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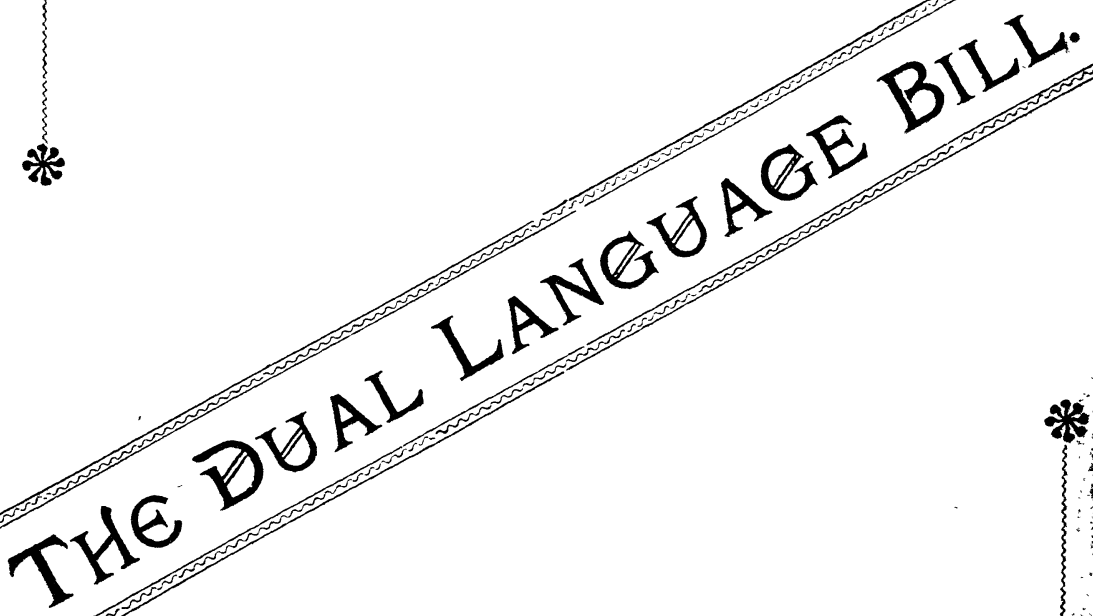


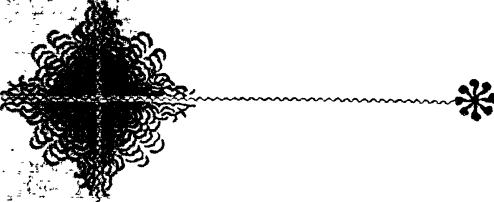
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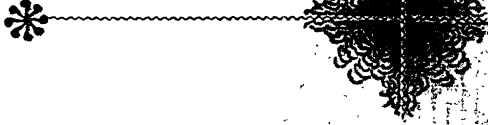

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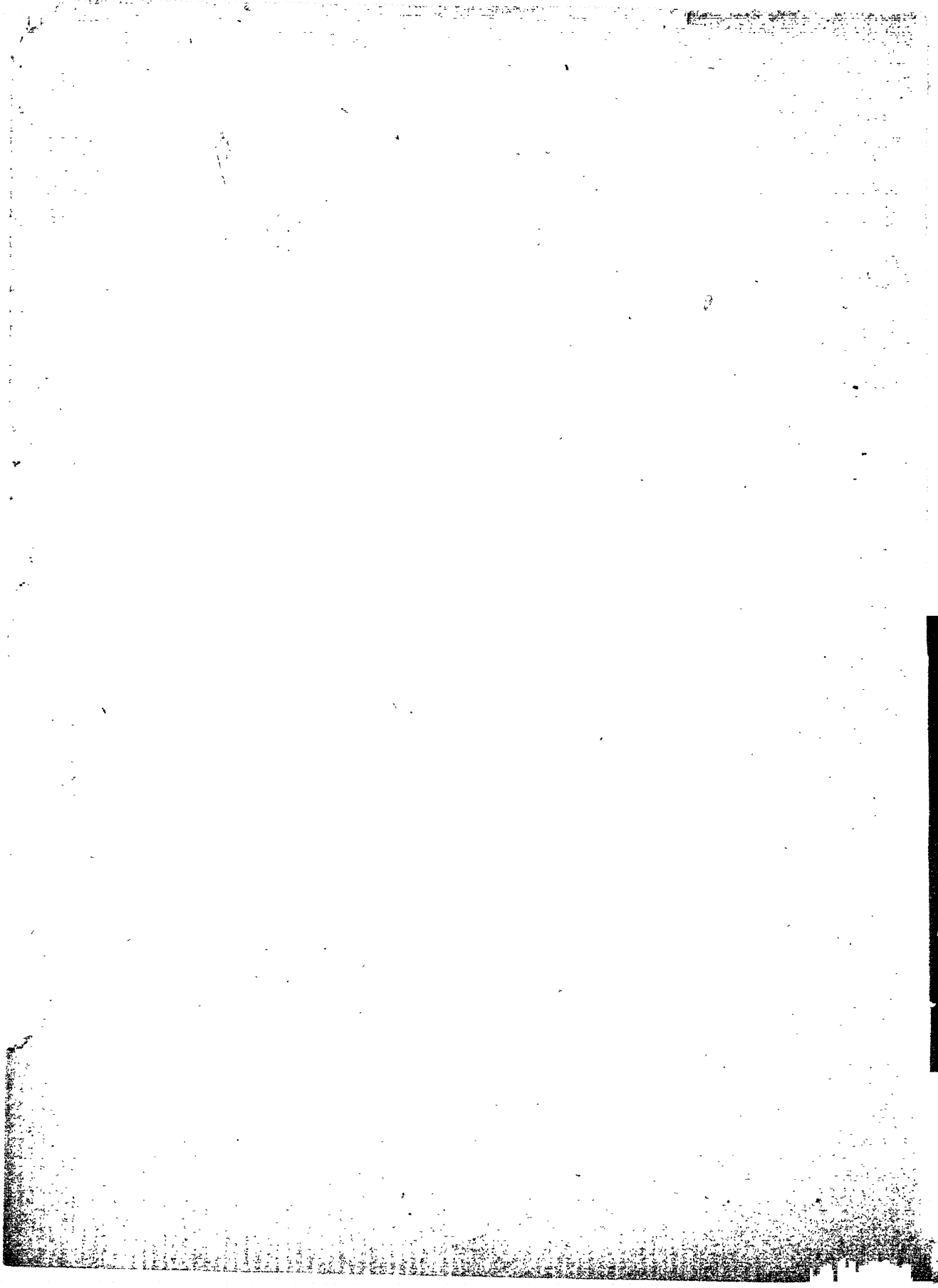
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THE DUAL LANGUAGE BILL.





Henry J. Morgan,
With the compliments of the Author
Kate Deegan.

The Dual Language Bill.

PREAMBLE.

SANTA CLAUS hath travell'd o'er the town,
Upholding still his great renown,
From circuit wide in the Nor' West,
He hath returned to take a rest.
To Parli'mt House he now hath flown,
[The news did come by telephone]
And from his perch upon the tower,
He views the aspect of the hour.
Quoth he: "This place hath chang'd anew
"Since last I took a bird's eye view,
"O'er hill and vale hark to the strife,
"At base of tower it sounds most rife!
"Lo! prancing sidelong o'er the plain,
"Comes he of Duel [?] Language fame,
"Tho' armour sheath'd 'gainst grape or shot,
"He mutters "Tis confounded hot."
"Then spurs his charger's wondrous pace,
"Fain would he reach some resting place,
"In some fierce crisis of this hour
"E'en might seize "*the balance of power.*"
"He guideth well his charger's pace,
"*Mais que voulez-vous?* set race 'gainst race!
"*Non, non!* thy praise could ne'er be sung,
"If thus, McCarthy! thy spurs are won.
"Methinks I'll don my robes of state,
"And hie me to this great debate,
"I love and reverence, "Sir John,"
"A plumper vote I'll cast anon."
And swifter than a shooting star,
San Claus appears before the Bar.

ENACTING CLAUS [E].

- 1st. THE PREMIER rose with stately grace,
Sunshiny smiles upon his face—
“Welcome! friend Claus, in Peace or War,
“Did'st scent our battle from afar?
“Thou art the “peace” enacting Claus [e]
“I fain would see in language laws.”
- 2nd. San Claus replied, with smile jocose,
And finger laid athwart his nose,
“Great Chieftain!” I most humbly vow,
I came to hear this grand pow-wow.”
(He cast a wary glance around,—
And spied “McCarthy” grave, profound.)
“Mr. Speaker, Members, great and small,
“I'll speak half French or—not at all
“Cartwright” *me dit* that *sans* control
“McCarthy” apple of discord must roll.
“But he who in this august hall,
“Would play such pranks is sure to fall.”
- 3rd. “To horse! to horse!” McCarthy cries,
“I sit not here to hear these lies.”
- 4th. “*Milles pardons mon cher!*” San Claus replies,
“Your conduct is at least “unwise”
“The grand *finale* of this fight,
“Will prove *Monsieur*, I'm in the right,
“I came prepared with gifts for all,
“Should M.P. socks hang in the hall,
“*Soyez bon garcon* or—pray reflect,
“With North Simcoe I'll not connect.”
- 5th. He stepp'd to where “Mackenzie” sat,
And touch'd him with approving pat,
“Old friend! thy tower looks ever fair,
“I much prefer its wholesome air.”
Then passing near “Sir Hector's” seat
Him homage paid and thus did greet:
“Great Leader of the “*Parti Bleu!*”
“Thy voice rang out in accents true,

"Think not "McCarthy" mean't to hit
 "T"was but the outcome of "*La Grippe*"
 "(The truth I own is oftimes sad)
 "McCarthy" had "*Grippe*" symptoms bad,"
 Nor "Wright" nor "Langelier's" sparkling wit,
 Could make him feel less badly hit.—
 Mitchell's! Mills! logic clear and mild,
 Its flavor hē could not abide,
 In vain "Cook" serv'd a sweet *grillade*
 "A six months hoist to thy new fad"
 "And what for no' McInnes cried
 "Official *Salio* with ye' abide."

6th. "Laurier! *mon brave!* Caron! *tous deux*
 "*Et* CHAPLEAU! *patriote surtout.*—
 "*Et tu* Blake! mighty *Solon* still
 "Thy shaft soon pierc'd the Dual Bill,
 "And thy move "Thompson" next was seen
 "To rend in two the Dual scheme
 "In vain, in vain "McCarthy" cried,
 "On! Charlton! O'Brien! 'gainst Time and Tide.
 [A "Flood" of wit, 'twas whisper'd here
 Submerged McCarthy with this spear.
 "Why take thy food upon the wing
 "Thy "flights" upon this house to fling?]
 "As well might "Charlton!" beat the air
 "O'Brien? FRIENDS, WHAT A FALL WAS THERE!
 "*Hors de combat* they lay full soon
 "As whizzing votes shot thro' the room!

7th. "And now "SIR JOHN" I must away,
 "Though fain, with thee, I'd longer stay.
 "The curtain falls—the drama is o'er,
 "E'en "McMullen's" voice is heard no more!
 "My reindeer waits upon the tower,
 "Why tarry here past midnight hour?
 "'Twould take me now to noonday sun,
 "To count the vict'ries thou hast won!"
 Thus saying, San Claus sped away,
 Nor will he come for many a day.

STADACONA.