

## Dangers of Courting Fat Girls.

I was in love once with a fat girl. She was enormous. But the course of my true love came to grief. I was sitting with her in the dim twilight one evening. I was sentimental; I said many soft things, I embraced part of her. She frequently turned her lovely head away from me. At last I thought I heard a murmur of voices on the other side. I arose and walked around, and there I found another fellow courting her on the other side. I was indignant, and upbraided her for her treachery in thus concealing from me another love. She laughed at my conceit, as she were not big enough to have two lovers at once.—*Don Piatti.*

## The Expedition to Red River.

The Montreal *Herald* gives prominence to the following, for which, we presume, it has some authority:

"We understand that the report respecting Colonel Wolseley in connection with the North-West Territory was so far true that he is to be sent to that distracted part of the Dominion, not, however, we believe, by the Imperial, but by the Provincial Government.

As we understand it, he will occupy a civil rather than a military post, that is, will be, we suppose virtually, whether nominally or not, the Lieutenant Governor of the territory. His force will, moreover, we believe, be rather a constabulary than an army, although a few soldiers, probably some of the Sixtieth Rifles, will accompany him.

We believe that this appointment is totally misapprehended the law, and in this view it is reported by Messrs. Galt, Dorion, Scatthard, Cassault, Dunkin and others.

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## DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

### Summary of the Proceedings.

#### HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Ottawa, April 6.

Mr. Morrison moved for a committee to enquire into the state of Brock's monument.

Mr. Street supported this view.

Hon. J. S. Macdonald said that the Ontario Government had voted \$1000 for its repair, and contended that the matter should be left in their hands.

Sir John A. Macdonald, after some further discussion, recommended the withdrawal of the motion. He had no doubt the Ontario Government would attend to the matter. Motion withdrawn.

On the motion of Mr. Ryan, addresses were passed for the names of persons appointed in the Montreal Post Office, Custom House and Excise Office since 1866.

Mr. Wood moved his resolution, respecting payable to eastern townships under the Municipal Loan Fund Act of 1859.

He conceded that the law authorized the settlement of this claim on payment of 75c in the dollar.

Sir George E. Cartier replied that he had totally misapprehended the law, and in this view it is reported by Messrs. Galt, Dorion, Scatthard, Cassault, Dunkin and others.

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April 7.

Sir Francis Hincks stated he intended to increase the revenue to the amount of \$10,000. His chief source of increase was the addition of 2 per cent. to the amount of duties collected, that is, under this arrangement, articles paying 15 per cent., would pay about 15 1/2. He made an increase on some imported articles, duties on several items now in full list. He stated, in reply to Mr. Holton, that wheat might be ground in hand for exportation free of charge.

Mr. Holton characterized the scheme as probably even more wanted at Red River, a gentleman, and a man of sense and judgment, who will command the confidence of the people in the integrity of his assurances as well as convince them of the necessity of respecting legitimate authority."

### A Holy Thief.

On Sunday the Madeleine, at Paris, was as usual thronged with persons attending mass. One young woman was particularly remarkable for the energy with which she struck her breast while acknowledging her manifold sins and wickedness in the usual words, "Mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa!" As this edifying young lady was leaving the church her foot caught in the skirt of her dress, and she had to fall. At the same moment a dozen portmanteaus fell from her pocket. "Hallo! I said a heretic. Since the murder of Scott the Bishop has addressed the legislature of Winnipeg while Reil was in the chair. His speech, as reported in the *New Nation*, is remarkable chiefly for its Jesuitic plausibility, and may be cited as confirmatory of a now very generally accepted opinion that the darkest deeds of villainy are attempted to be concealed under a sacerdotal palliaton. The Rubicon has been passed, and the time for trimming with the holy fathers of a venerable superstition has gone by.

Early a debate the resolutions imposing increased duties were passed through committee.

April 8.

Sir Francis Hincks moved the House into Committee for providing a superannuation fund for civil servants. The fund to be obtained from a percentage of salaries.

Mr. Mackenzie opposed the principles, and after a discussion the principles were carried.

Mr. Joly gave notice to move an amendment, on concurrence, that the superannuation fund subscription should not be compulsory in those whose lives were spent on the public service. The House went again into Committee on the Senate Bill, resuming masters and mates certificates, and so continued up to recess.

Sir A. T. Galt gave notice that he would move a resolution to take the building of the Intercolonial Railway out of the hands of the Government and give it to private enterprise.

The House went into Committee of supply, and passed a number of items.

Mr. Young complained, on the item for Queen's Printer, that he was not four days a month at Ottawa, and had not recommended really the lowest tender for departmental printing, which was Mr. Cotton's.

Ottawa, April 11th.

In the House of Commons Mr. Howe moved an adjournment out of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Chipman, of Kings, N. S. Dr. Tupper seconded the motion in an eloquent speech, and the House adjourned accordingly.

In the Senate, after the usual routine business, Senator Ryan moved for copies of the correspondence relative to the withdrawal of the Imperial troops.

After some remarks from Senator Campbell the motion was allowed to stand over. The House then went into Committee on the bill relating to the issue of Dominion notes, which, after a long discussion, was reported without amendment. The House then adjourned.

April 12th.

Extract from a dialogue between father and child:—Child—Father, what is a dilemma? Father—A dilemma, dear, is—a dilemma: when any one does not know what to do, that is a dilemma. Child—Oh, yes, I know—a dilemma is just like you when mama scolds you. Father—Hem! you talk teaches me an' I feeds myself.

A pompous clergyman once said to a chubby faced lad, who was passing him without raising his hat, "Do you know who I am sir, that you pass me in this unamusing way. You are better fed than taught, I think." "Wa'al, may be so, mister," said the boy, for you teach me an' I feeds myself.

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From Utah comes the following announcement:—"Married in salt lake City, Utah, on 10th ultimo, in the presence of the Saints, Elder Brigham Young to Mrs. S. R. Martin, Miss L. M. Pendergast, Mrs. R. M. Jenckins, Miss Susie P. Cleveland and Miss Emily F. Martin, all of the county of Berks, England. No cards."

The Boston *Advertiser* tells of an individual who lost an axe twenty years ago which he has just found under his bed and moralizes that "his life hasn't been made unhappy by house cleaning."

Sir John A. Macdonald still continues to display his usual tact and energy in the exhausted position to which his talents have raised him. We once heard it remarked that his popularity would one day decline, but we are afraid that it will not, for he is the result of his own intrinsic worth, his reputation is fixed and resolute like that of the Great Showmen Remedy for rheumatism, diseases of the throat, lungs, &c. For sale by Dr. Dugalds.

HATS AND CAPS.—The last London, Paris, and New York styles of Hats and Caps for the spring of 1870, just received at A. C. MacKenzie's, Lower Town, Durban.

It is said that the great Chinese philosopher, Confucius, was divorced after four years of married life, "that he might have more time for study and the performances of his public duties."

New York is at present regaled with the history of a deputy sheriff from the city with four convicts to Sing Sing, the whole party getting drunk on the excursion, and the police who finally took charge of them, putting them all in jail together.

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