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Yours truly, DORCAS L. SHEPHERD.

TORONTO. Oct. 11, 1892.

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Dear Sir,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of a cheque in settlement of Policy No. 12,677 for \$2,000 on the lite of my late husband, Robt. Brackenbury. I also desire to express my appreciation of the prompt action of the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association. Your customary payment of ten per cent immediately upon notice of the death is very commendable, and in many cases proves a great boon. I can with confidence recommend intending insurers to the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association.

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DEAR SIR,—Your letter of the 20th of October, enclosing cheque for \$7.82, for unearned premium on Policy No. 112,436 in the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association, came to hand in my absence from the office, which has caused the delay in answering the same I beg also to acknowledge the receipt of cheque for \$1,000 in payment of the amount due under the above policy. I might say, in making this acknowledgment, that I most sincerely thank the officers of your Company for the courteous manner in which I have been treated throughout the whole of our dealings in connection with proving the loss under the policy. Pleas—convey this message to your Head Office.

I had not expected to receive anything further from you than the thousand dollars. I was not aware until I received your letter of the 20th that we were entitled to the unearned premium, and it could have been, had the Association wished to act dishonestly, kept from us without our having had any knowledge that we were entitled to more than the thousand dollars. I say this because it shows the honesty and liberality of the Company in paying up these unearned premium claims against it whether the beneficiaries really know whether they are entitled or not. With best wishes for the Company,

I remain, yours truly, Joseph C. Judd,

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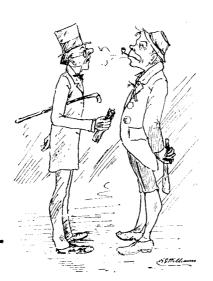
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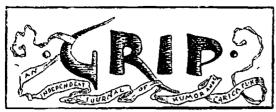
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A BEATEN BULLY.

Young Canada—"Yah! How d'yer like yer lickin', Ben?"

Ben Harrison—"You'd better shut up, yer young whelp! If the durned cop wasn't round I'd punch the face off of yer. See?"



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TORONTO, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17. 1892.

NE singular feature about the chorus of execration with which the memory of the late detested Jay Gould is assailed, is that the condemnation is largely called forth by the sole redeeming trait in his character. Whatever his faults or crimes, Jay Gould was not a canting hypocrite. He made no humbugging pretence of regarding himself as a steward holding his wealth in trust for the community he despoiled. He did not go through the farce of attempting to compromise with Heaven or humanity by posing as a social benefactor and donating a percentage of his stealings to churches, missions, colleges or music halls. He did not seek to cloak the rascality of his transactions by any such pitiful pretext of having the benefit of society in view, as marks the acts of the Carnegies and Rockefellers. Therefore he was to that slight extent a better, or, at least, a less utterly despicable character than some other arch-millionaires whom the world has pretended to sorrow over at their decease,



AULTY, indeed, is the reasoning which makes the lack of charitable or public bequests in his will the principal reason for holding the deceased robber up to execration. For it is admitted on all hands that he was a robber, that he accumulated his enormous wealth dishonestly, and in ways injurious to the community. This being the case, how could the injustice of the mode by which Gould's wealth was acquired be in any respect affected by the distribution he chose to make of it? Is a

pirate, highwayman, or slave-dealer a less villainous character because he may devote a small proportion of his gains to charitable uses? Would the Globe and the World, in writing of a robber of this class, justify and emphasize their condemnation of his misdeeds on the ground that he made no religious or public bequests? Hardly. And yet, if the disposition made of wealth is

to modify our judgment upon the unjust accumulator, why should not the charitable burglar and the pious brigand be entitled to urge the same plea as the munificent millionaire of the Carnegie type?

DREMIER THOMPSON has completed the organization of his Ministry, and the changes made are comparatively few. The most notable feature is the taking in of Mr. Clarke Wallace, of West York, who has received the position of Comptroller of Customs. Mr. Wallace's only qualification for a Government post is that he is an Orangeman and has shown a disposition to kick. It is hoped that his appointment will reconcile the brethren of the lodges to an Ultramontane Premier, and, if accompanied with the scattering of a few minor favors and promises among the more noisy and obstreporous of the heelers, it will probably have the desired effect. Bro. Wallace, by the way, was one of the "devil's thirteen" who voted against the Jesuit bill, which was a very effective way of letting the Government know that he wanted something.

THE vicious principle of sectional representation is carried out to a greater extent than ever in the new Ministry. It might be supposed that the Catholic element were sufficiently represented by Thompson and the Quebec Frenchmen—but race has to be considered as well as religion so the Irish Catholics must have three representatives. Only one of the lot, J. J. Curran, of Montreal, could by any possibility have been thought of for such a position but for the claims of race and religion. As to Costigan and Smith, any intelligent, self-respecting Irish Catholic would prefer to remain unrepresented in the Cabinet for all time rather than to have two such ignorant louts elevated to conspicuous posts where they only display their unfitness and incompetency.



PUBLIC meeting of influential citizens, and others who would like to pose in that capacity, held in the City Hall last week, listened to enthusing speeches, and passed resolutions in favor of developing the manufacturing industries of Toronto. There was also a strong feeling in favor of bonusing manufacturers, and exploiting those "magnificent natural rescurces" of which we have heard so much at the expense of It's of no use, the pcople. gentlemen! Human gullibility is boundless, and it is therefore possible that a few selfseekers may succeed in inducing the stupid public to sub-

mit to fleecing for their benefit, but so far as any substantial development is concerned, your extravagant schemes are bound to fail in the end, just as the N. P. has failed. We can manufacture more now than there is any market for, and if we could double or treble the extent of our manufacturing industries it would only result



"ARCHBISHOP" GRANT BLESSING "COLUMBUS" THOMPSON.

(VIDE INTERVIEW WITH PRINCIPAL GRANT IN THE "EMPIRE" OF TUESDAY, NOV. 27TH.)

THE morning that Columbus left to sail around the world, While still his ships at anchor rode and still his sails were furled, Upon the shore, the story goes—as likely truth as fiction!—He knell, and on his head received a priestly benediction.

Behold Columbus No. 2--Columbus Thompson he!— Just setting out to navigate round Politics' wide sea;. While Grant, with kindnesss wonderful, consents to act as prelate, And call down blessings on his head like any Romish zealot.

DERISOR.

in cut-throat competition and glutted markets. There is only one thing to be done to restore prosperity, and that is to give us Free Trade with the rest of the Continent—somehow! You will probably say that means treason and separation from the Empire. Perhaps it does. If you think so, you can keep on starving and stagnating. That's all there is about it.

NEXT week's number of GRIP will be a specially brilliant and interesting one. In addition to the usual features, including telling cartoons upon current politics, and a great variety of social hits and sketches with pencil and pen, we shall present a series of Delsartean studies, illustrative of this fashionable and much-talked of cult. Our lady readers will be particularly interested in this issue, and newsdealers will find it to their advantage to order an extra supply.

PRESIDENT HARRISON says in his annual message—but who cares now what President Harrison says? His opinions are worth no more than those of any other second-rate lawyer and broken-down political back. "The Man that Was" is a chump to let all the world see that he feels so badly over his crushing defeat, and that is about the only significance of his message.

OUT IN ASSINIBOIA.

RAILWAY PRESIDENT—"But of what use would a branch of our railway be through your section?"

SETTLER—"What use! Why there's a big exodus from our part, let me tell yer, and if the people only had railway facilities they'd leave a durn sight quicker."

IT WAS HIS TRADE.

BILDAD—"Did you meet Waggles at Bummerson's dinner party, last week?"

GAVELKIND—" Yaas. Awful cad, I thought. No

GAVELKIND—" Yaas. Awful cad, I thought. No savoir faire. The fellah is continually talking shop."

BILDAD—"Talking shop? Nothing of the kind. Why his jokes and funny stories made him the life of the party."

GAVELKIND—" That's just what I mean. He's a professional humorist, don't you know."

COMING FROM CHURCH.

BERTIE—" Ma, will I be born again?"
MA—"I hope so, my child."

BERTIE—"Then, ma, will you give me presents and cake on both birthdays eh?"



ETHEL-" Oh, mamma, who's that?" MAMMA-" That's Jimmy McShane, dear." ETHEL-" But mamma, where's the baby?"

JIMMY McSHANE'S ASPIRATIONS.

OW great surprise, our Jimmy tries To show he's turned religious; He prays "to heaven let thanks be given For this honor so prodigious."

He's come, alas! to sorry pass, The devil has deserted him; But like monk of old, when third term he'll hold, He'll forget what 'twas converted him.

But O, Jimmy dear, what is 't we hear Bout saluting men in ditches? Ye're more at home with them we'll own, Yet for kings yer palm still itches.

Shure yer third term baby 'ill live yet maybe, If that Frost can but be melted; And once more our Jimmy will be in the swim-eh? Yes, mayhap a knight be belted. MONTREAL

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ANOTHER ANNEXATIONIST KICKER.

ORILLIA, December 3.

DITOR GRIP,-It makes me sick to read in your paper of the Old Flag. Why, dam it man, we have no flag! Do you mean to say that we have to be loyal to a lot of bums that are sent over here every four years, and get \$60,000 of our good money and then rob the house they live in? It is rank, and what a lot of dudes come out here to suck the head off the end of a cane. Give us a good Canadian flag. Yours,

JOHN ABE.

We read the above in sorrow rather than in anger. It is very sad to think that we have persons in our midst who are made sick by the mention of the dear "Old

Flag," and spell such a frequent word as "damn" without the "n." We regret that Brother Abe's health and orthography are alike so 1 recarious. He should consult a physician and purchase a cheap dictionary. It is surprising that any Canadian can be found so sordid as to take exception to the Governor-General's salary. Doesn't Mr Abe see that the cost is strictly necessary in order to sustain the dear "Old Flag," and that the more we pay the dearer the "Old Flag" becomes? "It is rank," says our correspondent. Of course it's rank—very high rank. That's what we pay for, by thunder. It comes high, but we must have it. Mr. Abe's objections to paying his share of the salary of our beloved Governor Stanley ap, ears utterly irrelevant and not worth an instant's consideration in view of the fact that the sun never sets on the British Dominions. We would also remind him that the flag has braved a thousand years, be the same more or less, the battle and the breeze. Furthermore, that Sir John Macdonald remarked, "A British subject I was born, a British subject I will die." Moreover, did not the poet truthfully and forcibly observe.

" Breathes there a man with soul so dead, Who never to himself hath said This is my own, my native land?"

If these arguments do not convince Mr. Abe of the folly and wickedness of his rebellious frame of mind, we fear his case is hopeless.

He is a wise man who knows his own lie after it has travelled a few miles.



A SUPERSTITION DISPROVED.

"They say it is unlucky to pass under a ladder, so I will go

A FIERY DISCUSSION.



'WAS cold, bitter cold, and the grey of a coming morn was just beginning to peck through the frost-coated revealing the windows, form of Skaggs in bed wrapped in blankets with only his nose protruding, while Mrs. Skaggs was busily engaged trying to punch a hole in the ice that had formed in the wash basin over night, and doing her best to choke down her rising indigna-

tion at such usage. It was one of Skaggs' many failings that he would not build fires, and to keep peace in the family, she had always humoured him that much, and let him remain in bed while she spent fifteen minutes knocking the skin off her knuckles in her endeavours to dump the ashes out of the grate. But this morning the cold seemed to goad her to action. 'I wish I had married a man," she exclaimed. "You haven't got any more feeling for me than you have for a dog, to see me get up in the cold and buildfires. You should be ashamed, you great big, lazy galoot, to lay in bed and see me walk around on the cold oilcloth in my bare feet. Now, it there is any manhood about you, you will get up and build this fire.

"Mrs. Skaggs," exclaimed her worse half, springing out of bed "I am surprised at your showing such an un-



A SUPERSTITION DISPROVED.

But just then the handle of the whitewash bucket broke.



NOT DANGEROUS.

MR. WAYBACK—"Well, I'll be gosh-durned of that ain't the queerest critter I ever sot eyes on. What in time is it?"

OFFICER O'HOULAHAN—"I'm thinkin' that musht be wan av the new chollery germs jist over."

governable temper over a mere matter of detail, as it were. Now just give me that pail and shovel and I'll have that fire agoing in two shakes of a dead lamb's tail. Simplest thing in the world, and yet you splutter and fume as though it was something terrible. The great trouble is, you don't know enough to keep cool."

"Keep cool, indeed," said Mrs. Skaggs; "I guess you'd keep cool standing around in your bare feet."

"Well, why don't you put your slippers on?" exclaimed Skaggs, who had meantime managed to get the fire started, but not until he had the floor strewn with ashes. Mrs. S. knew he deliberately threw them on the floor to try and get out of building future fires. But she says she would rather sweep up a peck of ashes than shiver around trying to build one fire on a winter's morning with the mercury trying to fall clear through into the cellar.

PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE.

EDITOR—"What on earth inspired you to speak of Mrs. Wobblejaws as a society leader in your report of the first night's performance?"

REFORTER—"Well, she talked louder than anyone else in the theatre."



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CANADA—"Well, THE Breed OF POLITICIANS SURELY RUNS PRETTY SMALL THESE DAYS, WHEN THIS IS THE BIGGEST I CAN GET."



IT WOULD APPEAR SO.

SHE—"Don't you enjoy these church sociables, dear?"
HE—"Yes, splendid idea. Just the thing for bringing the young people together."

A LOYAL LYRIC.

RIP feels sure that his truly loyal and patriotic readers will welcome the subjoined spirit-stirring lyric upon a theme which never fails to arouse enthusiasm. It is especially pleasing to note that the author holds a position in one of the Government departments, showing that not even the sordid drudgery of official routine and redtapeism can quench the fire of poesy in the breast of the truly inspired singer, who has quaffed with the immortals the limpid font of Helicon, and caught glimpses of the fitful radiance of the light that never was on sea or land. Mr. Lampay's trumpet-blast of loyalty rings with a clarion note of defiance to the base cravens who would surrender our birthright to the foes whom erstwhile thrice we hurled, baffled and defeated, from our rock bound shores while Boreas raved a requiem o'er prostrate hecatombs of slain:

Humiliated hellions! Know ye not Who would be free themselves must like to blow, or words to that effect.

It may be that in the flush of patriotic ardor caused by reading Mr. Lampay's admirable poem we have unwittingly contracted something of his dithyrambic strain. This emotion, however, must be pardoned in view of the superlative satisfaction we feel over this assurance that whoever else may prove recreant to his trust or barter for sordid gold the brightest gem of Britain's imperial crown, though traitors throng and jostle on the streets as thick

as midges in the summer's beam, the office-holders of Ottawa will still be four d faithful to their posts and loyal to Victoria's throne. Waving temptation and the traitor's insidious lure aside with one hand, while with the other they draw their accustomed stipends, with eyes upraised in heartfelt adoration to the dear Old Flag, they mingle their resonant orisons with the "great Emperors of the world" in lofty peans thrillsome to each loyal soul.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

God save our gracious Queen,
The most noble of all Queens,
God save the Queen,
Victoria, the great Victoria,
Of England's great victories,
Ever to be victories unto the end
God save the Queen.

All Britons are ever ready
To fight for our noble Queen,
And conquer our foes,
By the help of our God,
Our wisdom and the sword,
Our hopes are never blighted,
God see us righted.

The red, white, and blue, line
Around the world like a cordon,
Binding us all together,
And the great Emperors of the world,
Are ever singing to her praise,
While her subjects on earth are singing,
God save the Queen.

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ASTRONOMICAL.

HE—"You are the star of my hope."

SHE (pawning)—"And is that why you want to sit up all night to look at me?"



"VAIN REGRETS."

UNCLEAN WILLIAM—" Here's a leaf from a book saying that 'the meat of a walnut-fed turkey is much richer and finer flavored than the common barnyard fowl."

ROAD-SICK ROBERT—"Ow, I say! What a bloomin' shame we didn't know of that in time for Thanksgiving!"



STREET CAR SCENE.

CONDUCTOR-" This is the shmokin' car."

PASSENGER-"I know that."

CONDUCTOR-"Thin fwhy the divil ain't ye shmokin'

PASSENGER-"I don't want to."

CONDUCTOR--"Begorra, ye've got to want to, or lave this car. Light up at wanst, now, or out ye go. The public's been kickin fur shmokin' cars till they got 'em, and now, be jabers, thim that rides in 'em's got to shmoke."

THE LIGHT OF MONTREAL

A RNOLD'S "Light of Asia," and Kipling's "Light that Failed," Are not the lights for many nights by citizens assailed. The Royal E'ectric is the light that is by gold and gall, And five and-twenty aldermen, "The Light of Montreal." They did not ask for tenders, these aldermen so true, But they were loyal, and to the Royal their duty they did do. They did it for the greatest good, the good of all concerned. They get? Their own approval, but that is all they carned.

A. M. Ule.

THEY BOTH GET THERE.

WHAT is the difference between the winner of an international foot race and the Evening Star? One is the champion sprinter and the other the printers champion.

A NON SEQUITUR.

M. ARGUEWELL (on the suburban train)—"I have completely smashed your propositions. You haven't a foot to stand on (just then the car lurches)—Ow! but it doesn't follow that I want you to stand on my feet."

MEN MAY COME AND MEN MAY GO, BUT FRAUD GOES ON FOREVER.

THEN what does it matter who's in the new Cabinet?
For one blank more or less we need make no ado,
Every man in the lot will get all he can grab in it,
Of power and of pelf and of offices too.

Whoever the gang is, they'll do what they ever did,
To blind the electors by party and pay;
Whoever the gang is, there's one thing they never did,—
Work more for the right than to smooth their own way.

The puppets are nothing, the wires do the whole of it,
And the party machine will keep moving the same;
The body is nothing, for greed is the soul of it;
Another new shuffle, and on goes the game.

The Papacy chuckle, the Pope is our Pharaoh'; The boodler is gay, with his thumb to his nose; Our best and our brightest are leaving Ontario, But what does the Cabinet care for our woes?

The same manifestoes, and banquets, and revelry,
The old tricks and dodges and vote-gaining t-lan,
Will continue as ever, with all the old devilry,
While the country is still groaning, "Wanted, a MAN."
H.N.C.



FORESTALLING DELILAH.

Kusenheimer—" Mein crashus, Hisenbuttel, vy you cuts Israel's hair off like dot?"

HISENBUTTEL—"Oh, mein vife vant dot hair to shtuff a billow mit. Und anyvay, I ton't vant dot poy to grow eop a Samson. Dot don't vas beesness.

MRS. AIRLIE EXPLAINS.

M AISTER GRIP,—I jist wonner ye dinna think blackburnin' shame o' yersel tae gang an' prent a' the haivers an' clishmaclaver o' my daft auld man Hughie. I've tholed it till I can bide it nae langer atween the twa o' ye, an' gin ye be a mairriet man yersel, an' the heid o' a faimly, a' I can say is that ye're a puir cat-wuttit craitur.

I maun repeat, I'll no stan't ony mair—me! Effie Garspunkie! Wha wad e'er hae thocht that ony man o' mine wad daur tae gie expression tae sic-like lichtsome remarks aboot the wife o' his bosom! My certy! but ye're a braw pair!

Noo, regairdin' my wee "function" the ither day, I'm unco loath tae say't, but I maun tell the truith, that oor Hughie, gin he didna exackly lee, gied ye sic a version o't as tae mak baith o' us redeeklous, tae say naething o' my freens Mistress McQuarry, Mistress Smeddum and Mistress Gourlay (her that happit her man wi' mools i' the Necroplus three years come neist Hogmanay) an' Miss Elspeth Soorocks, the manty-maker.

Lat me tell ye the right wye o't. First and foremaist, we didna expeck Hughie ava, an' it wis nane o' his bisness to come yout at the time; an' whan he did come, he was fu'! aye, jist as fu' as he could haud, deil tak him, an' that means that he'd surroundit nae less nor frae fowr tae sax glasses o' Gooderham's seeven-year-auld; het, an' wi' sugar intili't, doon at the Dunbar Hoose afore he pintit his neb oor gait. We had arreeng'd a bit quate function amang oorsels-an' I micht say here, that I hae as muckle richt tae speak o' a function as Lady Stanley or Lady Sawtbacket, or Mrs. Kerwhummle or ony ither ane i' the heigh stratumfications o' society, for I'm no' ower mim tae think that the auldest dochter o' Laird Garspunkie can haud her heid as heigh as ony bawbee Lord This, or Lord That! Weel, as I was sayin'. Miss Soorocks was tae bring hauf-a-dizzen o' cookies, Mistress Smed-

dum a dawd o' short-breed, Mistress Gourlay a box o sardines, Mistress McQuarry a pot o' jeely, an' I was tae fin' the tea an' dae the maskin o't accordin' tae the vera latest an' maist fashionablest style. Forby that I wantit tae lat them a' see the goon I was gaun tae weer at St. Andrew's Ball, made wi' a stemmiger an' cut laigh doon i' the neck-deed aye, I ne'er saw a bonnier bit o' tartan a' my days. The shouthers were puffed as heigh's my lugs, an the sleeves didna come ony faurer doon nor hauf wye tae my elbows. It grippit me a wee ticht roun' the middle, but this was a needcessity, as I'm no' sae jimp there as I was afore I turned twa score, for ye maun ken that Hughie's nae less nor nineteen years my seenior-he was born in aughteen hunner an' twuntythree - the cutty sleeves gied me a chance tae show my gowden bracelets tae advantage, an' I had on my mither's ring, an' my gran'mither's ring f rby my ain twa' an' a keeper.

Whan Hughie saw me, a wee while afore the coopie cam tae tak us tae the Pavcelion the nicht o' the ball, says he, "Michty! Effie Airlie, ye dinna mean tae say ye didna buy claith aneuch tae feenish your goun! Dae ye no' think ye'll get the cauld? Ye maun row yoursel' up in a blanket, or in ane o' my auld coats; ye canna gang oot that wye."

But he was jist haivering, yee ken, for he was as prood o' me as gin I was a bit lassie, and I gad tae-the Paveelion brawly, an' I danced wi' the Mayor, 'an' wi' Major Cosby, an' wi' Dr. Thorburn, an' I'm thinkin' there wasna a better feegur in the a-sembly nor I was mysel', tho' aiblins ye may think I'm no' blate tae say 't.

The Governor-General invected me till a reel, but as I had brustit ane o' my black sulk stockin's, I made the excaise that I was ower muckle disjaskit, an' he let me aff—but Losh keep me! I begun to explain aboot my "function" and how Hughie gat us a' intie a pliskie ower 't; noo I hae change't my min', an' I'm thinkin I'd better say nae mair on the subjeck.—Effic Airlie.



NEARING LIVERPOOL.

- "What on earth is that curious noise, Dick?"
- "What? Oh, that's only the h's dropping, my dear."

MEETING THE CRISIS.

BUSINESS PROSPERITY ENSURED BY RESOLUTIONS AGAINST PESSIM-ISM.

OR some time it had been generally known that the Muddivil'e General Jobbing Corporation (Limited) was in financial d fficulties. It had formerly been doing a rushing business, and great hopes were entertained by the shareholders. On

the strength of its future prospects it had enlarged its premises and greatly extended its facilities, but a period of stagnation had unfortunately set in, and the affairs of the company had become deeply involved

At this crisis it was determined that vigorous steps were necessary to avert bankruptcy. A meeting of shareholders was accordingly called. Mr. F. Leming, President of the Corporation, occupied the chair, and the greatest enthusiasm prevailed.

Mr. Warendy, an influential stockholder, opened the meeting in a stirring speech. It must be admitted, he said, that business was rather quiet, but any slight and temporary depression would vanish like mists before the

rising sun if they were met with resolution.

A Voice—"Let's have several resolutions." (Cheers) He was glad to see that such a spirit prevailed. Things would be all right but for some people who went about quoting the balances on the wrong side of the ledger, and pointing out that rival firms were doing a bigger trade. What could be more contemptible than such conduct? Just look at the unparalleled facilities the company had for doing business, its magnificent warehouse—(A Voice—'Mortgaged to the contractors." Cries of "Shame!" "Put him out!" and general confusion.)

Mr Jawithrow followed in a similar strain. The outlook for the Muddiville General Jobbing Corporation was never more hopeful. Wasn't the increased staff necessary to fransact their business sufficient evidence of this? (Applause.) He repeated emphatically that the company's affairs were prosperous—only people didn't know it. Well, it was their business to proclaim it from the house-tops. (Applause.)

Mr. Hardup cordially agreed with this noble sentiment, and said that he might incidentally mention that he had a housetop admirably adapted for the purpose, which he was prepared to let on the most reasonable terms.

(Applause)

Several other enthusiastic speeches followed, and the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

Resolved, That the Muddiville General Jobbing Corporation (Limited) is in a highly prosperous and satisfactory condition, and hopes, by strict attention to business, to merit more than its due share of public patronage.

That the present state is one of transition and not of depression, and any man asserting that stagnation prevails is a falsifier, a croaker, a pessimist, a traitor, and any other epithets which may be considered applicable or calculated to make him feel unhappy.

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That we call upon the general public to admire the spirit of determination, energy, and unfaltering confidence in the future shown by this meeting, in the manner in which the crisis has been met and overcome, and congratulate them on the fact that gentimen possessing such admirable qualifications are available when official vacancies are to be filled.

The greatest enthusiasm prevailed throughout. Copies of the resolutions neatly engrossed on vellum in the highest style of art have been forwarded to the numerous creditors of the corporation, who will no doubt realize



IT ALL DEPENDS.

- "I say, Millie, how do you pronounce s-t-i-n-g-y."
- "Depends on whether it's a person or a bee."

the impropriety of eneouraging the spirit of pessimism and calamity-howling by pushing their claims.

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Or an annexationist?
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An' why is things so mixed?
I'm jiggered, begosh, if I can tell,
For nothin' don't seem fixed.

Our old Sir John bein' dead an' gone, Another Sir John we see Pop up and down for a little spell, Then along comes number three. I reckon they just kep' up the name Old stagers in to rope, But I can't tie to no fellow like thet, For I always did hate the Pope.

The great N.P. that was goin' to make Our fortunes all around, Has turned out the worst confounded fake, An' run things into the ground, An' Oliver Mowat's become a knight, An' sence he give Myers the sack, There's half of the Grits say he's Tory too, An' would rip him up the back.

The Mail is Grit, an' the Empire's gone As crazy as a loon,
The Gl be, which fought the C.P.R.,
Is singing a different tune.
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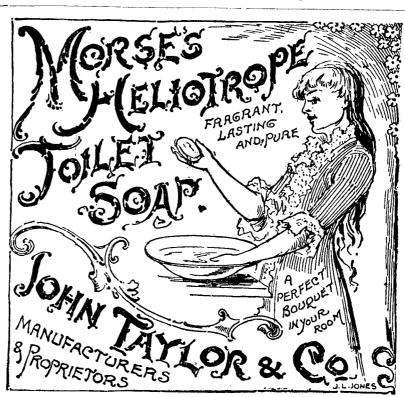
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