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#### Abstract

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A Thought of Economy.-All over the country the Revising Barrister is "getting in his fine work" on behalf of his" party. In so far as he is lopping off Grit names and putting on Tory ones, he is fulfilling the end of his creation. The revising barrister who acts with a single eye to justice, truth and right-and there are no doubt a few of this kind amongst the number-is, to the extent of his power, defeating the purpose of the Act, which was to ensure the retention of power to the present Government. That was the sole purpose of the measure, and the introducer of it might just as well have saved himself the trouble of inventing the little fiction about "uniformity in the franchise," because nobody believed it then and everybody laughs now when it is mentioned. From what we hear of the proceedings in many of the constituencies, there is little danger of the Act failing by reason of the fair-mindedness of the Revising Officers. Under these circumstances the general election must strike the economical Sir John as an expensive formality which could very well be dispensed with in the present state of our finances.

The Delinquent Officials.-Judge McDougall's report upon the Garrison Creek investigation is now before the Council, and its terms are simple and direct enough to warrant immediate action in the punishment of the culprits-for as such the contractor, ergineer, inspector and commissioner now appear. Fortunately for the city the mayor has power to act in the matter, and we will now reap the benefit of having a man of integrity in that position. A clean sweep should at once be made of the whole box and dice of delinquents as an intimation that Toronto is not yet prepared for Tammany Ring morals.

O the Wild Charge he Made:- The over burdened taxpayer may find a pleasant intellectual exercise these hard times by reading the public accounts-more especially the items representing the expenditures of the militia department. The literature is most inspiring to those who revel in tales of wild prodigality, and, so far as we know, Sir Adolphe Caron has no objection to the common people reading it, though he thinks it bad form for members of parliament to discuss the items.

WHEN a puppy barks he thinks the whole world is making a loud noise.-Whitehall. Times.

## THE SHOWMAN.



The Toronto Vocal Society gave their opening concert last week at the Pavilion, under the baton of their conductor, Mr. W. Elliot Haslam. The performance was a delightful revelation to the audience, and at once placed the society in a position of high popularity. The precision with which the numbers were rendered, and the admirable balance of the voices, reflected high credit on Mr. Haslam's skill as a teacher, and that gentleman may safely count on large audiences for any future appearances of his society, which fills a niche in the musical temple hitherto unoccupied in Toronto. Mrs. Agnes Corlett-Thomson was the vocal soloist of the occasion, and the marvellous Godowsky gave another exhibition of his mastery of the piano.
"The Sorcerer" was sung by the Hamilton and Toronto amateurs on Wednesday afternoon and evening at the Grand. Messrs. Beddoe and Warrington carried off the honors of the occasion, so far as acting was concerned. The singing, both by the principals and chorus, was excellent throughour. Owing to counter attractions, the audiences were not so large as the performances merited.

Anoiher opportunity of hearing the peerless artists -Musin, Rummel and Lehmann, will be given on Monevening, May ıoth, when they repeat their concerte artistique at the Pavilion.


A CONTRIBUTED CARTOON.

County of Essex, Ont.

Mr. Grip,
My Dear Sir,-I beg, very respectfully, to make some suggestions for a very appropriate cartoon for Grip.

The picture will be, the heathen mother throwing her child into the river Ganges.

The mother, a fine woman of mature middle age, is Great Britain.

The child, a fine, intelligent looking boy some six or seven years old, is Irish Protestantism.

The Ganges is Home Rule, and the collection of ravenous crocodiles crowding at the bank with open mouths to receive the child, are the Land Lea*ue. To the rearward and at a distance is another collection of crocodiles that appear to be trying to get the mother unseen.

The child is pleading to the mother in this way: "My dear mother, don't give me to those ravenous beasts, they are no friends of yours, and would eat you if they could. I am your most faithful and loving son, and if you spare my life and protect me I will be to you a faithful support in your old age. Yours truly, F. J.


SHE WONDERED WHETHER HE UNDERSTOOD HER.
Captain Fizzleton.-Aw, yes, thf. theatre is amesing enough for Pantomimes and Burlesoue, don't you know but when they come to real life, bai Jove, they make an awful hash of it. How ridjculous those actor fellows dook in a drawing-room scene, for example. Bai jove! I've a good mind to go on the stage, just to show tilem,
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gow.

Edith (with dangerous squeetness). - Welf, to confess the trifth, I have seen some drawing-room scenes on the stage infinitely pleasanter than the real. thing. - The Chiel.

## BILL TAKEN IN.

A true story of the montreal flood.
"The flood is rising!" ran the cry Along the city streets;
" It swirls around, we'll ail be drowned Unless it soon retreats."

Amazement seized the populace,
And from their homes they rushed
To glake and stare ; for everywhere The melting torrents slushed.

Bill Bumptious heard the cry, and came With open mouth to see.
The shores were black with cart and hack, And people scared as he.

Such floods were never seen before; Such water, icy cold ;
Such ice, mast-high, that drifted by, As green as emerald!

Bill Bumptious, bumping thro' the crowd, Heard, o'er the dreary waste :
" Here you are, sur, take a car, surNo danger in the laste!"

He got confused with all the cries That smote his bumptious ear:
"Ten cents a ride to th'other side, And back again to here!"
" All round the flood for fifteen cents !We'll start in half a minute ;
Come on, be quick, we'll do it slick, If once we get you in it."

Bill shut his mouth and stepped on board, And off the cabby whipped him.
A novel ride !-But woe betide Poor Bill-a shark had shipped him.
" Now then, my cove, I keeps yer here, Unless yer give a quarter."
Bill looked amazed and then he blazed With wrath, as he had orter.
" Don't try no games on me, my cove," Said cabby, with a grin.
"Yer jess shell out, or right about I'll git, and throw yer in."

But Bill refused to be thus duped, And swore he'd kick the bucket Before he'd pay, in that forced way, A solitary ducat.

"All right, my cove, yer takes yer chice," S.id cabby, driving on ;
"Yer sees yon isle-stay there awhile, Till this ra-h bile is gone."

And straight he dumped him in the mud, And drove away in glee.
Then Bill was king of everything (Like Crusoe) he could see.

But soon he tired of reigning thus ; And, since the flood was rising,
I rather guess his realm grew less Wiih suddenness surprising.

Now Bill, tho' brave, became alarmed ; And as he shivered there,
A one-horse hack, with splash and crack, Was looking for a fare.

Bill hailed it, and the Jehu stopped His nag, and grinned right out.
"Comment dites-vous? vat for you do Make noises, sare, about ?"
"Oh, take me hence !" he cried in woe. The Jehu shrugged his shoulders:
"Me am engaged"; and while Bill raged He drove round floating boulders

Of river ice. Anon he turned, And asked, "How much me git?"
"You'll git my throne, 'tis all my own," Said Bill, with sudden wit.
" Ca ! trone be blowed ! two dollar, sare !Me drive you safe to shore."
"No, not for fun !-I'll give you one, But not a red sou more!"
"Vell, vell, me am engage," says he, And straight his nag he lashes.
IIe hurries off, with jeering scoff, And soaks poor Binl with splashes.
"Stup! stop! Two dollars!-here, cash down." The Jehu took him in,
And off they went, as if they meant A Derby race to win.

The one-horse hack soon came to grief. The water reached too deep
Not far from shore, they could $n$.) more Their forward journey ket $p$.

Bill scrambled to the carriage roof, Surprised by laughter loud
From raft, and float, and barge, and boat, And the assembled crowd.

In vain the Jehu lashed his nag, In vain Bill sat and cursed.
The mob laught doud, Bill rose and bowed, Resolved to dare the worst.

At last it came-a fearful splash : Spectators held their breath;
Before their eyes, with demonish cries, The madman sought his death.

No. Look! he's swimming for the shoreHe's reached it. Hark! a shout,
With spit and spat, like drowning rat, He sheepishly crawls out.

And O ! the cheers that greeted him, As he lounged up the street,
And took his way, far famed that day For his illustrious feat!

Tte flood has fallen. Now no more May sharpers play their tricks. Still never let Bill B. forget The flood of eighty-six.

Varietas.

## THE RULING PASSION.

(Scene-Hospital; dramatis personæ, Doctor, Joe, a drunken old ne'er-do-weel, who is dying of a complication of di:eases.)
Doctor-Now is there anything more you would partic. ularly like? Joe-If a micht jist hae ae gless $O^{\prime}$ whusky.
Doctor-You know, Joe, that that's exactly what has brought you to this.

Foe-Ye micht gie me yin, 'am awfu' wake.
Doctor (relenting and filling out a glass from a bottle) -Well, it's jist another nail in your coffin.

Joe (drinking and holding out the empty glass)-Man, Doctor, ye micht ca' anither yin in as lang's ye hae the hammer in yer haun'.


## A PROPER PRIDE.

Jones.-Who in the world is that awfully conceited fellow ? Looks as it he owned the city.
Robinson. -..That? Why that's Rogers, the coal man ; contractor for the water works coal, you know.
Jones.-Even so, I don't see why-
Kobinson.-O, perhaps you don't know that the authorities have just testified publicly that as a contractor he has been upright and honest with the city.

Jones.-Ah! Now I understand! The only case on record, bey

"THE PUBLIC INTERESTS" AND "PROFESSIONAL PRIVILEGE";
or, as the cabinet minister shuffies the witness folioows suit.

## THE MERRY-GO-ROUND PAPERS.

No. 1.
The Great World Show! It is here! Look at the tents, the flags, the caravans, the blaza of brass, the flaming bills, the pre-Raphaelite mammoth canvases, the ever present, never failing, ever welcome MERRY-GOROUND! Whoop! "'Ere you air, only five cents for the circular trip in the merry-go-round! Five cents! think of it! A ride round the world in a carriage or a cutter, or if you likes a 'oss better, your pick of whichever animile you chooses. Come on my beauties! 'Ere's Bucephalus, wot used to go a-prancing and a-champing of his bit on the shores of Tyre, with the coves on the walls of the beseijed city, a-mocking and a-calling of names to Alexander, a-settin' on his back and a-shaking of his fist at 'em. This yer white 'oss is Pegasus, the 'oss as your poets ride when they goes a-canterin' up Parnassus-a mighty steep hill that same, but most of 'em don't know enough to water him at the Castalian brooks. This black feller is the 'oss wot the Airab said to his steed. Come now, delays are dangerous- the moment you mount one of these here steeds you becomes invisible, or if you wishes a cutter, jump up-tuck in-
lull back-and 'ere we go on the merry go-round on a cold and frosty morning! Jump up, my small ladies and gents, only five cents for the round trip!" Who could resist it? Not I. To become invisible and view the world from a merry-goround! Come, Bucephalus, I choose you, because like Alexander I want to shake my fist at sundry individuals from the lofty eminence of your back. Up we go, foot in the stirrup into the saddle; let go that rope-ah! now we're off, off on the merry-goround on a fine and frosty morning. Note we know Galileo was right-see the world! how it moves ! How the trees, the fences, the ponds, the parks, the houses, the streets slide and glide and whirl! Faster and yet faster! round and round ! Whew ! how jolly it is-whoa, Bucephalus ! what's up? Oh! we've pulled up at the railway station. Oh the partings ! the meetings! the kissing! yum ! yum! But what ails that man? and why does he shake off that woman who threw her arms round his neck and called him her darling husband. Is he or is she mad? or is it a case of mistaken identity ? Listen to him! " Madam! you are entirely mistaken, you have flaxen hair, and a very pretty enameled complexion- $m y$ wife has dark hair, a good honest dark complexion ; thank goodness, you're not my style. I'll thank you to let go my coat." The brute wrenches himself away and struts indignantly up to a cab-while a small voice pipes after him : "Papa - oh - Papa! don't you know mamma? she's got her hair bleached and her face painted - and she looks so pretty you don't know her." ... "'Ere you are! five cents to see the world from the merry-go-round." Bucephalus! Gee up!

## A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME, ETC.

Grip does not know how a change in the name of a rose might affect its perfume--but here is an instance of how a change in the name of a crime may affect its punishment. A Mistress Margaret Brown, of Inverkeithing, Scotland, who was evidently a very literal disciple of Dean Swift, placed her two grandchildren, age three and four years, on the fire, where she held them till they were roasted alive. Thcy died. We should have called this "murder most foul," but the judge held that the fact of the old lady being, like Sairy Gamp, in the habit of putting the bottle to her lips when she was so disposed, made the crime not murder, but culpable homicide, and sentenced Mrs. Brown to ten years' penal servitude. This trial is interesting as showing the value of a good tippling recurd as a weapon of defence in a case of murder.

Life is neber wuth libin' ter de man whut thinks it ain't.

## IMPORTANT LITERARY ANNOUNCEMENT.

ALEXANDER M'LACHLAN, CANADA'S ACKNOWLEDGED POET LAUREATE, ENGAGED AS A REGULAR CONTRIBUTOR TO "GRIP."
IT is with very great gratification that we announce to our readers the completion of arrangements with Mr . Alexander McLachlan, by which that accomplished writer becomes a regular contributor to the columns of GRIP ; and we are sure that the announcement will be received with equal pleasure by the public. The name of McLachlan has long been a household word in Canada, and it is known and respected beyond our borders amongst the lovers of true poetry. By this arrangement Grip secures the enviable distinction of having removed the reproach upon Canada so eloquently pointed out by Rattray-a writer whose competency to express an opinion on the subject will be universally admitted :
"Alexander McLachlan has received but scant justice at the hands of those who assume to be the special guardians of Canadian literature. It is not creditable to the Canadian people that a singer of the power and pathos of Alexander McLachlan should not have met with wider and more general appreciation than has been accorded him. The people who take no pride in their poets, and who pass over really able and meretorious home writers in favor of foreigners, are yet very far from the attainment of a robust national and patriotic feeling:
'Songs are the nation's pulses, which discover
If the great body be as nature willed,
Songs are the spasms of soul,
Telling us what men suffer-
Dead is the nation's heart whose songs are stilled!'"
In our pages henceforth the "grand old man "-for McLachlan deserves this proud title in every sense-will have the opportunity of speaking to the people from the fulness of his heart, and in such form as his muse may dictate. With this opportunity, and under conditions in every way satisfactory to the poet and favorable to his muse, we are confident that full appreciation will be accorded by the public to his " thoughts that breathe and words that burn."

Alexander McLachlan is the son of a Scottish mechanic, and was born at Johnstone, Renfrewshire, in 1820. From early youth he betrayed a great fondness for books, and although denied the advantages of a collegiate course, he arrived at man's estate with an intellectual outfit which entitled him to a place amongst the cultured, He adopted the tailor's calling, and like many members of that guild, found the employment favorable to mental development. He was known amongst his associates as one of the ablest advocates of Chartism, and a man of


Alexander McLachlan, THE POET.
superior intelligence in the discussion of the current political issues. About 1840 he emigrated to the United States, and after a brief residence there-which is said to have led to a modification of his Chartist opinions-he came to Canada, where he has ever since resided.

In 1846 he published a small volume under the title, "The Spirit of Love, and other Poems," and this was followed at intervals by three other collections, which are more familiarly known to the public. His Canadian home has always been in the rural districts, and his chosen vocation that of a pioneer farmer. From this quiet retreat he has frequently emerged to appear upon the lecture platform, and his efforts in that line are spoken of with high praise by critical auditors. "Mr. McLachlan's chief aim in becoming an author and lecturer," says one of his biographers, " is to be an exponent of the minds of the working men of Canada, in fact to be to Canada, if possible, what Burns was to Scotland. His desire is to ameliorate the condition of the working classes." It is in the line of this natural impulse of the poet that our engagement with him is made. As a writer in Grip, Mr. McLachlan will deal specially with the great question of labor, pleading the cause of justice in such a way as a genuine poet only can. That this will be a work of love on his part goes without saying. No theme better suits his muse, as his past efforts have shown, and his simple and natural style is well fitted to the treatment of living issues As the critic already quoted has said, in McLachlan " there is no straining after effect; no attempt to stimulate a poetic fervor which is not genuine and heartfelt. He is no mere rhymster, dealing in petty conceits and elegant trifling, but appeals to the strongest and deepest seated emotions of humanity. He is a poet of the people, and has much of the freshness and spontaneity, as weil as the force and beauty, of Burns. In dealing with the great problems of life he evinces broad sympathies with humanity, and faith in its noblest achievements."

Mr. McLachlan is now engaged upon the initial poem of the series, which will appear in an early issue ; thereafter we hope to have something from his pen every week, and we are sure that no feature of our journal will be more highly appreciated or more useful to its readers than McLachlan's column.

Every dog has his day. On the other hand, a cat takes his nights.

Where there's swill there's weigh-when you come to sell your hogs.

A stitch on time isn't so much of a risk as giving the whole suit on credit to a civic service employee.


## A THOUGHT OF ECONOMY.

Revising Barrister.-I hope you approve, Sir John; I'm doing my best to win a reward. But you hesitate!
Sir John.-Excuse my abstraction. I was just thinking what a pity it is we must bother about an election at all. A mere matter of form now, and so very expensive to the country, you know!


THE BRAVE LIEUTENANT.
Major's Wife.-Now, I'm sure my playing wearirs you !
Lieltenant (gallantly)-Not at adl, dear maidam; you forget that I am a soldier.
staysail was set, the helm put hard a-port, and the trim yacht Bustle was cleaving the billows in the direction of Hanlan's Hotel.

Suddenly the wind died away. The stars were obscured one by one. "Confound it," muttered Edwin, "here we're out on the bay, and I don't suppose we'll have a breath of wind to-night." He was mistaken. Before he recovered from his fit of abstraction a squall from somewhere around Johnny Duck's in the Humber Bay, took his sails aback, and as providentially his rigging was not properly "set up" his mainmast went by the board to letward, where it lay all the day with mainsail and jib attachment, while the dismasted vessel drifted helplessly in the direction of the East Gap.

Next day no Edwin filed an appearance, neither did the junior clerks composing his crew. The Esplanade was traversed, but there were no signs of the yacht

## THE CRUISE OF THE BUSTLE.

## A TALE OF THE DEEP.

"Edwin," she said, "do not, I beg of you, go out on that dreadful yacht. Every week we hear of some fearful accident on the stormy lake. The fall with its gales is approaching, and my cousin who is now in the Toronto Observatery, and who of course knows all about the weather, told me last evening that the probabilities were 'Light winds and variables, heavy gales and durables,' so Edwin, dear Edwin ! don't go."
"Why, shiver my timbers and carry away my main jib!" replied Edwin, (Ed is an assistant bookkeeper in a wholesale millinery and mantle warthouse,) "Bouse my starboard backstays, taut and shove my helm a lee! Why, my lady lass, don't you know that I am one of the best sailors that ever trod a plank on Toronto bay? With the tight little craft I command I fear no gale that ever swept the bosom of briny'Ontario. Good bye, my own Morluna, till we meet again;" and young Edwin rolled himself out of the drawing-room like a true British tar, and Morluna fell on the damask spring sofa and wept.

It was nearly eight bells in the first night watch, that is to say it was nearly 8 p.m., when Edwin and his crew of four hardy seamen, juniors in the firm their gallant skipper was employed in, obtained a "dingy" and boarded his yacht Bustle. A hardy, not to say ferocious, party they looked in their piratical red toques and striped "gansys." "Heave short!' roared Edwin, as his foot touched the planks of the quarter deck. The crew, hastily putting on their dog-skin gloves, cheerily obeyed the command; seized the chain cable they hauled in hand over hand till the yacht's forefoot was brought immediately over the anchor. "H weve short, sir," said young Strafford Staylace, touching his cap to Edwin most respectfully.
"Make sail!" The sail was made. "Weigh the anchor!" The anchor was weighed, what it weighed doesn't matter, however it wasn't very heavy. The fore-

Bustle. The news came to the ears of Morluna, who at once fell into violent hysterics, and afterwards insisted on going to the Island in quest of the lost or strayed boat. After traversing the Island from Hanlan's Point to the Wiman's bath they learned at the latter place that a dismasted yacht had been pulled up high and dry at the Gap. They sought the place, and there, plain as a pikestaff, inscribed on the stern of the boat in fancy letters appeared the word Bustle. Morluna fainted, and was carried to Bill Ward's hotel, where she remained until nightfall. " Poor Edwin, poor Edwin!" was all she could or would utter. They then commenced their melancholy way to the ferry and home, when from a tent pitched at a short distance from their path, came such loud shouts of drunken laughter and ill-timed song, that the melancholy party halted in dismay.
"What dreadful noise is that ?" asked the agitated Morluna.
"Oh, nothing, Miss," replied a native of the Island. It's only a lot of counter jumpers who dismasted a boat last night in a breeze. She got into the rushes, and they all jumped overboard and waded ashore. The fellows in the tent knew them and took them in. They've been full as goats ever since. I think the boat was called the Bustle.

Morluna and her friends went to the tent and looked in, and there, as drunk as Cloe, stretched on a tarpaulin lay Edwin Percy Smithers and his gallant crew.
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D COULSON, Cashier,
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