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"DELIGHTFUL SATIRE" SPOILED.

Two lieutenant governors were among the guests at the Montreal banquet to Sir Edmund Barton, the Australian premier, Hon. L. A. Jette, of Quebec, and Hon. J. B. Snowball, of New Brunswick, and both spoke briefly in reply to the toast to their health.

Governor Jette referring to a report that at a meeting of the provincial premiers in London the question was raised as to whether the usefulness of lieutenant governors was not gone and that they cost more than they were worth, amused the company with a protest against any such conclusions "The question" said Governor Jette "was again discussed in the newspapers and with an unanimity that I could not help regretting—(laughter) it was admitted that we really could be dispensed with. I hope that the toast that has just been proposed is a protest against that, and I take it in that sense. (Renewed laughter). I am a lover and admirer of the British constitution, and I would very much regret an amendment so drastic as that, and really, of course, in saying this I am quite disinterested—(roars of laughter), because my period of public usefulness is nearly gone; but I should deeply regret if the people of New Brunswick were to be deprived very soon of the usefulness of my young and highly esteemed colleague Lieutenant Governor Snowball." (Cheers and laughter.)

The Montreal Herald from whose report we have quoted, adds that "the full effect of this delightful satire was not realized until Lieut. Governor Snowball rose to respond, when it was seen that he was a venerable old man with snow white hairs falling over his neck and forehead, and that he must be the senior by many years of the active and playful Lieutenant Governor of Quebec."

We are sorry to spoil Governor Jette's "delightful satire," but in the interests of historical exactness, and in defence of Governor Snowball, we are bound to pull up the curtain, to expose the hollow claim that is made on behalf of Governor Jette. Here are the cold unvarnished facts about the respective governors' ages.

Governor Snowball, "the venerable old man with snow-white hairs falling over his neck and forehead," was born Sept. 24, 1837, and is not quite sixty-five years old.

Governor Jette, "the active and playful lieutenant governor of Quebec," was born Jan. 15, 1836, and is nearly 67 years old, or nearly two years the senior of Governor Snowball.

Now what becomes of Governor Jette's "delightful satire" so prominently exploited in the Montreal Herald.

On behalf of His Honor Lieut Governor Snowball, his advisers and all the other people of New Brunswick, we demand a withdrawal of the "delightful satire," which so much amused the Montreal banquetters. Because Governor Jette shaves off his whiskers, keeps his hair close cropped and perhaps dyes what is left as well as his moustache, while Governor Snowball scorns the use of cosmetics to make himself appear youthful, but lets his whiskers grow in all their luxuriance, our chief ruler is to be dubbed an old man while his senior of Quebec floats around as a mere stripling. We resent the insult with all the strenuousness of which we are capable. We have nearly two years to the good, and Governor Jette can just recall his satire, the Montreal Herald can just restrain its exuberance, and the Montreal banquetters can pocket their "laughter," "more laughter," and "renewed laughter" else we may smash the confederation.

At the Montreal banquet to the Australian premier, Governor Snowball put in a plea for more attention to the Maritime provinces, already emphasized in the Herald. His Honor said he regretted that the Australian ministers had overlooked the Maritime Provinces in favor of Quebec. He had travelled 700 miles to meet them, and could explain many things of his own Province, which they should have seen in order to render an accurate account when they should return home, of the resources of the great Dominion.

Premier Sedden of New Zealand, who did so much talking during his trip to the coronation, had his last say at Plymouth before departing for home, among other things advocating a national council for colonial affairs and that Mr. Chamberlain and the leaders of the Opposition visit all of the colonies. Mr. Sedden said the cheering of the Boer generals was not consistent with British dignity, and that it would not commend itself in the colonies.

London Punch has a well-executed cartoon entitled "Our Mutual Friend," which represents Miss Canada in Indian costume greeting her guardian, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, on his return from visiting England and France, and saying: "So you've seen my two grandmothers. How do you like them?" Sir Wilfrid—"Well, my dear, they are both so charming I'm surprised they don't know one another better."

Mr. Henry Chestnut is promoting a worthy object when he seeks to organize a local improvement association in Fredericton, but if some of the gentlemen associated with him and including Mr. Chestnut himself, were to consent to serve in the city government the objects might be accomplished much more quickly. Perhaps when the association gets organized it will put up a full civic ticket.

Mr. Daniel Mullin's friends met at St. John last night to forward his candidature for the legislature, but that gentleman gave no indication of his party leanings or policy. A great many people seem to think that Mr. Mullin's friends are pushing his candidature as a protest against the boom that is being worked for Mr. MacInerney, who has scarcely become settled in St. John.

The tobacco growing industry of Canada is a very important one. In the one county of Essex, Ont., this year the crop will reach about two and a half million pounds, all of which will meet a ready sale at prices fully 50, and perhaps 60 per cent above those of the years 1895 and 1896, when four million pounds were harvested.

Lord Roberts, Generals French, Ian Hamilton and Kelly-Kenny, Mr. Brodick, British Secretary for War, and three United States Generals are guests of the Kaiser at the German army manoeuvres, in which 90,000 troops are engaged in a four days' sham battle.

Mr. Borden the Tory leader is against the Chinese and Japs being permitted to land in Canada. The thing is popular in B. C., and Mr. Borden put it forward in his speech at Victoria as a vote catcher.

Toronto Telegram Conservative: Poor Sir Wilfrid Laurier is too French for the Hamilton Spectator, too British for the Paris Francais, and too successful for Sir Charles Tupper.

The Australian tariff bill has passed both houses of the Parliament of the Commonwealth. It is a 17 per cent tariff, very much lower than that in force in Canada.

Three ladies are applying for admission to study law in this province. There will soon be nothing left for the men to do but wash the dishes and mind the baby.

The Boer generals didn't want a thing from Chamberlain, did they? Nerry gents, Botha, Delarey and Dewet, after they had already signed the peace terms.

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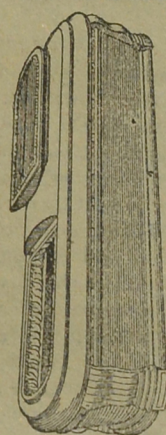
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