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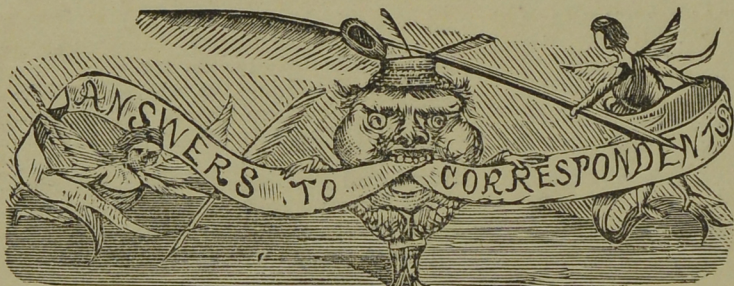
THE daily papers say that on Wednesday last —

Mr. Palmer moved for the despatches on the subject of the appointment of the commissioners referred to in the 22nd article of the Treaty of Washington.

The Premier requested the matter to stand, as it was incompatible with public interests that these despatches should be made known. Mr. Palmer then withdrew his motion.

Some inconsiderate persons, when the Treaty was promulgated, claimed that Canadian interests were being sacrificed, but our dear old mother over the water told us "war was trembling in the balance" on account of the fact that the *Alabama* had almost blown the United States out of water. The American Eagle was flapping his wings, and with beak and claws would gobble us up entirely if we did not give him—fish. He got the fish with the understanding that after the *Alabama* business was settled, we were all to meet in Halifax and determine how much they were worth, after deducting the value of the sprat he gave us. The balance was to be paid in *cash*. Mr. QUIP assures his fellow-citizens that the position of the Premier is unsatisfactory. Uncle Sam has received \$15,000,000 on *Alabama* account, and the gorged Eagle is quiet on that question. May we presume to enquire—why has the Commission not met at Halifax? Does the Government of Canada know the value in *cash* to the Americans of the privileges accorded to them under the Treaty, or has said Government taken steps to ascertain such value? If such value has been correctly ascertained, will Mr. Premier Mackenzie or his Government entertain for a moment any proposition for Reciprocity in lieu of a money payment. These are not very funny questions we know, but they bear on British colonial interests with much greater weight than any other persons, excepting those in the United States and Canadian Governments and Mr. QUIP, are aware of. Perhaps the Commission may meet at Halifax, and perhaps the result will be the striking of a balance in favor of Canada that will result in *cash* and reciprocity, too. If it does not meet them there will be the more gain for Uncle Sam, who will sing:—

I've got the best of the Kanuks again,  
And of old John Bull, the noodle.  
From the Kanuks I've fish, and from John I have gold,  
Let the Nation all sing Yankee Doodle.



H. B.—y.—*Sydney*.—Hope to hear from you soon.

GEORGE.—*Halifax*.—Subscriptions received all right. Shall send as directed.

M. T.—Your initials bear a striking resemblance to your literary production. There's nothing in it.

J. E. D., *Portland, Maine*.—We were in error as to the postage. It is half a cent per copy to the border, and must be prepaid. Any assistance you can render us in promoting the circulation in the "Forest City" will be gratefully appreciated.

"MORAVIAN POET."—We have already more raving poets applying for space than we can conveniently accommodate.

"CRUSADER" wishes to know if the Beacon Bar is not too close to the mouth of the Harbour of the Port of St. John? We refer him to the "Buoy" down by Patridge Island.

"B."—Be patient and your "quips" shall appear.

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Rev. Jehiel Bang.—This eloquent divine, pastor of the Church of the Im-passible Gulf, is expected to visit Fogville this week, and will preach in Bunyan Church on Sabbath next. Mr. Bang's father was a Hitite, and his mother was an Amorite.—*Daily Spheroid*.

QUIP, on the principle that a laborer is worthy of his hire, suggests a higher salary for Finance Minister Cartwright, as a recompense for his increasing duties.

When a curate is appointed to assist a Canon of the Church in "fighting the hosts of Satan," is he a cannon-aid?

Why is the leader of the Home Rule Party in the English House of Commons like the gentleman who introduced the "Elongation" bill into the New Brunswick House of Assembly? Because he's the *Butt* of the Party with which he is connected.

Sinners who wish to avoid cremation in the world to come, must repent in this.

Cartwright has made the Premier a little "sulkey."

The first case of attempted cremation, on record, was when Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were cast into a fiery furnace.

A new way to crush Sugar—Lay a heavy duty on it.

Pat wishes to know if a man who ates crame is a cremator?

A suggestive *morceau* for an Opera Singer—A. Patti on a Grisi plate.

How can a man be brought before the bar of the House of Commons in Ottawa if the bar has been abolished?

And now a man in Michigan has found a calf with two tails. It is doubtful if two tails on a calf have ever been seen before.

"QUIP'S" terms are cash—he cannot trust:  
Please take the hint—"Come down with dust."

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