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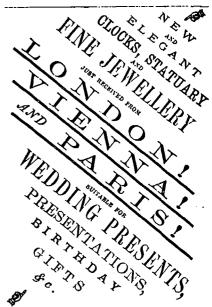
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RRADER.—This paper is named GRIP, after a raven that figures prominently in CHARLES DICKERS' story "Barnaby Rudge." It is of course rude and improper to call it The GRIP, as some do.

TORONTO, SATURDAY, JANUARY 17th, 1874.

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GRIP offers the following rewards, viz: a handsomely bound copy of his first volume, and a place on his free list for all time to come, to any one who can give such information as may lead to the ap-prehension and conviction, of the imbecile who first perpetrated the Joke (?) about Canon Kingsley, who is visiting Canada—being a Great Gun, loaded with honors, and likely to create quite a noise when he is heard.

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#### TO THE KINGSTON CANDIDATES.

My DEAR Boys:-The eyes of the whole Country are upon you. The interest felt by the citizens in their respective local contests pales before the attraction of the battle you are to fight. And no doubt a more morbid motive than the mere importance of the Kingston election actuates many to watch you closely. There are those who cherish the memory of your former candidature, and the sport—as they say, attendant thereon; and no doubt i would tickle such deprayed persons mightly if they could witness another boxing scene on the hustings. So, in view of these things, I have thought it incumbent on me to remind you of your critical position. You have a capital opportunity, boys, of exhibiting the grandeur of manly virtue, in a manner that may leave lasting impressions on the rising generation of your Country. To this end, I would counsel you not to call each other Liars in the personal presence of thousands, and as a consequence in the newspaper presence of thousands more. It sounds ill, and does nothing towards securing the triumph of the principles either of you advocate. And further, do not slap one another's faces on the public platform. This is not only impolitic, but rude. It is enough that Township Council or Aldermanic hustings should witness such sights. It is absolutely unbecoming the great cause of Dominion politics and of the great City of Kingston, I would recall to your mind those lines which in your tender years I have no doubt you learned by heart:-

"Children, you should never let Your angry passions rise, Your little hands were never made To tear each others eyes."

Try and realize the philosophy and force of these words. Don't say hard things about one another; don't refer to anything that is likely to damage anybody; let us see you illustrate the beautiful theory of loving ones neighbour as one's self. Adieu, boys. Your tender counsellor,

GMIN.

#### GASTRONOMICAL.

Quotn the Markham Economist :-

HARD TO BEAT.—Mr. Ruebotton killed a Berkshire pig, ten months' o'd, that weighed 385 panuds. It was bred by Mr. V. Stotts, and fed by Mr. Joseph Ruebotton, Wellington Hotel, Markham Village. Can this be beaten?

Perhaps the best way for the Editor to find out whether pork of that quality can be-be-caten, is to dine at the Wellington Hotel while the hog lasts.

THE Cobourg Star thinks the St. Catharines Times "one of the worst printed papers in the world." The Times' ready retort is "You're another."

#### The Comnoddy Papers.

BRING THE LETTERS OF DEMOS MUDOS, TO ADOLPHUS TOMNODDY, ESQ., LATE OF THE CIVIL SERVICE, OTTAWA.

NO. I.

Toronto, January 10th, 1874.

MY DEAR ADOLPHUS,-I cannot tell you how very much flattered I am by the kindness and condescending familiarity of your last note, and shall be only too happy to comply with your request that I should give you my advice concerning your affairs. You tell me that, owing to the change of Government, the deputy-head of your Department has dispensed with your services, and, in consequence, you will be compelled to trench upon your father's not illiberal allowance, for the purpose of providing yourself with the needful article of gloves, in which your former salary from the Department was just enough to keep you.

I sympathize most heartily with your feelings as to the barbarity of your dismissal, and shall take care that, at the coming elections, together with other grave charges of ministerial disregard for the private feelings of many amiable individuals, your wrongs shall not pass unnoticed. I advise you to remain quietly in Ottawa till Sir John gets his rights again, as, no doubt, he will, some time after the elections.

Do not relinquish your comfortable, though, I must confess, expensive quarters at the Russell House, for there gathers the best of Ottawa male society and the celebrities of the political world. Of that society you are an ornament, of that world you are the hope; the first would be sadly uninteresting without you, and the second would be put to much trouble in seeking you in other quarters. Moreover, as their duties at the House occupy the whole of their time, it would be a serious detriment to the business of the country, if they were forced to look for you in regions new.

Curtail your expenses for curacoa, claret and weeds, to the extent of your lost salary, and remain at your postas becomes a Tomnoppy and a MAN.

Do not imagine that I shall feel it a labour to give you now, and in the future, the benefit of my knowledge of the world. I have received from your illustrious family benefits which I can never forget-benefits, the remembrance of which in the past is the brightest of the pleasures of memory, not less than the wish for their continuance is among the pleasures of hope.

Can I forget the emotion that thrilled me when your distinguished and still beautiful mother bowed to me on King street, from her carriage emblazoned with the Tomodor arms. I was, fortunately, just in front of SNP's establishment at the time, and that excellent man, and most admirable of tailors, noticed the salutation. A trilling account, to which my attention had several times been drawn, has since that time not been mentioned. On the contrary, Sair, who is anxious to get his girls into good society, has intimated his desire that I should honor him with a further order, and his worthy lady has sent me a large, highly glazed and meretricions looking card, by which I discover that she is to be at home this day fortnight. There I shall go; I shall be looked upon as a "first-class Nor." I shall immolate myself upon the alter of "Anabelly" Snip, and for some time to come shall be clothed by her excellent and credulous father.

You too, my dear fellow, have bestowed upon me attentions which are not likely to escape my memory. Do you remember how, on my last visit to Ottawa, you kindly introduced me to a number of your mild and interesting companions, intimating to them that I came of the family of Mudges, of Mudgeville, who, I

am forced to confess, utterly scout the claim?

I had previously, in their presence, at the Russell House table,

called to the waiter for tripe and onions, and, unconscious of the horror excited in their minds by the order, had aggravated the offence by afterwards filling my short, black clay pipe with the navy tobacco that my soul loves. After your friends had partaken of numerous drains of "Bass" at my expense, they were considerate enough to warn me against a repetition of the offence, and to promise that they would not mention the matter. In some future letter I may take occasion to refer to further and equally great favors from your family, and to recount my obligations to your connections.

You tell me, my dear Anorphus, that your society is much courted by political men, and ask my advice as to your deportment under their solicitations.

I should counsel you to be very cautious in forming an intimacy with any of them, for their manners, as a rule, are not such as would be becoming to your mother's son, and their occupation of brawling in public lends to their private conversation a disagreeable and disputatious tone. There are, also, but few of them against whose characters some grave accusations are not made.



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Neither is it very easy to ascertain their social standing, few being men of family, and most having acquired their seats by talent or impudence, the first quality being one considered superfluous and low by all the Tomodors, and the second, one which may cause such people, if your acquaintance is too easily made, to consider themselves—to use their vulgar phrase—just as good as yourself.

I might give you a list of those whose advances you need not

repel, and shall do so at some future time.

Till then be very cautious—know Hincks, if you choose; his family was very distinguished, and, at any rate, his title confers much distinction on the man;—know BLAES, a very decent sort of much distinction on the man;—know Blake, a very decent sort of person, indeed;—eschew George Brown lest he lacerate your susceptibilities by some breach of ctiquette;—cultivate Joseph Rymal, a man of exquisite delicacy and tact;—and patronize which of the Frenchmen you please, say Dorion, St. Just, or De Salaberry. Mackenzie, of course, you will not think of recognizing. Against this man I cannot too often warn you. No doubt, by much mixing with the world, he has acquired an address of most delightful sauvity, an accent which Colonel Gray might envy, an air of respectability to which Beaty can never hope to attain. But his escutcheon is defaced by the mallet and chisel of his youth; long escutcheon is defaced by the mallet and chisel of his youth; long use of the level has imbued him with democratic tendencies, and I, for one, can never look upon the man, without thinking that he is truly on the square.

Adieu, ADOLPHUS, it is time that I show myself on the genteel

side of King street.

You shall hear from me again, next week.

Your admirer and friend, DEMOS MUDGE.

ADOLPHUS TOMNODDY, Esq., Russell House, Ottawa.

#### THE WAIL OF THE CONSERVATIVE.

The day of my destiny's over! The days of our power are past-What then? though we've all lived in clover For years—but 'twas too good to last. But though with disasters o'ertaken, Though they think that we're going down hill, Although by false friends we're forsaken, We'll show them we've fight in us still!

It's true that we've lost some elections, Are driven they say to the wall; It's true that most sombre reflections Are roused by the thoughts of last fall.-A FALL that has ne'er had an equal The Grits say, (and they must be right!) It may yet be proved by the sequel, We're ready as they for the fight!

Then come one and all! we are ready! And fully prepared for the fray; Let our motto be "Steady boy's, steady!" Unite and we'll carry the day! But thinking on all that John A. did, My principles crumble to bits, (Though he did'nt act wrong I'm persuaded,) OH! WILY WERE THERE SUCH THINGS AS GRITS?

#### Our own Medium.

THE SHADOWS.

DEAR GRIF,—I have been paying particular attention to your Local Legislature during the past week, watching with interest the variety of character there presented to view, and the skillful manœuvering indulged in to entrap the unwary,—and in the course of my pursuit no one character so amused me as that belonging to an honorable member representing a constituency just north of your city. I soon found, on watching him, that we were old acquaint-ances, although unconciously to himseif. Many a time had I heard him, and admired his tact and volubility; whether it was at a club, at an agricultural dinner, or at a ball, it was all the same, he made the most of it, and always took care to be of the same opinion as the majority of the company that he was conversing with. Now a Tory at one time in one place; now a Liberal at another; anon a Baldwin Reformer, and then a Liberal Conservative, and yet withal, the most amusing character one could meet with. I happened to be watching him during the debate on the Address, and saw, on examining his mind that he was going to try one of his odd tricks, so I settled myself down to watch. The result quite equalled my expectations, and I have no doubt your readers, who are only familiar with one side of the picture, will be amused at seeing the other—one being his words as repeated in the daily papers,—the other, the thoughts running through his mind at the same time.

The Hon. member thinks: Well, am I to move this amendment? Why could not LAWDER do it. Hang it! I voted against the confounded Bill last year, and how am I to do the opposite now. Oh! well, never mind; I have nothing to lose, and I can make black seem white, so here goes. Honoruble gentlemen rises. Mr. Speaker:

"I charge the Government with having acted in a most strange and unconstitutional manner in connection with the Orange Bills. The Hon. member for Grenville attacked the religion to which I belong in a most malignant manner during the debate of last year.

"Iam surprised that the Government has again brought this question up, and thrown it as a bone of contention between the contending parties, and giving rise to that acrimonious feeling which it could not fail again to

do.
"The Government in rescuing these Bills had done wrong; and if allowed to do this sort of thing would be establishing a precedent which I affirm there is no-thing equal to since the days of the Stuarts.

"Such a precedent would enable the Government of the day to burke any legislation which it might seem good to the House to pass, provided that legislation were not in accordance with the views of the members of the Administration.

Government as truckling to both Roman Catholics and Orangemen. I have much pleasure, therefore, in moving the follow-

"How do you like that, friend MOWAT? Get EDWARD to come along with his constitutional law. I am afraid it would be rather hard for the Hon. gentlemen to tell what religion I do belong to, but its a good sentence anyhow.

"Confound it; there's that fellow A- in the gallery, he will go and tell Father B this; never mind, I can vote against my amendment if necessary, but I think I have that vote; I will tell them it was all buncomb. Ah! there's that Globe man in the gallery talking to him; if he does get a nomination, I only wish I was able to nip in the bud his little candidature. I wonder what they are planning? Should not wonder but what I would do the same if I had a chance, but really you know that "circumstances alter cases," and I find this a very good motto, capable of covering a mul-"I condemn the conduct of the overnment as truckling to both oman Catholics and Orangener. I have much pleasure, herefore, in moving the following address to the speech from throng and feel the same low in the gallery! I must ining address to the speech from stop. There! confound that fel-the throne, and feel the same low in the gallery! I must in-will be sustained."

The honourable gentleman ceases and retires, amidst the plaudits of the House, closely followed by the Speaker thereof, on "leave of absence." Now, dear Ganr, if, in the multitude of councillors there is wisdom, surely we ought to be the best governed people in the world, for who has been a Daily Spectator of such a gathering as your Local Legislature but feels with awe the sense of wisdom and intelligence that seems to not the community men have their faults, and party strife sometimes runs high; be it men have their faults, and party strife sometimes runs high; be it your task, Garr, to remind them in words long since spoken, "that whatever faults either party may be guilty of, they are rather inflamed than cured by those reproaches which they cast upon one another," and that so long as your representatives act on the principles of truth and honour, whatever party they may belong to, they cannot fail of being good Canadians and lovers of their country.

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