

The Three Nights.  
Where have you been?  
"Where have you been so long?"  
"Only down by the river."  
To hear the blackbird's song;  
Only down by the river.  
And round by the castle wall,  
To see the daylight fading  
And the evening shadows fall.

But why is your cheek so red?  
"No very red to see."  
The speed with which I hastened  
The only cause can be  
Walked too far by the river,  
And the night came down at last  
Before I thought of the distance;  
So I hurried homeward fast.

"Where have you been?" said her sisters;  
"Where have you been so late?"  
"Only down by the river."  
And I the castle gate;  
Only down by the river;  
To watch the moonlight change  
The things we see so familiar  
Into visions weird and strange.

"But why do you look so sad?" said her sisters.  
"So very pale and ill?"  
"I am cold," was her only answer,  
"For the night is sharp and chill,  
I have stayed too long by the river;  
Though it did not seem so long,  
For the sky was bright and the river—  
Each bright with its stars, throng.

"Where can he be," said her sisters;  
"So very long and late?"  
The merrily cease his singing,  
And a sob beside his mate,  
And the sky is dark and the river—  
Each dark and drear by the river;  
The wind blows hard and the rain comes down  
Where can your sister be?"

In vain they watched and waited,  
In wonder and in pain;  
In vain they sought by the river,  
By the castle walls in vain—  
For the maiden was gone with her lover  
Away from the blackbird's song,  
And away from the walk by the river,  
She had known and loved so long  
—Dublin University Magazine.

A Revised Edition.  
Mary Mary, quite contrary,  
How does your garden grow?  
Do roses and sweet willow-herb  
Make quite a summer show?  
Twice a week we have met,  
But it seems years ago—  
Mary, Mary, quite contrary,  
Why do I love you so!

Mary Mary, in your airy  
Summer gown of snow,  
Following fragrant flowers fair,  
Through your house you go;  
Full of feet and full of care,  
Will you heed my voice?  
Mary, Mary, quite contrary,  
Why do I love you so!

Mary Mary, in the dairy,  
Setting pans in row,  
Jingling keys and silver bells,  
Marching to and fro;  
Leaving in all your hold spells—  
(Wise you are, and so)  
Tell me, Mary, still contrary,  
Why do I love you so!

Ah! my Mary, comes a fairy,  
Whispers soft and low,  
All the sweet and sudden truth  
Heart to heart must owe;  
Be it joy or be it ruth,  
Only this I know  
"Because you are contrary  
That I love you so!"

When The Sea Gives Up Her Dead.  
I am looking back through the days and weeks  
That lie in the shadowy land of yore,  
An awaiting spirit stirs and speaks,  
The spirit of dead years gone before.  
Speaks with a murmur of mournful sighs,  
In a voice that carries the sound of tears—  
And lighting the lamps of his passionate eyes,  
It opens the shroud of the buried yea.

The wind is blowing up from the world;  
The stars are shining down on the sea;  
But the wind is bleak, and the light is cold,  
And 'tis only of pain they speak to me.  
For the wind once toyed with a silken tress,  
And the stars once shone on a sallow face;  
And how can a faithful love grow less?  
Or a new love take the old love's place.

The sea is swirling up to my feet,  
Singing its monody, soft and low;  
But the song of the sea is drowsily sweet,  
For I would have it slow its years ago.  
We had parted I and she,  
With many a hundred mile between;  
And now she was coming across the sea  
(Oh, the sky was blue and the waves were green).

Coming and yet she never came,  
Meeting—and yet we met no more!  
She heard me not when I called to her name,  
Though the dead might have heard me on that shore.  
Oh love, though my eyes but dimly see,  
There is hope in my pathway where I tread,  
That over the sea thou wilt sail to me  
In the day when the sea gives up her dead.  
—The Argosy.

Hearts of Old.  
To hearts of old, ye hearts of old,  
Companions in the morning sun,  
To-night I pledge you as of old,  
And pay the homage you have won.  
Behind the northern clouds I see  
Illumination of the night;  
So through dark years shine back to me  
Your happy presences of light.

Who has the power to cheer the soul  
Like those we knew when life was young,  
When boyhood ran from glad to glad,  
And all the fields with laughter rung.  
It was youth's ignorance of life  
That made the days so smoothly glide;  
And low amid the clash and strife,  
You, hearts of old, are defiled!

Ye merry, merry hearts of old,  
True mates with n the dawning light,  
Fussy and fancy overbold  
Bring you again with me to-night.  
The echoes of the hillside sound  
Your voice to the valley again;  
There's cheering on the old playground,  
And reminiscence by ray and grain.

United States Consul Packard has  
requested the Mayor of Liverpool to pub-  
lish the Act of Congress forbidding the  
landing of paupers in the United States,  
in order that poor people may not be  
debauched by ticket agents into spending  
their last shilling for passage to America.  
Col. Burnaby, who was killed at the  
battle of Abu Kila, left the finished manu-  
script of a political novel. It is said to  
contain such fierce and meretricious criticisms  
of certain political adversaries that it is  
doubtful if Col. Burnaby's executors will  
permit the work to be published.  
A special from Paris says the distress  
there is appalling. To provide work for  
the army of unemployed artisans the  
municipal authorities have decided upon  
at once carrying out several city improve-  
ments long contemplated.  
In winter where one's choice of vegeta-  
bles is so limited I am surprised to find  
how few people use beets in any other  
form than served with vinegar. They are  
exceedingly good baked for from three to  
four hours (they are sweeter and retain  
more of their flavor if baked instead of  
boiled for this way), then peeled, cut in  
slices or lengthwise and served with white  
sauce.

# DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

OTTAWA, Feb. 17.—In the House of Commons Sir Leonard Tilley laid on the table the public accounts and the Auditor-General's report.

Sir John Macdonald presented the report of the Department of Indian Affairs.

Mr. Bowell laid on the table the Trade and Navigation Returns.

In reply to a question by Sir Richard Cartwright, Sir Leonard Tilley said he would lay the Superannuation Returns on the table to-morrow.

Sir Leonard Tilley gave notice of a Bill to amend the Insurance Act of 1874.

Mr. Pope gave notice of a Bill to provide for taking the census of the Northwest, and of a Bill relating to contagious diseases among cattle.

Mr. Curran moved the first reading of an Act for the distribution of the assets of insolvent debtors. Several members rose to explain the Act.

Mr. Blake—Is this the same old Bill?  
Mr. Curran said it was a Bill approved of by the Board of Trade of Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg and Hamilton. It embodied the views of the commercial community of Canada.

Mr. Mitchell—Does it contain any provision for the discharge of a debtor after his property is taken away?  
Mr. Curran—No.

Mr. Mitchell—Then it is a one-sided affair. Mr. Curran said the Bill aimed merely at an equitable distribution for assets. The Bill was read a first time.

The following Bills were read the first time: To limit the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court—Mr. Lundy (Montreal); respecting the liability of carriers by land—Mr. Conaghan; to regulate the employment of children and young persons and women in workshops, mills and factories—Mr. Bergin; to further amend the law of evidence in criminal cases—Mr. Cameron (Huron).

Mr. Macmillan called attention to the fact that last session he had called for returns showing the amount of work done for the Government by the Montreal Gazette from 1878 to 1883. The Minister of Public Works had asked at the time he had made his motion that it should be made to cover the newspapers in Canada for ten years, from 1873 to 1883. It was represented that this would involve a great deal of work, but the Minister said all diligence would be used in getting it out. The return was not yet done, though it was eleven months since moved for.

Sir Hector Langevin promised to have the return ready as soon as possible.  
Mr. Mitchell asked whether the returns of the stockholders of the Grand Trunk was ready. He said he asked this early so as to give no excuse for delay. (Hear, hear, and laughter.)

Sir John Macdonald said the absence of the Secretary of State precluded an immediate answer.  
Mr. McCall—I would like the hon. gentleman not to let it drift over longer than a week or so.

Sir John Macdonald, replying to Mr. Casey, said he thought the Civil Service Bill would be presented in a few days.

Mr. Blake—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce the Factory Bill.  
Sir John Macdonald—That is under consideration. (Laughter)

Mr. Shakerpearl—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a measure this session restricting the immigration of Chinese into the Dominion? (Hear, hear.)  
Sir John Macdonald—Not until after the report of the Commission.

In reply to a question by Mr. Charlton, Sir Leonard Tilley said the net amount of the public debt of Canada on June 30th, 1884, was \$181,719,934.28, and that the increase to Dec. 31st, 1884, was \$7,194,953.75 making a total of \$188,914,888.05.

In reply to another question by Mr. Charlton, Sir Leonard Tilley stated that of the loan of \$22,500,000 which the Parliament last session authorized the Government to make to the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., the amount paid over to the company up to January 29th, 1885, was \$18,591,000.

Mr. Desjardins asked whether it was the intention of the Government to accept as final the judgment rendered by the Supreme Court as to the competency of the Dominion Parliament to pass the Liquor License Act of 1883.

Sir John Macdonald—A report will be obtained as to the effect of the decision on the laws of the different Provinces. It will be presented in a few days. In the meantime the Government cannot express any intention on the subject.

Several motions were made for returns, among them being motions by Sir Richard Cartwright for returns showing the receipts and expenditures in detail up to the latest period, the exports and imports, the amount of money on deposit to the credit of the Government and the duties collected on imports. Mr. Charlton moved for a return showing particulars as to the timber license. Referring to a somewhat similar return last year, Mr. Charlton said that the names of the licensees were omitted. He hoped they would be supplied in this return. The House adjourned at 10 p.m.

That the Dominion Government should not assume the responsibility of refunding or according to the application in such cases.  
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Mr. Meredith observed that the name of a gentleman was included, who, he said, was not now a member of the House—Mr. Drury. He thought his name should not have appeared.  
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