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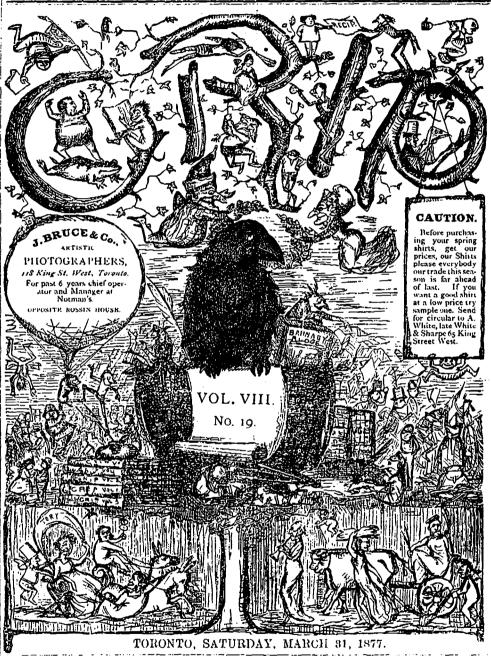
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Grip on the Credit Valley.

GRIP congratulates the citizens of Toronto on their kindness, amiabiiity, generosity, and recklessness in cash matters generally, and particu-

larly as respects the Credit Valley Railroad.

1. This road runs between two other big roads, which now drain the

traffic.

2. It cannot therefore give Toronto more traffic, nor more work. Every engine it runs, every man it employs, means one engine and man less on the two other roads.

3. It cannot compel these roads to discriminate in favour of Toronto, for having little traffic, it will always be a poor road, and can be over-ruled and bought up by the two others in a hundred ways.

4. It is partly built. Government are giving a bonus which will do much towards completing it. When it is so far done, the rich farmers through whose townships it runs (the only people on earth it will benefit), who are as yet paying next to nothing towards it, will not let the line lie unfinished.

The road will do Toronto little good. To sum up.

It is safe to be finished without her assistance, by those who are

more interested, and better able to pay.

7. In this state of affairs, for Toronto to determine to give the road a quarter of a million of dollars shows a liberality, a charity, an utter abnegation of self and a looseness of purse-strings, most remarkable in this remarkable age. To give money for what you want is conunon; but to this remarkable age. To give money for what you want is common; but to give it—to give a quarter million for what you don't want, and are sure to get without giving anything, is free-hearted and magnanimous indeed. GRIP congratulates the citizens most heartily, and has his eye on two or three nice pieces of property within their limits, which he will have the pleasure of bidding for when the Sheriff sells out the city for taxes, a consummation not long delayable.

A Postage Stamp.

Oh the stamp ! What a damp Nuisance it is ! A postage stamp is like a naughty boy. It seems constructed to annoy All decent folks, With ill-timed jokes Why, that's it's biz. For just as sure as you're in haste, Instead of sticking like old fashioned paste, When fastened to a letter It will be sure to curl round and grin, And think it's smart because it took you in, And if you make it wetter, Think you that that will make it stick? No! you can lick, and lick, and lick, But that won't make it better. Yes, a stamp is like a boy, You must lick it If you'd stick it To anything of use, But if you lick it like the very deuce, It will not work; But it will scheme and quirk, And by a jerk Will loosen both its ends from off the paper, And slowly curl into a roll, Resembling a Hebrew scroll, With the waxed side out just like a waxen taper. And then you flatten it out, And stretch it like the bottom of a drum, And press and rub the stubborn stamp about, And squeeze it with your thumb, Still on the envelope you cannot make it linger; For, like a worm, It seems to squirm, And wriggle underneath your finger. At last in desperation And mad exasperation, You borrow a dab of mucilage

And half in triumph, half in rage, Feelings you can't resist, Vou mucilage its under side, Saying "Now, blast you, try to slip or slide!" Then pound it with your fist. You take it to the postmaster, And ask if it is over-weight, And if a double postage rate, Will make it travel faster? He fixes his eye upon that stamp, Then scans it closer, near the lamp, "My friend" says he, "the weights all right, "But," holding it towards the light, "This stamp's been used before." Of course you cannot rave and tear. And whoop, and howl, and yell, and swear, But merely act like other gents, Swear to yourself; pull out 3 cents, And plank it down. And say unto that calm postmaster, That minion of the Crown, See if you can't plaster That stamp upon the letter Without a dire disaster, Then I'm your debtor. Then calmly that postal scorner Puts the stamp upon his thumb Fastens it on the right hand corner, And there the trouble ends, by gum!

The Reason Why the Dinner was Bad.

Our worthy Mayor, knowing the extraordinary soothing and mollificatory powers of our little sheet, has begged GRIP to apologise to the guests for the inferior and ill-cooked dishes presented at his (the Mayor's) last dinner party. GRIP will explain. It happened thus, An excellent cook had been engaged by the month, but just before the dinner came off he asked two days leave of absence. The worthy Mayor was extremely astonished. He said to the cook "His Worship the Mayor considers the request consummately and consumedly extraording the will be a superior to the cook "His worship the list cook had been consumedly extraording." Mayor considers the request consummately and consumerly extraordinary. He will be—that is to say—he will see you—that is—he means, if he does not have you when you are wanted, what does he pay you for at all?" But the culinary character coolly conversed thus, "It is the well-known habit of all men of taient employed by the corporation officials in Toronto. I need not mention the cases of SHANLY, PETERSON, and others." His Worship could not logically deny the inference, the goal fortherwhad and the allower was avoided. Contracted states are the contracted of the co the cook furloughed, and the dinner was spoiled. GRIP apologises.

An Editor Enlightened.

THE City editor of the Hamilton Times has apparently had his ideas of Woman revolutionized. He went the other night and listened to a lecture by Rev. W. B. AFFLECK, and next day he wrote :-

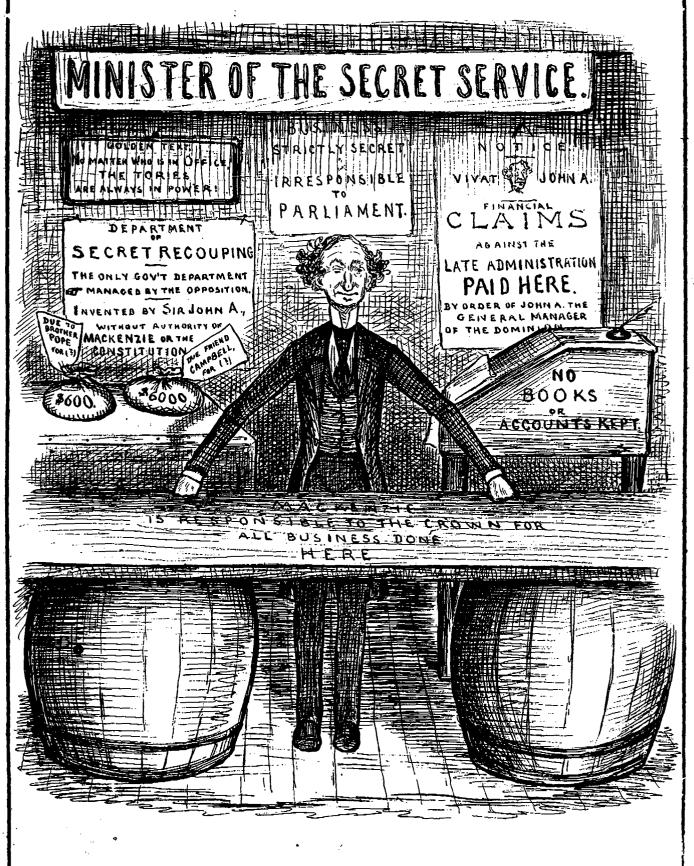
"As the lecturer with impassioned eloquence spoke of the deep depth of woman's affections, their sterling integrity, the nobility of their deeds, their heroism in trying circumstances and the long list of names that will shine with an unsulfied splendor while history is read or noble deeds recognized, we felt women were a blessing.

GRIP hopes the ladies of Hamilton will not overlook the signal service that Mr. AFFLECK has herein done them and the sex in general. This misguided young editor had hitherto been judging Woman from a wrong standpoint, and did not look upon her as a blessing. Perhaps, in the form of a sister, she had always been bothering him to take her to concerts and carnivals and excursions, pleading that plenty of tickets were always sent to the Times office, and it wouldn't cost him anything; or in the form of a wife she had been hypercritically disposed towards him when he came home very late, and seemed to suspect the gauziness of his old old story that he had been reporting at a Church meeting, or writing editorials in the office. Thus the melium through which he viewed the gentle sex had been distorted, and he had failed to observe and reflect upon the sublimer endowments of Woman's nature. But that night, under the spell of Mr. AFFLECK's cloquence, the scales fell from his eyes, and he awake to the rapturous consciousness that "women were a blessing." GRIP humbly suggests that a silver tea set to the Rev. gentleman would be an appropriate expression of Woman's obligation to him in this case.

Scientific.

"He electrified his audience with a withering torrent of elequence."-British American Presbyterian,

This is affirmed of the Rev. Mr. BRAY, and if it is true, it is certainly the greatest feat that elever gentleman ever accomplished. To produce a "withering torrent" of eloquence or water or anything else, is marvellous enough, but to perform electric experiments with it is still more so. But it may be our ignorance of science that makes this seem strange. Perhaps the Professors of the Electro-Therapentic College on Jarvis Street will oblige us with an explanation.



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An Ode to March.

MARCH 1. Ah now, this does indeed resemble Spring,

- 2. But here is snow again, and sleigh-bells ring.
- 3. A thaw; and nasty, sloppy, slush and mud.
- 4. Frozen once more, while glows the face with rud-
- dy health. What! is that rain?
- 6. Now hail does rattle at the window pane.
- 7. The sun does brightly as in summer shine.
- S. Bitter cold-"1'll take something hot in mine."
- 9. The lowering clouds now east a mournful shade,
- 10. "Lovely day this, come, have a lemonade."
- 11. Thunder and lightning, wind and pelting rain,
- 12. "Darn'd if there ain't a foot of snow again!"
- 13. Ah, this fine simshine would be hard to beat.
- 14. How fearful slippery! what a shower of sleet.
- 15. "Blow, blow ye winds and crack your cheeks,"
- 16. Rain, hail, snow and sunshine, all in streaks.
- 17. Winter's back-bone is broke, see, there's a crow!
- 18. "Boy, what'll you take to shovel off that snow?"
- 19. Gosh! how this flying dust does blind a fellow!
- 20. "Jane! where the dickens is that umbrella?"
- 21. I really must bunt up a straw sombrero,
- 22. Thunder! here's 7 degrees? yes, under zero!
- 23. Mist and fog, and general muggy weather,
- 24. Rain and hail, now one, now both together.
- 25. How warm and charmingly the sun is glowing.
- 26. Well I'll be --zounds! it's snowing! yes, it's snowing!!
- 27. What an awful thunder storm that was to-day;
- 28. This would be splendid weather to make hay.
- 29. How those biting winds force one to shiver,
- 30. How pleasant now 'twould be upon the river.
- 31. Fierce winds, and breezes balmy, sweet and tender, Oh VENNOR! you're a dreadful weather vendor.

Currint Chinis.

Me Darlint GRIP :

I SUPPOSE yez wor beginnin' to think I was dead entirely, or that I 1 SUPPOSE yez wor beginning to think I was dead entirely, or that I had tuck the advice of the Globe an' gone to the bush to get rid av the hard toimes. Nayther wan. Here I am, as shipry as it is becomin' in a good citizen to be, considerin' the sorry pass things has come to betune the depression ay the money market, and the detarmination ay Dymonia. an' MILLS an' thim at Ottaway to vote down the resolutions av our Chafetin John A., fwhich, if they wor carrit, we might see the sun of prosperity shinin' wanst more, an' plinty av loose change rollin' around in the stirrets. I was radin' the Globe lasht Monday, an' I cuddint help shmilin' to mesilf fwhin I got that bit furninst me eye, tuck from the New York Herald, talkin' to the Canadians an' sayin':
"Let them meet the United States as a friendly ally, and not as a

jealous rival, and the two countries will pursue, side by side, their onward

pearous rival, and the two countries will pursue, side by side, their onward progress, each an aid and encouragement to the other."

"Luck at that now," sez I to Norah, who was at the same toime puttin' a shplindid new bit av black cloth on the sate av me best fwhite corderoy throwsers, "fwhat do you think av that, darlint?"

"That's purty good for the Yankee." sez she.

"It is," sez I, "an' so is the prisint arrangements av our thrade matthers. It's thimselves that wants that shwate bit av advice more nor the same are all and the same that the same think this best are all the same best and the same think this best are the same to the same that the same think this best are the same that the same think this best are the same that the same think the same think the same that the same to the same to the same to the same to the same that the same that the same to the same that the same to the same to the same that the same th Sure, we always do trate thim in a friendly way, by lettin' thim send in their goods to us here at a raysonable charge, and they trate us as a "friendly ally" by shuttin their dures agin us entoirely, barrin fwhin as a "friendy any" by stuttin their dures agin as entoricely, parrin fwhin they open thun to take in anny man we sind down to make a Traty wid thim. Thin it is a "take in," ivery toime. Sure, they don't know the manin' av the word honesty. That's fwhy thim artists always makes the Vankee wid a jack-knife in his hands. NORAH; you'll obsarve he is always luckin' around as if he waz sarchin' for some wan to whittle, Begorra, I'm thinkin av they put a chisel in the other hand an' a razor or two in his coat-tail pocket, it would be in accordance wid the facts avenue case. I what's that he says?---" aich an' aid an' incurritchmint to the other." Whell, Misther MACKENZIE an' Misther CARTWRIGHT maybe they know best, but I wild be av opinion that it's not the thing to be givin any more aid an' encurritchmint to wan that acts like thim Av coorse it's all right, luckin' at it from the top shtory av the newspaper's office in New York. Things don't luck the same from that pint av view. But, from thware I shtand, here in me poor rinted had the best av it, an' Canada is but a patch to the Shtates, no bigger nor that patch you're puttin on thim throwsers, NORAH," sez 1.

"Yis, TERENCE," says she, "an' loike this patch, Canada is in a good position to be sat on," sez she.

I wint to hear me noble counthryman, Misther O'CONNOR POWER shpaking on "Home Rule," lasht Tuesday night, an' sure he made me heart warum wid his eloquince, an' sint the blood av patriotism through me whole body at a fearful rate. Afther the lecture; I wint down to the hotel to see Misther Power an' talk over matthers av business pertainin to the subject av Ireland.

A nagur bye conducted me to the room av the gintleman, an' I intherjuced mesilf as a native av Imerald, an' be way av a certificate av gud shtandin' I tuck from me breast pocket a quart bottle av Hennessy's It is needless to say I was welcomed as a man shud be fwhin he

"I suppose, Misther Power," see I, "that our first business will be to arrange for a government for the Ould Sod."

"Av coorse," see he, "that is fwhat I kem to Ameriky for. Have yez anny clever Irishmen yez could shpare from Canady?" We have," sez 1, "anny amount."

"We'll want a Minister av Fisheries," sez he, "cud yez give us wan

av thim?"

"To a demonstration, Mr. Power," sez I, "put down the name av JERRY MERRICK. He is an Irishman ivery inch," sez I, "an' a man av imminse intellect an' expariance in political matthers. He knows all

about fishin', too, in the political sense av the term.
"That's shplendind," sez Mr. POWER, "Nixt, we want a Solicitor Gineral. Have yez air an imminent Irish barrister that yez don't want?

"Plenty av thim," sez I, "there's ROBERT MAHON ALLAN, put

"Fhwat! Is that the same ALLAN whose name is a household worrd in Ireland-him that bate all the judges an' lawyers av the Dublin Bar?" sez Mr. Power.
"It is," sez I,

t is," sez I, "but, I beg your pardon, yez can't have him afther I come to think av it, he is the only man av tho kind we have, an' our Coort av Diurinal Session an his Lordship CHAFE JUSTICE MICK-NABB cud'nt get along widout him."
"Too bad," sez Mr. POWER, "but yez have another yez can shpare?"

- "Vis, an' the very man to give a tone av intellect an' polish to the furst Home Rule Ministry," sez I. "Put down the name av Nicholas FLOOD DAVIN.
- "DAVIN!" sez Mr. POWER, "I've hard that name before too! Isn't PARTIES. SEZ AIT. I OWER, "I EVEN ARITHMEN THAT THE MEMORY AND THE PAIR OFFICE AND THE MEMORY AN
- "I blave he is," sez I, "an' at the prisint time he is writin a book wid the title "The Irishman in Canada." The advertisemint'sin GRIP,"
- "Is it about hisself?" asked Mr. Power.
- "It is; hisself and several others," sez I. "He's a parfect scholar,

and a practical Home Ruler too, bein a single gintleman."

"All right, Mr. Tierney," sez Mr. Power, "now, have yez anny more yez could shpare?"

"Vis, sur, plinty," sez I, "yez might take NED FARRAR for a Postmaster-Gineral; he has expariance wid Mail matters, an cud make hisself useful inventin little anecdotes about the opponents av the Government. Thin, av yez like, yez may take PADDY BOYLE for a Minister av Justice. He wud go wid yez piisintly, for, begorra, he gets no room for his janius in this counthry. He wud be splendid for puttin' down any risins, especially any risins av the Scotch. Av yez mane to have Ireland for the Irish, yez must beware av Scotch Ascendincy, an' PAT-RICK BOYLE, Esquire, is the man to keep thim Scotchmin down. think we cold let yez have Misther McCrossin, too, for the sake av the dear Ould Sod, but I wildn't be sartin; yez must go an ax GEORGE BROWN for him. Misther W. H. HIGGEN'S wild make a handy man to have in the Government av there is anny intentions to pass the Dunkin Act in Ireland; yez can call at Whitby an' see him on the way home. We have slathers more av foine min at yer sarvice; such as BILLY MICKEDOUGALL, CHARLE RYKERT an JOHN O'DONOITEE; yez can have thim and welcome. Only, av ye do take thim, don't sind them back."

I havn't room this toime for anny more av our interview.

TERRY TIERNEY.

En Route.

"Teen" parties are among the latest social innovations. None are allowed to attend except those "in their teens."—Finkers Gazette. Then if a man is in his "canteens" he can, of course, fall in.—Whitchall Times. Not if he took just a teeny bit,—W. F. Herald. Their held on the public will not be very teen-actions.—London Advertiser.

We suppose the fare consists of teen coffee?

A BAR. -We rise to expostulate with the Boston Traveler for printing verses from these columns and taking the credit themselves. hope our gifted fellow countryman JIMUEL BRIGGS had no hand in that larceny. Such conduct is more becoming a tramp than a decent Tra-

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