## BLAKE ON QUIMET.

### And the Speakership of the House of Commons.

The hon. gentleman has referred to the Parliamentary career of my hon. friend. I have watched it with interest and not without sympathy. I have observed in him efforts which I believe to be in the right direction in the discharge of his duty as a Canadian citizen. I have observed aspirations for that interpretation of the Federal pact to which I adhere. If I were disposed to be critical I might say that there have been occasions on which he has hardly pushed his principles fully into action, that he did not agree to the full logical developement of the views which he entertained, and I trust that, fortified and ripened by the experience of the position which he is about to occupy for the next few years, we may find —it there be a blemish —that blemish entirely removed when he retakes his place upon the floor. My hon. friend has at times been rather a disturbing element in the party ranks. I recollect when to him was ascribed a somewhat prominent part in the extraordinary convulsions of the figure "8" in this Chamber some years ago. (Cheers and laughter.) To him is ascribed, not the authorship perhaps, but the application as illustrative of the relations of his colleagues—A quat' patter Canayens—and to him is ascribed—encouraged no doubt and inspired from a quarter still higher and still nearer the Administration than himself—that resistance which resulted in the submission of the first minister in his placing himself à quatre pattes before the Canayens, and entering their room No. 8 under the Cascade Forks. (Cheers.) I hope there may never be occasion to say of him, that he illustrated in his own person the phrase that he is a Canayen a quatre pattes, that he marched through mutiny to Ministerial favor, that he touched the Treasury by treason, that he attained, or could retain, this chair by anything approaching a base subserviency and abandonment of principle. For my part, I feel special pleasure in accediing to this particular choice on this occasion. We have just come from a very severe election campaign, in which the chief Tory slogan and battle cry against myself was my vote on the execution of Riel, and my opinion of the management of Northwest affairs. I was called upon to express an opinion upon that subject, which I did in this place about twelve months ago, when I declared that in my opinion the execution of Riel was a severe blow to the administration of criminal justice in Canada, a cruel act which I felt ought to be regretted. I knew that opinion was unpopular. I knew that it was not shared by many of my own friends. I knew that it was perilous of utterance, that it was liable to misinterpretation. I asked only that it be allowed I was sincere and honest in the expression of my conviction. But the Tory party declined to permit that. They declared that no honest man, no jurist, no parliamentarian, no statesman, could honestly believe that which I, as they said, professed to believe. They declared that by the expression of the opinion to which I have referred I was setting up the French above the English, the Roman Catholics above the Protestants, that I was breaking down the sacred rule of one law for all, that I was raising the cry of race and revenge, that I was destroying the first principle of the administration of criminal justice. They roused the Orange Tories to madness. I was insulted in the press, in the pulpit, upon the platform. I was called a Rielite, a conspirator against Canadian law, a hypocrite, a coward, a knave and a fool, a rebel and a traitor. As to the Halfbreeds, the Tories declared that there was no mismanagement on the part of the Government; that, on the contrary, all was kindness, promptness, diligence and wisdom—(laughter)—that the accusation was false and the accuser a calumniator. A year ago, discussing these questions here, I appealed to a latter day and to the next generation for my final verdict—to the judgment of history recorded by posterity. Who at that time could have believed that within these few months I should find those, my accusers, laying the first stone of my vindication? (Loud cheers.) That the earliest step which they proposed to this chamber, elected largely under the influence of these cries, should be to propose for first place here, for the position of Speaker and mouthpiece of the Canadian Commons, for the vindicator of our privileges, for our judicial arbiter, a gentleman who voted with me a few months ago:—"That this House thinks it its duty to express its deep regret that the sentence of death passed upon Louis Riel, convicted of high treason, was allowed to be carried out." (Loud cheers.) They propose for that office a gentleman who a few months ago followed up that vote by thus voting with me:—"That it was the duty of the Government to proceed with diligence, under the authority which it obtained from Parliament in 1879, to settle the claims arising out of the Indian title of the Halfbreeds in the Northwest Territories, and also to settle the claims of those Manitoba Halfbreeds who were temporarily absent from the enumeration, and that in this respect the Government has been guilty of neglect, delay and mismanagement prejudicial to the peace, welfare and good government of Canada." These votes of the hon. member for Laval, these votes of censure on his part do give him a title to my support. (Cheers.) These votes of want of confidence in the Administration on important points do lead me to the conclusion that he possesses a soundness of judgment which I hope he will illustrate in his high office. But what is to be said of the men who call me, Rielite, conspirator, knave and fool, hypocrite and coward, calumniator, traitor and rebel, because I so voted, and who propose to elevate to the first places in this chamber the gentleman who shared in the votes with me? (Loud cheers.) But is this one law for all? (Renewed cheers and laughter.) Is this administration of even-handed justice? The highest honors for one, execration and odium for the other. Are they acting thus in spite of the hon. member's vote? If so it proves that the votes cannot be so bad after all (Cheers.) But they are acting thus largely because of his votes. We know, and none knows better than the hon. member, that he owes largely his elevation at this juncture to the fact that he occupies the happy position of having voted to condemn the execution of Riel and the conduct of the Government with reference to Halfbreed affairs. It is because of the votes largely, and not in spite of them, that this motion is made. Tell it not, Mr. Bourinot, on the 12th of July. Name it not in the lodges of the Orangemen, but so it is. Such is the situation, and such being the situation, I extend in advance my hearty congratulations to my fellow-Rielite and my co-conspirator against Canadian law—(cheers)—to my brother fool and knave, my fellow-hypocrite and coward, my associate in calumny, treason and rebellion—I beg to offer my friend from Laval my hearty congratulations on his approaching elevation by the unanimous vote of the Canadian Commons to the position of First Commoner of Canada. (Great cheering.)

### Another Row at Strathroy.

LONDON, April 13—Another riotous demonstration took place at Strathroy yesterday. Matthew Glass was convicted on two charges by P. M. Noble and fined $100 and costs. J Richardson, Chas McMillan, Banghart and Erkskine were each fined $50 each. The excitement was intense and the police magistrate had to swear in special constables to protect the informers, who were threatened by a mob of 150 or 200 persons. They succeeded in getting away from the town, however, safely. Thomas Richardson, who assaulted Irwin the day previous, did not put in an appearance yesterday, but that did not affect his case, a fine being imposed all the same.


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## A Highland Proclamation.

The following is a proclamation made at the Market Cross of Inverary in the last century:—"Ta hoy! Te tither a hoy? Ta hoy three times!!! an' to hoy—Whist!!! By command of His Majesty, King George, an' Her Grace te Duke o' Argyll: If anybody is found fishing aboon the loch, or below to loch, afore to lolh, ar ahint te loch, in te loch, or on te loch, arount' te loch, or about te loch, she's to be persecutit wi' three persecutions: first she's to be burnt, syne she's to be drownt, an' then she's to be hangt—an' if ever she comes back she's to be persecutit wi' a far waur death. God save te King an' Her Grace to Duke o' Argyll."—Ex.

## Sizing Him Up.

New York Sun.

Tailor (measuring eminent prohibitionist)—Well, sir, how is prohibition these days?

Prohibitionist—Glorious, my friend, glorious! The cause is ever moving forward.

Tailor—I am glad to hear it, sir. You want two hip pockets, I s'pose?

Prohibitionist—Yes, two.

Tailor—Pint or quart size?

## Guelph Junction Railway.

Guelph, April 12.—A deputation from this city, composed of Mayor Macdonald, James Goldie, Chas. Raymond and Wm. Bell, waited on the Dominion Government last Saturday asking for a subsidy to the Guelph railway in order to connect the city with the Credit Valley branch of the C. P. R. at Campbellville, twelve miles distance.

## A Fish-Dieted Poet's Spring Effort.

Kincardine Review.

A man may chin and a man may work
For the temperance cause all day;
But he can't go a-fishin' and observe prohibition,
Because he ain't built that way.

The April Wide Awake opens with a very beautiful Easter Morning frontispiece of lilies and chanting children by W. L. Taylor, who also illustrates the quaint article by Mrs. H. G. Rowe, entitled 'A Yankee Schoolmistress.' A Canadian poet, Miss Agnes Maclear, has an Easter poem, 'Easter Lilies,' and Mrs. Susan Archer Weiss, one of the most thorough of folk-lore delvers, an article upon old Easter observances, and Dora Read Goodale a funny little plaint entitled 'Easter Wares,' in which she bewails the decay of the race of hens who used to lay gay and beautiful eggs at Easter-time. Mr. Mason, the curator of the National Museum, contributes an interesting article upon 'Indian Dolls and their Cradles,' and twenty-three illustrations by Chaudlee. C. F. Holder has an entertaining paper upon 'Homes Underground.' Mrs. Bolton in her 'Successful Women' series writes about 'Marion Harland,' of whom there is a portrait, and Miss Hewing of the Hartford Library Association talks most temptingly with the young folks about making 'A Collection of Pictures;' and the boys are told by another boy of fourteen 'How To Make A Squirrel-Cage.' Susan Coolidge has a charming Nantucket story, 'The Shipwrecked Cologne Bottle,' Mrs. M. E. M. Davis a 'La Rose Blanche' story, called 'A Mourning Glory,' and Miss Guiney writes in her fairy papers of 'Dear Brownie.' The serials are entrancing: 'Romulus and Remus,' 'Montezuma's Gold Mines,' 'A Young Prince of Commerce' and 'Howling Wolf and His Trick-Pony.' The latter is attracting much attention for those interested in the Indian Question. There are some delightful talks with the readers by Mrs. James T. Fields, Miss Guiney, Miss Harris and others, and charming poems by Mrs. A. D. T. Whitney, M. E. B., Emma Huntington Nason, Edith Thomas, Mary E. Wilkins, Mrs. Clara Doty Bates and Anna F. Burnham.

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Dr. W. A. Hammond, the Emmient physician says in the Popular Science Monthly that he would not put books in the hands of a child before he is ten years old. He would give the young a chance to grow. But the child's education need not, nor will not be neglected during that time. He is a stranger in the world, everything about him is new and his active brain will have as much work as is good for it in finding out by means of his senses and his tongue all about the wonderful things by which he is surrounded. Besides he is busy during the greater part of that time in learning a language. And it is astonishing what progress he makes. Education by means of the senses, voluntarily and eagerly carried on, is the only education which Dr. Hammond would give the young human creature for the first ten years of his or her life, and he does not consider the delay time lost as regards education in the common and conventional use of the term. Dr. Hammond says: "If he does not begin to look at books till he is ten years old, he will by the time a year has elapsed, read better than a child that has begun to learn his letters at three or four. He starts in the race with an unwearied and a better developed brain and in the long run through life will win more prizes than his precocious competitor."

During a silver wedding celebration at St. Edwards, N. B., Warren Long, prominent farmer, was shot dead by Edward Carr, who was drunk.

Hon. Mr. Mowat has given notice in the Legislature of resolutions of sympathy with Ireland, and regret that coercion is about to be resorted to.

General Middleton is endeavoring to arrange for a grand review of Ontario and Quebec volunteers to be held at Montreal during the jubilee celebration.

Protests have been entered against the returns of members in West Huron, North Victoria, West Durham, West Middlesex, Dundas, North Lanark, Lincoln and Peel in Ontario, and Westmoreland, New Brunswick.

Walker of Walkerville, Ont., is one liquor man who bemoans the defeat of prohibition in Michigan. Had it carried, the Detroit River would have become the theatre of nocturnal and contraband operations which would have made the bluenose three-mile limit wish itself dead from envy.—World.

Mr. Cormier, M. P. P. for Ottawa County, recently received an intimation that the wife of one of his constituents, Mrs. Luke C. Ryan, of Stagsburn, on the Gatineau river, had given birth to triplets, and as it is understood the Queen's bounty is no longer extended in connection with such events, Mr. Carmier headed a subscription and raised $100 for her among the members of the House.

## NEWS ITEMS.

The Duchess of Norfolk is dead.

The French in Tonquin are much troubled by pirates.

Still another attempt against the Czar's life is reported.

Several lives have been lostin the storm on the Newfoundland coast.

Several landlords in Russian Poland have been murdered by peasants.

There has been considerable break-up among the followers of the Mahdi.

The Czar is said to have found threatening letters on his writing table.

The Interstate law is forcing Minneapolis millers to ship their flour down the Mississippi.

Cattle are starving in Texas on account of vegetation being killed off by the drought.

The anti-Coercion demonstration on Monday is said to have been the greatest ever seen in London.

High License in New York State will not go into effect. Governor Hill leaving on Tuesday vetoed the bill.

Over twenty lives are now known to have been lost by the stranding of the Channel packet Victoria at Dieppe.

San Francisco bankers and merchants ask a suspension of the long and short haul clause of the Inter-State Act.

An invention for steering balloons has been purchased by the German Government for $650,000.

Emigrants for America are passing through Queenston in greater crowds than can be accommodated.

Fifteen persons have been burned to death in Kansas by prairie fires and there have been great losses of property.

Owing to the prevalence in New York of pleuro-pneumonia cattle from that state are not allowed to enter Vermont.

Great Britain has acceded to Russia's demands, and a settlement of the Afghan boundary has been effected.

The Canadian general passenger agents strongly object to the new Customs regulations regarding travellers' baggage.

A telegram from Genova, purporting to come from a Nihilist source, denies that a notice of death has been sent to the Czar.

M. Bartholemy St. Hilaire, the French statesman, advocates the formation of a Western European league against Russia.

The Crosby High License Bill has been vetoed by Governor Hill. The Pennsylvania Legislature passed the Brooks bill.

The official returns of Irish agrarian crimes for the past three years are given as follows: For 1884, 762; 1885, 944; 1886, 1056.

The Lower House of the Michigan Legislature has rejected woman suffrage, and the Pennsylvania Senate has declared in favor of it.

The Gladstonians have been successful in the elections in John Bright's constituency for officers of the Liberal Association.

Anyone connected with the French army desiring to reside in Alsace-Lorraine must obtain the premission of the German authorities.

The Privy Council has proclaimed Limerick and other ports under the peace preservation act prohibiting the importation of arms and ammunition.

A suspicious vessel hovering off the Irish coast near Youghal is asserted by a clergyman to be connected with a Government plot to entrap some of the people.

Alex. Sullivan, ex-President of the Irish League in America, does not subscribe to Labouchere's advocacy of the adoption of violent measures.

Prince Bismark will try to obtain Papal consent to a law compelling all the Catholic clergy in the Reichsland to observe exclusively the German language.

Prominent Spaniards are agitating the question of more closely uniting Spain and South American countries in order to combat Anglo-Saxon influence in the latter.

On April 4 the Dutch lost twelve killed and twenty-six wounded in an encounter with the natives of Dutch East Indies. The natives fled, leaving thirty-three dead on the field.

At the fortnightly meeting of the National League Mr. Healy announced that the league's meetings would continue, whatever steps the Government took to suppress the league.

A scene of wild confusion occurred in the British House of Commons on Friday owing to some offensive remarks on the Parnellites made by Major Saunderson, Mr. Healy called the Major a liar and was suspended.

At Meadville, Pa., on the 8th inst., Mrs. John Buckholz threw a burning lamp at her husband during a quarrel. The lamp exploded, and the burning oil falling upon the woman's clothing burned her so badly that she died.

The Salvation Army in East Portland halted in front of a saloon on Sunday and began singing lines, the words of which were: "It is water we want, not beer." The saloonkeeper turned the hose on them, thoroughly drenching the whole party.

The members of both branches of the Newfoundland Legislature have signed an appeal to the British public against the disallowance of the Bait Bill. The London Times condemns the course of the Government regarding the matter.

Lord George Hamilton and Mr. W. H. Smith are both obliged to admit that the claims which Lord Randolph Churchill advanced on the score of economies, and to which were due his protest and resignation, were substantially true.

Fifteen members of the Michigan Legislature are Canadians by birth. With such a beginning why not secure a Canadian majority in that deliberate body, and then annex the State to Canada. The annexation shoe should fit one foot as well as the other.

A peculiar case is down for hearing at the Escott Division Court. The defendant offered a married lady on hundred dollars to induce her sister to marry him. The match wasamicably arranged by the sister and they were duly married, and now the sister and husband refuse to pay the stipulated money. Hence a suit to recover the amount agreed upon.

A real estate boom, which approaches in proportions the Winnipeg inflatation, has set in at Sault Ste. Marie on account of the projected railway connections and improvements there. Speculators are flocking to both Canadian and American towns and the excitement is great. It will be safe to wager that very few of the Dundas capitalists who have money sunk in Winnipeg will want any of the Sault real estate in theirs.

The trades and professions of the new Dominion House of Commons are stated to be as follows: Lawyers 63, merchants 36, farmers 33, doctors 22, lumbermen 22, manufacturers, 5, journalists 6, traders 5, notaries 4, ship owners 4, professors 2, contractors 2, one builder, one person whose calling is unknown and eight "gentlemen."

The case of Queen vs. Charles Hand, of Sarnia, who was charged with having dynamite in his possession with intent to do injury to life and property, was to have come up at the Sarnia Assizes last week, but owing to the absence of an important Crown witness, the case was laid over to next Assizes. Hand was admitted to bail.

Though the European war rumors have temporarily abated, the rush of immigrants from districts threatened with being made a scene of conflict continues. In only two recently no fewer than 10,000 foreigners arrived at New York from Austria, Germany and Italy, and the steamboat authorities state that their steerages will be taxed to their utmost till after midsummer. However lightly the rulers of Europe may set their people at each other's throats, it is evident that warfare is not popular with the average bread winner. And why should it be? Is he not the sufferer, win or lose?


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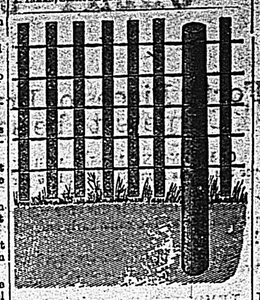

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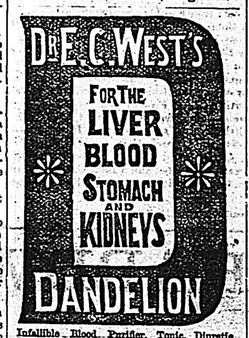


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