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PERSONAL.

Our Mr. George Maynard is about to pay a visit through Ontario. Such attention as he may receive will be esteemed a favor.

TWELVE MONTHS OLD.

With this number the JESTER enters upon the second year of his existence. It has required very careful nursing to enable him to brave the vicissitudes of the past year. Soon after his birth he took a severe cold with sundry fit of wheezing and shortness of breath, and for many anxious weeks it was thought his life was in danger. But, fortunately, the anxiety has, in a large measure, subsided. He is now getting strong enough to walk alone, and manages to keep his feet with tolerable firmness. Those who feel an interest in the prolongation of his career—the usefulness of which has been generally admitted—cannot do better than renew their subscriptions (\$1.25) in order to strengthen his constitution and afford him the means of entering upon a larger field of usefulness. Those who do not subscribe will confer a favor by doing so now, as it is pretty well known that the young infant is always ready to do his best towards assisting in the amusement of others. He has been vaccinated by two physicians, and the Public can rest assured that they are perfectly free from moral infection or contagion in any shape. The JESTER will continue to tread the path which has been mapped out for him, without fear, favor or affection, and it is hoped the Public will assist him in his useful mission.

PLEASE OBLIGE.

When Mr. Vennor is again afflicted by the Spirit of Prophecy he will confer a great favour upon our numerous readers and the Public generally, by locating the territory, district, city, section or township in which the prediction is to pan out. We need scarcely point out to Mr. Vennor's keen notions of accuracy, and strict sense of justice, the unfairness of selecting, say a snow-storm in Nova Scotia as a proof of his gift of divination, which common belief had supposed to have related to Toronto or Montreal. But, really, any part of the Country seems to suit our local Seer, and it is about time that this generality business assumed a more definite shape; determined not by coincidences, but by actual fulfilment within a given radius. But then you can no more restrict a Prophet in his vaticinations, when the spell is on him, than you can a Poet in his wildest moods.

HOW DO YOU ACCOUNT FOR IT?

A minister at a recent social expressed his unqualified disapproval of being brought in contact with uneducated ministers, which sentiment was heartily endorsed by his brother clergymen present. Well, gentlemen, what will you say to the fact when a student, of that same denomination, who imagined that he had a "call," was permitted to partially pass his first year with the option of coming up again, without knowing *the first principles of grammar*, and this actually happened at one of our so-called Montreal "Theological Colleges." And now that young man is on a "preaching tour." Probably when the Professor has had his house in the suburbs nicely finished (for there is no better mechanic in the country than this young "student" in his special line) he will doubtless see that this mechanical preacher gets through all right. If this is to be the mode pursued by the Theological Colleges of the future, the sooner they put on their prospectus, "Studies taken out in Trade"—the better, for then everyone will know what kind of ministry they are to expect. Our only reason for not mentioning names is out of respect for the gentleman who so ably fills the office of President, whom we are sure is in ignorance of the facts. We intend to expose shams every time, and this is one of the clearest case of shams that has come under our notice for many a day.

OUR CLERICAL DICTIONARY.

EPISCOPAL.

Bishop—A gentleman distinguished by a Quaker costume; who is erroneously supposed to be a "Lord," but isn't.

A Dean—One whose executive ability has hitherto been confined to keeping the Bishop straight.

A Canon—One of good report, but who never goes off—except to Europe on a holiday—and who has, on the whole, a pretty good time of it. A kind of "go-between" between the Dean and Bishop.

A Rector—This official's position is exceedingly difficult to define, very much depending upon the temper of his churchwardens. If he lives in a city he may be said to have a living, anyway; but if he lives in the country he soon finds there is no living to be had—according as the state of the Mission Fund may direct.

A Curate—An unfortunate individual who can only wear one pair of slippers at a time, and in whose breast the secrets of the lady members are always supposed to be confided.

A Priest—One whose church views are usually supplemented by a cassock.

A Rural Dean—One who can tell by personal observation the smallest sum on which a country clergyman can live without starving.

A Churchwarden—One who thinks the safety of the church is centred principally in himself.

A Chancellor—An officer who gives his legal opinions, gratis, and who finds that they are seldom, if ever, acted upon.

A Treasurer—One who is continually employed in trying to subtract fifteen hundred dollars from a thousand and calculating how much remains.

A Synod—Supposed to be the periodical gathering of clergy and laity for the transaction of business, but in reality a very convenient means of ascertaining the exact balance of Party.

An Executive Committee—A body of gentlemen who are supposed to assist the Treasurer in his calculations.

A Verger—Generally the most independent man in the Church, with a large family depending upon him for support. Usually an old soldier.

Printed Reports—Expensive series of publications setting forth the manner in which the deficit is arrived at.

PRESBYTERIAN.

A Moderator—One who holds extreme views on the Westminster Confession.

A Conveuer—A kind of Chairman of the Committee, who thinks it is the duty of the members to do as he wishes.

Church Courts—Labyrinths in which those holding liberal views on doctrinal subjects manage to escape public censure.

A Precentor—A person who has a large ear for music, and who is chiefly remarkable for the tenacity with which he clings to his notes.

An Elder—One who never smiles; who presides when the minister is absent, and who keeps a close eye on the collection plate.

A General Assembly—A very convenient season for blowing off the unhealthy gases which may have accumulated during the year. A complex gathering of church personages with confused notions of Church Discipline. (See *Church Discipline*.)

Church Discipline—Sundry rules for the government of the Church, which are fast becoming more honored in the breach than the observance.

METHODIST.

A Bishop—A gentleman one seldom hears of, and who exercises no authority whatever.

A Conference—A yearly gathering of parsons whose principal objects are the submission of statistics setting forth the increase in their families during the past year, and the getting of themselves photographed.

A President—One who is supposed to hear all and say nothing.

A Deacon—One who is generally selected for his business qualifications. One over whom you will have to get up pretty early to discount in the matter of making a bargain.

CONGREGATIONAL.

A Union—An Annual Meeting where everybody thinks as he likes; says what he pleases, and governs himself accordingly.

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[NOTE.—As our readers probably belong to one or other of the above denominations, it is hoped that they will exercise a proper spirit of Charity to the poor young man, whose ignorance of the true facts in relation to the above is really deplorable, and almost beyond belief. And, mark! We do not hold ourselves in *anyway* responsible for the opinions herein expressed.—ED.]

Ladies, Attention.

A tailor's wife is always boasting that her husband is a man of "vested" interests.

Proud misses toss their heads. Slaterns toss their tails. We wouldn't bet on either.

Susan B. Anthony says she won't be a clothes-horse for any man. No, we don't think she will.

The Princess Louise is a charming skater.—*Ex.* Of course she is, all Princesses are charming.

Evening dresses are made "short."—*Ex.* This arrangement will suit the married brokers to a T.

Women's pedestrian clubs have become common.—*Ex.* Then it will need fast men to keep up with them.

When a woman holds the mirror up to Nature, no other woman on earth can persuade her that she is not good looking.

London thieves cut off the hair of young ladies who look in show windows.—*English paper.* Not even *pau* locks are safe.

Clara Louise Kellogg is passionately fond of pig's feet and ham sandwiches.—*Ex.* In fact, her greatest successes have been made at Cincinnati.

Light velvet sacques with steel buttons are all the rage. Now every lady will want her husband to give her the sacque. And yet people talk of the decline of divorces.

Mr. Casino, who lives on Tenth Street, has a wife who weighs 250 pounds. He says he holds "big Cas.no" about as often as any man he knows.—*St. Louis Spirit.* A regular "sweep," eh?

A woman was fined \$5 in Indiana for eaves-dropping.—*Ex.* There are no end of cases of eaves-dropping in Montreal every day, and those lazy husbands are never fined a cent. No. Justice is not even-handed.

The girls are rapidly coming to the front in Maine. Six thousand are teaching in the public schools of that State.—*Ex.* Now old maids take comfort in the thought that the Maine idea does not always point to matrimony.

Here and There.

Talmage's Church is now called the Brooklyn Jahbernacle.

"Hard lines"—When your pet joke is credited to somebody else.

"Calves head and brain sauce" is the Monday attraction at one of our fashionable seminaries.

Mr. T. C. Patteson, formerly of the *Mail*, was always supposed to be a man of letters. Now we are sure of it.

The reason why asses have great ears for music is that each animal has a whole Pan-dis-harmonicon in his lungs.

The conscientious Editor never could see any merit in the use of scissors, and it is a sheer impossibility to convince him.

Cayenne pepper is more popular at our boarding-house than it used to be. The boarders, however, do not regard it as a seasonable joke.

A lady upon being asked how she was dressed at the opening of Parliament, replied, "Low—and behold!" And she was not a prude either.

A young wit told Diogones that it was a woman's mission to make fools of men. "How vexed they must be," replied the philosopher, "to find how often Nature has forestalled them."

It is just about this time that the Government clerks in Ottawa are chattel-mortgaging their razors and hair-brushes in favour of the haberdasher from whom they procure their white ties and kids.

The Rome *Sentinel* can always be found at his post. He is never off duty, and is continually going the rounds. His counter-sign is \$2 a year in advance. That's why he's made so much headway.

The effect of music upon the brute world is a topic of frequent illustration. Orpheus could make the beasts of the field eager listeners, but it seems rats and mice cannot endure the scraping of a fiddle. Why? Because the instrument is strung with catgut.

NEWS FOR THE CORNWALL "REPORTER."

The Cornwall *Reporter* will be glad to know that we have occasionally sermons in Gaelic preached in Montreal. We do not know whether the students of McGill or of the Presbyterian Colleges are invited or not, but if they are not they ought to be. The Cornwall *Reporter* has certainly missed a great treat.

ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY.

The St. George's Society is still doing good service, through the unremitting aid of the comparative few, who are always to be relied upon in good works. If those who compose the list of membership, however, were brought into closer contact with each other, there would be a larger field open, on the joint stock principle. But as it is, most of the good that is being accomplished, seems to be done on the limited liability basis—a system which is always fraught with risk and uncertainty. There is nothing like efficient and hearty co-operation to make benevolent institutions self-sustaining.

OBITUARY POETRY.

"Dearest Freddie thou hast left us,
Left us here thy loss to mourn;
But we know that thou art happy,
In that home, sweet home, above."

—*Witness, Feb. 15th*

We had always supposed that Mr. Childs, of Philadelphia fame, was the champion obituary Poet of the present century; but we were mistaken, and we now accord the palm to the gifted author of the above touching lines. Ah, "Freddie," you didn't know, poor child, the great obligation you conferred upon Canada when by thy untimely end thou had'st unconsciously given to thy country a poetic peer, compared with whom Mr. Childs' fame dwindles down to the flickering rays of a tallow candle.

OWED TO THE INVETERATE PROFESSORS.

The man who murders language
To make a wretched pun,
And interrupts discussion
With questionable fun;
Who mercilessly slaughters
By colloquial attack,
And runs his donkey engine
From A to Z and back:—
That man should be transported
To lands where he could rob
Vocabularies endless;—
The wilds of the *Pun-jaub*.

Around Town.

Mooney is a first rate name for an Alderman.

Wanted to know—When a man asks you "if there is anything new?"—does it ever strike you that there is?

"Bolts and Bars do not a prison make"—certainly not in the police cell of the Court House. In fact, it has become quite a popular means of escape of late.

The Board of Health is getting very sick. Would it not be well to give the members a change of air and elect another Board, and insist that every member should be vaccinated?

QUERY.—If it be true, according to classic lore, that the ass of Silenus, by his own proper sounds, routed a whole army of giants, what may not a volunteer band composed of the same kind of animal do on the next twelfth of July?

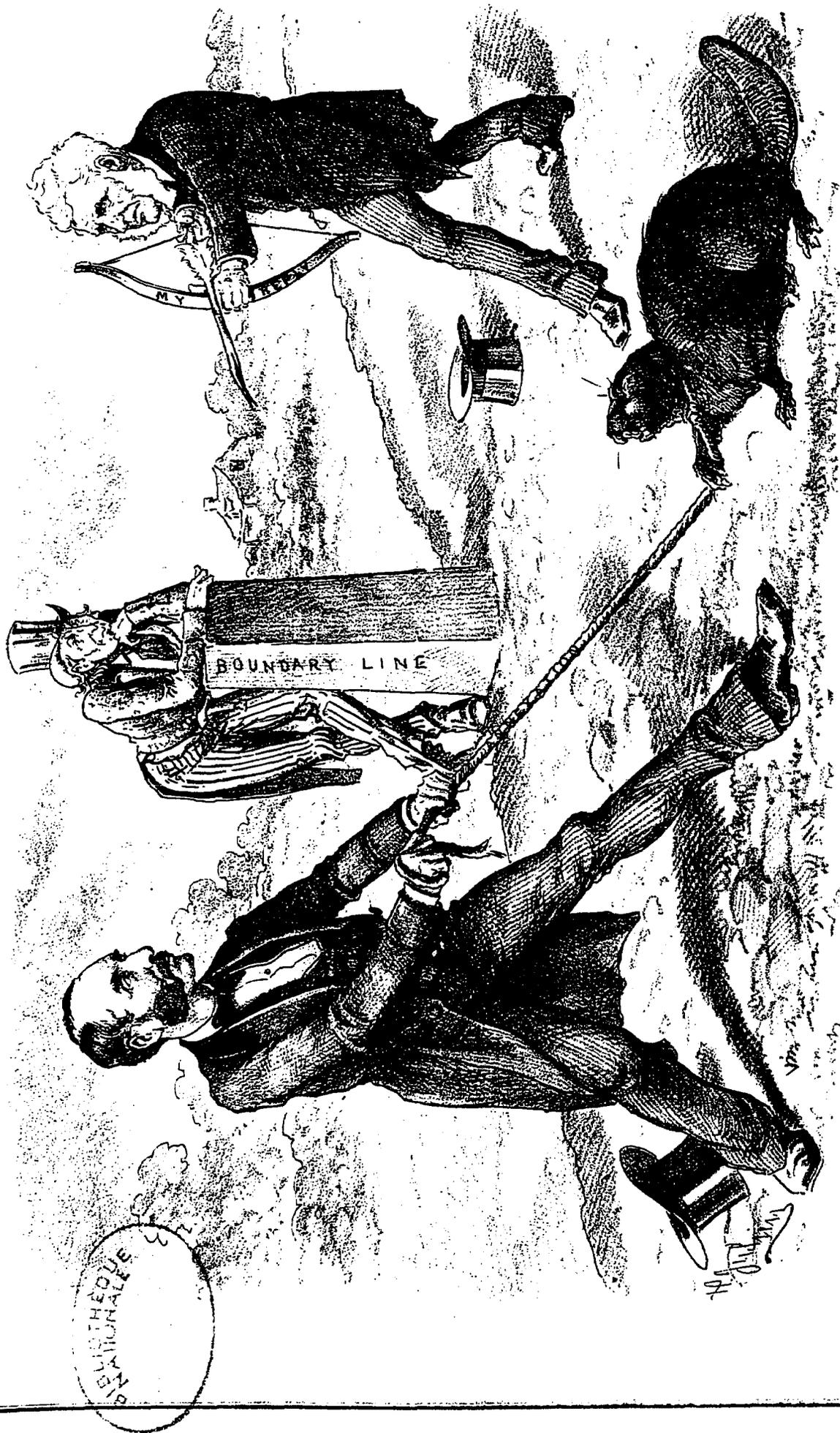
The *Gazette* published a notice of a marriage at Guyon, P. Q., where the parson, the bride and the bridegroom's names are Smith. Quite a Smithsonian study so to speak. Let us hope the newly married pair will turn out good white Smiths.

There should be at least *one* qualification which the Chairman of the Harbour Commission should possess, and the Federal Government should see that he possesses it: He must be rich enough to pay for those occasional trips down the river, out of his own pocket.

Of the two evils, we decidedly prefer Alderman Donovan to James McShane, jr. You always know where to find Mr. Donovan, but as for James, junior, we have never yet been able to say whether he is an Orange-man or Catholic. Come back, Peter, by all means.

The *Graphic* Company's stock is looking up. Glad to hear it. And now they want those reporters to give up their shares. If Mr. E. A. Prentice has any measure of generosity, and, we think he has, he will strenuously oppose any attempt of this kind. There is no knowing, as times go, when he may want those reporters again.

Mr. Grant, who was formerly connected with the Board of Health, and who has now gone into business as a "Theoretical and Practical Sanitarian," is of opinion that the man who knows how to construct a drain as a means of preventing a drain on the pocket is a type of shrewdness not often found in this much afflicted city. Any way "he hasn't a tile o' it," and his head may be said to be perfectly level, judged from any elevation you may choose to view it from.



THE OXFORD PROFESSOR IN HIS LAST ROLE.

UNCLE SAM.—It's kinder smart ov yer, Neighbour, ter take so much trouble on my account—but I reckon there's no hurry.

SIR FRANCIS HINCKS.—Drop that, Mister, none of your tricks here.