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## The Jestre, edited by f. J. Hamitton, is published every Friday, at



MO.VTREAL, FRIDA); FVUE 27, 1879.

## AMONG TILE HCNATICN.

When wo such journals as the Gaztte and Herali accuse each oither of :ying ior tie sake of pobitical effect, but at the expense of that most unfortuvate class oi bumanity-the insane-things have come to a pretty pass in joumalistic warke. We have read the charges made by the coatot, and cannot but conclude that 1)r. Howards reply is not speciñ enough to dis. pose of them. On the other hand. it is a question as to who is the responsible ofiter-the lady superior or he. The insinuation whici he makes, that "the contractors" are pecuniarily interested in retaining them, is an anworthy one-for be it remembered these hadies do not receive pay for their services - which he does. If his authority was ignored, he should have resigned. Touching the rera ity of the repart, we have no hesitation in awarding the palm to the /iratd as the "champion hatchet thrower" in this discussiun.

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Poor Mr. Letelier is very sick-almost as sick as the Turkish Sultan. Indeed, the sunfering he has gone through has been a severe test upen more Constitutions than one. So the case is to be reierred back to Canada. Well, Canada's duty is plain, the majority must rule, and Mr. Letellier will have to abide by the result, since it has been virtually declared by the non-interference of the Home Authorities, that the Lieutenant-Governor is not Her Majesty's Representative. The main hinge upon which the question hung has, therefore, been practically disposed of-however much the people of this Province may regret the issue.

## HATIIER ILARD.

In future, the Herald's cable despatches will have appended to them an official certificate of authenticity from the Montreal Telegraph Company: Truth must be very poverty-stricken when the Managing Director is obliged :o resort to this means of satisfying the public.

## PatL FURD's BALLOOV AsCENSION.

It wasn't the New York Herald man who went up. It was I. It happened thus:-Seeing only one person cou d accumpany the Professor, the Witness man, the Firald man, and myself, held a Council of War. It wasn't so much Moutton's size the Professor was afraid of as the ton of advertising matter he wanted to take with him.
"Can"t do it," said the Professor, "that reading matter is altogether too heazy. I want something lighe."
"I'm your man," and I hantled him a copy of the Jester.
"That will do," said he, "I guess a little of this will go a long way by the time we descend. But the wind carried the sheet away. and as I saw it fluttering in the breeze, I remarked, "The jokes will fall flat enough now, Wont they?"

Un we started, and on the way up I ventured a conundrum : "Why is Cowan and Page's invention like the National Policy?"
"Hang it, man," said he, "don't add insult to injury or I shall have to put you down.
"Well, if you do I'll buy a rubber balloon and start an opposition show." That scared him. "But tell me," I continued, "Why is Cowan and Page's Ærial Machine like the National Policy?"
"Can't say."
${ }^{\text {4. Checause }}$ it is a cranky subject to handle."
"Now, don't you think that's a little rough on the inventors?"
"Not at all, because they're only included in the rising generation at present, and they'll get wiser by and bye. Just now they're out on the fly, so to speak.,"

So we sailed to a greater height and got quite elevated. But the smell of the gas was something awful. It was so thick that we could almost cut it with a knife.
"This is too much of a good thing," said Mr. Grimley, for his countenance was a very good index to his name
"That's on account of its extra quality," I remarked. "You must have saved an awful pile on the discount."
"What do you mean?" he asked.
"Why, don't you know those mortals on earth save vast fortunes if they 'pay before the 14th'?"
"But this stuff is dear at any price."
"Which is another proof of its quality. Are you not aware the hearier the gas the greater its illuminating power?"
"Then they must have given $u s$ the superior artic'e, and the consumers the common quality. The common would suit me first rate just now."

A way we sped and drove quite a brisk trade wind. By way of enlivening the conversation, I told Mr. Grimley that I had once heard of a man who
had gone up in a balloon who had never been seen since, and the only trace which indicated his fate was a ring on the third finger of his left hand, which had been found in a cow's stomach six months after.
"I say," said the Profesisor, " don't come it on a fellow like that."
The coldness of the atmosplere was getting a little uncomfortable, and very soun my tecth were hokding an animated conversation with my mouth, and I besged the Protessor to ho'd my jaw as I feared I should talk myself to death. And he did it quite effectirely:

It was geting dark, and the stars grew more luminnus and distinct. Fut all below was enveloped in Egyptian gloom. Suddenly, by an abrupt oncillation of the hation, the cluor of the car opened and I tell ; grasping the edge of the car, I clumg with de-perate energy and yeled, "save me:" save me, for mercy's sake ! and I'll pay you seventy tive cents on the dollar."
"Make ir a hundred," said he, "and I'll do it." My peri'ous situation compelled me to accept, and he was mean enough to take adrantage of the officr. Die jast sultceeded in gening me into the car
"Anotier minute," I gasped, "and there would have been a law suit orer the estate."

He the was, I had prepared a graphic acemant of how things inoked helow, hut I have just recal'ed the fact that it was quite dark and we conthen't sce anyching, ladeed, I hardly kniw, now, whether the stars were turned on ur nu: : hut as that reference is in type, I'll risk it.

Finally we reached a huge forest and borgot all atout conundrums. We were dragsed on at a furious pace, more dead than alive, and descended in an open e earing near a French Canadian village. It grew warmer, atho' the atmosphere was not so co d but that it made it prety hot for as. The I'rofessir was the first to collapse. The ballan followed suit. liut fout know be this time bow badly we frightened the primitive villagers, who touk now bor lizht headed inmates of lomgue Pointe, of whom they had read alout in the Gusett: However, they watched us chosely all night to see that we didn't take any of the spoons, and they gave us a breakfast in the morning.

When 1 got home 1 frund my wife, who had been anticipating how she would spend the amount of the Insurance Policy, holding a wake, minus the corpse. "What, is it yom?" she said, as a frown pased over her features. "I never lay myseli out for a real good time, but what I am sure to be dis. appointed."

The common topics now are balloonacy and lunacy. This subject is strictly within the limits of both.

## TIIF HOCHELAGANCHOOR TELSTEES.

There has always been something about Hochelaga that puzzied us. For a long time we were at a loss to discover whether it was the air, the water-or the taxes. Rut since the Municipality has desired amalgamatiun with the City of Munteal, we have arrived at the conclusion that Hochelaga rate-payers do not receive that liberal quality of education a manufacturing people should possess. Whether this is due, in part, to the bad state of the wa:er supplied them by the city we cannot say. But at any rate the educational standard most certainly requires purifying, judging from the following font-note appended to a printed circular, requesting payment of school taxes, handed to us by the gentleman who received it :-
" N .8 . - P!ease bring this Notice. and your account (in your hands) when you come (or send1. to pay the same now, either by post or otherwise, and a recerpt will be send to you free senn). to pay the same now':"
forthwith by the same way."

It is quite clear that this poor, neglected Municipality has been suffering long enough. The schoolmaster seems to be very much "abroad," at least in Hochelaga, and we trust that the recipient of the above notice will pay his school tax promptly, if he has any regard for the welfare of the rising branches of the English speaking generation of that section.

## A TIIIRD cilaptere fRom the cirroniches.

## The Councillors Vote on the "Salary Grab."

It was on the twelfth day of the fourth month of the first year of the reign of the Chief Magistrate of the City of the Mountain, a ruler justly esteemed by the people, that certain of the Councillors banded themselves together and sought whereby they might enrich themielves out of the public Treasury. For the office of Counciltor had long ceased to be accounted a post of honour among them. And the times were hard and the burdens placed upon the backs of the penple were heavy and grevious to bear, insomuch that many of them departed into the land of Manitoba to escape the taxes which had been put upon them. These Councillors, therefore, which had an eye upon divers monies, convened and fell down and worshipped the go'den calf their avarice had set up. And they were known as "Grab. bites" unto this day. And in the third hour of the afternoon of the time aforesaid a certain Grabhite of the Tribe of Holland, a man full of years, and of sanctity, slow of speech, but with a yearning for the dollar, (a coin of the currency of the time) lifted up his voice and spake:-

Hearken. ye Councillors, and give ear ye Chief Ruler, for I have some thing to say to you this day. For be it known among you that I will no lenger sit in your councils unrewarded. The honor wherein ye pride your selves satisfieth me not, for it will not purchase even so much as a measure of wheat, without which we die. Therefore, we crave payment, for our word of wisdom are as precious as the gold we loveth.

Then others which were divided in opinion waxed wroth, and considered what should be done in this matter. So Genrge surnanned Childs, a merchant in oil, and of goodly countenance, arose and delivered himself in this wise :-

Men and brethren. now am I amazed at ye this day, in that one of us should covet the filthy lucre that we are here to distribute justly, as the People hath e'ected us to do. And thou, oh! Holland, doth honor profit nothing? for our trust is weighty, far ahove the gold ye seek to divide among yourselves.

And Holland, the Chief Grabbite, answered and said:-Nay, veri'y,
honour profiteth not a cent. for my barns are empty, and my cattle are as lean kine shaken by the wind.

Then arose Horatio, a Councillor well stricken in years, and ponderous in utterance. To him was entrusted the Treasury of the people. And he said:-()f-a-verity-I-perceive-that-we-must-do-something-forth-with. Perad-venture-if we-pay-not-ourselves the-Councillors-wilh-not-come. For-this-is-an-important-husiness-and-I-perceive-of-a-surcty-that-our-time-is-of-value.

And one David, surnamed McCord, arose muchly astonished and said: Art thou also with them that worship the goiden calf?

And Itratio answered:-I-guess-so.
Then spoke Watson, a dealer in vessels of clay and nf porcelain, for he was incensed against them, and spake, saying:-Far be it from me, oh! Counciliors, to say that which my heart echocth not. J'eradventure ye have conce here to get much gain out of the leople, whose burdens weigh heavily upon them. Therefore tell me, I pray thee, the sum which thou dost require?

And Holland, the Chief of the Grabbites, answered:-Two pieces of silver, of full weight, will he suticient. 'This but a small matter.

Then Kembedy, a driver of chariots, and heated withal, up and spake, saying:-lie me sowl, now I perceive that thou art a small man. Tell me, I pray thee, what will the people say which sent the liere?

But Ilolland the Cirabbite, answered never a word, but stretched forth his hand, saying :-Give us but two hundred pieces of copper, and it sufficeth?

Now, one of the connciliors, not yet determined in his mind, said:Take thy pen quickly and write ten dollars and I will join the in the plunder. And another said:-Nay, be not hasty, let us get hut two dollars, and peradventure we may receive ten ere anomer session shall have passed away.

Then they arrayed themselves against each other in hostile array. And the Grabbites girded up their loins, and went for them, and overcanic them. and siew then; twelre men against eleven. And they set up the golden calf in the City Temple, allocit the Governor of the Province hath not yet permitted them so to do Fur the P'enple are helpless and sore grieved, and cry with an exceeding hitter cry, saying: Alas ! alas! woe is us. When shall this new burden cease?

But the Grablites rejoice greatlv, nevertheless they will seek re election and boast themselves of ecomomy; but they will not prevail, for they wäl be rememhered of the l'eople in this matter.

And the rest of the acts of the Crabbites which they did against the People, are they not written in the Chronicles of the Dougalls, in the street which might be called strait but isn't.

## THE SONG OF THE CHMILMAN OF THE B. HI. C. <br> a la "PINAFORE."

The Chairmnn.- When I was a lad I served a term
In the warthnuse of a wholesale firm,
That 1 quickly rose to the rop of the tree.
(A Member, aside. - That at last he rose to the top of the tree.)
The Chairman.-I invested my hoard so prudentise
That now I am the Chairman or i3. H. C
A Member.-He invested his cash so judiciousle
That now he is the Chairman of the B. H. C.
$E-\Delta A T-y$. In the hardware line I made my mark,
I worked from day light until dark,
For of obstacles I was ne'er atraid
Ti,l I, finally, my fortune made.
(The Chairman, aside.-Till he. finally, his fortune made.)
$E-d M-y$ - - Tis the just reward of fidel:tere
That (ind myself a member of the B G.C.
The Chairman.-'Tis the just reward of fidelitee,
That both of us are Members of the B. H. C.
The Chairman. In course of my advance in litale
1 entered inno Party strife.
1 voted at ny Party's call,
And never thought of voting for myse'f at all.
(A Member, aside. - No, we never thought of voting for ourselves at all.)
The Chairman.- But as I could nor be M. P."
They appointed me as Chairman of the B. H. C
A Member.- But as he could not be M. P.
They appointed him as Chairman of the B. H. C.
The Chrirman- I care nothing what my rivais say,
I'll stick to the office and Ill keep the pay:
For I once was opposed to the great N. P.
A Memer asid. Yes he once was
The Chairmann, - Rut, on second thoughts, what a fool I'd be,
Io refuse such an office on the B. H. C.
A Mewber. - Yes, a very great fool, indeed, you'd be
To refuse such an office on the B. H, C.
The Chairnan,-Politicians who for ofice yearn,
If you'll only wait you'll get your turn ;
But should fortune tarry. don't be dumb,
(A Member, aside,-Assert your clains, and it's sure to come.)
The Chatrmant -'Twas only by asking in time, d'ye see,
That I got to be the Chairman of the B. H. C,
A Mentber. - Twas only by asking in time that we
Each gnt to be a Member of the B. H.C.
It is very amusing to notice the various criticisms about the pictures on view at the Art Association building, Their prevailing tone is "sage green," and some of the critics are evidently wall-eyed.

Mr. Gould's handsome warerooms in Ferrier's Block are constructed on the most elaborate scale. Everything harmonizes so well that we scarcely know which to admire the most, the apartments or the pianos-the harmony and tone of both being so evenly distributed.

## TE LAY OF TE COMMERCIAL AGENCIES.

Found in one of Carsley's Pimofores.
Je Gester.-Kind Carsley, I've important information ;
Irr. Co-Sing, hey ! the merry Jester that you are.
$\dot{a}$ foster:-Those Agencies are full of indignation
At your leteers in the Withess and the Star.
Mr. C $\quad$ sing, hey ! those wicked agents,
Those very wicked agents,
Whom I published in the Witness and the Star.
fe Ferser-I see that they have dropped you from their rating; Mr. $C$ - Sing, hey! the vicious fellows that they are.
Ye Gester.-It's no use further on their tricks dilating,
I have read them in the Withess and the Stor.
Sing, hey! those Vankee agents;
Those bland, deceitful agents;
Yes, I fixed them un the Witurss and the Star.
Irr. $C-N o w$, don't yon think their conduct most outrageous? de foster- - Sing, hey $!$ the truthful Carstey that you are. 2/r. C - And enongh to make an honest man umbrageous, And kecp them at a distance quite afar?
そ\% Fister. Sing, hey ! those cheeky asents;
Those most pecu iar agents
Dun't they advertize the Wituess and the Stor?
I: Fister.-It's high time they were exiled from the Nation ;
Ifr. $C$ - Sing, hey t the thougheful Jester that jou are.
İ Yester.-They on'y add to mercantile inflation.
Please say so in the With'ss and the Star.
Sing, hey ! the merry Jester,
The thoughtful, modest Jester ;
Ies, Ill sily so in the Wituess and the Stur.
Je Yister-If I were you I'd swear a declaration ;
Mr. C - Sing, hey! suggestive Jester that you are.
fe Gester.-That our merchants need some stringent legislation ;
Mr. C It would do more good than writing to the Star.
Sine hey! for legislation,
Sharp, stringent legislation
'I would prove more beneficial than the Star.
Ye Fester.-It is credit that has worked such ruination;
Mr. $C$ ——Sing, hey!most sapient Jester, right you arc.
Ye Fester.-And contributed to wiele-spread defalcation.
Mr. C - Sing, hey ! for legislation,
'T is the safeguard of the Nation,
I'll just say so in the Witmess and the Star.

## ODDS ANDENDS.

The "Colonel" is a first-rate hand at making an Irish stew.
One of the chief duties of a Responsible Government is to provide uffices for its friends on the strength of its promissory notes.

The Harbour Commissioners say they will not be Cramped any longer in their operations.

Messts. Cowan \& Page have had the wind taken out of their sails. That balloon got ahead of their invention altogether.

Query.- When a merchant donates thousands of dollars to church edifices and philanthropic institutions and then fails in business, are his creditors any better off by his acts of generosity at their expense? Surely, when the final day of reckoning comes, the creditors should be entitled to some consideration.

We are very sorry to learn of Messrs. McGibbon \& Baird's cmbarrassments, and we trust that they will soon overcome them. The firm has been one of our best patrons, and we trust that there is still reserved a large portion of the spice of life for their enjoyment. We further hope that they will be enabled to settle their affairs as easily as their tea and coffee, the excellent qualities of which will, we trust, " "lraw" them larger custom, by which they will be enabled to "keep the pot boiling" for years to come.

A young man in this city, who is quite fond of trout fishing, returned home late at night with a goodly lot of trout, although many of them were very small. He arranged his fish nicely on a plate, and went to bed with tired body and aching limbs. The next morning his wife arose before he did she looks at the fish a moment, and then exclaimed: "Pollywogs for dinner." Imagine the young man's disgust.-Rome Sentinel.

An absent minded doctor was called to see a two year-old child who had convulsions. He sat in a reverie for a while, and then, announcing that the patient suflered from nervous prostration-the fastionable disease of the daywrote a long prescription, with the following directions: "Avoid care and occupation of every kind. Leave off tea and coffee ; seek diversion at theatre and in travel; smoke moderately."-firank Leslie's Ladies' journal,

Elevator boy (to a woman who has ridden three times from bottom to top of the building)-"Well, where do you want to get out?" Woman, "Well, indlade, oim not qouite shure but have me as near the Ould Culony Depot as ye can."-Harvard Lampoon.


