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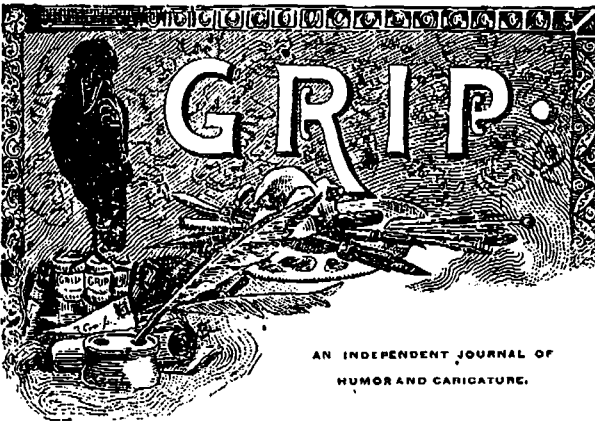


### THE DOUBLE PERSONALITY.

Dr Protestant Jekyll would have been a most acceptable President for the New Alliance if it had not been for Mr. Politician Hyde.

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**Comments on the Cartoon.**



**THE VATICAN TANDEM.**—The great Winter Carnival is at the height of its glory while this number of GRIP is issuing from the press, but we hope our suggestion for a turn-out in the "Fancy Drive" may not be too late to be acted upon. It is not unlikely that the four distinguished personages who form the "team" in our design may be in Montreal at the moment—nearly everybody who is anybody is there, you know—and if so, with the assistance of a curé of sufficient avoirdupois, the idea may be literally realized. But if these recognized leaders of the two parties are not personally procurable, then any other prominent politicians picked up at random out of both parties will answer just

as well for purposes of public instruction. The tableau, we venture to say, will be the truest and the most instructive thing in the whole procession, and if it sets the assembled thousands thinking, and from thinking to acting, it will be worth all the other features of the Carnival put together. The bystanders will gather from it the idea that the Roman Catholic Church claims and exercises a political power in this country which make the leaders of both parties look very small. Then they will go on to wonder why the Roman Catholic Church should do this any more than the Methodist Church, when the proper work of both is simply to show poor sinners the way of salvation. This may lead to the reflection that Church and State should be kept strictly separate, the former confining its attention to the souls of the people, and the latter to their bodies and estates; an arrangement under which each man could go to heaven in his own particular way, while all, as citizens, would enjoy precisely the same rights and liberties before the law. Having reached this sound conclusion, the next step would be to convey to the

minds of political leaders the necessity of acting upon it; of determining resolutely to know nothing of any man hereafter as a churchman, be he Catholic or Protestant; to know nothing of any voluntary organization of citizens whether called churches, synagogues or sessions; to deal only with the people of Canada in their one capacity of citizens. Who can measure the good our tableau would do if it set people thinking along this line?

**THE DOUBLE PERSONALITY.**—At the meeting called to organize the Dominion Evangelical Alliance in this city, on Monday evening, 28th ult., some discussion arose upon the advisability of permitting the name of Hon. Oliver Mowat to stand as President. The special object of the organization is to defend the civil rights of the people of Canada against the encroachments of the Church of Rome, and it was pointed out that Mr. Mowat, however sound his views may be on civil liberty, is a party leader, and must be swayed in his conduct to some extent by party considerations. It amounted to saying that Mr. Mowat is another instance of Jekyll and Hyde. In *propria persona* he is a most excellent, learned, wise and well-meaning gentleman, but the decoction which he swallowed on entering the political arena has developed another personality in him, which exults in the pulling of wires for the "Catholic vote," and in all the other "ways that are dark" of the average politician.



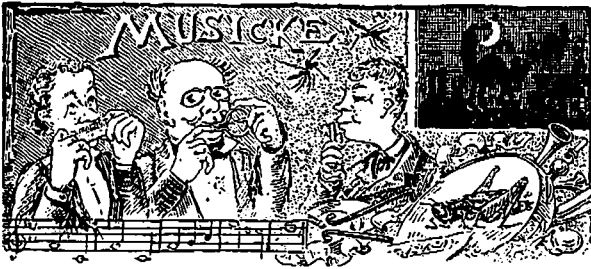
ARE informed that the difficulty which has arisen in the new Evangelical Alliance over the appointment of Hon. Oliver Mowat to the Presidency, is to be solved by making the appointment a double-headed one, and electing Mr. Meredith as co-President. This is altogether a happy thought. It is to be presumed that the leader of the Opposition is just as sound on the question of protecting the civil rights of the people as the leader of the Government, and it is only fair that he should be enabled to stand before the world in that regard on an equal footing with his political opponent. We would be very sorry, indeed, to suppose that there are in this Province, at least, many Roman Catholics who do not heartily sympathize with the object of the new organization—which is to see that all citizens get full justice, and that none get special favors. Do Roman Catholics demand more for themselves than they are willing to grant to others?

ISN'T it queer what pranks Dame Rumor can play with a man's character? It isn't necessary that the old and ill-tongued lady should have any facts to go upon—she can manage out of nothing to weave a reputation for an individual the very opposite of that which truly fits him. We are led to these serious reflections by something which caught our eye in the *Evening Telegram* the other day. It read as follows:

Harry Piper's feelings have been lacerated at the reports of the Zoo cases in the Master-in-Ordinary's Court, claiming that he has been represented as a user of slang phrases, an aspersion which he was anxious to refute. He said the very school-children had been reading the reports, and were pointing him out on the street as a man who used slang. He wanted the Master's protection.

**TRUTH v. TAFFY.**

**CYNIC**—"Shut the door."  
(*Good-natured friend shuts it, and, not being thanked, says*)—"I'm a gentleman."  
**CYNIC**—"I didn't say so."  
**G.N.F.**—"I wouldn't have believed you if you had."  
**CYNIC**—"Then your unbelief would have done credit to your judgment."



Mendelssohn, and others, was usurped by such names as Root, Perkins, (the Lord bless him), Bradbury, Emerson & Co.!

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THE limited seating capacity of our local concert halls, and the enormous prices charged for admission to the concerts of such artists as Patti and Albani, practically exclude the poorer classes from the benefits to be derived from a frequent hearing of a higher class of music, and its refining influence generally. It was my good fortune, in 1882, to be one of an audience of twelve thousand who assembled to do honor to Adelina Patti in the Mechanics' Exhibition Building, Boston, when she appeared in Gounod's *Faust*, and captured, as her share of the proceeds, over \$12,000. A careful estimate of the number of notes allotted to the role of "Marguerite," in this greatest of Gounod's works, reveals the fact that every time this charming little martyr to the cause of music opened her larynx and emitted a chirp, she enriched herself to the extent of a five-dollar greenback. Her receipts for this performance are said to have exceeded those of any previous one concert anywhere—the nearest approach to this figure having been reached in Paris, some years previously, when she was paid 50,000 francs for a single operatic performance in the Grand Opera. And yet, in the face of such a martyrdom to the cause, there are some unkind spirits still at large who dare to give utterance to a feeble protest against the inconsistency of the "star" system and its pernicious effect upon music as an art.

STIMMGABEL.

REFLECTIONS.

THE witty things we read in the papers are not things that have been said in actual conversation, but things that might have been said.

A certain Toronto firm has adopted this as its motto:—"He who pays quickly pays twice." That may do well enough for the firm, but how about its patrons? It is probable that the credit system is popular with them.

The Austrian government has issued a decree that all its soldiers must be armed with Mannlicher guns. This seems appropriate enough, but Austrian statesmen are short-sighted. What will they do if the "Woman's Rights" movement proves successful among neighboring nations?

Original antiquarian and philological researches have led me to believe that the Egyptian hieroglyphics were evolved from charades, and experience has convinced me that the usefulness of the latter ceased immediately after the evolution. If the extant works of hieroglyphic humorists are to be taken as picturing the wit of antique times, charades might have seemed entertaining to people who enjoyed seeing the silhouette of a mummified Pharaoh, represented as standing on the necks of a dozen men at the same time, and brandishing a spear that looked like a modern potato-pounder topped off with the Lieutenant-Governor's official hat; but their day has most emphatically passed away. I have played charades at different times, but never before made any remarks about them, although I have frequently felt terribly sarcastic.

P. Kus.

THE proverb, "Think twice before you speak," needs to be remodeled. If everybody thought twice before expressing opinions on the ordinary social topics, a great deal of time would be wasted. The rule with many evidently is, speak twice before you think.

MY DEAR GRIP,—In such an enterprising and ambitious musical centre as Toronto, what can be more in order for your pages than a weekly epitome of musical happenings, recording the various schemes, motives, aims, triumphs and disappointments of our resident disciples of the immortal Pan; and what can be more productive of good in the interests of the "divine art," and the public which loves it, than a careful record of what is being done elsewhere to further the cause, thus acting as a gentle prod to our local musical luminaries, to persevere in their well-doing, and thereby keep up with the procession in this age of artistic progress?

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IN this connection comes the intelligence of the receipt, by the recognized "father of music" in Toronto, Mr. F. H. Torrington, of advices from the secretary of the Society of Letters, Art and Science, London, England, informing him that the gold medal of the Society has been presented to him, in recognition of the great services rendered the cause of practical music through his labors in our midst.

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WHILE congratulating Mr. Torrington, Toronto has a right to feel somewhat flattered herself, for in thus recognizing the work done by our worthy "Kapellmeister," the Society of L., A. and S. indirectly acknowledges us as being a musical community, for without the hearty co-operation and assistance of the citizens of Toronto, even the indomitable energy and pluck of Mr. Torrington would have availed but little. That the musical future of the city is assured is evident, from the fact that, through his own personal magnetism, he has rallied round the standard of further progress a number of young men, all native Canadians, and fresh from the traditions and memories of the great European musical centres, who are as enthusiastic and earnest in their purpose of further developing the musical taste of the city, as was Mr. Torrington when he landed in what was then a howling wilderness, musically speaking, and began his labors as a missionary in the cause of his beloved art, some sixteen years ago.

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IT is but a few years since the musical taste of Toronto found its highest utterances in such classic (?) works as



"Queen Esther," and the like, and when the place now occupied upon our concert programmes by Handel,

## MY ROOM-MATE'S CLOCK.



Y DEAR GRIP :—For harrowing eccentricities and idiotic idiosyncracies I claim that nothing was ever invented, created or evolved, that would bear comparison with my room-mate's alarm clock. I am accustomed to smile as sarcastically as a bucksaw

whenever I look at it. My acquaintance with it began about three months ago and since then its conduct and intentions have been my continual study. At first it seemed to be a well-regulated and thoroughly reliable time-piece, but before long it began to show signs of insanity. For a few mornings, without the slightest regard for my feelings, it went off at the hour appointed by its owner, and after the manner of its kind, showed itself to be "No respecter of persons." The first time it exhibited decided symptoms of mental weakness was about two months ago, when, without any apparent motive, it gained two hours in one night, and had me as wide-awake as the bull's-eye of a through express before the roosters had begun their morning services.

My room-mate having intimated to it, through its regulator, that such conduct was not approved of, it lost two hours next night and let us lie abed until after breakfast, so that our kind boarding-house mistress had to feed us on cold potatoes and scraps of gristle which we washed down with a semi-purplish fluid obtained by pouring hot bay water on over-worked tea-leaves. Being again remonstrated with it continued to tick along as diligently as if it had to keep time for the solar system, while the hands remained as stationary as those painted on a watchmaker's sign-board. During this last phase of its conduct the alarm continually went off with startling vehemence at highly irregular hours.

Then it was dissected by its possessor and put together again in such a way that it now hasn't sufficient energy to keep moving for more than a few seconds at a time. I would be satisfied with this state of affairs if my amiable bed-fellow would leave the execrable thing alone; but this he refuses to do. Every night, as regularly as if it were part of his devotions he sets off the alarm and then winds it up again; for he claims to be sanguine enough to think that the clock may yet come to itself and do its duty as it did in the past; but I hope that repeated disappointments will teach him to leave it alone. Sometimes, I think he sets off the alarm for no other purpose than that of startling me into a fit of variegated profanity.

I know I shouldn't expose my troubles to the world in this fashion, but having done it I feel that a vote of thanks is due to me for having refrained from comparing the peculiarities of my room-mate's clock with those of the famous timepiece that belonged to my late grandfather.

Yours Respectfully, P. Kus.

## AN INCIPIENT ECONOMIST.

"WHAT'S that thing for, pa?" enquired little Algenon Charles, pointing at an object projecting from the cellar of a new house.

"That is the coal-shute—where they shoot down the coal you know," replied Pa.

"Oh, yes," responded Algenon, "but which is the place where they shoot down the coal monopolists?"

WHY should one lie abed on the first of January? In order to have a nappy New Year,



SHE DOESN'T SEEM FORMIDABLE, BUT



IT DEPENDS UPON YOUR POINT OF VIEW.

A NEW name for the Provinces of the Dominion, illustrative of the rapid increase of titles among their populations: The Be-knighted States.

A NEW PRIMER.

THE LETTERS' QUARREL.

A FABLE.

A DISTINGUISHED educationist in Manitoulin Island has, with infinite pains, produced a new alphabetical Primer, which he submitted a few days ago to the Minister of Education for approval. He received the specimen pages from "The Department" yesterday, with critical remarks jotted on the margin and initialed "G. W. R."

The following note accompanied the rejected manuscript :

MY DEAR SMITH,

I think your Primer is, in many respects, an admirable one, but circumstances over which I have no control compel me to refrain from placing it on the authorised list at this juncture, and at any rate it is not necessary, as you have always been friendly to us and I am sure you will remain so.

If you know any factious but intelligent opponent of the Government who is capable of compiling a similar work kindly inform me at your earliest convenience.

Accept in the generous spirit of the intention the few pencillings I have made on the margin of your sheets—you will find them *apropos*. With the comps. of the season to yourself and Mrs. Smith, I have the honor to be, etc.

We also have examined this Primer, and agree with the Minister in regarding it as an "admirable one"—one calculated to tickle the youngsters almost to death—to make them wish that school "kept" all day and all night—to elicit thought—to lead to the formation of "concepts," or something, and to fill a long felt want.

We make a few extracts, with copies of the "marginal references."

SOME letters formed a clique one day.  
To found an aristocracy.  
RA, HON, KCB,  
With others of like high degree  
Agreed to cut the other letters  
To shew them that they were their betters.  
"It was not seemly," so these said,  
"That nobodies, like x y z,  
Should join our learned associations  
In their profound deliberations.  
And we on our part should disclaim  
Henceforth to swell their rabble train.  
No characters like us should stoop  
To form part of a vulgar group."  
Accordingly it was resolved  
That any letter found involved  
Hereafter in low combination  
Should lose its title, rank and station.

This haughty scorn put in a pet,  
The balance of the Alphabet.  
A wordy war ensued, the ranks  
Of each side being mainly blanks.  
Reduced to mere abbreviations  
They yet could bluster imprecations :  
The learned, and very reverend D,  
Forgot all his theology,  
And dragging L down to his level,  
Between them both they played the devil.

Old Mother Tongue soon heard the clatter  
And came to see what was the matter.  
"My children," cried the ancient dame,  
When she had heard the proud ones' claim  
"This haughty spirit is to blame  
For all the evil on the earth  
Which you are called to picture forth."  
The ties of mutual love and labor,  
Uniting brother, friend, and neighbor,  
If torn asunder, serve to bind  
In fetters, body, soul and mind.  
Think not the momentary grandeur  
Of sounding designations, and your  
Skill in echoing empty praise,  
Of fitly crowning merit raise  
Above the prime necessity  
Or helping anyone you see  
In need of help, who'er he be.  
Behold to what this pride has brought you  
Already, and the evil wrought you.  
Unfit for aught but vile aspersing  
And linked together but for cursing,  
Then banish hence such base caste letters  
From the free commonwealth of letters."

This speech I doubt had failed to quiet.  
But further to put down the riot,  
She seized a stout composing-stick  
Which brought them to their senses quick.

WILLIAM MCGILL.



is for Arthur Sturgis Hardee,  
Who once was Provincial Secre-  
tar-ee  
He was a great spouter and  
spoke with a dash,  
And 'tis said he was proud of  
his Bushy moustache.

Why spelling  
gwr  
Why, I believe the  
word Secretary  
gwr

This is quite  
correct gwr  
I was not aware  
of this but doubt  
it a bit  
gwr

May say I doubt  
little this new  
sampled way?  
Spelling Hardey.  
gwr

Without sneering,  
knowing why?  
think the allusion  
here is extremely  
relevant gwr

Pshaw!!  
gwr



NOTES TO TEACHERS — To impress the pupil with the recollection of this great man's name, point out that his initials in their natural order form the name of a common tree, namely, the ASH.



Remind your class that persons occupying his distinguished position are called "Honorable," and that with the addition of this word's initial letter we get HASH.



Ask your brightest scholar to transpose these letters so as to form the title of another great ruler—SHAH.

Explain that as a Shah is often very much married, and has large families, he is usually called a Pa-Shah (pronounced PA-SHAW).

Reverting to the original initials, A. S. H., draw from your pupils the adverb *as*, and the third person singular, present tense, indicative mood of the verb *to have*; also the interjection *Ha!*

Compel each member of the class to compose a few sentences, including all the words evolved. The following may be taken as an example. It is given just as written by a bright pupil at Gore Bay.

"I like *hash* as good as anything, specially honorable *hash*, but some *hash* are not honorable, it is horrible. Old Father *Shaw* has a great many children; he was called *Pa Shaw*, and he fed them all on *hash*. When they see it they say *Ha! ha!* His full name was Mr. Hardy, and he was as strong as a *ash*."

Ha, ha, ha, ha  
Ha, ha, ha  
ha, ha, ha  
ha, ha, ha  
ha !!!  
gwr

REVISED VERSION OF AN OLD JUVENILE LYRIC.

(Adapted for the use of the more Advanced Pupils in Astronomy.)

TWINKLE, twinkle, little star,  
Well I know just what you are  
All your mystery may not cope  
With my prying spectroscope,  
Ma, Fe, Ag, K,  
Or their compounds, anyway,  
Na, Ca, C, I, O,  
That is why you twinkle so!

The Smith Primer is so thoroughly in harmony with many of the text books that are authorised that it must eventually be placed on the list.

THE Last Rose of Summer :—The cabbage rows.



### THRILLING SENSATION!!

BOBBY (with "Evening News" of Monday 28)—"Oh, pop! maw! Here's an awful sensation in the paper. Must be, they've got a lot of big headlines to it!"

POP (impatiently)—"Read it, boy; read it."

BOBBY (reads)—"White Flakes! Noiselessly Falling to Earth!! Cover the Ground with Purest Mantle!!! A Touch of Old-Time Canadian Winter!!!! Street Cars retired in favor of Sleighs!!!! But few trains blocked by the Storm which Began on Sunday!!!!!! The Snow no Deeper in the Back Townships than in the City!!!!!!!"

Bobby's MAW—"Oh, child! don't read the particulars; they must be too horrifying!"

### A SETTLER.

WHEN Boggs reached home last night he found his better half greatly agitated about a tramp that had come into the house in the afternoon. "He went to the cupboard," said she, "and stole every one of my last batch of buns. I was so frightened I ran to my room and locked the door."

"Were the buns we had for breakfast of the same batch?" asked Boggs.

"Yes," replied his wife, "and he took every one that was left."

"You needn't fear, Maria," said Boggs, wisely, "if he ate those buns he'll never come within a mile of this house again."

### IRELAND IN THE NORTH-WEST.

RIOT IN REGINA, DUDE OFFICIALS IN THE FIGHT!—WINNIPEG "CALL" IMPLICATED!!

My, ain't it terrible? Wot shall we do?

We can't stand this sort o' thing—that's flat;

Guess we shall hev to come round (don't you?)

An' go in for thunder, an' guns, an' all that!"



It does seem as though this country has so much space, it must have a blizzard of some kind. After waiting in vain for one of the old kind, induced by a war of the elements, the inhabitants of Regina have started one without the enginery of invisible force. I will briefly state our troubles. Mr. Herchmer, Police Commissioner,

thought he would get ahead of Ireland, where they are satisfied with boycotting, and he began a system of girl-cotting—wouldn't permit a member of the force to get married. This roused all the slumbering gallantry in the chivalrous soul of Mr. Davin, and he came to the rescue. It was next reported that there was to be a canteen, or base of supplies for the police force, established at the barracks. Merchants here have submitted with humility to the supercilious airs of different police officials, for the sake of the paltry dollars they received for catering to their wants, in the way of needful supplies of groceries and other creature comforts. When it was told that this market was to be taken from them, it roused the indignation of the tradesmen, and they demanded a halt. Here again Mr. Davin came to the relief of the People versus Despotism. The "Railroad War" in Manitoba having been settled for the present, Manitobians were getting restless, and the *Call* began attacking our worthy member, one of its own household of political faith, and war was imminent. The Dudes do not like Mr. Davin, "don't yer know;" Mr. Herchmer thinks he has just cause for declaring war;—many at our Indian Department Foundling Asylum do not like him. All these feuds culminated at our municipal election, and we are now in the throes of a civil war, threatening the life of the nation!

People in our Eastern Provinces may smile at this, as people all over the world laughed at old Osanatomic Brown, when he struck the keynote of the American Rebellion, at Harper's Ferry. What the end may be we cannot tell, but here we stand, in battle array.

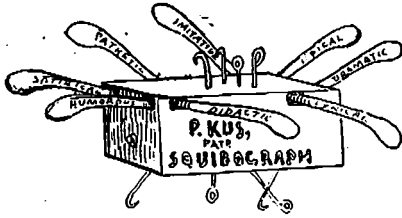
The John Brown army is commanded by N. F. Davin, M.P. Opposed to him, on one side, are the Dudes and other officials. The boycotting, girlcotting wing of the army is filled by Herchmer, and the *Call* is firing "distant and random guns."

Farmers are bringing in supplies to the different troops. Ladies have laid aside their harps and hash-choppers, to scrape lint and prepare bandages. Men look sternly into each others' faces and say, "How?" (Indian for "How do you do?") These are the days that try mens' souls, and give birth to heroes. Already a score have been born who may be the first to run when the battle opens. As a war correspondent I go in and out among them, and the "sunset of life gives me mystical lore." I see the cause and cure of all this trouble. There are not public offices enough for the number of men ready to fill them. Sir John *must* establish more Government offices. Then we have too many hands ready to sway the rod of empire. We need a few mute, inglorious Miltons, or mute anything. If two-thirds of our men were mute, and the rest speechless, we should never have been plunged into this state of carnage.

If Sir John Macdonald would have amphitheatres built at leading cities in this country—say at Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary and Medicine Hat—and revive the old gladiatorial contests, it would furnish an escape valve for our Cromwells and Hannibals, when they are steamed up to the bursting point. Instead of calling each other names, and drawing other victims into their selfish rows, they could challenge each other to a fight in the arena. An admission fee would soon pay off the national debt of Canada, for the populace would flock to the amphitheatre, and gladly pay, with the hope of seeing the gladiators fight, until one, or both, were killed.

Meanwhile, we are now in for a war which must be pushed to the bitter end. We need money. All friends of humanity are requested to give freely. Send all contributions to "War Correspondent of GRIP," at Regina, and they will be promptly acknowledged. QUIZ.

## THE SQUIBOGRAPH.



MY DEAR GRIP,—The accompanying illustration is neither the picture of an octopus nor the horse power of an old-fashioned threshing-machine, but of my original Squibograph.

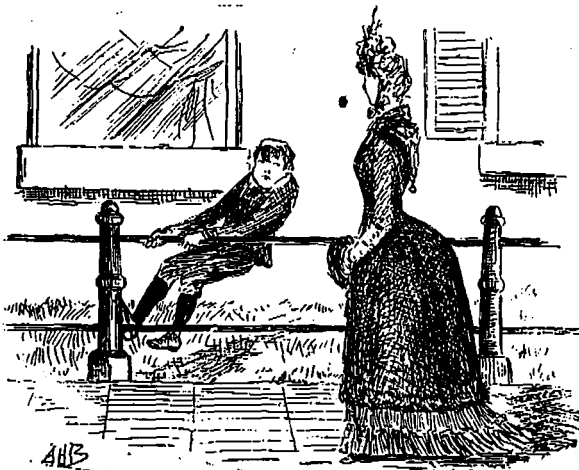
I admit it looks somewhat complicated, but is that to be wondered at, when you consider what it is capable of doing? This, of course, is only a picture of the Squibograph proper. The phonograph and typewriter are attached to the hooks and shafts you see issuing from the top and bottom of the box. In order to get poetry out of it you state the facts to be treated to the phonograph, and at the same time pull out the knob on the side of the box. That is the way to turn on the electric current that runs the machinery. You then press on the lever which bears the name of the kind of metre you want, and on either the humorous, didactic, satirical, pathetic or imitative lever so as to give the required turn to the thoughts. In a few moments the typewriter will begin to move, and by placing an ordinary sheet of paper in the proper position you will soon have the poem you want ready for the press, or for your lady's bower, if your thoughts run on love.

I purchased a January number of the *North American Review*, and read to the Squibograph Wiman's article on the "Greater Half of the Continent," as you requested in your reply to my first letter. At first I could get nothing but patriotic gush out of the machine, as it seemed to feel so proud over having been invented in Canada, but by keeping it firmly to the facts it ground out this sort of lyrical drama:—

*Enter Erastus Wiman bearing a roll of MSS. in his hand.*

*He soliloquises:—*

I stood at noon upon a summer's day  
Beside a lake whose placid waters wide  
Were lost to sight at the horizon's edge,  
Where lay a line of bright but mist-veiled banks,  
That told of land beyond. Of land beyond!  
Aye, land that claimed my earliest thoughts of love,  
My Canada!



## SYMPATHY.

SYMPATHETIC LADY—"Well, Johnny dear, and can't you manage to break it?"

Behind me lay a realm  
As fair, as fertile and as blessed by Heaven  
As e'er was led to fame by favoring destiny.

There, deeply musing in that hour, I vowed  
To labor till the barriers false that lay  
Between them should be broken down and gone.

*(Looking at the roll of MSS.)*

This paper I have crammed with weighty matter,  
Drawn from many a source and graced with thoughts  
That love inspired and fancy touched with light;  
I'll send it forth to do this mighty work,  
And wait what time may bring.

*Lies down on a sofa, falls asleep and dreams.*

DREAM.

*Enter Miss Canada and Mr. Samuel from opposite sides of the stage.*

MISS CANADA (*coquettishly*)—"Mr. Samuel, Ha! Ha!"

MR. SAMUEL (*politely*)—"Miss Canada, Ah!"

MISS C.—"I'm so happy to meet you!"

MR. S.—"And I to meet you,

That I scarcely can greet you

With compliments due,

But tell me, sweet neighbor, how your health has  
been lately."

MISS C.—"I've been quite well, thank you, and prospering  
greatly."

MR. S.—"Prospering, say you? pray what has occurred?

Of your progress and wealth I but little have heard."

MISS C. (*as if offended*):—

"I have silver and I've gold

And of copper wealth untold

And of iron, coal and phosphates I've a store, tra-la-la,

I have timber and I've grain

And much more that I disdain

To a neighbor, who but scorns them, to name o'er, tra-la-la."

MR. S. (*effusively*)—"O, believe me, pretty miss,

But I never knew of this,

Yet I've always loved you dearly, I protest, tra-la-la."

(*imploringly*) Pray now cannot you be led

A gay chap like me to wed?

Come my sweet one lay your head upon my  
breast! tra-la-la."

MISS C. (*blushing and looking embarrassed*):

"Why now, Mr. Samuel, la!

I won't leave my dear papa,

Because I can't; but this perhaps will do you, tra-la-la,

Every bit as well instead,—

Since it seems we cannot wed,—

A loving little sister I'll be to you, tra-la-la!"

MR. S. *acts wildly, clutches his watch-pocket and looks despairing, but begins to look interested as MISS C. resumes her song.*

"Then for anything you wish,

Even if that thing be fish,

You may ask me and not fear to be refused, tra-la-la."

MR. S. (*rushing forward enthusiastically*):

"And I've manufactured stuff

That for both will be enough,

So no more we'll by each other be abused, tra-la-la."

MR. S. *offers Miss C. his arm, which she takes gladly, and they dance off together singing.*

"O, we'll be such happy neighbors,

We'll share each other's labors,

And bury every hatchet we possess;

And though the world may wonder

Why we still remain asunder,

We will stay apart and prosper, Yes! Oh, Yes!"

Wiman awakes, jumps up from the sofa, and exclaims

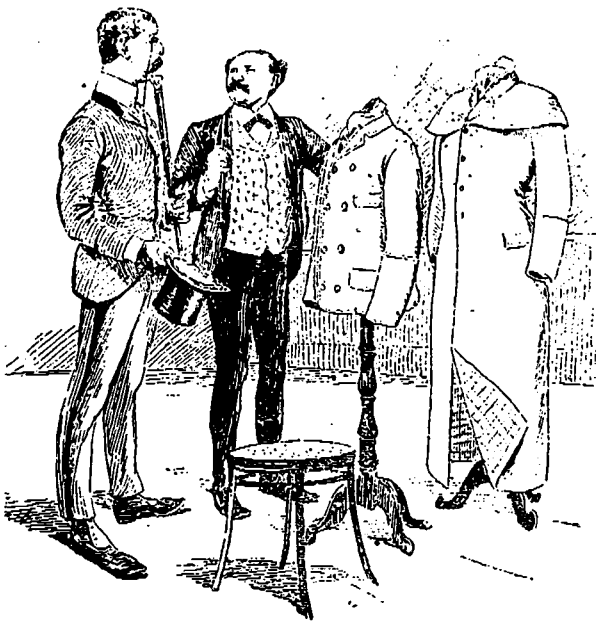
"Ye gods! did I or do I dream? With pincers

Tear me till I howl, and with tortures fine

Rack my anatomy! Wake me, I pray,

From this my dream!

Yet soft, the mist of sleep



#### THE LONG AND SHORT OF IT.

MERCHANT TAILOR—"Well, sir, have you decided which you prefer?"

GUS SLIMPAY—"Er—I should like to know first whether there is a corresponding length of time allowed for payment? In that case I think—er—the longer one would be my choice."

Still hangs about mine eyes. I did but dream,  
And now I wake. 'Twas an illusion all.  
Ah me, how sweet 'twould be to dream such dreams  
For ages, if I could but wake to find them true!"

(Curtain).

Hoping to hear from you soon concerning the purchase of my invention, I remain, yours truly,

P. KUS.

#### AT THE MONTREAL CARNIVAL.

A TOBOGGAN is a quiet harmless looking thing, until you once get it started. Mole and I strolled up to the slide last night. We entered into conversation with a couple of jolly, corpulent, Englishmen, who had never been on a toboggan. Mole in his diffident, bashful way, at once volunteered to steer them down the slide. "Was Mr. Mole sure he understood the wily, tricky, toboggan?" Mole assured them that, barring one man in Montreal here, he was considered to be the most expert tobogganist on top of earth. The two stout men were soon seated, on the front of Mole's flyer, and, as soon as they started, the middle man grabbed his friend around the neck, and clung to him with loving tenacity. They went whizzing down like the wind, and when they struck the level country, Mole turned the thing sharply. There was a terrific crash, a couple of "dull thuds" and all nature seemed to weep. Mole staggered to his feet, disgorged the half pail of snow he had swallowed, and then gazed around with a blank look of surprise. One old gentleman had skimmed along the crusty snow, using his nose as a pilot. He was now curled up in the corner of a picket fence with a highly inflamed proboscis, and a heart full of bitterness. The other fat old gentleman had, in a fit of reckless humor, plunged his bulky head into a large snow drift, and was now frantically stabbing the air with a \$2.10 pair of overshoes. The sympathetic bystanders padded and brushed the incensed Englishmen into shape. Mole

tripped up, laughed in a hollow, ghastly way, and enquired if they were hurt, and would they like to go down again? He was very sorry the spill had occurred; but it was a "slight mistake." The two old gentlemen withered him with a stony stare of righteous indignation, clambered into a *coupé* and were driven to their hotel, and Mole had the nerve to insinuate that he had capsized the toboggan on purpose.  
E. A. C.

#### SELF-POSSESSED.

HARRY (referring to conceited acquaintance)—"I don't take any stock in that fellow."

JACK—"You couldn't if you wished to. He has evidently bought up all the shares himself."

#### QUESTION FOR QUESTION.

CANADIAN VOTER—"Sir John, this present Franchise of yours is a cumbersome, expensive and corrupt contrivance. Why don't you give the country manhood suffrage?"

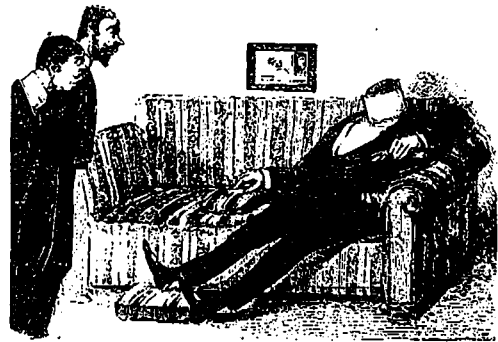
SIR JOHN—"Why don't the country display its manhood?"

#### SHE REVIVED.

YOUNG LADY (showing a gentleman a picture by a famous artist for which she had posed as model)—"Isn't it lovely?"

YOUNG GENTLEMAN—"It couldn't be otherwise—(Young lady pretends to faint under the compliment, until her friend finishes the sentence)—being painted by so great an artist."

#### AN OPTICAL ILLUSION.

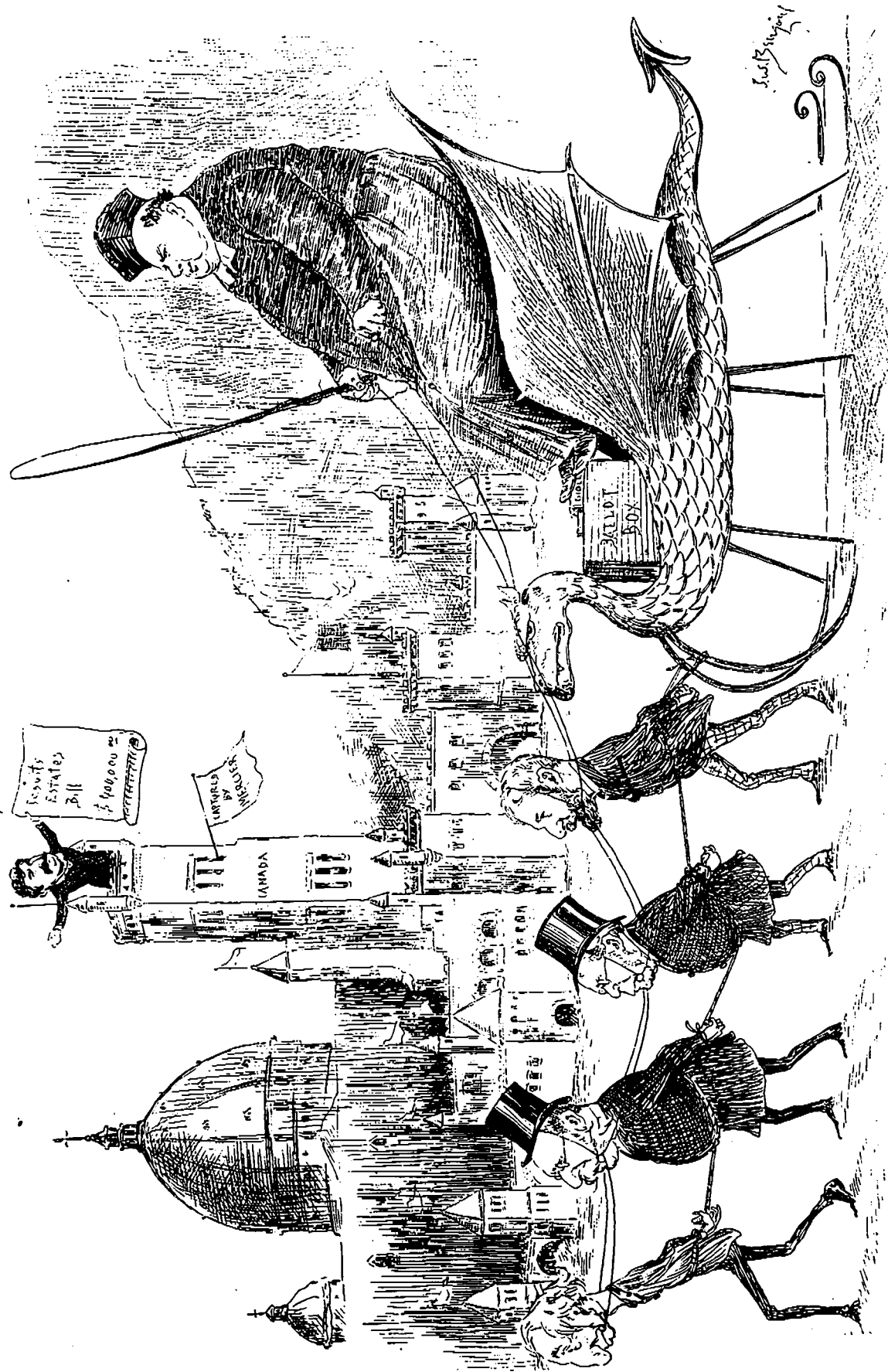


"Jove, doncherknow, somebody has cut off Dudekin's head." "Too bad; spoils his appearance, but otherwise not a serious loss."



DUDEKIN (awaking).—"What's that?"





THE VATICAN TANDEM

(Suggestion for an effective and highly instructive turn-out in the Fancy Drive Procession at the Montreal Carnival.)

SOMETHING FINE.—Uncle Josh had just returned from the city, where he had seen an eminent actor in "Hamlet."

"So you seed 'Hamlet,' eh?" asked one of his friends.

"Yes, sir," replied Uncle Josh.

"What did you think of it?"

"Well, 'Hamlet' was all right; but, by gosh, if you want to see suthin' fine, you want to go inter that ten-cent dime museum down on State-street."

THIS week, that funny farce comedy, "We, Us & Co.," will be presented at Jacob & Shaw's Opera House. Entirely new music, new songs, new dances and new scenery will be the leading features. Manager Shaw is said to have fairly outdone himself in the way of scenery.

MRS. ANGLOMANIAC (to butler)—"Matthew, his grace, the Duke of Tweedledum, dines and sleeps here to-night. I want everything in the most correct English way."

Matthew—"Ho, yes, hindeed, mum."

Mrs. Anglomanic—"Serve tea in the drawing-room at 6 and dinner at 8.30 o'clock. Have no napkins at breakfast tomorrow, and serve cold game Pates from the sideboard."

Matthew—"Ho, yes, hindeed, mum."

Mrs. Anglomanic—"And Matthew, see that the weather is foggy. I want his grace to feel entirely at home."

Matthew—"Ho, yes, hindeed, mum."—*N. Y. Sun.*

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The man who says there is no such thing as perpetual motion never saw a man try to wind up a Waterbury watch.—*Harper's Bazaar.*

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Gallagher should be a mail carrier because there is so much "letter go" about him.—*New York Daily News.*

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The origin of the expression "raining cats and dogs" is probably the same as "hailing omnibuses."—*Life.*

AFTER the New Yorker gets all the rapid transit he wants he will have a chance to sit down at home and wonder what on earth to do with all the time he has saved.—*Puck.*

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#### WHAT WOMEN TALK ABOUT.

WHAT do women talk about? Weather, first, beyond a doubt; Then their tongues begin to go On the topics told below.

#### THE TOPICS.

Misisters and church affairs; Household worries; children's cares; Aches and pains, and pains and aches; New receipts for making cakes.

Servant girls with horrid ways; Latest fashions; temperance craze; How to save the heathen band; Jars of fruit for Winter canned.

Bonnets, dresses, ribbons, gloves; Shopping fun; young maidens' loves; Gossip; scandal quite intense, And religious arguments.

Babies; what to eat and wear; How to hide the silvered hair; How to keep a youthful face And preserve a form of grace.

These and similar things, no doubt, Do the women talk about, Though the men suppose, ahem, That they only talk of them.

—*H. C. Dodge.*

THE latest annual statement of the North American Life Assurance Company, which will be found on another page, is the best one the Company has yet made, and shows prosperity and rapid advancement in all directions. According to its usual custom, the Government Report was promptly sent to the Insurance Department at Ottawa on the last day of the year. We commend to our readers the remarks of the President, Hon. A. Mackenzie, M.P., and Vice-president, Hon. A. Morris, made at the meeting on the 29th ult. The speeches of these gentlemen not only deal fully with the very prosperous condition of their Company, but they are also brim full of good sound common sense pertaining to Life Insurance generally. It almost passes comprehension in these days of education and intelligence, that men will insure in foreign companies, when we have such solid home institutions as the North American. GRIP has always been known as an advocate of Canada for Canadians, and we know of nothing that this remark applies to more forcibly than Life Insurance. The North American is a first-class Company, well managed and quite able to give an insurer as liberal and advantageous form of policy as any other Company. We therefore have no hesitation in commending it to the careful consideration of intending insurers.

NO, INDEED.—Little Boy—"Father, does everybody have to work if they want to eat?"

Father—"Almost everybody, my son."

Little Boy—"Does that fat man over there work? I never saw him do anything."

Father—"No, indeed, that man doesn't work; that is Mr. Blowmouth, the well-known friend of labor."

"You don't look strong enough for the work, my son," said the merchant. "Running an elevator in my store is a hard job and the pay is small."

"Yes, sir," said the youthful applicant. "I can do it. I'm little, but I'm strong. I'm your 'oister.'"

And the strong man turned away and wept.—*Chicago Tribune.*

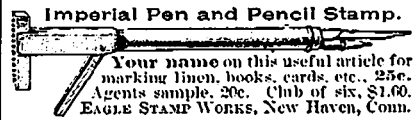
EVIDENTLY a misunderstanding.—Painter (who is looking for work and has pestered Mrs. Hobson beyond endurance): "That fence, ma'am, needs a coat of paint very badly."

Mrs. Hobson (impatiently to servant): "Show this man the front door at once, James."

Painter: "Ah, this looks like business. I'll paint that door for you ma'am, in good shape for five dollars."—*The Epoch.*



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The annual meeting of the above Company was held in the Company's offices on Tuesday, the 20th ult., with the President in the chair, when the following report was read:

The Directors submit to the Meeting the accompanying Financial Statements, which exhibit the transactions of the Company in a clear and comprehensive manner.

During the year, 1,636 applications for Insurances for \$2,626,000 were received, upon which were issued 1,549 policies, securing \$2,464,500.

This large addition to the Company's business is most gratifying, in view of the competition which existed during the year, and which, in some instances, in the opinion of your Directors, has been of a character most injurious to the best interests of Life Insurance.

The Directors have carried the balance of the year's income, after paying losses and expenses and providing for all liabilities, into the Reserve Fund.

The large amount of the Company's premiums invested in solid interest-bearing securities held in reserve added to the Guarantee Fund (of \$300,000), makes the Company's resources over \$900,000, and furnishes a relative security to policy-holders unsurpassed on this Continent.

The Assets of the Company have been increased by a sum amounting to over 53 per cent. of the premiums, all of which has been invested in first mortgages and debentures.

The Company's semi-tontine investment plan continues to be most acceptable to insurers, combining as it does the privileges of the paid-up and surrender cash values given to the holders of ordinary policies, with the various options given under tontine policies at the end of the investment period.

The North American was the pioneer home Company in giving Canadian insurers the many advantages of this form of policy, which, after being denounced for years by most of its competitors, has now been adopted under one name or another by all the principal home Companies.

The reports of the Superintendent of Insurance show that from 1866 to 1887, inclusive, Foreign Life Companies received in premiums from Canadian policy-holders nearly thirty-eight millions of dollars, a great part of which was withdrawn from the available capital of this country and went abroad, thereby aiding the advancement of commercial competitors. By dealing with our home Companies, such money would have been utilized in building up and extending Canadian interests. The reserves and the resources of this Company are invested in Canada.

Dr. James Thorburn, the Company's able and experienced Medical Director, has prepared his usual report of the Company's mortality experience.

Reports of the Company's business for the year were mailed to the Government within a few hours after the close of business on the last day of the year, and the examination of the Company's books and returns by the Government Insurance Department was completed on the 10th inst., at the Head Office.

The same minute and complete audit of the sources of income and expenditure and of the property of the Company has been continued by the Auditors appointed by the Annual Meeting. Their certificates are annexed to the balance sheet.

Every documentary security held by the Company has been examined and verified independently by the Auditors and the Auditing Committee of the Board.

The Directors have declared a dividend at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly to the Guarantors, as interest on the paid-up portion of the Guarantee Fund.

The services of the Company's staff of Officers, Inspectors and Agents again deserve favorable recognition.

The Directors all retire, but are eligible for re-election.

ALEXANDER MACKENZIE,  
President.

Toronto, January 29, 1889.

## ABSTRACT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1888.

Cash income for the year 1888.....	\$275,161 25
Expenditure (including payment to policy-holders of \$38,759.20).....	154,577 83
Assets (including uncalled Guarantee Fund).....	917,074 19
Reserve Fund (including claims under policies awaiting proofs, \$11,000).....	553,694 32
Surplus for security of policy holders.....	363,379 87

WILLIAM McCABE,  
Managing Director.

We have examined the books, documents and vouchers representing the foregoing Revenue Account, and also each of the securities for the property in the above balance sheet, and certify to their correctness.

JAMES CARLVE, M.D., } Auditors.  
W. G. CASSELL, }

Toronto, January 3, 1889

We concur in the foregoing certificate, and have personally made an independent examination of said books, quarterly, and also of each of the securities representing said property.

E. A. MEREDITH, LL.D.  
B. B. HUGHES,

Auditing Committee of the Board.

Hon. A. Mackenzie, President, in moving the adoption of the report, said: I have great pleasure in being again with you at this our annual meeting, and in making the usual formal motion to adopt the report, printed copies of which you have in your hands. The financial statement before you exhibits very clearly the solid position attained by this Company. Following my usual custom, I propose to make some reference to the progress and condition of our Company. In the first place, I draw your attention to our assets. Our investments are all in good interest-bearing securities, and so carefully have these been selected by our Finance Committee that at the close of the year there was only due thereon the small sum of \$603.36 for interest. Since the close of the year this sum, I understand, has been reduced to about \$100. In the matter of security to policy-holders, we may justly say that we stand unexcelled by any of our competitors. My co-Directors have always been in unison with myself in determining that this Company should be built on a solid foundation; and the statement before you is strong evidence of how well we have succeeded. It must be remembered that the majority of our policies being on our investment plans of insurance, will probably not mature until many of those present will not be here when they are presented for payment; it is, therefore, our duty to see that full provision for such policies be made. This, I can assure you, has been done. This should be gratifying to our policy-holders and also to our agents; particularly to you, gentlemen, the agents of the Company who are present with us to-day, and who, by your active, persistent and energetic efforts, have done so much towards bringing this Company to the very strong position I am proud to say it occupies as one of the leading financial corporations of the Dominion. It seems but a short time since we held our Second Annual Meeting, and yet sixteen years have slipped away since then. It was interesting to me, as no doubt it will be to you, to notice the very substantial progress we have made in that time. I will give you the figures. At the close of the year 1888 we had Premium Income, \$32,620; Reserve Income, \$3,947; New Insurance, \$1,413,171; Reserve Fund, \$75,692; Assets, \$1,555,522; Surplus, \$3,450; and now at the close of the year 1888 we have: Premium Income, \$344,038; Interest Income, \$3,123; New Insurance, \$2,464,500; Reserve Fund, \$247,694; Assets, \$677,074; Surplus, \$53,575. When you take into account the number of companies competing for business in this country, you will agree with me that our progress has not only been satisfactory, but exceedingly gratifying to all interested in this Company. Now a word about competition. It has undoubtedly been keener and of a more reckless kind during the past year than was probably ever experienced in this country. In common with other well-managed Canadian companies, we hope never to see it so again. Some of the inexperienced appear to think that the only object is to secure insurance, irrespective of the premium rate or its payment. This is an erroneous and unprofessional view in which to regard the business. Our Managing Director, who, as you all know, is well qualified to express an opinion on this subject, says the well-being of all companies depends upon their receiving a proper premium rate, combined, of course, with sound conservative management. In this I entirely agree. From the inception of this Company we have worked on the principle of selling our insurance as a legitimate article, and obtaining therefor a fair price. This is of as much importance to the insured as it is to the Company; insurance is not solely for to-day, but for a long period of time. And it is a duty devolving upon the Directors and Managers of a Company to see that safe and satisfactory provision be made for the future. I have already explained to you what we have done in this respect, and we know to-day that we are able to not only meet all calls on the Company, but we have in addition a handsome surplus above all liabilities.

Those contemplating insurance are very often led to form erroneous notions of the relative merits of companies; especially in the case of the older companies having large assets, which are almost wholly due by the company to its present policy holders. New insurers, having contributed nothing to the amount by which such assets exceed the company's liabilities, can derive no benefit from such a surplus. A younger and smaller company may, from better plans and management, limiting its operations to our healthy climate, be a much better company in which to insure. I am pleased to see from the Government reports that the majority of our Canadian companies are making such good progress. This is as it should be, for are they not quite able to meet the wants of all intending insurers? It appears to me that the people of this country should in matters like life insurance give the preference to our home companies. In doing so they are not only helping to

build up our own institutions, but also aiding in the development of our country. All the funds of the Canadian companies are retained here and loaned to our own people; whereas, in foreign companies, they are almost wholly invested in their securities, and the available capital of the country is diminished to that extent. I cannot press this important point upon your attention too strongly. I trust my remarks will be an impetus to our workers in the field, to aid them in securing for us more insurance this year than in any past year in the history of the Company. As regards the Dominion, I am proud of my country and of what, under great difficulties, it has accomplished so far. No man can foretell the future, but of this I feel certain, that if Canadians will go hand in hand, pushing forward their respective interests, many of us will live to see this Dominion one of the most prosperous, peaceful and God-fearing countries in the world, far surpassing the most sanguine expectations of any of us. I will now take my seat, wishing you and yours a very happy and prosperous year.

Hon. Mr. Morris said, seconding the motion is a very light task after the able manner in which our esteemed President has placed before you the strong position of this Company and the important bearing of Life Insurance upon our national prosperity.

I am glad to see here such a large and representative body of men engaged in presenting to our people the claims of this Company, and who are establishing it in a position of prominence and usefulness on the solid foundation that was from the outset the basis of its organization. The great advantages of Life Insurance are not as generally understood as they should be; its benefits are of the highest value to the community. I was much impressed with this fact by an examination of the last Insurance Report. At the end of 1887 the policies in force amounted to the large sum of \$797,694,000. To the hard-working mechanic, to the struggling clerk, to the merchant and to the farmer, the boon of this great protection is in every sense a wise provision for their families and meets their wants and necessities at a time when help is most needed, and in the majority of cases affords their only protection. I am very glad to know that our Company has been so successful in obtaining the confidence of the public. The large amount of business secured is the best evidence that the community have confidence in the Company. I think that the conservative methods upon which our business is conducted have contributed largely to this result. I most heartily concur with the President in the importance of Canadians giving their support to Canadian companies. That our people are doing this is shown conclusively by the following figures:—In 1867 the official reports show that U. S. companies effected eight times as much insurance in Canada as the Canadian companies; while in 1887 Canadian companies effected more than double that of the U. S. companies. In 1867 the premium income of the U. S. companies was nearly three and a half times that of the Canadian companies; while in 1887 the premium income of the Canadian companies was considerably in excess of that of their U. S. competitors. This is conclusive evidence that our people are realizing the great advantages and convenience when accommodation is needed, of dealing with our own institutions, and that companies like our own which limit their operations to our healthy country and vigorous population, must necessarily be able to do better for their policy holders than those extending their operations to the Southern States and other unhealthy parts of the world. Years ago, when Consulting Director of a large Scotch company, I observed that the mortality in Canada was comparatively small; this fact is one of the utmost importance. The reports show that our Home Companies receive a better rate of interest than their foreign competitors, and therefore, should be able to give more satisfactory returns to policy holders, than such companies. As the profits will not be divided for two years, it was, I thought, a wise procedure, in view of passing events, to carry the whole of the savings of the past year to our Reserve Fund. This in no way affects the Surplus Fund, which could have been considerably augmented this year, but makes the position of our Company in security to our policy holders and intending insurers unexcelled in this country. By a reference to the official Government reports, it must be exceedingly gratifying to notice that in the matter of income, assets, insurance in force, etc., we far excel any of them at the same period in their history. I have such confidence in our agents, that I have no doubt we will be enabled each year to report our Company in even a more favorable position.

Mr. A. H. Campbell, Chairman of the Finance Committee, in speaking of the care and discrimination used in selecting the Company's investments, said it was a remarkably satisfactory state of affairs to have only some \$600 due for interest at the close of the year, and a few days after that this sum should be reduced to about \$100.

The usual votes of thanks were passed, and the election of Directors was then proceeded with. The scrutineers reported the old Board of Directors re-elected, with the addition thereto of his Worship E. F. Clarke, Mayor of Toronto. After the adjournment of the meeting, the Board met and re-elected the officers of last year.

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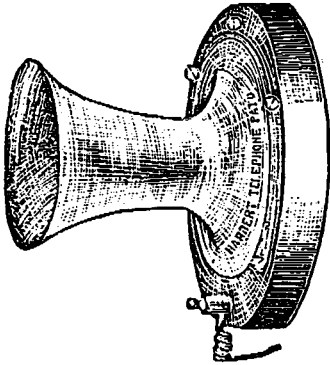
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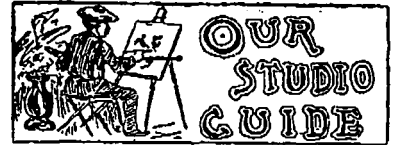
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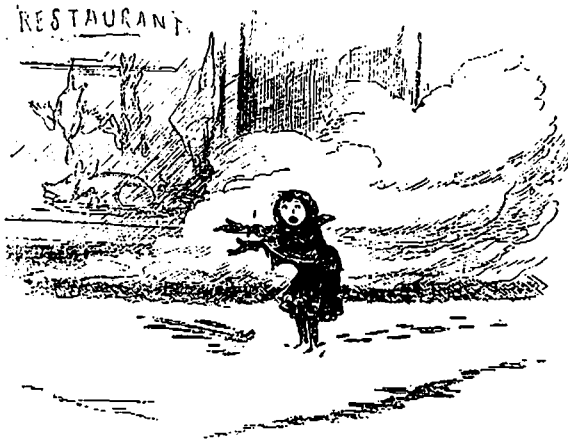
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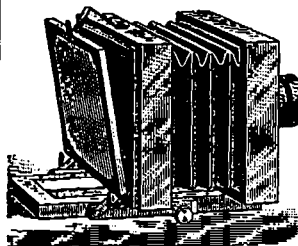
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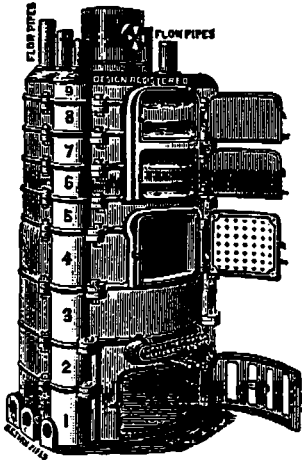
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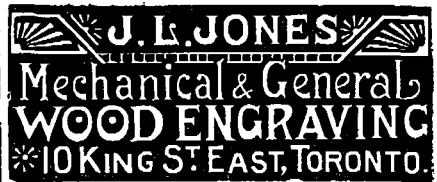
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