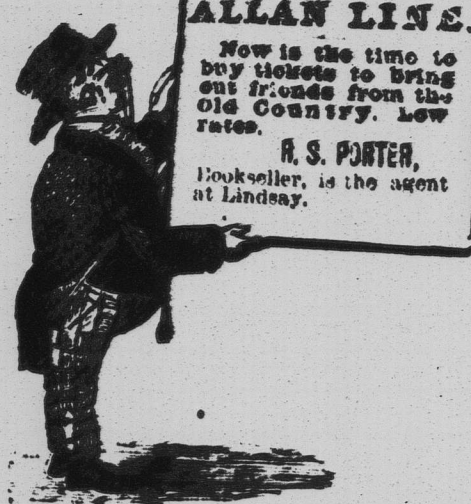


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LINDSAY, FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 1884.
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WHY NOT?

The Ontario conservatives at Ottawa
should initiate the ideas of Lower Canada,
and, handling together, should demand
"better terms" for Ontario to the tune of
about \$100,000.

The Quebec members have compelled
the Dominion government to give their
provinces about \$100,000 for voting the
syndicate loan through. Quebec has had
"better terms" on several other occasions
as well.

It is well known that Ontario pays by
far the larger proportion of these "better
terms."

It is Ontario to be always "milked."

It is a poor rule that will not work both
ways.

The Ontario railway should com-
pound and demand "better terms" for On-
tario.

They should "milk" some of the other
provinces.

Quebec's railway investments are to be
reimposed from the Dominion treasury. The
Dominion treasury on the same ground
should be made to shell out \$100,000 for
the railway investments of Ontario of the
municipalities as well as the province.

The rule should be made to work both
ways.

THE RAILWAY RELIEF FARE.

The railway "agitation" that has been
industriously fanned for some months by
the Ontario in town has at last culminated
in a deputation to Mr. Mowat, and a
request for relief of some kind from the
provincial government, a request
which is needless to say met with a
pithy refusal. A report of the proceedings
will be found on our sixth page. Squire
McDonald has been drawn in by the
several, and appeared with Capt. Cran-
dell as spokesman of the occasion. Mr.
McDonald's present idea is that the gov-
ernment are in some way pledged to extend
the rule, or that in consequence of some
promise of Mr. Wood they should give us
relief. It would be very pleasant to have
the government assume the whole debt;
but as honest and sensible citizens, and as
members of the provincial commonwealth,
it is our duty to look at the situation from
more than one side; and no honest and
sensible man can fail to see that the gov-
ernment are justified in the position it
has taken. The appeal to the government
was absurd to begin with; and the consid-
erable expense so far incurred has been
just so much money thrown away, as
Capt. Cranell has frequently pointed out
in the council. The plain truth is that the
"agitation" has been worked up by a little
party clique in Lindsay to make political
capital against the local government and
their supporters. Prominent among these
is Mr. Samuel Irwin, ex-Dominion official,
and ex-actuator office-holder. Next comes
Mr. John McSwyn, solicitor in the South
Victoria election case against Mr. McIn-
tyre. These worthies got themselves
appointed railway commissioners to make
out a case, and a sweet time they have had
over it. They first commenced with a
story about increased and extortionate
rates, but investigation showed that they
had nothing to go upon; and their own
report, published in these columns, took
the ground from under them. Then they
drew up a petition to the mayor
for a public meeting and showed it round
the streets for signature. Everybody
signed it, of course; and of course the
meeting turned out a fiasco. Then follow-
ed the compilation of a little pamphlet,
giving a "history" of the Victoria railway.
This was composed mainly of extracts
from speeches made at various public
occasions, as reported in "The Post"; and
was another show waste of time and
money. It did not establish anything. It
it had only been put into verse it might
have attracted some attention. The only
good thing is it was a proof of better
that the "devil" carried some of the

other night; and the butter was stronger
than the argument. Next, of course,
came the deputation. Here Mr. Irwin
again figured in the foreground. Where
was Mr. McSwyn? This couple, with
Capt. Cranell, have made about as bad a
mess of it as, according to their organ,
they did with the South Victoria election
case, and for which their organ roared
rapped them over the knuckles.

While the general railway question is
one of much importance, the phase brought
into absurd prominence by these un-
successful schemers hardly calls for serious
attention or criticism.

LINDSAY PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The report of Mr. Knight is printed in
full on our first page, and will naturally
be read with a good deal of interest in
town. It is likely to challenge discussion,
and afford a basis for expression of op-
inion regarding the public schools. It is a
matter of great importance to the people
that we should have the best possible
schools, commensurate with our means
and outlay; and it is well that every parent
and taxpayer should carefully consider
the question in all its bearings. Judged
by results at the recent high school en-
trance examinations the upper classes in
the public schools have not been doing sat-
isfactory work; and it is fair to consider
whether the other classes have received
careful and thorough instruction. Mr.
Knight has been asked, as inspector, to
report, and has done so. We may remark
that Mr. Knight occupies a somewhat
false position. He is a sort of local super-
visor of the town public school, in con-
junction with Mr. Hallett, the headmaster;
and consequently has had to report upon
his own work to a considerable extent. Is
Mr. Knight's supervision wise, thorough,
of the right kind? Upon this phase of the
situation Mr. Knight could not, of course,
report. Upon that phase we do not express
an opinion. The results, however, are
very unsatisfactory. Mr. Hallett is head-
master, it is true, but he has the head or
senior class—the one that has failed in its
work—he has had plenty to do; and his
general supervision could not have been
thorough and satisfactory. He occu-
pies, too, a somewhat false position. We
doubt if the arrangement was a good one.
One man should have full control and
responsibility.

Mr. Knight opens his report with an
elaborate compilation of figures, which
may be dismissed at once as worthless,
unnecessary and misleading, if they mean
anything. Some expert may discover a
profound meaning in the table; if so, it
should be explained for the public benefit.
The school accommodation is not what it
should be; but it is probably as good now
as it was when the public schools showed
much better results. Mr. Knight should
have shown from the official records the
number or percentage absent from sick-
ness caused by insufficient accommoda-
tion.

Mr. Knight makes an uncalculated and
incorrect allusion to the high school head-
master regarding the afternoon term.
That arrangement was not estab-
lished "two years ago" but four years ago
by Mr. McFaul, and was no detriment the
first two years. It is only of late that it
was discovered to be a detriment. If it was
such a bad thing Mr. Knight should have
stopped it long ago. He seems to have
known from the beginning that it was
bad.

The reference to the salvation army as
"probably the most direct cause of the late
failure" is simply absurd. It is too ridicu-
lous to require serious treatment. It
might possibly affect two or three pupils
continuously; but Mr. Knight gives him-
self away on this point when he admits
that he is not prepared to say to what ex-
tent the pupils have attended the nightly
meetings of the army. If several of the
teachers had joined the army and had
been beating the drum and playing the
tambourine nightly, there might have
been some ground for adopting the nota-

One "direct" and important "cause" of
the late failure, and of the generally
unsatisfactory work done in the public
schools will be found in the "demoraliza-
tion" arising from the fact that several
of the trustees have their sons or daughters
on the teaching staff. For this condition
of affairs the ratepayers are themselves
responsible. They have re-elected those
trustees in spite of this serious objection.
In most places trustees have the public
spirit to resign the moment such coinci-
dences occur; or if they did not, public opin-
ion would soon compel a resignation. In
Lindsay, however, the case is different.
And yet it does not—or should not—require
a moment's argument to show a man of
intelligence and unbiased mind that it is
really a very serious evil, and one that
should not be allowed. But it has been
allowed to grow, and will probably grow
still more. They are now several teachers
more favorably situated in that they have
parents on the board. They feel and have
all along felt "solid" with the board. They
may be good teachers, but a stimulus to
care and exertion is removed. The inspec-
tor or headmaster or supervisor does not
feel disposed to deal with them as he
would if the relationship did not exist.
Trustees at the board or in committee
meetings feel a delicacy or a difficulty in
discussing matters regarding teachers
thus situated. The schools suffer. The
pupils of all the classes feel the conse-
quences. Teachers not so favorably situ-
ated may have or may think they have
not been treated fairly. The classes do not
get through with the work they ought to.
There is a want of prompt, regular, steady
work all round. The loss falls upon the
ratepayers. Their children lose from one
to two or perhaps three years of most
valuable time; and get into bad business
habits. It is amazing that the ratepayers
should have allowed this thing to go on.
The objections we have mentioned cannot
be denied. Mr. Knight could not deny them
if he were to make a thoroughly fear-
less and independent report. The evil
affects the poorer classes of the com-
munity more seriously than it does the
wealthier classes. The wealthy man can
send his children to other schools if he
wishes; the poor man cannot afford to. He
must put up with what we have here in
Lindsay. It is all-important to him that
we should have the best schools possible.
The question of time-at-school is all-im-
portant to him. His boy or girl should not
be compelled to spend a year or two un-

necessarily at school simply in order that
a trustee's son or daughter may have an
easy place. Yet this is the state of things
that exists in Lindsay to-day. The rate-
payers are to blame. The remedy rests
with them.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Ontario legislature will get through
in a week or ten days, though Mr. Car-
negie of Peterboro says he would like to stay
there all summer "investigating." The
Dominion session will close by Easter.

The east-and-west roads have been very
badly drifted. The necessity of wire
fences must be apparent to all. Good snow
roads in winter and good leading gravel
or macadam roads in summer would be
of immense benefit to the farmers of this
county.

The clauses in the Algoma election peti-
tion charging the Ontario government and
Messrs. Mowat, Hardy, Pardee and Young
with all the corrupt practices that a Tory
agent could imagine, have been struck
out by Judge Burton as not only "irrele-
vant" but "scandalous."

The Ontario estimates contain \$5,000 for
the purpose of removing the obstructions
at the outlet of Lake Couchiching, and
thereby reducing Lake Simcoe to its nor-
mal level. This wise undertaking will be
cordially appreciated by the farmers of
Thorah and Mara, and of other municipal-
ities bordering on the lake. This matter
has been energetically promoted by Mr. F.
J. Gillespie, and the reeves and councillors
of Mara, and it is satisfactory to know
that so much has been accomplished.

The Warder has a characteristic whine
and howl at Mr. McIntyre because he
said in the license debate that the gov-
ernment should appoint their own friends
and supporters to office. The Warder
says this is the doctrine that to the victors
belong the spoils, and finds fault with Mr.
McIntyre and yowls at Mr. Mowat because
conservatives are not appointed to office
by the reform government. The Warder
makes a sorry exhibition of it—if when it
tries to make a point against Mr. McIntyre
on this ground.

La Minerve, the bleu organ of Mon-
treal, knocks the bottom out of the Mail's
story about Mr. Blake and the French
members. The Minerve is in a position to
know all about the matter and says: "They
would make believe that the Quebec mem-
bers took into consideration overtures
made by Mr. Blake to bargain that they
should pass to the opposition side. Such
an affirmation is as gratuitous as it is ab-
surd. The conservative membership has
too great a sense of loyalty and of its own
dignity to be capable of such an act. No
overtures of that kind were made, and if
they had been made they would have been
treated with disdain."

The reeve of Fenelon Falls made an
unhappy and an uncalculated remark at
the railway deputation interview with Mr.
Mowat, when he said two-thirds of Fen-
elon Falls had been sold out for taxes, and
that the lots had only brought two or
three dollars apiece. This was a most un-
patriotic remark; and, furthermore, it was
not correct; or rather it conveyed a very
wrong impression, extremely damaging to
the growing out. In his eagerness to make
a case Mr. McArthur was guilty of unwise
exaggeration. Lots in a remote part of
the village, worthless as "village lots,"
may have gone, and did go, for a song; but
village property properly so called in Fen-
elon Falls falls fairly, and the village is
not in such desperate straits as the reeve
makes out. At the same time it has been
disappointed in its railway expectations,
as have other places, but that is no reason
why the reeve should energetically decry
the place.

The Globe of Monday says:—"Mr. Mc-
Intyre, M.P.P., draws our attention to a
mistake in our notice of the delegation
from Victoria and Halliburton, which
waited on the attorney-general on Friday.
The report makes Mr. McDonnell say that
one-third of the town of Lindsay was sold
for taxes the other day. This was said of
Fenelon Falls by Mr. McArthur. The
claim of Lindsay is not in consequence of
rumsong taxation, but to correct a manifest
injustice in consequence of the Victoria
railway not having been pushed to the
Ottawa as promised by the company. In
the town of Lindsay there is a good and
growing demand for houses. The mer-
chants and other business men have been
prosperous, and in consequence of the
conservative trade habits of the mer-
chants and other business men in the town
prepared to stand the hard times and de-
pression." Mr. McIntyre did well to have
the error promptly corrected and the
saddle put on the right horse.

A good deal of righteous indignation
was caused in town Saturday and Monday
by the report in the Globe that Mr. Mc-
Donnell had stated in his railway deputation
address to the premier that "the
taxes were so high that one-third of the
town had been sold at the last tax sale,
"but two and three dollars being bid for
lots." The squire was attacked right and
left by indignant citizens, and was kept
busy all day Sunday explaining that he
did not say it of Lindsay, but that it was
the reeve of Fenelon Falls who had said
it of his constituency. As the remark has
been made, we may say that the lots in
Lindsay at the treasurer's tax sale were all
sold readily at good figures—at too good
figures, indeed, for some of the buyers;
and that despite the "depression," "hard
times" and "hard government taxation,"
Lindsay is prosperous and solid, and that
it is bound to go ahead. We do not
know what the Fenelon Falls people will
say to their worthy reeve for his very fool-
ish and damaging remark; but no doubt
some of them would like to fry him in his
own fat—metaphorically, of course—as a
fitting punishment.

Napoleon Express: "Hon. Mr. Mowat is
called by his opponents 'the little premier,'
while Sir John is honored with the name
of 'a great constitutional lawyer.' Recent
events go to show that the names have
been transposed. In every case where
there has been a difference of opinion on
constitutional law between Mr. Mowat
and Sir John, and appeal was made to the
privy council, Sir John has been worsted.
It is Mr. Mowat who is in reality the great
constitutional lawyer. Before he places a
law on the statute book he is satisfied that
it is constitutional, and backs it up. Sir
John passes his law and trusts to luck.
He has no confidence in his own legisla-
tion. A striking example of this was
given the other day. A deputation of
Lindsay petitioners waited upon Mr.
Mowat on the license question and he in
firm language told them that the Crooks
act was the only valid license law and that
they would be perfectly safe in taking out
licenses under it. When another deputation
waited on Sir John he showed as little
faith in the validity of his legislation that

he advised them to take out licenses under
both acts. Fine advice from a great con-
stitutional lawyer."

The Dominion revenue has diminished
\$2,557,000 in the past eight months, but
the expenditure has increased \$1,392,000.
That's the way the money goes!

The nominations for East Grey, to fill
the vacancy caused by the death of Mr.
Lauder, took place on Tuesday. The con-
servative candidate is Mr. N. McColman,
president of the conservative association
of the riding; Mr. R. Myles is the reform
candidate.

The Globe remarks that the planet Jupiter
has nearly got rid of the "red spot" on
its face. This "simple" was at first
150,000,000 miles in extent. Jupiter must
have had a combined Crooks-Scott-McCar-
thy act in operation, with no Hodge or
John A. to cause confusion and give
trouble.

The Loyal Orange Brotherhood of To-
ronto, at a meeting Thursday night, con-
demned in strong terms the Orange bill
force that is being played at Ottawa.
This broad Dominion waits with anxiety
the opinion of Mr. John Kelly of Little
Britain. Will Mr. Kelly surrender, or
wait "till the bill is printed in French?"

Mr. Cook, the new member for South
Oxford, was introduced to the local house
by Hon. Mr. Hardy and Mr. Freeman, the
ministerial whip, and took his seat on the
government side. The opposition looked
very glum, as they expected he would join
them, as he had unopposed the regular reform
nominees. Mr. Cook is a shrewd and clever
young man.

Woodville, it seems, is to go to the north
riding after all. Mr. McIntyre did not
need the reform vote in the south, and in
order to "harass" the "poor old man" as
the local Tory organ calls Mr. Fell, the new
village is to go north and help to beat him
next campaign. It will now be in order
for the Warder to shriek at Mr. McIn-
tyre for his misdeeds. —N.B.—Per-
haps Mr. Fell did it; or Mr. Meredith for
him.

Several public meetings in Manitoba
have in strong terms condemned the policy
of the Dominion government, and at one
the secession of the province and the
establishment of direct colonial relation-
ship with England was proposed. A war-
rant has, it is said, been issued for the
arrest of the mover of the resolution for
high treason. The feeling is so strong
that Mr. Norquay suggests a coalition and
union of all parties and forces to obtain
justice from the government. The
course pursued by Mr. A. W. Ross in the
house has been censured, and he has been
called upon to resign.

Hon. Mr. Pardee has given notice of a
series of resolutions resisting the Domini-
on encroachment on the province in the
matter of local railways aided by the
province, and the control of which Sir
Charles Tupper has assumed for the Otta-
wa government without notice of any
kind. Ontario has expended some four-
teen millions of dollars in municipal
buses and local government subsidies,
and Mr. Mowat very properly does not
propose to allow the Dominion to wrest
these roads from provincial control with-
out a vigorous protest. Such arbitrary
conduct was never contemplated by the
framers of the confederation act. If the
Dominion government take the railways
the least they can do is to hand back to
the municipalities and the local govern-
ment the amount of money they have
expended on the roads in question.

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