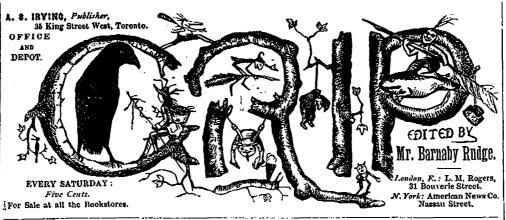


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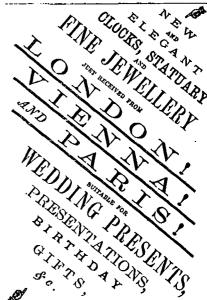
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TORONTO, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2018, 1873.

MOSS'S SWEEPING VICTORY.

There was an uncouth but withal modest rap at Grie's sanctum door on Tuesday last, and without rising from his desk (where he was busy upon one of the poems you will find in this number; the genial Talker said "Come in." The door was timidly opened and a very humble woman walked in. She belonged to the Ancient Order of The Poor, a representative the sight of whose well cherished rags was meant to set one a-dreaming of christmas angels and Christian charity. But she had not come to beg. Her simple story was, that being a gatherer of paper scraps, she was in the habit of rummaging amongst the sweepings of the newspaper offices, and in her search that morning she had picked up in the Mait and the Globe heaps, respectively, a cast-out manuscript. She was not able to read, but from the appearance of these documents she fancied they must have been accidentally placed amongst the rubbish, and to make the matter certain she had brought them to Grie for examination. We commended the thoughtfulness of the poor creature, and at once turned our attention to the writings, and scarcely had we read the first sentence of each when the whole was comprehended. "These," said we to the rag-gatherer, "are legitimately within your province,—strietly waste paper. They are editorial articles that had been written in anticipation of the result of the recent great contest in West Toronto, that of the Globe in view of defeat, and that of the Mait anticipating victory." So saying we returned the sheets of paper to our visitor, having taken correct copies of the articles which are here appended.

(From the 'Globe' Dust Heap.)

"When the sun went down on West Toronto last night, he hid his face from a sad scene—a spectacle which Canada will remember with increasing pain so long as she has a name to live amongst the nations of the earth. Corruption and iniquity had triumphed over virtue, and were riotously holding their brawling carnival over the bleeding victim. Bickford has been returned by—of a majority! Bickford, the "Grip has no desire to publish these descriptive phrases.) We cannot dwell upon the subject of yesterday's result, with any degree of patience. Neither the victor nor his success can command a particle of respect from anybody. By dint of appeal to every known means of corruption and compulsion, the Tory candidate has been returned for West Toronto. Never has such a day of political debauchery been passed through in Canadian history; never was bribery more rampant and brazen, never was constituency more de raved and venial; never was dishonour more certain for all time. We drop the dark veil over the sight; and our fair Dominion will have to say with the weird poet, that

Her soul from out that shadow Shad be lifted never more."

From the 'Mait' Dust Heap.

"The great battle of West Toronto is over, and a glorious victory for the party of Union and Progress is the result. Mr. Biokford has been returned by the magnificent majori y of----, and thus a proper sumb is administered to George Leone and the Chancery Brigade. The Grits have been and of testerating in their own shameless fashion the most scanualous of talschoods about Mr. BICKFORD ever since his candidature was announced, and this is how the free and independent electors of West Toronto answer the calumniators. This is how they dear with the gross and matignant lies that have been spoken by the Globe and its satellites about the Right Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald; this is the way in which they speak their minds on the subject of standering and letter-stealing. And in this splendid triumph we have another element of gratification in the fact that the contest that raged yesterday was distinguished in a remarkable degree by the absence of corruption. We doubt if a single authentic case of bribery or compulsion can be pointed to. Of course we fully expect the Globe to assert that the constituency was carried by money; but all who were present in the battle and are therefore competent to judge, will be able to give the lie direct to such affection. Again we say that the Liberal Conservative party has achieved a signal victory, let the Grits howl as they may."

"GLOBE" SAPPHICS TO "SQUARE-TOES."

HONEST old MEDGALF, we have naught against you— Which, Sir, is saying volumes in your favour— In years gone by you've done the City service We do believe.

Now you are out for Mayor 'gainst Shith and Manning, Working away as usual, like a beaver, And there's no telling but you'll be elected If you keep on.

As to said Manning, he'll be whipped for certain:
People don't like his Water Works connections,
Smith and yourself will have the fight between you
On polling day.

Now of you two SMITH's the man we vote for; Hearty, and young, and business-like and honest, Just the right man to fill the chair at present, As we all fancy.

While you, dear friend, have lost your old time vigour, You've done your duty as our Mayor already. Now you've a right to demand that we should therefore Let you resign.

P.S.-Please make the demand.

ESSAYS AT THE DINNER TABLE.

I surross myself to be talking to one who is able to sympathise. Now in order to be able to do so, such an one must be in the habit of dining out. You are! you say? Well, now, I'll talk to you. Listen! Did you ever (I know the answer that's coming), when dining out, discover a hair in your dinner—in some portion of it?
You have? So have I, and so invariably as to constitute it a rule now. Yes! what sensations one experiences on such occasions! First of all, you naturally begin to conjecture whose it was. Perhaps you have been staying overnight in the house, and the similarity it bears to those you extracted from your brush and comb when dressing for dinner, inclines you to the belief that it must have belonged to that pretty little chambermaid, and you are becoming reconciled to it on that account, when in she comes, and you see at once it is much too dark, and the sickening suspicion that it about matches that scullery maid's (of whom you caught a passing glimpse, ea dishabille), sends you into a regular perspiration, and you begin to devise some means whereby you can, unnoticed, smuggle it from the middle of your caper sauce, and deposit it on the uttermost edge of your plate. While waiting for a favourable opportunity to carry this out, you cannot help wondering whether every person is favoured with a hair, if they only knew where to lay their hands on it, or whether there is only one, which invariably falls to you, however unsolicited. Now comes the much-desired moment, when everybody seems absorbed in the good things before them, and you at once make an effort to capture your hair. After vainly endeavouring to wind it, first round your fork, and then round your knife, and several times suffering the most concentrated agony by seeing it disappear altogether beneath the sauce, you at last, goaded by hunger and the prospect of a cold dinner, determine to use your fingers. You look stealthily round (this time you somehow feel guilty of something, as though you were taking an unfair advantage of the other guests), and seeing everyone absorbed as before, you swiftly accomplish its removal. Again you look round, not that you fear any one has noticed you, but simply as a make-sure, and you are rather chagrined to find that your host ss is regarding you with a half-mournful, halfinjured expression, as though you'd put aside the choicest part of the dinner. There is one peculiarity about shorter hairs, and that is, that after carefully putting them on one side, accompanied by a fragment of turnip (from which it was impossible to separate it), you straightway forget all about them. By and bye, you are cleaning your plate up, and it comes quite natural to reach after that fragment, and -

THE FUTURE.—Ten-years-old—"Pa, do you want me to be a minister?" Pa—"Yes, my son, why?" Hopeful—"Do you think I will ever be as had a man as MACKENZIE, Pa?" Pa—"I hope not, my son! Why do you ask such a question?" "Hopeful—Isn't MACKENZIE a minister?"

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Well done! for the time is close by you When your motto shall sound through the land,-Though asses and flunkeys belie you, Young Canada gives you the hand. Keep it up! there are hearts that beat higher, Voices ready in cheering to burst, Eyes now fixed on nothing, that fire For your motto of "Canada FIRST." There are sucers on the veteran faces Grown gray in political war,
Their parties and leaders and places
Their watchwords and principles are, Blame them not, they gave freedom to numbers In their youth, when the "Comput" they cursed, But they sleep,—we will startle their slumbers With our motto of , CANADA FIRST." As the volume and tide of a river, With the thousands that join it, flows free, Growing strong and resistless forever, Till it rolls to the measureless sea So the cry shall be taken and shouted, By men whom the country has nursed, Till fogies and Dollards are routed, And the motto is "Canada First." How can we be contented with stories Of loyalty, mumbled by age, Not ours but theirs are the glories, Written bright upon history's page. We are proud of the race that we spring from, And shall we of its sons be the worst? No, we hear louder victories ring from The motto of "Canada first." Do they think, who decry and pooh-pooh us, Of the future, when nations shall pour Their starving and naked ones to us, To be trampled and trodden no more, Will they turn to a country as distant As the lands of their hunger and thirst, With loyalty staunch and persistent, Or love our fair "Canada First." Hear the wind! it has gathered its motion Far away over mountain and plain, It blows from the westerly ocean To the rocks on the easterly main. It has passed over praries unbounded, Over forests and lakes-where we durst Over that a Nation will sound it Their motto of "CANADA FIRST."

E. D. THOMSON.

"VIOLATING THE LAWS."

A horrible occurrence of which neither newspapers nor police seem to have heard, is reported to Grip by Mr. MUNCHAUSEN JENKINS, as happening on a public street of this city the other evening. Mr. JENEINS is probably a truthful man, but he has two palpable weaknesses-the first is an ambition to contribute something to these columns-(this, however, he stares with many respectable politicians and scholars)-and the second is an abnormal "pick" at lawyers of all grades, accounted for by the fact that he was 'plucked' before the Benchers at Osgoode Hall in his youth. We state these things only because we desire to deal fairly toward the public in the matter of news. But to the "particulars." It appears that shortly after five o'clock p.m., on the day in question, several promising young barristers, attorneys, solicitors, conveyancers and head clerks were passing along the leading thoroughfure on the way to their several and respective dinners, all and sundry carrying learned looking black bags over their shoulders. The business of the day was finished, and they were wending homeward to refresh their jaded energies, and do a hard night's reading over the books that deformed the sides of the aforesaid bags. So the public, passing them, thought. But all at once the inoff-nsive gentlemen were set upon by a crowd of roughs, and a desparate fight commenced. Our informant couldn't learn what it was about, but in his own words—he claims them as his own, and avers that he never so much as heard of Best Harts or the "Heathen Chinee "-he says:

In the scene that ensued I did not take a hand, But the side-wa k was strewed Like the 'eaves on the strand

with the parcels of grocery sandries that these legal persons are in the habit of carrying home in their bags, instead of law books, as they would have the public believe, you understand.

PIRST OF ALL,

BY AN EX-PREMIER.

Some people praise the Fatherland, Its polity and laws, Vow to preserve unbroke the band Which bears us onward hand-in-hand, Make "EMPIRE FIRST" their cause. Let such prate on; I, now as e'er Keep "Office First" my humble prayer. "FIRST CANADA," some others cry, Our native land so dear; Hands joined across the sea we'll try To keep-but while their feet are dry And Britain's sky is clear; Corruption seize them—new-born fools! All will go well if John A. rules. Now ye who for the Empire vote I nose-led flunkeys call: And ye who howl with lusty throat That we should launch a sep'rate boat, I brand disloyal all, Strengthen the band or let it burst, My motto will be "Office First."

WHAT EVERYBODY ASKS.

I'm told a new party is started,
With "Canada first!" for its text;
Dear Grip will you kindly inform me
(For of course you are able) what next?

PLANS FOR THE WINTER.

Being an intercepted letter from Bill Syrks, one of the criminal class, to his pal, Jerry Pike at Hamilton.)

Mire's Allry, 7 decemr.

DEAR FREND,—i want to rite to inform you i hev jes made up my mind concernen what i wil do this hear winter months wich times is a goin to be Aful hard hear. i jes herd yesterday from Mire about the New Centrel Prisin of Ontario. That's what they calls it, and they give let rait board & the men wot boards thare they work to the car shop an goes home to the prisin for thare meals, and jes like men does wot aint prisners: ise goen to put a hed onto sum rooster & see ef i cant get in thare cause i dont care for wages ef i can git good board and logins free, wich Mire is goin away from hear & we got to dig out. ef you like cum over hear and git in to. Yours truly pal,

B. SYKES.

Croaks from Grip's Basket.

Not the Man.—We are requested to say that the Mr. Norr, who did not speak, as was incorrectly stated in the daily papers, at the "Canada First" meeting on the 29th. inst., and the "Empire First" meeting last Friday evening, is not the Hon. J. Prooton Knorr whose "Duluth" speech should be obtained by everybody who hasn't got it already.

"ONLY AN ATTORNEY."—FACTS IN PAIRS, ctc.,—The responsible editor of the Mail seems from the tone of his remarks on Mr. Moss, to have a proper contempt for lawyers. The following cases will be tried: at the Toronto Winter Assizes; McMullen v. The Mail, (libel): Davis v. The Mail, (libel); The Queen v. The Mail, (libel.)

Our own Mrs. Partington says she rejoices at the establishment of an Hospital for Incumbles; as there is now a good hope that many of the poor sufferers may be restored to the blessings of health.

Ask a fashionably dressed belle, one of those beauties with a hat like a warped soup plate, an eye-glass, kiss-me-quick's that look, like the work of a prolific ring-worm, a collar as high as a politician's honour, a Grecian bend that would incommode a Dromedary, and a "knowing-blade" expression in her eye that would disconcert a city councillor. Ask such an one, what is her beau-ideal of a man, and ten to one she'll say: "Sir! My idea of a man is summed up in these words, by the poet Lorryat."

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