But lo! there's dismay in the banqueting ball, For the writing of Fate now appears on the wall; A mystical sentence portending the End--But how it was written we can't comprehend.

Perchance 'tis the work of an angel of light, To whose spotless soul Grits are odium quite; No doubt 'tis the writing of some righteous hand Who to "JOHN A. and VIRTUE" would give up the land.

A Conversation.

"The deuce of it is," said Sir John at the last House Dinner, "that people really want new men to come forward."
"Are we not good enough?" growled TUPPER in his deepest bari-

"If takin' pains to plaise," remarked N. F. DAVIN, "can soothe their savage buzzums, there's nivir a counther-jumper in King Sthrate can bate yez. Protectionists in Onthario, Free Thraders in Halifax, Liberathers of RIEL, allies wid BOWELL-oh, bedad, there's nothing but a kellydescoop can aiquil yez."
"A kaleidoscope," said M. folks prorounce words correctly.

said M. C. CAMERON, who will try to make

folks prorounce words correctly.

"The kellydescopp I did be sayin' Surr!" said N. F. D. "Neemed afther its inventhor, me mathernal ancistor, Surr James Kelly, K.C.B. knighted for dhrivin' the bailiffs from Oireland, A.D. 1757."

"Ye are over forrit, young mon," said one of the Club flunkeys, a tall big-nosed person in a magnificent suit of green and gold, who, remaining when his fellows had departed, had taken a seat at the table with the guests. (It was G. B. He really runs the club as our other institutions). "When I had ye on the Glob, I keepit ye in order. I bitting we on the Mail, we ken, we are simply removit tae anither Clear mstitutions). When I had ye on the Glob, I keepit ye in order. In pitting ye on the Mail, ye ken, ye are simply removit tae anither Clear Children and the control of the c Grit journal, disguisit for purposes o' my ain. Mairower, ye arena tae gang round speaking-

The fiery passions of the Milesian addressed had now rendered him red hot. Nothing else could have saved his adversary, but N. F. D. found his dress suit beginning to singe. He rushed from the room, took a shower-bath and came back cool and pallid. In the meantime

the conversation had changed.

"I maun observe," said G.B., "that we haena had oor time. Ye had

"I maun observe tae let us hae oor turn. We canna do wi'

twenty years, and agreeit tae let us hae oor turn. We canna do wi' scant four. It maun be managit."

But you cannot deny," said MACDOUGALE, "that you are making in four years as much as we in twenty. You give MACDONALD \$10,000 a year. He gets it. But as for me, I was sent to pick a governorship out of a bulldog's mouth, and got properly bitten for my pains. Speaking of dogs recalls the fable of the bone and the shadow. Isn't it time

got the substance?"
"You bring me back to my muttons," said Sir John, "and by the

way that leg was superb—"
"But the divil's sint no capers wid it," said N. F. D.
"They knew we had you;" said the baronet, "but as I was saying, my dear George, it is true that years ago, we leaders agreed to divide in turn the spoils of office, and to keep outsiders off. I am sure we aided you manfully in your efforts to shove aside every fellow, from BALDWIN to GOLDWIN SMITH, who tried to shove in a patriotic oar. But now it will do no longer. You know as well as I the country has been humbugged, not governed.

People demand men who understand commercial positions, and a lot of things never hitherto forming part of Canadian governmental programmes. I don't say we would not have had them before now, if unhampered by opposition, or that you would not, if equally clear. But you know on well as I have been a would not be the control of the control not, if equally clear. But you know as well as I that it has ever been impossible to pass needed measures, on account of the ever-present necessity of buying corrupt friends, and approving corrupt opponents."

"Breebery an' corruption!" said G. B. "Why did ye nae stap it?"
"Why didn't you?" asked Sir Johns.
"Gin ye introduce ye're opponent, as Dr. Johnson remarked," said G. B., "there's an end o' airgument. Hae ye nae better manners? Answer me, sir!"

"Well, George," sighed the knight, "I challenge you to answer this. When the people send fellows to Parliament who come with no other purpose but to be bought, have I or MACKENZIE any other resource but

to buy them?"
"It is vara true," said the disguised ONONTIO. "After a', it's nac use abusing ilk ither in preevate. What div ye think is noo tae be dune?"
"Your friends must go out at the end of their term, GEORGE, and we will have to get in men fit to draw up a proper scheme of Protection, and several other things the country needs." So said the knight, pen-

and several other things the country needs." So said the knight, pensively drinking a tumbier of sherry.

"Ye are a puir-specified creature," said G. B. "I shall ance mair tak' the stoomp mysei'. I speakit gran'ly at Oxford last week. I sall hae na Protection here ava, What div I care for the kintra? Whaur wad gang my Breetish supporters, mairower my Yankee friens'? Hoo could the Globe dae without the importing interest? Gae wa! Free Trade forever! Wi' the mighty engines o' the Globe and Mail I hae direckit, and will direck! Shadows o' necht avaunt! GEORDIE's himsel' again!" And the old gruttemar executed a vinmphal attitude in which And the old gentleman executed a triumphal attitude in which \$100 set of Sevres from the sideboard.

"George," said Sir J., "You cannot direct me. Master of myself though China fall!" And he looked sadly at the fragments—a present

though China ian.

from himself.

'Nor me,' roared the Tremendous TUPPER, whose sore throat wine had temporarily heated, "I denounce your policy! I oppose your course! I deny your principles—

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course! I deny your principles—
"Ye hae aften deneed yere ain," interjected G. B.
"I," pursued the thunderous honourable, "I am fit here to speak!
I, whose dexterous voice pleases East and West, ever sounding loudly the trumpet appropriate to the region. This is Toronto, and I here declare Protection the only course. That we shall follow-o-o-o under-rr the glorious-s-s pilot who-o-o-o has weathered the storm-m-m"—(But here several panes fell from the windows and some affrighten guests ran to the door).

"Ye're noise disna fricken me," said G.B., "nae mair than the clamours o' that Irish creature wha I formerly allowed to write for the

But the blood of N. F. D. stood no more. Dexterously extracting from a chamois case an immense shellalagh, he leapt on the table, "Be the powers, he manes me," shrieked N. F. D., making a flying leap over the centre vase in the Scottish person's direction. He arrived, but the other was gone. Nay, the room was empty. As TENNYSON

" At the mere flash and motion of the man,"

all the guests had disappeared, except those, who under the table, laid supine in the arms of Baccitus.

"Waither!" cried N. F. D., "bear the inebriated to cabs. The ruction has calmed me sowl. Fetch me pin, ink and paper. There's an idditorial jew, and devil resave the loine written av the same."

The Amouities of Parliament.

Hon. Dr. TUPPER (to Mr. DYMOND). .-You are a garbler of reports! Mr. DYMOND.--1 aint. You are a vile insulter of the Press. Hon. Sir JOHN MACDONALD.--It is evident the Minister of Justice is

Hon. MINISTER OF JUSTICE. - I aint! All your authorities - Chief

Justices, Knights, Generals, and everybody else are liars.

THE SPEAKER.—The hon, member for Kingston is out of order. Hon, SIR JOHN.—Then, Mr. SPEAKER, in a parliamentary sense he isn't a liar, but every other way he is. He has, I say, used rebellious— Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE .- Your colleague, Sir. GEO. CARTIER, was a

rebel, and ran away!

Hon. Sik John.—He didn't! he didn't, I protest against slandering the memory of the dead! My worthy colleague fought as a rebel all day at St. Denis, and fired on Her Majesty's flag from morning to night.

Hon Mr. MACKENZIE.—If your colleague fired material bullets at the flag, mayn't mine fire an immaterial expression?

Hon. SIR JOHN.—No Sir! He mayn't, Sir. And he hadn't the courage, Sir! JONES would have run away, Sir, he would, Sir! Hon. Mr. LAURIER.—It happens to be a matter of history that your

late colleague did. (SIR JOHN subsides on the history point).
Hon, Mr. Mackenzie.—And your friends burned down the Parlia-

ment House, pelted the Governor, and wanted to be Independent, yes sir !

And now worse than all, want to make political life unbearable—
Hon. Str. John.—No, no, no, I rise to explain. The more we give a bearish tendency to the proceedings, the more we make them bearable. (Loud applause. Cries of "Very good; Give us another).

The above is not an over existented burlesque of the class of proceedings lately held at Ottawa. Grip would remind these gentlement that the pretended loyalty which occasions such scenes causes that worst describition of disloyalty continued for our rather.

description of disloyalty, contempt for our rulers.



THE MYSTERIOUS HANDWRITING ON THE WALL.

Modorn Religion.

Of all instinctive feelings which dwell within the breast. The promptings to religion the purest are and best. .. Most worthy of encouragement in this our earthly way, And how we them encourage shall be written in this lay

To church we'll go on Sunday, well dressed from top to toe, Of churches the description where most of us will go-Where carpets are the deepest, and pews of softest seat. And the music to the hearers affords the richest treat.

Where music loud resounding falls bravely on the car, Of future penance driving away all sense of fear, And the senses all enchanted by the loud and pleasant sound, Are tinconscious of that party who goes a roaring round.

For our music in religion is utilized to-day, As 'tis used in battle's danger, cool thought to chase away, Or as the Brahmin tomtoms quell burning widows' shrieks. We drown on Sunday mornings its voice when conscience speaks.

For our priests to-day are finding, as predecessors found, Complacency still fetches large congregations round, And we approve that preacher, and mise his salary. Who makes us feel good rather than teaches us to be.

So advertise in journals the music of our choir, Explaining some go lower, and some can rise much higher, Than usual, and stating, with unction most profound, The pieces meant for singing, when Sunday next comes round.

Then uprises the preacher, the preacher of to-day, Expounding parts of Scripture in a very clever way.

And gives so many meanings to words both great and small, That he makes you quite decided the text has none at all.

Then gravely moves to dinner with pillar of the church, Who turning coat last session left promise in the lurch, Or with that honest gentleman to difficulties come, Who pays no creditors, but gives the church a handsome sum.

For he must be forgiving, that meek and gentle man, And grant them all exemption from penance that he can. "We need it of each other," he says, and means next day, To ask it on some taxes by right he ought to pay.

When shall we find the churches teach what their founder taught-To deal with each man justly, and pay each what we ought? To scorn hypocrisy, although its wealth be what it may? When shall the faith as given at first be taught in modern day?

Tiorney Abroad.

No. 2.

To the Editor Av Grip, up in Taranty:

SU", —I have I towld vez in me lasht letther that fwhin I wint to Ottaway I e the invite av Misther MICKINZIE, I hard av somethin' to me advantage, but I hadn't shpace to foind room in that letther to infortum yez fwhat that was.

inforrum vez fwhat that was,

"Mr. TTERKEY," sez the Primier, fwhin I walked intil his affice,
"I've hard av yer great abilities, an' wud loike to secure yer sarvices,
av ye plaze,"

"Thank ye keindly, sur," sez I, "but at the prisint toim I have a
job, diggi 'a cellar for Misther—"

"Howld on," sez he, inthrupthin' me, "its for no manial sarvice av
that keind I wud be wantin' ve for," sez he, "I want to give ye a
govirmint appintemint, so I do,"
"Savin' yer prisince," sez I, "Misther MICKINZIE, ve musht be
crazy intoirely; a govirmint affice for me! Sure, amu't I wan av the
leadin' Consarvatiffs av the counthry?" sez I.

"Jusht so," sez he, "av coorse ye are; an' that's chafely the raison
fwhy av me prisint procadin'; its a way we have in the Reforrum Party."

"Jusht so." sez be. "av coorse ye are; an' that's chafely the raison fishy av me prisint procadin'; its a way we have in the Reforrum Party." sez be, "af doin' fishat we can for our infinites in the way av the shwates av affice. I think now, betune us, ye wild make a foin immygrant agent for the South av Ireland. Wild In't ye loike to go an' see the dear ould sod waust more, at a purty good salary?" sez he.
"I wild," sez 1. "An' if I may be allowed to use the ixprission, Misther Mickinzie," sez I, "I blave the Reforrum Party is founded on the three policials of the section of the sect

on the thrue principles av love; if I was in the confessional this minnit, sur, I wouldn't deny but me heart has been wid yez all the toime, more or less."

We shuck hands, an' the thing was settled. Misther CARTWRIGHT an' Misther Mills, the Minister av Philosofy, thin kem in, an' ixpressed thinselfes plazed that I would be for some toime away from the corruptin' influence av Sur John an' thim.'

The certificate is bein' med out for me appintemint.

"It'll take a few weeks, mebbee," sex Misther MICKINZIE, "to get it complate, because, av coorse, it has to be sint away up to Taranty to be counthersigned by Misther BROWN, at the Globe affice, an' in the mane toim, I think ye betther take a soort av a toor through the Marry, and the state of the sta time Provinces," see he, "so as to lay in a shtock av information an facts about the countbry."

"Wid pleasure," sez I, "I'm ready to shtart to-morry mornin'."
"Good," sez he, "Go; an the blessin' av a pure an' pathriotic govermint go wid yez."

That was all. Next day I shtarted for Monthreal, an' ivir since I have been thravlin' about, goin' most generally from wan place to another, though me movements is not med out on anny particler plan, an' I have the Dominion Driectory in me pocket and the Threasury at me

Av coorse I kape me eyes an' ears open on me thravels, ispecially fwhin I have to thravel be night in thim shlapin' kears av Misther PULLMAN's. I am takin' notes av the people and places, an' fwhat I hear, an' the crops, and ivery thing av that sort. I thought it wud be best, as an' the crops, and ivery thing av that sort. I thought it wul be best, as I was a little grane at the bieness, af I kep a Dairy as I wint along, an' so I wint intil the chafe buck-shtore av Monthreal an' bought mesilf a foine morrocky covered note-buck, wid lashtic bands an' lead-pencil complate. "Retale price two twenty-foive," sez the clark. "Wrap it up," sez I, "an' charge it to the govirnmint."

I have the note-buck purty well filled be this toim, on some av the pages, an' av yez wul loike to print a few av me notes in Grir, I'll begin' nixt wake and sind yez some. Me coorse has tuck me intil the Provinces av Quebec, Newbrun Swick an' Nova Scotia, an' I think yez'll foind me obsaryations on feshat I saw nately done an' to the nint.

yez'll foind me obsarvations on fwhat I saw nately done an' to the pint.

Yours wanst more,

TERRY TIERNEY.

Their Fate.

She was sewing, and no more. He was clerking in a store. He was JOHN HORATIO BIGGS. She was ANGELINA SQUIGGS.

Vows unto Miss Soutides he made. Thus his courtship she repaid: "Till you in a store I see, Of your own, don't think of me."

JOHN HORATTO had no tin, So on credit he went in. In a store we now him see, With Miss S. as Mrs. B.

Clever JOHN HORATIO, though, Wasn't able to foreknow. That the merchant just next door, Bankrupt was in two weeks more.

Al! the stock he had in biz, Was obtained where John got his, Went for three months just "half price." JOHNNY didn't think it nice.

Not a penny worth could sell, Might have shut up just as well. Three months passing quick away, Precious lot of bills to pay.

Not a cent to pay had John, Assignees came fumbling on, Start to sell him out that day, Bankrupts chap across the way.

Ere it's over. Thus we see, Bankruptcies make bankruptcy. Clerk again is Mr. Broos, Sewing is the former SQUIGGS.

Croaks and Occks.

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