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## COMMENTS ON THE CARTOONS.



A WAY with the Boodlers!-The Ottawa correspondent of the Mail says that the atmosphere of the Parliament buildings is so heavy with scandal that it may be cut with an axe. Many and bad as the revelations are, however, we may be perfectly sure that worse remains be-hind-destined never to be fully revealed to the people. Why has McGreevy braved the vengeance of Parliament, and allowed himselfto be ignominiously kicked out of public life? Not because he feels so self-condemned that he dare not say a word in his own behalf, but because he has $\mathrm{in}^{2}$ his possession information which, if forced out of him, might mean penitentiary for himself and several other "emi-
nent statesmen." Those of us who care more for Canada than for any political party have cause for thankfulness that the prevailing stench is as pungent as it is, and that it attaches to the garments of both parties. The powerfulness of the odor will compel universal attention, and by exciting comment in other countries-especially in Great Britain-will incite to action that large element of independent voters in Canada who might remain undisturbed under revelations of only ordidary rankness. The usefulness of having both parties involved lies in this-that it proves neither to be immaculate, while it furnishes an opportunity to the Liberals to prove that they can be as earnest in the denunciation of corruption on their
own as on the Conservative side. In view of the stand which has been taken by the Glabe and the Grit press in general (outside of Quebec) in connection with the Pacaud-Mercier scandal, and in the absence of any signs of sympathy with the offenders on the part of the Opposition nembers at Ottawa, it is not fair nor reasonable to shoulder the blame of Pacaud's misdeeds upon the Reform Party of the Dominion. If the Conservative press and representatives held a similar attitude toward the Ottawa boodlers, it would be similarly unfair to hold the Conservative Party responsible for the scandals now in vogue at the capital. But, unfortunately, they have not done so. Not a solitary Conservative organ or member has openly denounced Langevin and his crookedness, though his guilt has been established beyond all question. Signs are not wanting, however, that in the rank and file of the Conservative party there are hundreds if not thousands of men whose stomachs have at last turned, and who will, on the first opportunity, mark their condemnation of public thievery at the ballot box, if in the meentime the leaders of the other party act so as to command the confidence of the public. The question is, what shall be done with these boodlers? Are they to be allowed to condone their offences by the chcap and easy process of resigning? Just here we may well note the way in which the much-despised United States squares accounts with boodlers-the country that is so inferior to us in moral sense, as we have been in the habit of saying. John Bardsley got fifteen years solitary confinement and a fine of about a million dollars for a crime no whit worse than that of Langevin, and no more contrary to the public weal than that of Mercier via Pacaud. Penitentiary seems about the right thing for these gorgeously decorated and highly sanctified sons of the Church, and all the other rascals, ligh and low, who have been robbing our till. Nothing short of this will meet the case now.
To the Rescue.-Mr. Abbott may not have so engaging a wag of the head as his famous predecessor, and Sir John Thompson may not rank so high for wiliness as the late Sir John, but they have each done more for the Conservative party already than Sir John A. Macdonald did in his lifetime-they have given it a lift toward moral rectitude. Whatever else the late leader may have done, he did nothing in this line. Messrs. Abbott and Thompson seem to be really in earnest about this all-important business. They realize that Canada is in the grasp of the foul fiend of Corruption, and that the united efforts of patriotic men will be required to rescue this "female in distress." They have found ardent helpers in the leaders of the Opposition, and Grip wishes a speedy and complete triumph for their spears.

are a few things that ought to be done at once down on the waterfront, if it is anybody's business to do them. To wit : Some coal-oil lamps (or tallow candles if lamps are too ex. pensive), ought to be provided for the tunnel-like shed through which passengers have to pass from the Island Park bnats, and the steamers arriving from Lorne and Grimsby Parks, at night. Secondly, when such belated passengers have groped their way out to the Esplanade, they ought to be enabled to cross the tracks without having to wait upon the sweet will of people in charge of railway trains, which bar the way; and, thirdly, when they have crossed the tracks, they ought to have a half-decent sidewalik to travel on, up to Front street on the west side of Yonge. The present pathway is a perfect trap for pedestrians, and perhaps the worst piece of blockpaving in the city. Let somebody look after these live grievances immediately.

$0^{2}$UR congratulations to Hamilton on the magnificent success of the Saengerfest. The Mountain rejoiced, and the little hills all round clapped their hands in applause. It was another feather in the musical cap of the Ambitious City, and all Canada has a right to feel good over it. It was even better thàn Toronto's Carnival. Praise could no further go.


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rexT will be observed that the ogre in our first page cartoon is clad in a suit of mail-_"Partyism." This is really the point of the picture. It is the spirit of partizanship, more than anything else, which stands in the way of the reforms so much needed. Men are willing to condone thievery if only the thieves belong to their own political stripe. We rejoice to see that there are some eminent men in both parties, however, who are rising superior to this feeling. All honor to such men !

MAX O'RELI comments, in one of his books on the excessive modesty of the New England women. He tells of maiden ladies in that section who extibit signs of fainting upon reference being made to "the naked eye," and cites the case of a widow, who sued an editor for heading an account of her husband's death-" Gone to a better home." It would appear that we have some pretty sensitive ladies in Canada as well. For example, at Peterborough the other day a young woman, twentytwo years old, had James Burns up for using insulting language, said language consisting of a proposal of marriage, and asking her to keep bitter company. The magistrate very properly warned the young man not to do it any more.
"We cannot all be musicians or Germans, but we can all help to make our visitors feel at home."-Hamillon' Times.

WE don't knowabout music, brother Gardiner, but you couldcome prettynearjbeing German if youcultivated a taste for lager instead of billiards. You speak the language, and have all the necessary embonpoint to look the character to perfection.

AN exchange says :-" Sir Hector L. Langevin is far from being well. He is troubled severely with nervous attacks that affect his speech." This probably accounts for the reply be made last Saturday to a friend, who asked him how he felt "Helas," said he, in a tone of resignation, " I feel very melanconnolly."

## HOW THE TENDER PASSION AWAKES.

F how the tender passion wakes In human hearts, and how it makes Its presence seen,<br>Of Love and all Lovc's pretty ways<br>Poets have sung a million lays, Nay, more, I ween !<br>And all the signs are much the same, As touching Cupid and his flame, No matter where,<br>In highest rank or low estate,<br>Gentle or savage, small or great With every pair.<br>First sidelong glances of the eye,<br>Then little acts, constrained and shy, The feelings veil;<br>At length, a touch that thrills with bliss, Then finally a mutual kissSo runs the tale.<br>But has no poet ever gone<br>As interested looker-on Once in a way,<br>When picnic hoodlums on a lark<br>Swoop down upon some quiet park To spend the day ?<br>There, when love wakes within Jack's breast, He chases Sue like all possessed, And runs her down;<br>Then with the tender touch of bear<br>He throttles her and spoils her hair In horse-play fun.<br>Then Sue, to coyly intimate<br>His love she does reciprocate, Runs after Jack,<br>And, having caught that prince of chumps, Gives him some most terrific thumps Upon the back!

## GOOD FOR THE NEW PREMIER!

THE Conservative leaders at Ottawa deserve Grip's warmest praise for the generally straightforward and above-board course it is pursuing in bringing to light the various besmirchments on its own escutcheon. We are not quite sure that a party can be said to own an escutcheon, or what use it would have for one if it could, but our meaning is probably plain. Anyhow, the course followed at Ottawa stands out in bold contrast with that pursued some years ago by the Government of this Province when boodlements and booklements had to be investigated. On that occasion the inquiry was made with closed doors-the evidence was never printed, and the suspect was heavily white-washed. Abbott and Thompson will lose nothing by the manly course they are now taking.

## THE BITER BITTEN.

MR. HITHARD, after taking in the flower show, remarked to his wife, "My dear, I came across a flower to-day that reminded me so much of you: I was induced to purchase it."
"Indeed, my love," said Mrs. H., sweetly ; "what is the flower?"
"A snap dragon," said the wretch.
Mrs. H. (sobbing)-"Yes; I snapped a dragon when I married you."

Would it be allowable to say that the arguments used by Col. Vincent are not con-vincent? If so, we should like to copyright the pun.


STICKING TO MERCIER.
Rouge Partizans-" Cartwright, if you don't call off that dog and muzzle him at once, we'll-we'll-do sómething terrible !!"

## POETRY AND POLITICS.

$\mathrm{A}^{\mathrm{T}}$T an awfully Grit tea-party in Rosedale the other night, some one proposed Bout Rimes as a pastime. This game consists in giving the final words of lines or of verses to those in the play, and the players must compose matter to make sense.
The following are some of the attempts, the words chosen being the names of the now notorious Quebec Boodlers:

Things an't a-borming now, as they boomed $\mathfrak{a}$ while ago;
Before some M.P.'s became mischievous,
And many a sick soul on the banks of the Rideay
Is inclined to think his case is McGreevy-ous.
We positively object to mischtevious and Mc Grcery-ousthey are vile. The following is in better form :

> Should some one try to take you in
> By means of methods devious?

Don't call it "steal," or other sinJust say, "Now, don't McGreevy us.'
This is neat, and has a Byronic smack about it that relieves it from the charge of vulgarity.

Said Mr. McG., "Its up the wrong tree,
$\therefore$. I think yez'll find yez are barkin',
For niver a cint into my pocket wint,
From the firm of me frind Padiy Larkin."
This reminds one of some of the most soulful passages in Tennyson's In Memorian.

The following is autobiographical:
Tho' I came to Quebec from the place called New York, I was born in Ould Erin so turfy,
Not far from the beautiful city of Cork, And I'm known as Bould Owen E. Murphy.

I taught the Canucks how to make drakes and ducks Of business that should be done squarely,
And, if I'm not a liar, fat's now in the fire With Sir Hec., Uncle Thomas and Perley.

They take backsheesh away in "The East"By "The East" I refer to Persia-
But the same "little go" was played here by Pacaud For his friend le Comte le Mercier.
Other specimens were forwarded to us, but we select these as the worst.

## LITERARY NOTES.

JAGSWORTH-" Have you read the writings of Ely on the social problem?"
Pillsbury-"No, but I've done better-I've read the Essays of Elia."
"Darn my skin," as the fellow said who got his head cut open in a fight and went to the doctor to have it sewed up.

## TIERNEY AT GRIMSBY.



TIERNEY AND THE CAPTAIN.

GRIP—Sor—As iverybody does be goin' out av town for hollydays, begobs, I wasn't goin' to be the on'y gossoon to shtay at home all the saison, so whin I wint home a week come nixt Widdensdyavenin'-sezI to me woife Norah, sez I, "Darlint, pack yer few things intil a bundle tomorry, an' we'll go for a thrip." "Terence," sez she, wid a smile, "it's sense yer talkin,- I'm wit yez;-but fwhere are yez going to?" " It doesn't matther a haporth," sez I, "it's jist for the looks av the thing I'm doin' it. Where wud yez like to go ?" sez I, wid all the politeness av a young man talkin' to his best girrul. "Oh, av ye ax me for me preferince," sez Norah, sez she, "it's to Grimsy Parrk we'll go. I'm towld its a purty place, an plinty goin' on to be seen an hard." So that inded the discussion, an' nixt day at 2 p.m. in the afthernoon, afther dinner, we wor there on the warf wid our besht clothes on, and a few exthra collars and things in the bundle. A good few more av ladies an gintlemin wor there likewoise an similar, waitin' for the steamer to come in, an fryin' in the hot sun loike a pan av fat bacon. "Murther!" sez Norah, wid a face on her loike a new moon, and fannin' herself wid a bit av a paper bag she had some bananies in: "Fhy


PROF. AOON,
"A Philadelphia Lawyer." don't they have a tint av canvass or an ould shed for a waitin' room? Sure, it's melted I'll be av this kapes on," sez she. I felt purty much boiled


REV. MANAGER BENSON. meself, but just thin I caught sight av the steamer comin along. "A sail! a sail!" sez I. "We're saved! we're saved!" Everybody looked at us, an some av thim that had no manners laughed so they did. I ignoored them, av coorse. Purty soon we wor on boord av the ship an sittin' at our aise. It's the Carmona they call it, an its near as big as the ship I kem from the ould sod in years ago. Whin yez goes up stairs intil it, there yez finds a big bowlin' alley near half a moile long, wid bed rooms on aich soide, an' sofys an' chairs to sit on av yez feel toired, or yez can go out an' sit on the shtoop, or av yez plaze up on the roof. Me an Norah tuck sates outside furninst the cabin dure, where we wor in the shade, and moighty comfortablewe wor.

Around about us wor other ladies an gintlemin makin the vyage aither to Lorne Parrk or to Grimsy, an' all lookin' happy. Wan


MR. PRESIDENT PIIELPS. gintlemin-a foine intelligint man he looked, av coorse-was radin' funny things out av Grip to a party av his friends, an they wor the happiest av alk: Two young girruls wor' sittin' near by us talkin' about love, an' things loike that. Wan av thim was an ould maid long past all sich things, but it was surproisin' how she folleyed the subject up, an' seemed to enjoy ivery worrd av it. Thin along comes the Captain av the Carmona, an' him $\mathrm{an}^{\prime}$ me got intil a bit ava discoorse about the weather, an' the crops, an' the goins on at Ottaway. He is a Frinch gintleman, an' has a mistach an' goatey av magnificint proportions, forby bein tall an' a fine lookin' man entirely. I addhressed him in his native langwich, be sayin "Grimsy Parkey voo ?" sez I. "Wee," sez he ; an' thin he wint on wid a string av Frinch that tuke me out av me dipth an' near drownded me. "We'll spake in English, av yez plaze," sez I, "me command av Frinch being limited." Thin I axed him his opinion av the political state av things. "It's bad," sez he, "it'll niver be fwhat it shud be till they get rid av the bad smell," sez he. "But," sez I, "Misther Langevin sez there's no thruth in what they say about him." "So he does," sez the Captain, "but-" thin he shtopped. "Jist so," sez I, "that's fhy I'm mintionin' the matther till you. It's a thing that ought to be towld to the Marines." "It seems to be the


MR. TREASURER ANDERsos. general belaif that marines can swally annything." sez he. "It's jist a proverb, Captain," sez I," "no offinse intendid." "Av coorse not," sez he, " so come along down to the refrishmint stand, and


MIR. FACTOTUM HOAIAN. thry yer own swallyin' powers on the ginger ale," sez he. So wid that, off we wint, and he trated, an thin I trated, thin the barkaper trated to the cigars. So the toime wint on till along about six oclock the stameboat whistle wint off wid a long rumble ava boom that med all the chairs rattle an tickled the feet av the people on the deck, and here we wor jest comin in till the warf at Grimsy. Purty soon we wor all out on the dock, an' in a jiffy or less the boat was away back on her coorse to Taranto. Norah an me walked along wid the other passengers till we kem to the gate, where we gev up our tickets, and thin marched up a steep shlope forninst a batthery av eyes belongin to ould wimmin, an young
wimmin, an' girls, an' children, an' young min, an' ould min, an' little boys, dressed in blazers, an' flannel shirts,


REV. DHECTOR MICKIERing. an' blue dresses, an' lawn tennis shoes, an' all the rest av it. They wor loike grasshoppers on the bank for multitude, an ivery wan av thim dyin to see ivery thing that was goin on. Nórah's hat an' dress med a parfect sensation. "Isn't it purty!" sez one famale vice. "It's cut a thrifle too high in the bodice," sez another, an"I think the feather thrimmin' is parfectly lovely," sez another, an"the oversk rt hangs veautifu!!" sez another, an--" where did you get that hat?" sez a small boy wid his eyes fixed on me, an-"it's Tireney that writes for Grip," sez several av the grown up wans. It was loike a picture I seen wance av a poor gossoon that had to run bechuxt two rows av Indian blaggards that pummeled him wid a club whin he passed along. I was glad to get to the top an' so was Norah. We med for the hotel at wance, an wor soon in the seclusion av our room, to take a rest afther comin through the thribulations.
Whin our narves was wance more composed, an we wor brushed up a thrife, we wint for a ramble roun' the Parrk, an foun' it indade a purty and beautiful place; where we spint a few days av the greatest enjoymint wid walkin', an' fishin', an' bathin', an' attendin' lectures, an' sermons, an' chalk talks, an'
 steropticon shows, an' conce ts, an' prayer meetinsnot to mintion the foine dinners at the hotel, an the improvin' convarse wid ould an' new friends on the stoop av the same, an' at the


CHILDREN OF THE COMTACE: purty cottages here an' there all over the Parrk. Wan av the first av me friends that I kem across was the editor of Grip hisself. There he was sittin' howldin' convarse wid Professor Moon - a luminary that gives loight on law in Philadelfy-an' he was plazed to see me. I towld him I was goin to write about me thrip and sez he, "I'll give yez some pictures av celibrities hereabouts to put intil it," an wid that he took a pencil an' some paper an' knocked off these sketches before yez could say Jack Robinson. Ye'll know who they are, as he puts the names till thim. Me advice till iverybody is, don't die till yez have med a visit to Grimsy Parrk. Yours, etc.,

Terence Tierney.
The London Times says that "in the death of Sir John Macdonald, Britain lost a good subject." The cartoonist of the best comic paper in the world can conscientiously place his dexter palm over his cordiac region and exclaim, " Me , too!" In this respect Britain and we can exercise mutual sympathy.

## AN ECHO OF THE SAENGERFEST.

"Wer lielit uicht wein, weill und gesang
Er bleilt cinn narr sein teben lang" He carolled loud and clear,
And then to keep his voice in tune
He dropped into the first saloon And called for lager beer.
" Ha," quoth a friend, " 'tis casy seen
You to the Saengerfest have been, How did you like the treat?
Methinks I'd like exceeding much
To mingle with the genial Dutch And list their warbling sweet."
" Now tell me, how could you divine
That such a pleasure had been mine, Art a mind-reader, say?"
"Oh, not at all, but well I guessed
You must have heard the Saengerfest, You sang-a;festive lay!"

## A. MODEL OF CORRECT ENGLISH.

"CHESHIRE and York" is still bammering away in the columns of the Mail at the bad grammar spoken by those educated in the public schools. His own letters, of course, are intended to be models of correct and classical English, for surely a grammatical purist like "C. and Y." would wish to teach by example as well as by precept. As a specimen of the kind of English which he deals in, take the following from his latest effusion :
But old times are changed, old manners gone-none need now do the abject grovel to their royal nibs.
We do not wish to spoil the effect of this literary gem on the mind of the reader by pointing out its beauties or commenting on the original usage which makes a substantive of the word "grovel." Let our High Schiool graduates-D.D.'s, Q.C.'s, M.P.'s and other ignorant and ungrammatical persons pause, admire, and regretfully acknowledge that as speakers and writers of pure, undefiled English, they can never hope to emulate his royal nibs, "Cheshire and York."



AWAY WITH THE BOODLERS!


LENDING THE WEIGHT OF THEIR INFLUENCE.
Certain members of the Cabinet have been assiduous in sitting on the Committees of Investigation.

## LETTERS TO ABSTRACT NOUNS.

To Fashion:

MADAM : I wonder if you can find time to read these few lines in the midst of all your summer engagements? Of course I know you are very, very busy, and that with you it is business before pleasure. This is not as you are popularly understood. The vulgar opinion is that pleasure is the single end and aim of all your doings. How such an idea must amuse you-if anything ever really does so. Pleasure! I think I hear you exclaim, " I don't know the meaning of the word! To be sure, I am so circumstanced that I need take no thought for the morrow, what I shall eat, or what I shall drink, or where withal I shall be clothed, so far as these things involve any actual effort, made necessary by literal want- but all the same life is a long and terrible grind to me. I am too much fagged out to explain it all, and I doubt if the vulgar public would unde'stand it anyway." Quite so, madam. But I think I understand how that can be very well. The wealth at your command -gained by some description of legalized robbery, I'll be bound, either from land-rent, public franchises or protected manufac-tories-assures you against the necessity of haunting the - free lunch counters for a meal, or begging from door 10 door for cast-off clothing, or working for either, but all
the same you have to take anxious thought what you shall eat and drink to-morrow, because it may not be the " correct thing" to have the same mema you had yesterday or to-day; and you must also take anxious thought about your toggery, for the cyes of all womankind are upon you through all your waking hours. Pleasure! The idea is absurd, unless there is some hidden joy in slavery, which has never yet been explained. Perbaps, though, the sense of triumph is a sort of stimulant which makes all the worry and distress and ennui you go through worth bearing? I doubt it, for like most other stimulants, it is always followed by a reaction full of disgust and suffering. Taking this view of your life, I pity you, and I beg to express here my condolences, without troubling you further. I know, of course, that you went to the seaside for a "rest." Oh, hollow mockery! A "rest " in the very vortex of American snobocracy-where every nerve is kept at full tension of rivalry, and the lieart is throbbing day and night with all the passions inspired by envy, hatred, malice and all uncharitableness! And this "rest" will put you in admirable condition for the autumn and winter round of theatre, party, ball, reception and "at home" drudgery and strife. Poor Fashion, I pity you. Why don't you cut it all and have a good time? Yours sympathetically,

Junius Jr.

## "A SNEERING SNORT."

DURING the debate a lively scene took place between Mr. Haggart and Mr. Mulock. Mr. Mulock was speaking when Mr. Haggart gave utterance to a grunt. Mr. Mulock described Mr. Haggart's interruption as "a sneering snort."-Report of Cominittee Pruceedings.

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To interrupt and jeer and flout
Your adversary " on the spout," Is lawful sport,
And here's the thing to knock him out" A snecring snort!"
He may a groan or hiss withstand, His passion may be only fanned By sharp retort;
But this will rob him of his sand"A sneering snort!"
Most interruptions, it may be, Call out his powers of repartee, And such he'll court; But who could answer wittily "A sneering snort!"
Hereafter catcalls won't be used On orators with theme enthused, But we'll resort
To that which Mulock so confused"A sneering snort!"
And 'mill the bracketed " Hear, hears," And "laughter and applause" and "cheers" In press reports,
You'll probably soon notice "sneers" And "sneering snorts."
Praise be to Haggart as the man
Who hit upon this novel plan To cut 'em short;
It never fails; it never can!
"A sneering snort!"
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## A CATECHISM FOR USE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## BY ZEDEKIAH TIMBERTOP.

Q.-What is the name of your country ? A.-Canada.
Q.-What is its form of government? A.-Constitutional.
Q.-Has it a good Constitution ? A.-Theoretically it has.
Q.-Why theoretically ? A.-Because practically it has had a severe strain, which is always bad for a Constitution.
Q.-What is the nature of this shock ? A.-Well, its head has been run against a "cross-wall."
Q.-Anything else? A.-Yes : it has had a terrible "dredging." and been nearly pumped dry in one or two " graving docks."
Q.-Is that all? A.-No; it has been terribly worried by " Jack" Arnold's "bronze dogs" and in other ways it has been dreadfully abused.
Q.-How has all this happened? A.-The men in charge of the Constitution have been more anxious for place and pelf than principle.
Q.-Cannot these men be changed ? A.-Yes ; if the people choose to do so.
Q.-Do they not? A.-They have not so far.
Q.-Did they know what was being done? A.-They must have had a shrewd suspicion.
Q.-Why, then, did they not turn the rascals out?
A. $\rightarrow$ Because the men cunningly gave many of them "pap" and "boodle" and they consented that they should stay.
Q.-Did not these men know that evil was being done ? A.-Yes; but they would rather wreck the Constitution than hurt the party.


## A DARK-LANTERN ECONOMIST.

IST BURGLAR-"I was reading in the paper that the burglars in the States have a combine-a regular trust, you know."

His l'al-" Well, why not, as well as the sugar barons and other protected monopolists? Their business is only a legalized branch of our calling, after all."
Q.-What is party? A.-It is the Canadian "fetich," before which the people bow down and worship.

Q-Is there no тemedy? A.-Yes ; when the honest men in the country will turn aside from the worship of the "fetich" and insist that all rascals, no matter what party they belong to, shall suffer condign punishment.

## "THEN YOU'LL REMEMBER ME."

AN EX-M.-P.-RANEOUS VERSION BY MR. CHARLEY RYKERT.

WHEN other frauds and other knaves
Their pockets deep shall fill,
And dig their suicidal graves, As well I know they will,
There may, perhaps, at such a time, Some recollection be
Of what no more will seem a crime, And you'll re-" member" me.
Yes, you'll re." member," you'll re-me-he-hem-ber me:
When coldness shall pervade the day For those confirmed in theft,
And terminate the boodlers' sway, When Langevin is left ;
When monstrous swindles you unnaask, And Grits exult in glee,
In such a moment I then ask
That you'll re-" member" me.
Then you'll re-" member," you'll re-me-he-hem-ber me!

## HE AGREED.

TEMPERANCE ORATOR-"Ah, my friends; why will you, in the words of Shakespeare, put an enemy in your mouths to steal away your brains? How quickly liquor takes away a man's five senses."
Buster-"Yer'e dead right, pard. Noth'n' like whisk $t$ ' take 'way fellers five centses. Havn' got shent left m'shelf."

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## COULD'NT ACCOMMODATE HIM.

"CAN you give me a bed to night?" asked a stylish Cooking young man of the clerk of a dollar-a-day hotel.
"Yes sir."
"All right-that is, if you have the accommodations I require-I say," he continued, dropping his voice almost to a whisper, "put me in some stuffy little caboose way up onto the fourth flat with an old-fashioned back number bedstead where the plaster is off the walls in spotssomewhere where there's just swarms of 'em you know.'
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"This is an insult, sir! I can stand a joke, but if you come here to run down the place by such insinuations I'd thank you to clear out as quickly as possible."
"All right," responded the young fellow. "There's no object in my staying 'here if I can't get the accommodation I want. I didn't mean any insult. I want just the kind of a room I say-and no other will suit."
" But what on earth
"Well, if you want to know particularly, I may as well tell you-I've just had my holidays and go back to business to-morrow. I told the boys I was off to Muskoka, but I couldn't raise the stuff, and never got any further than the island. Now, I'm afraid they'll get onto me, but if I show up with my head all swelled with bites I can give 'em no end of a stiff about the high old time I had camping and fishing up North only that the mosquitoes was so thick I was nearly eaten up-see? Well, you don't keep that kind of a place-all right-I'll 'go and hunt up some cheap boarding-house in St. John's ward -guess that'll fill the bill-so long."

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" He accepted my offer and gave me letters to Mr. Shannon, of the Kingston News, and to late Dr. Barker, of the Kingston Whig, asking them to allow ine the use of their fyles; and to the late Dr. Todd, Parliamentary Librarian, requesting him to afford me every facility in the way of books. It was my intention to submit to him, for revision, every chapter as it was written, but he came back to power before I had accomplished much, and then the demands upon his time were so heavy and urgent that the reading had always to be postponed to a more convenient season.
"Had it not been for that overwhelming sense of duty which impelled him to throw himself into the late contest with such force, energy and utter disregard of self that his own life was the penalty, we might have looked forward to an early retirement from active politics and the enjoyment of long evening of life, during which he would have had the eisure necessary to thoroughly revise my work and to add such matter as would have made it an invaluable history of the country. As it is I have been thrown on my own resources, and have even been prevented by the demand for immediate publication, from obtaining the kindly criticism of friends to the extent that I would have liked.

Although I have been at the task for over twelve years, only a very few, beyond those above mentioned as having been written to by Sir John A. Macdonald, were aware of the fact. These exceptions were his son Hugh John, his brother-in-law the Rev. Dr. Williamson, and Mr. George Johnson, Dominion Statistician, and to these $I$ have only been able to submit a portion of the whole work. I am aware of the great value that would attach to these pages were I able to say that they had been revised and approved by the late Premier. I also realize that, in saying that he was cognizant of what I was doing and contemplated goingover the manuscript, there is a possibility that a certain amount of responsibility for the opinions expressed therein may be attached to him. To avoid all danger of this I shall give fac similes of some letters received from him which will corroborate my statements, both as to his knowledge of my work and intentention to rev se it, and his inability to give the necessary time thereto. To these I will add a third, which contains his opinion of a book now being pushed by enterprising publishers, and which is advertised as having been re.written by a gentleman who was the secretary of the Commercial Union Club. This biography is said, by the Empire, to show a marked partiality for the doctrine of commercial union with the States, and to be prefaced by a tacit endorsement of the very policy against which Sir John A. Macdonald fought so strongly and so successfully. As the author has written to that paper and not contradicted that statement it must be accepted as correct, and friends and opponents alike will agree in condemning so unfair and improper a procedure."

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