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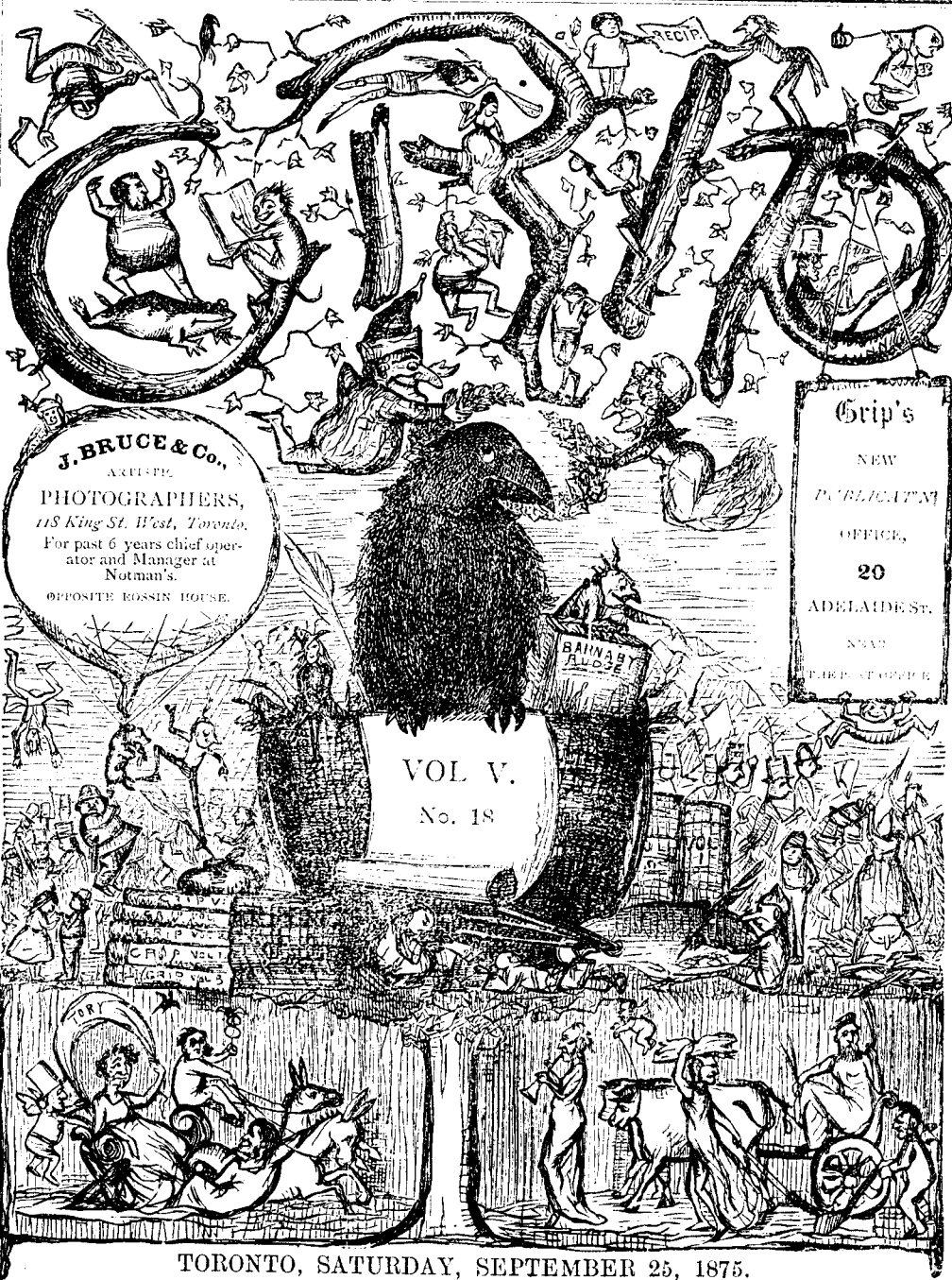
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TORONTO, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1875.

Songs of Scotland.

KENNEDY, each night next week, in the Music Hall,
Taks ye hame in Scotch song for an hour or twa.

Answers to Legal Correspondents.

Law Student.—You are quite right: the author of "Beavans' Reports" in 29 volumes, now holds a position in the office of the Clerk of Records and Writs.

Solicitor.—We think the counsel who settled the Bill of Complaint of your clients, the Building Society, and ended it with—"And the plaintiff will ever prey"—is clearly open to an action for libel.

Hard Reader.—"I want something that will combine good solid reading with a little judicious nonsense: something that will really take the understanding with something that can be recognized at once as folly pure and simple." The only book we can think of as likely to answer your purpose is EDGAR'S Insolvency Act—we have not read it, but a general knowledge of Canadian legislation and of some current poetry, leads us to believe that the text of the act and the laureate's notes will be just about the combination you want.

Scintilla Juris.—No, the melancholy lecturer referred to in the *World*, as giving the idea from the impressive sadness of his delivery, that he gained his knowledge of the law by incurring its penalties was not the author of the Canadian *Blackstone*.

Assyrian M. S. S. No. 3.

1. Now the sweet TUBBERCERRY having consented to be mine, and having named the day, the blissful day when I should buy the ring, and we twain should become one, and live happy for ever after, as is the manner of those thus spiced, we went out, hand in hand, into the streets of the fair city of *Scarawatch* to look for a house, in the which to enshrine ourselves, our felicities, fixings, and possibilities.

2. And we had with us an honest man, hight SKEENEFLYNT, who builded and speculated in houses in conjunction with one RAMSHACKELECH, both ornaments of their local community, and embodiments of all the virtues, and patriotisms.

3. And behold, the array of beautiful, costly, and cosy dwelling-places scattered about in rich profusion, and presenting an inefable mingling of the utilities and graces to which SKEENEFLYNT trotted us round that day, shall abide with us so long as memory holds its seat in this distracted and variegated existence. The rents, too, which this good personage and his ally RAMSHACKELECH had put upon these fascinating domiciles were in a concatenation with their numerous and abounding attractions and conveniences.

4. With a nobly philanthropic disregard to himself, SKEENEFLYNT, in fact, asked (for the present) only as much as would bring him in 40 or 50 per cent. on his outlay.

5. Lo! the wells were sunk in the sandy soil to the extreme depth of at least four feet, by which the water enjoyed a delicate *soupcou* of the subterranean percolations from the adjoining *what-do-ye-call-it* conveniently placed three yards off.

6. The *what-do-ye-call-ems*, the summer kitchens, the fuel-sheds, and other out-houses of these homes for the people—the creation of which was in RAMSHACKELECH'S department, had all been got up by him, regardless of expense, and in the style of harmony and elegance for which he has long been conspicuous. As regards relative situation and arrangement, my Tubbercurry delightedly exclaimed that they looked as though they had all been thrown up a mile or two in the air, whence they had tumbled in pleasing natural *abandon*, like rocket-sticks after a grand pyrotechnic eruption.

7. They were constructed of the best clear pine, planed, rabbeted, tongued, grooved and painted, a soft green, being the predominant colour. Some of them had trellis work, and pretty creepers. The ornamental appearance these tasteful timbered appendages presented from the back windows of the various houses must be seen to be realized.

8. I said to SKEENEFLYNT:—"Verily these good citizens of *Scarawatch* seem to be brought up under the refining influences of the aesthetic and elevating," whereat SKEENEFLYNT slapped his pocket, and responded, "Right you are, sir!"

9. The fences and palings of the yards and gardens were, if possible, sounder, neater, and more ornamental than the outhouses.

10. We had scarcely entered the basement portion of a seven-roomed 400 house when TUBBERCERRY sat down and wept. To my tender inquiry she responded, "My feelings overpower me." "As how?" I asked. "Because," said she, "of the realization in this chamber of my life-long dreams of all which is attractive and desirable. Oh! my CARMONIECH! it is too much! Let us ascend unto the upper chambers!"

11. We ascended and went into the kitchen, when my soul's idol was again overcome by her sensations. So I hurried her into the parlors, and thence into the bedrooms, all of which were bright, roomy, convenient, and lofty. Indeed I think I do not exaggerate when I say that two of them—as well as they could be seen through the excess of light—were no less than twelve feet square, and eight or nine feet high. SKEENEFLYNT next showed me the sink-traps which held fully a cubic inch of water, while the syphons were, I dare say, quite an inch in the bend. They had been put up, he said, by RAMSHACKELECH, who was noted for his skill and trustworthiness in that and all other details of house-construction.

12. We were much pleased with the arrangements for ventilation. These were on a plan specially SKEENEFLYNT'S own, and consisted of a key-hole in the locks, and a narrow space between the doors and the floor. "You see," said SKEENEFLYNT, "I give no sanction to the current medical and popular notion that the carbonic acid vapor we exhale in breathing flies upwards,—an idea which entails expense in window ropes and pullies. It goes downward, you may depend upon it. Any way, that's the cardinal principle which regulates the construction of my edifices."

13. After several days' delightful round, I returned to my hotel, convinced that the task of deciding between so many and varied temptations and excellencies would be long and arduous. I am still there, so is TUBBERCERRY. We have been married about 35 years, and have occasionally ran round on house-hunting expeditions. But, every morning, during this period, has found us undecided between the relative merits and attractions of half a hundred neat white brick desirable Gothics, and as many delicious, snug, stucco, Palladians. SKEENEFLYNT and RAMSHACKALETH sleep the sleep of the just with their fathers in the SCARAWATCH Cemetery under marble mausoleums, among the innumerable earlier dead, of those who rented their comfortable and commodious tenements. But those who want houses will find their successors carrying on the old-business on the old cardinal principles.

T. P. F.

When loafers congregate upon the street,
To swear, and spit, and harass passers by,
Be sure policemen are not on their beat,
For when they're wanted, they are never nigh.

Time was when in Toronto's quiet ways,
The peaceful citizen might homeward go,
Un-BURKED, unharmed, safe-guarded nights or days,
By T. P. F's,—But Prince then ran the show.

The Supreme Court.

Richard's himself again, says C. J. RICHARDS.

Humanum est errare, peals C. J. DRAPER.

Equity follows the law, says the CHANCELLOR.

Expressio unius est exclusio alterius, says C. J. HAGARTY.

Frater fratri uterino non succedet in hereditate paterna, says V. C. BLAKE.

Leges posteriores priores contrarias abrogant, says JUDGE GWYNNE.

Malitia supplet actatem, says JUDGE WILSON.

Potior est conditio possidentis, says JUDGE MORRISON.

Non jus sed seisinam facit stipitem, says MOSS, Q. C.

Vigilantibus non dormientibus jura subveniunt, says Grip, Amicus Curia.

Utile per inutile non vitiatur, says JUSTICE STRONG.

McDougall to Brown.

G. B., G. B., beware of the day

When MCDUGALL shall meet thee in battle array,

I've a little account, and my name it is BILL,

And until I am settled, I'll not have my fill.

But when the day comes; you have warning in time!

(I am putting my letters to MOWAT in rhyme)

I am running a-muck on my political bicycle,

So no more at present from yours truly—the ICICLE.

It has often been a mystery to GRIP how this big trout fishing was done. The *Aylmer Paper* comes to his relief with the following:—

GOOD SPORT.—One day this week Mr. A. C. BROWN and Mr. J. FITZSIMONS, caught in ZAVIT'S pond sixty-five trout. The first gentleman hooked thirty-four and the latter twenty-six. In each basket were some beauties that made our mouth water to look at.

By which it will be seen that the number caught was sixty-five. When we deduct from this the number "hooked" by each of the gentlemen it reduces the actual catch to five.



CANADIAN POLITICS: A PICTURE FOR THE "PARTIES."

Why Atlas Holds the World.

In ancient days, when Jove the Mighty reigned,
 HERCULES the world upon his back sustained.
 For years he bore the burden up with ease,
 But then, becoming shaky in the knees,
 His aching shoulders bent beneath the sphere.
 He looked for needful aid both far and near,
 But all in vain, until one lucky night,
 Stout ATLAS, in the distance, hove in sight.
 "Halloo!" cried HERCULES, (the cunning codge
 Not wishing to expose his little dodge,
 "You are the very chap I looked to see!
 I wish you would a service do for me;
 But you will let me first enquire, perhaps,
 How's Mrs. A. and all the little 'Maps?'"
 "First rate," cried ATLAS, very pleased to hear
 Such interest taken in his family dear.
 "But what's this favor that you want, old man,
 I promise you I'll grant it if I can."
 "Well, then," said HERCULES, "since you're so kind,
 Just step this way a bit if you don't mind;
 I wish you'd hold the ball up for a wink
 While I step down the street and get a drink;
 I feel so very warm, and p'raps the heat
 Will justify us if I stand a treat;
 Besides the hefty thing is slipping down,
 And if I let go, woe betide my crown!
 I'll spit upon my hands, for when they're moist
 'Twill easier be to get a firmer hoist."
 Good natured ATLAS, ever glad to please,
 Advanced right readily and bent his knees;
 He braced his muscles firmly, set his teeth,
 And HERCULES slept out from underneath.
 "Good bye," said he, "I hope you'll like your load,"
 And leisurely departed down the road.
 "But aren't you coming back?" poor ATLAS cried,
 "Not if I know it!" HERCULES replied.

NEW MUSIC.—"I'm not myself at all" by HON. ALEX. MACKENZIE, with variations by HON. GEORGE BROWN and HON. E. BLAKE.

Hard Lines.

Oh! GRIP, now poorly on his bed
 Your RICHARD, he doth doleful lie;
 Damp is his nose, and stuffed his head,
 And water trickles from his eye.
 Moreover every one the same
 Or nearly so, he's told, is found,—
 In fact some sort of "what's-its-name,"
 So people say, is "going round"—
 And doth upon its victims steal
 And makes them quite all-overish feel.

He has a tickling kind of teasing,
 Which brings on many a snort and sniff—
 He bursts out in incessant sneezing,
 Taboo'd is his tobacco whiff—
 And in its stead there's horehound-tea,
 Cayenne, and vinegar and gruel,
 And other things all said to be
 Correct as heat-providing fuel!
 But not a drop, alas! of sweat
 These sudorifics bring him yet!

Wet feet? the weather? or in draught
 Cooling too rapidly when hot?
 Cold water, when perspiring, quaffed?
 Or atmospheric change? or what
 Of ailment's incident beside
 Has brought on this unpleasant touch—
 He speculates, but can't decide,
 And truly it don't matter much;
 The real thing is to know, you see,
 Not how it came, but when 'twill flee.

Our old-school doctors are so slow,
 He went to Dr. BROWN, of King—
 The great free-trader medico,
 To do for him the proper thing,
 But B. must surely be a quack;
 And did not right his ailments probe;
 He merely thumped him on the back
 "Go north"—says he, "and read the *Globe*!
 Muskoka, and the *Globe* together,
 Will keep you sound in every weather!"

Croaks and Pecks.

CHISHOLM'S PROGRESS.—From Peel to appeal.

CLOSING THE PARK QUESTION.—Alderman *Close's* report.

MUCH NEEDED.—The *Mail Co.* has imported a filter for its editorials.

MR. CROOKS is much more calm in spirit. He says GUTHBORD is the only one out now.

WOULDN'T it be correct to call Oxford, CROOKS-ford, for he waded through it into Parliament?

LEGAL QUESTION.—The Chancellor's seat is the wool-sack; is the Vice-Chancellor's to be moss?

ARCHBISHOP LYNCH says there is a higher law than that of the State. He means, it is supposed, Lynch law.

NOËTITUR A SOCIIS.—The *Globe* never so thoroughly revealed itself as when it took up the cause of the quacks.

ARE Sheriff MCKELLAR'S late constituents afraid to trust him in Wentworth when they set a watch on him? (Patent lever.)

BARBER-OUS.—Disqualifying BARBER for promising to feed ROBINS. The society for the protection of insectivorous birds should attend to this.

The demoralizing atmosphere of Parliament must be very great when a bench of judges agree to accept the word of MRS. ROBINS rather than that of an M. P. and an M. P. P.

DAM-AGED TORCHES.—The torches used in the CROOKS' procession were hooked from Ald. FARLEY'S old ladder concern, so Ald. STEWARD says. Was it the ladder they went to Port Huron to see? And did they require torches to see it? Was it one or two?

MR. MAYOR MEDCALF is exhibiting to wondering thousands in Toronto the scarlet robe in which he arrayed himself at the Guildhall dinner. It is not true that he made an exhibition of himself in London.

EXPURGATORIAL.—It is said that the Revising Committee of the Council of Public Instruction have placed DR. RYERSON'S books of Chemistry and Morals and DR. HODGINS' Geography in the Index Ex. Hence some tears.

THE ETERNAL HARMONY OF THINGS.—A much esteemed friend of ours, liberal in most things but decidedly ultramontane in his religious principles, speaking of this miserable GUTHBORD case, says that "the wretch died an infidel, and that it is only fit and appropriate that his friends should employ a doubter (DOUTRE?) to defend his memory."

The MAYOR of Toronto was much pleased with the compliments showered on his magnificent scarlet robe by his French brethren at the Lord Mayor's feast. They, according to MR. VANCE'S translation, termed it a great success, in fact "the robe of the night." The exact words used were *robe de nuit*.

"OUTRUNNING THE CONSTABLE."—The good Grits in Hamilton are feeling the times very hard just now; but instead of trying to outrun the constable, they have all been endeavoring to get into the Sheriff's office. ARCHIE has, however, taken the canoe couch and card table up there, and encased them all, being in possession. Hamilton isn't "WILLIAM'S, sure pop," these times.

THURLOW WEED, the veteran journalist, writing to the *N. Y. Herald*, says he can tell just how the Masons fixed Morgan. Go ahead, THURLOW; WEED like to know all about it. As to Masonic Lodges we thought them Morganized for charitable purposes, but if not—then we hope to see all Thur-low designs "exposed."

It is rumored that in order to reconcile conflicting claims, Brother H—DG—NS is to be appointed Chaplain and Assistant Speaker.—He is to take the chair when the chivalric W—LLS has played his little game in the speaker's room, and holds a good hand. The division bill is not to apply to these parties, and the Chaplain is to be sworn to make no unpleasant references.

"GRAMMAR vs. GALLANTRY.—When a certain chancellor, of some renown, wrote "*Ego et rex meus*" he proved himself, as every school boy knows, a good grammarian but a bad courtier; when one of our learned Vice-Chancellors mutilates an ancient proverb and says "*nemo repente fuit turpissima*" merely because he is speaking of a lady, he may be a good courtier, but he is certainly a bad grammarian.

CONFUSION WORSE CONFOUNDED.—The Rev. CASUAL ADVANTAGES having exhausted the patience of the Editors of the *Leader* and *Mail* has finished his course. The devoted heads of GOLDWIN SMITH and Dr. WILSON were not sufficient for his deadly purposes, so he divided his numerous letters into numerous heads; but, notwithstanding this division, notwithstanding this multiplication, he doubled on postscripts. The very first letter floored us; the effect of all the letters, on any rash reader, must have been fearful. If the Rev. CASUAL would now sit down, condense himself, and tell us what the row is all about, we promise to adjudicate impartially.



LACHINE
CANAL ENLARGEMENT.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed Tenders addressed to the Secretary of Public Works, and endorsed "Tender for the Lachine Canal," will be received at this office until the arrival of the Eastern and Western mails on **THURSDAY THE SIXTEENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER NEXT**, for the enlargement of this canal, consisting of the widening and deepening of the channel from near the new basin east of Wellington Street bridge, upwards to the river St. Lawrence and Lachine, embracing the construction of new locks at St. Gabriel and Cote St. Paul, also the taking down and rebuilding the upper portions of the present locks at these places; building regulating weirs, culverts, bridge piers; the construction of a new entrance lock at Lachine, and the formation of a channel and basin on the south or river side of the existing entrance.

The works will be let in sections of the respective lengths indicated on a map of the line which, together with plans and specification of the various works, can be seen at this office, and at the Lachine Canal Office, Montreal, on and after **FRIDAY, THE THIRTIEN DAY OF SEPTEMBER NEXT**, at either of which places Printed forms of Tender can be obtained.

Contractors are requested to bear in mind that Tenders will not be considered unless made strictly in accordance with the printed forms, and—in the case of firms—except there are attached the actual signatures, the nature of the occupation and place of residence of each member of the same; and further, an accepted bank cheque, or other available security, for the sum of from *one to three thousand dollars*, according to the extent of work on the section, must accompany each Tender, which shall be forfeited if the party tendering declines or fails to enter into contract for the work, when called upon to do so at the rates stated in the offer submitted.

The amount required in each case will be stated on the form of Tender.

The cheque or money thus sent in, will be returned to the respective parties whose Tenders are not accepted.

For the due fulfilment of the contract, satisfactory security will be required on real estate, or by deposit of money, public or municipal securities, or bank stocks, to the amount of five per cent on the full sum of the contract, of which the sum sent in with the Tender will be considered a part.

Ninety per cent only of the progress estimates will be paid until the completion of the works.

To each Tender must be attached the actual signatures of two responsible and solvent persons, residents of the Dominion, willing to become sureties for the carrying out of these conditions as well as the due performance of works embraced in the contract.

This Department does not, however, bind itself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

By Order,

F. BRAUN,

Department of Public Works, Secretary.
Ottawa, 6th August, 1875.



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The letting of the works for the enlargement of the Lachine Canal, advertised to take place on the **SIXTEENTH DAY OF SEPT. NEXT**, is unavoidably postponed to the following dates:—

WEDNESDAY, the 29th day of SEPTEMBER next.

The plans and specifications will be ready for examination (at the places previously mentioned) on **Thursday, the Sixteenth day of September next.**

By order,

F. BRAUN,

Department of Public Works, Secretary,
Ottawa, 18th August, 1875.

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