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WM. HARRISON.

Weddings and Wakes There are men who are so constitut-

ed that it matters not how out of place the opportunity may be, or soleren the pensity to perpetrate a joke.

and he does his share in varying the gravity of many solemn countenances, bers on Mr. Speaker's left have been provoking from many of us a ready indulging in mutterings loud and deep smile even when we cannot endorse of the horrible disclosures they were his eccentricities.

the departed one were laid out in the action, together with the repeated at- from the Bioscope, and selections from death room, covered with a winding tempts which have been made to drag the electric Audophone. sheet, awaiting the arrival of the vilstructed receptacle for the dead.

Adjoining the room where the body lay was a much larger room in which were gathered a large number of sym-

pathizing friends, Among the mourners was the little brown jug, the popular citizen previously referred to, which shed so much sympathy on this occasion that it had was a notable and significant one. frequently to retire for a fresh supply of consolation. As the night wore on, so many mourners could not be always weeping, especially when the little brown jug overflowed so often with so much tearful solicitude. The conversation became more lively, jokes were ventured, and the irrepressible laugh would sometimes vent itself in subdued tones. Forgetting all propriety the larger room was cleared for a

Lounging at one of the hotels that evening until after the midnight honr was a young fellow whom, in deference to the more fastidious of our readers, we will call Shaw. Shaw was a most incorrigible wag. According to Goldsmith he was a

"Rare compound of oddity, frolic and

To relish a joke, or laugh at a pun." He gloried in a practical joke irrespective of time, circumstances, or surroundings. That night he had imbibed

him daring. mate protege in a leaning position in sight of all the company-imitating the shrill cracked voice of the old lady when in life, and assuming her most indignant tone, he shrieked "Heigh! Heigh! An is that what yer a doin', an - an me dead? Humph!" One look at that cadaverous face and the instinctive dread of a closer interview caused a panic. The whole crowd with pallid faces jumped for the front door, hustling and tumbling over each other in their frantic efforts to reach the street. The room was empty in less than a minute. The house was as silent as the grave. Shaw replaced the body on the stretcher covered it carefully with the sheet as he had found it and left the house as secretly as he had entered it.

As soon as sufficient courage could be mustered some of the more venturesome returned for their wraps. Looking into the little room and seeing the remains of the old lady lying as serenely as in the earlier part of the evening they went and told others. A few remained until the morning.

Next day there was much mysterious whispering among the villagers, and many awe-stricken countenances. The solemn topic of bated-breath conversation was of course the old lady's wonderful post-mortem, activity of timid glances were cast at the coffin as it neared the place of burial, and superstitious thoughts occupied the minds of others as they followed the remains to the grave.

The secret, however, could not be kept. Shaw had to tell it. So, what Village of Richmond Hill, was unravelled and long ago forgotten.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Our Ottawa Letter.

takes less than six weeks of the ses- done. sion, there are already indications of | Leaving the lodge room all repaired a restless desire on the part of the to Hogan's Hall where an excellent

The practical joker is ever with us been marked by better feeling than others. was anticipated. It is true the meminsignificant issues before the public | Rev. C. A. Campbell concluded his lage carpenter with his homely con- and magnify them into affairs of im- pastorate of St. Andrew's last Sunday portance.

THE CARTWRIGHT BANQUET.

The notable event of the week has been the banquet tendered on Wednesday evening by the Ontario Liberal members and Senators to their graud old leader, Sir Richard Cartwright. From every point of view the event Sir Richard has been a tower of strength to Liberalism for many a decade, and his self-sacrificing labors for his country and his party are well understood and warmly appreciated; but however well a condition or a fact is known and recognized, it does no harm occasionally to give it special emphasis. The occasion was essentially a family reunion, and it gave the opportunity for a general exchange of congratulations on the splendid work the party had accomplished for the country in the past, its enviable position in the confidences of the nation in the present, and the magnificent outlook for the future. Setting aside all party prejudices no observant man, who values his reputation for common sense and calm judgment, will hesitate to admit that the verdict of history will be in the words uttered by the guest of the evening, when he declar- township of Georgina. ed that the four years which had elapsed from 1896 to 1900 had been prejust enough of the "ardent" to make | eminently fruitful years in the history of Canada during which she had made Returning to his home Shaw passed | gigantic strides both morally and mathe house of mourning just when the terially. In these four years, said Sir excitement was at its height or as in Richard, we have shown our American Tam O'Shanter, when the "fun was friends that while we are willing to fast and furious." Familiar with the carry on trade with them, still if they premises he slipped around to the shut their doors to us we are not mererear of the house, entered the window | ly able to stand the blow, but to pros- pastorate. of the room where the body lay. Pick- per and develop our trade and coming up the corpse he wrapped the sheet | merce in a greater ratio than even close around it. Setting the door of they can do; and we have shown our John Bull pickles, 10c. Atkinson & the larger room ajar he waited for a friends on the other side of the Atlull in the noise. It came. Thrusting | lantic that Canada can send to the the head and shoulders of his inani- field soldiers well worthy of taking their place alongside the greatest vet- pany's works, and the Canada Cycle erans the empire can produce. Con- and Motor Company's works, at St. tinuing Sir Richard uttered a well- Catharines, were destroyed by fire timed note of warning against over- early Wednesday morning. Loss confidence in preparing for the ap- nearly half a million, proaching election, with the reminder that however good and righteous a cause might be, it might easily suffer defeat if thorough organization and strenuous work were neglected. Eter-

nal vigilance is the price of liberty.

REAPING THE BENEFITS. The advantages of the Soulanges Canal with its greater draft of water is shown already by the fact that the Canada Atlantic Railway has increased the size of its barges' cargoes from 25 to 50 per cent., while the distance from Coteau-the head of the canalto Montreal can now be covered in half the time that was formerly re- hose, special, 12c. a pair; ladies' black quired to go through by way of the heavy cotton hose, 10c. a pair. At-Beauharnois Canal. One of the Company's barges on her first trip this season carried 34,000 bushels of wheat drawing nine feet of water through the canal, but on her second trip she went through the Soulanges Canal with 48,000 bushels of wheat and a draft of eleven and a half feet, this latter cargo being the largest ever taken down the Lachine Canal. A can now be built thirty feet longer | that a committee, consisting of United through the old canal.

King City.

An agreeable time was spent in connection with Robertson Lodge, A. F. stance in the annals of our early & A. M., on Monday evening. R. W. A large stock of Funeral Furnishings history and the foundation of an ex- Bro. McPherson paid an official visit citing ghost story had it been written to the Lodge on that evening, and in the Book of the Chronicles of the quite a number of visitors were present from Bolton, Richmond Hill, and other places. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees by the W. M., Bro. A. D. Carley, and during the evening a candidate was raised to the third degree, the important work being performed by Past Master Bro. Although little or no progress has J. W. Crossley. The officers received been made in the consideration of the | well merited praise from the D.D.G.M. estimates, the passing of which seldom for the way their several parts were

Richmond Hill and Vicinity members to hurry on prorogation, supper was partaken of. A number This is not surprising, for the session of toasts were afterwards proposed. is now well into its fourth month, and and responded to when many witty even if every expediency is used to speeches were given and humorous hurry on the work, there is scarcely a anecdotes related. The following possibility of getting through before were among the speakers:-Messrs. the end of next month. So far, apart McPherson, Hon. E. J. Davis, several from the evident desire in Opposition members from True Blue Lodge, Bolranks to waste time in all manner of ton; J. T. Saigeon and J. F. Rowland, occasion, who cannot resist their pro- frivolous discussions on side issues, Richmond Hill; members of the home the proceedings of the session have lodge; Mr. Shouldice of Toronto, and

Maple

going to make, but nothing could The entertainment which was to In the early history of our village more conclusively demonstrate the un- have been given on Monday night unthere lived and died among us a very broken success of the Government's der the auspices of the Epworth little old woman. "Little and un- policy in every direction, and its League, will be given in the Methodist known" she was to many of her acknowledged strength in the country, Church next Monday night. The en-Telephone 2584 neighbors, but, as usual, many gath- than the complete failure to imple- tertainment will consist of moving ered at the "wake. The remains of ment any of these threats by definite pictures of the South African War

> and leaves for Lakefield this week. He carries with him the best wishes of his many friends to his new field of

Some of our young people who attended the "Temple of Fame" concert in Aurora, are thinking of having a similar entertainment here.

Mr. Wm. Knight and family have moved into the house lately occupied by Mr. A Shunk, and will live there for the summer until their new house is completed.

Mrs. O'Brien and son of Toronto, were visiting at Mr. R. Rumble's on Sunday.

News Notes.

Lieut.-Col. Cosby, commander of the 48th Highlanders, died at his residence College St., Toronto, aged 60 years.

The E. B. Eddy Company of Hull have decided to re-erect all their manufacturing buildings which were burned down in the recent fire.

Oscar Thompson has been committed for trial charged with having burned the barns of Mordecai Chapman in the Richard's pure soap, 6 for 25c. ;

Comfort soap, 6 for 25c. ; Cameo soap, 7 for 25c.; Sunlight soap, 5c. a bar; Lifebuoy soap, 5c. a bar; Castile soap, 2 cakes for 5c. Atkinson & Switzer. Rev. R. Martin of Markham, has been the unanimous choice of Erskine

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Rev. J. G. Shearer's successor in the

The plant of the Welland Vale Com-

The Dominion Government has settled cases against Thouret, Fitzgibbon & Co. and their successors Fitzgibbon, Tchafheitlin & Co. of Montreal, for customs undervaluation, each firm paying \$10,000 and costs. Mr. W. J. Hill, M. P. P. for West York has secured the contract for the

wenegan Falls, Quebec. The contract involves a large amount of excavation, stonework, and the laying of a million bricks. Ladies' black full fashioned cotton

erection of a large pulp mill at Sha-

kinson & Switzer. Peter McIntyre, freight agent for the Richelieu Navigation Company was Thursday morning shot and killed by his thirteen year old son. The reason given was that the father would not consent to the son leaving home for the summer.

Pepresentative Sulzer of New York, further illustration of the advantages | Chairman of the committee to receive of the new locks is the fact that barges | the Boer delegates in Washington, says than the maximum length navigable | States Senators, three Representatives and a number of prominent citizens, will go to New York to escort the delegates to Washington.

