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"Opere per Orben Diror."

SOME GREAT FEATS.

The other day Col. Mathe on, of the opposition, was represented as puncturing bubbles and hammering brass tanks into things.

Later, according to Mr. Lucas, one of the faithful, there's going to be a great clearing up of mates' nests.

Still later a contemporary suggests that Mr. Ross should write a certain passage of scripture in his heart, "and take it on and read wherever a deposition of liquor men sit beside him and take his hand in theirs."

Altogether there appears to be some very remarkable men and some very remarkable performances in the legislature this session.

THE POINT AT ISSUE.

The Christian Guardian is not at all partial to the proposed reference to the people. "No referendum," it remarks, "will make the law, and no referendum will enforce the law." The referendum is simply a necessary expedient for ascertaining the consensus of public opinion upon a very important issue. Some years have passed since the plebiscite was taken, and it was not such an expression of the public mind as would warrant the passage and enforcement now of a prohibition act. The general election is not the time to get a vote upon any one public question. The general record of the government is before the people, and the people are expected to pronounce upon it and not upon any incident of government. The plan, then, is to get away from the general election and to solicit from the eligible voters a mandate upon the question. "The referendum will not make the law," says the Guardian. Who said that it would?

DECEPTION IN FOODS.

The "embalmed beef" inquiry at Ottawa has resulted in two of the supplying firms coming out with credit. The goods furnished by a third were only "fair" in quality, and the beef sold by the fourth firm is condemned as being unfit for human food. Is that all that is to be done about it?—Ex-charge.

The matter will, no doubt, come before parliament, in the reports of the department, or in response to an order for all the papers in the case. The canned meat vendors may have been imposed upon quite as much as the government. The quality of the article cannot be judged by the appearance of the cans, but the Canadian government must see to it, like the imperial government, that the imposition is not repeated. All army supplies should be of the best. They should be procured from houses which will not traffic in indifferent goods and resort to deception. In spite of all the scrutiny and care of experts, perhaps, there will be sharp practice. The American government suffered on account of it during the Cuban war, and the English are suffering on account of it in their South African war. The sharper is never so happy as when he takes advantage of one's necessities.

PATCHWORK OF ERRORS.

The Kingston conservative organ, eager to mark its opponents early in the fight, has made an attack upon the local members for Kingston which is as remarkable in one way as two recent articles of an opposite tenor regarding a local politician were in another sense. It is remarkable for containing several charges said to be corrective and yet not one is based on fact. Mr. Pense did not in his speech at the city hall on Thursday last, take credit for establishing the school of mining,—did not mention the founding of it in any way. He did not do his best to strangle it, nor did the Whig ridicule, even with one line, any of those who labored to start the school. He has not boasted that he never supported an institution that does not succeed. These words are like the other reflections, creations of a fervid political imagination, desirous of thinking and speaking the worst of another.

Long before the school of mining was founded, deputations from Kingston and eastern Ontario petitioned the government for a school of science and agriculture; it became a popular desire and there was good reason to expect its bestowal. When the grant was given solely to a school of mining, the Whig stood stoutly for the complete school, and by and by, Principal Grant and his colleagues conceded the newspaper was right. By joint co-operation the dairy school was established and became a rapid and qualified success. That was all the local member's sin, and he is prepared to meet it on all occasions in or out of print.

The threat made in another article to repeat private conversations is beyond contempt. If the worst enemy of the writer had said he would sink to that level there are some, at least, who would not have believed it possible.

C. A. MILLEREN,
Secretary.

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EDITORIAL VIEWS.

The conservative party is going to do great things—some day.

The city council must go easy with its appropriations. An increase of taxation is not to be kindly received.

The C. P. R. company is said to dream of a trip on their line, from ocean to ocean, in three days. And it is only a dream.

It is proposed, by the mono-rail system, to run trains from Edinburgh to Glasgow, 117 miles, in twenty-five minutes. And they do say that the folks at home are very slow.

Prof. Matthews, of the University of Chicago, is of opinion that alcohol in moderate quantities stimulates the digestive organs. The average toper will find great comfort in this assurance.

Colonial representation in the Imperial parliament will certainly mean colonial participation in Britain's financial affairs. A queer kind of arrangement it would be otherwise.

The sugar beet business is all right if it is not overdone. And there is great danger in that. The factories now going up will want protection by and bye, and then the trouble will begin.

When the Ontario government is asked to appoint a commission to inquire into municipal scandals in this country there will have to be definite charges preferred. So far there has been a lot of talk to very little purpose.

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