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LINDSAY, Dec. 29, 1865.

### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

New Year's Presents—D. Thomas.  
Mariposa B. A. S.—W. H. McLaughlin.  
Good Times Come—G. H. Keeve.  
Insolvent Act of 1864—S. C. Wood.  
New Dress Goods—Gillies & Lancashire.  
Santa Claus Bazaar—J. F. Gimson.  
To Blacksmiths—John Bertram.

### The Canadian Post.

LINDSAY, FRIDAY, DEC. 29TH, 1865

#### FOR MAYOR: ANTHONY LACOURSE, ESQ.

This being holiday week we only issue a half-sheet. We cordially wish our readers the compliments of the season.

#### A Change Desired.

Much dissatisfaction exists among the people of Lindsay, and the entire County generally, at the unreasonable hour at which the mails brought to Port Hope by the Grand Trunk line and other routes, arrive at Lindsay. According to the present arrangement the train leaves here at 10.55 in the morning, and does not return till a few minutes after 7 in the evening, thus preventing parties getting their letters and papers till a late hour at night. A letter deposited in the Toronto P. O. on a Monday morning, say after 6 o'clock, cannot reach here before the following Tuesday evening, and the answer cannot be received at Toronto before Thursday morning, as by the time the Eastern mails reach Toronto at night the post office is closed. This example will serve to show the great inconvenience of the present arrangement.

The people of Peterborough have far better accommodation; the mails reach there at one o'clock, p. m., and leave again at 4, in the same afternoon, thus allowing correspondence to be answered promptly and seasonably. Were the train to leave Port Hope for here in the morning as it does for Peterborough the great inconvenience we labour under in this respect would be remedied. A train leaving Lindsay in the afternoon at the same hour or one leaves Port Hope would suit the convenience of our business men and others, as it would get to there in ample time to catch the Eastern and Western trains on the Grand Trunk; whereas as the case at present stands they have to remain at Port Hope for some hours before they can get away. This question affects the whole County quite as much as it does this town. If the train were to leave Port Hope at the hour we propose, the mail matter would get here about 2 o'clock or thereabouts in the afternoon, and the people at Fenelon Falls, Bobcaygeon, Cambray, Woodville, Manilla, Oakwood, Argyle, and various other localities would get their letters and daily papers about the same time we now get them in Lindsay, instead of on the following day, as is now the case.

Anyone may see at a glance the great improvement a change in this respect would make; and it behooves all interested to see to it that the proper remedy is had. Petitions to the Postmaster General and the Railway officials should be circulated throughout the County, representing the condition and asking for a change. It rests with our people to have this improvement made; and if they neglect to exert themselves they must not complain if their interests continue to be neglected.

**THE UNION SCHOOL.**—The Examination of the Union School, Lindsay, took place on Wednesday, 20th inst. It was not in our power to be present, but we believe that the proceedings came off in satisfactory manner. Our readers will have observed that new arrangements have been made by Government with the view of making Grammar Schools more efficient in their special department. We trust that this change will be appreciated everywhere, and that it will lead to a much larger number of our intelligent population availing themselves of the superior advantages now offered by our Grammar Schools. We understand that pupils are admitted to the Grammar School for the first time, only after the Christmas and Summer Holidays.

There will be a Missionary Sermon preached in the New Connexion Methodist Church of this place, on Sunday evening next, at half-past six o'clock, by the Rev. Mr. Williams, Chairman of the District. On the following Tuesday evening, a Missionary Meeting will take place, when addresses will be delivered by the Rev. Messrs. Williams, Burns, Dochstater and Dr. Nichol.

The resignation by Mr. Brown of his seat as President of the Executive Council has been accepted by His Excellency the Administrator of the Government.

Large and small sizes of Window Glass on hand and cut to order if required. Putty by the lb. or Bladder Boiled, Raw Linseed Oil, Turpentine, and all colors of the best quality, dry, or mixed ready for applying, can be had at the new Drug Store, opposite S. & O. Bigelow's—COULTER & CHAMBERS.

Servants as usual at the Canada Presbyterian Church next Sabbath.

### Suspicious Case—Inquest.

On Tuesday morning last, Michael Fallahy, living with his brother Patrick and his wife, in Ops Township, about three-and-a-half miles from Lindsay, died very suddenly and under suspicious circumstances. On the facts becoming known to the Coroner, Dr. Fidler, he at once summoned a jury to investigate the cause of death. The following are the names of the jury:—

John Connolly, Foreman, Pat. Croly, Wm. Hutton, John Maylor, John Meehan, Pat. Meehan, M. Penrose, Jas. Shine, John Graham, J. J. Brown, Bernard Coyne, Wm. Keefe.

The principal witness was a woman named Ellen Keefe, who was living with Patrick Fallahy, who testified that on Monday morning deceased came in and took his breakfast apparently in good health, and then went out and resumed his occupation of chopping wood. Shortly afterwards Mrs. Fallahy went outside, took up a stick and commenced beating Michael, but was stopped by her husband. After a while she went into a room, brought out some whiskey in a tumbler into another room, and called in Michael, who came and drank it and went out again. In about 15 minutes he returned into the house, caught hold of the table, trembled violently and tumbled on the floor, saying to Mrs. Fallahy, "You have often threatened to poison me and now you have done it," adding "I am dying, bring me a priest." Witness noticed something of a whitish appearance in the tumbler before deceased drank it, and after he had fallen down she tasted the sediment and found it caused a burning sensation.

Two other witnesses were examined, but their evidence was not material, as they were not in the house till after the deceased had expired.

Drs. Benson and Herriman made a post mortem examination of the body, with the exception of the internal covering of the stomach, but found no cause of death; the various organs exhibiting no signs of fatal disease. Dr. Fidler left for Toronto yesterday morning with the stomach of deceased to have it analyzed by Prof. Croft, and the inquest has been adjourned till his return. The woman has been committed to goal in the meantime to await the result of the inquest.

### VOTE FOR LACOURSE.

#### The Lady's Friend.

The publishers of this beautiful magazine have issued a magnificent number for January. The leading steel engraving, "THE FOREST GLADE," is a perfect gem of beauty. We do not know where the publishers of the Lady's Friend get such beautiful designs for their engravings. Then we have a gorgeous colored plate, "THE HAND BANNER SCREEN IN CHURCH ON VELVET," which the ladies say is magnificent. The large double colored Steel Fashion Plate is as usual superb—we had almost said unequalled. Another engraving, called "Stephen Wharton's Will," which illustrates a fine story, is very suggestive. Then we have a beautiful plate of Children skating, intended to illustrate the winter styles of children's clothing; with numerous other plates illustrating Hair Nets, Winter Dresses, Borders for Jackets, various new styles of Bonnets, Winter Casques, Paletots, Jackets, Embroidery, Chemises, Night Dress, Ancient Head-Dresses, Patchwork, &c. &c. The literary matter is excellent. Among the articles, we note "Stephen Wharton's Will," "Mrs. Trunk," by Frances Lee; "Paul's Story, or French Lessons," "Clarice," by August Bell; "The Two Nightingales," "Stories of our Village," by Beatrice Colman; "In Illness," by Florence Percy; "Rachel, Dana's Legacy," by H. A. Heydon; "Arthur's Wife," "Loving Mary," Editor's Department, The Fashions, Household Receipts, &c. Price \$2.50 a year; 2 copies \$4.00; 8 copies (and one gratis) \$16. Now is the time to get up clubs for 1866. Specimen numbers for this purpose will be sent for 15 cents. Wheeler & Wilson's celebrated Sewing Machines are furnished as Premiums in certain cases. The Prospectus of this magazine for next year embodies a splendid list of contributors. Address Deacon & Peterson, 319 Walnut Street, Philadelphia.

**THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY** for January.—Ticknor & Fields, publishers, Boston, Mass. This magazine—the most solid, yet entertaining and instructive monthly issued in the States—has won for itself universal favor wherever it has made its way, and in every respect it is worthy of the praise it receives. The present issue contains some very interesting articles, amongst which we may enumerate the following:—Passages from Hawthorne's Note-Books—Beauty and the Beast—The Wilderness—the High Tide of December—Doctor Johns. xii.—The Kingdom Coming—Griffith Gaunt—Reviews and Literary Notices, &c. The price of the Atlantic is only 25 cents Canadian money, or \$3 per annum. To be had at Mr. Hay's Book Store.

**OUR YOUNG FOLKS** for January.—Ticknor & Fields, Boston, Mass., publishers. We draw the attention of parents, guardians, &c. to this periodical as the best magazine to give to their children. It is contributed by some of the best and most popular writers of the day, among whom are Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, Bayard Taylor, Capt. Mayne Reid, and the author of "The Lamplighter." A fine steel portrait of Mrs. Stowe appears in the present number. Price 15 cents Canadian money, or \$1.75 per annum. At Hay's Book Store.

**GENUINE Patent Medicines** of mostly all kinds kept constantly on hand at the New Drug Store. Call and see the large assortment—opposite S. & O. Bigelow's. Coulter & Chambers.

**LADIES' LILIES**—We would respectfully intimate that Sogodout, Farina's, Eau de Cologne, Perfumery, Fancy Soaps, Hair, Nail, and Tooth Brushes, Broom Pumps, Fancy Bottles and Articles are kept at the New Drug Store—Coulter & Chambers.

### Mayorality of Lindsay.

We learn that A. LaCourse, Esq., has consented to become a candidate for the Mayorality of Lindsay for the ensuing year. We believe that a better selection could not be made, and we hope that Mr. LaCourse will be elected by acclamation at the nomination, which takes place on Monday next. *Omnes Videri 15th inst.*

We learn that there are two aspirants for the Mayorality of our County Town—Messrs. LaCourse and Roche. It is stated that the election will be keenly contested, but we still maintain that a better selection could not be made than the former gentleman. We are of opinion he will be elected.—*16, 22nd.*

We heartily endorse the above referring to Mr. LaCourse's fitness for the office; and it is to be hoped that his friends will see to it that he is placed at the head of the poll on Monday next, and kept there till it is closed.

The Advocate's assertion that because Mr. L. enjoys a large legal practice, he must necessarily neglect the duties of the Mayorality is erroneous. If elected, we are assured he will scrupulously serve the interests of the people by giving due attention to all business connected with the office.

### Hogan's Mammoth Sale.

On the 8th January (vide advertisement) Mr. Hogan's mammoth sale of real property will come off, and we are assured that the affair promises to pass off very successfully—a large number of tickets having been disposed of. The real estate is situated in one of the finest sections of country in the Province, and the winners—whenever they may be—will be fortunate men. The horse, buggies, household furniture, &c., are also first-class and in fair condition; and as besides these, there are 100 other prizes to be drawn, every one stands a good chance of securing something in return for the outlay. The whole affair is in the hands of responsible gentlemen, so that no one need be afraid of any underhand or dishonest course being pursued.

An Auction Sale of valuable wood land in the townships of Verulam, Fenelon, Bexley, Somerville, and the town of Lindsay, will take place at Jewett's Hotel, Lindsay, on the 1st of February next, to which the attention of all desirous of a safe and profitable investment for their money is directed. Messrs. R. & J. F. Dennistoun, Barristers, of this town, will be happy to give full particulars concerning the land, terms, &c., to intending purchasers. See advertisement.

**DONATION PARTY.**—About twenty ladies and gentlemen belonging to St. Andrew's Church formed a donation party, and on Friday evening last, headed by Mr. Sheriff McDougall, waited upon the Rev. Mr. Muir, their pastor, to give him a number of articles most suitable for the holidays. In presenting them Mr. McDougall said they were a small token of the esteem which the congregation had for Mr. Muir; nor was this all, it was with pleasure he had to inform him that on Friday evening first, the 29th inst., the ladies would present him with a pulpit gown in the Church. Mr. Muir, in accepting the articles, made a suitable reply, and said he would be glad to receive the pulpit gown from the ladies of the congregation.

**ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH—LECTURE.**—The Rev. J. B. Muir, A. B., will (D. V.) deliver a lecture in the above church on Sabbath evening first, the 31st December, at 6.30. Subject: "The Lord's Supper," its subjects, mode and meaning.

**DR. INGERSOLL.**—As will be seen by a card in our advertising columns, this gentleman has settled in Lindsay for the practice of his profession. He brings with him some very high testimonials of his ability, and we would recommend him to the patronage of all needing the services of a physician.

The Rev. Mr. Cameron's letter will appear next week.

"Mariposa's" letter next week.

### Town Council Proceedings.

Saturday, Dec. 16th, 1865.  
Present—The Mayor, and Messrs. Bell, Brown, Doherty, Grace, Stevenson and Spratt. Absent—Messrs. Dean, Moloney and Mitchell.

Minutes of former meeting read and approved.

By-law No. 106 was read a first, second and third time, and passed.

Moved by Mr. Grace, seconded by Mr. Doherty, That the Clerk be instructed to write to the B. A. Insurance Co. requesting them to accept \$1,000 on account of the past due debentures of this Municipality held by them, and asking them for an extension of time, until the 1st Jan. 1867, for the payment of the balance—Carried.

The following bills were ordered to be paid: C. B. Robinson \$39.97; J. Spratt, & Co. George Stephenson, \$17.85, and A. Kias, \$3.90.

Moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Doherty, That the Mayor be requested to instruct Jas. McLennan, Esq., Barrister, Toronto, to take such steps as he may consider necessary to compel Hector Cameron, Esq., to pay over the balance of money due by him on debentures placed in his hands by R. Lang, Esq., formerly Mayor of Lindsay—Carried.

Munday, Dec. 18th.  
Members all present except Messrs. Moloney, Mitchell and Spratt.

The report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Deane, seconded by Mr. Grace, That the Mayor, Mr. Stephenson and two members, be a Committee to investigate the claim of Anthony Welsh against this Council, and that they report the evidence in the case under oath at next meeting—Carried.

All the members present except Mr. Mitchell.

Report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Duane, seconded by Mr. Brown, That the use of the Town Hall be granted to the Canada Presbyterian Church of Lindsay on the 8th January, for the purpose of holding their annual soiree.—Carried.

Tavern Licenses were granted to the following persons for the year 1866: P. Carey, T. Hanlon, T. Fournier, H. F. Lindsay, James Duncan, Mrs. Funk, C. Jewett, W. Boynton, E. Veitch, M. Myles, B. F. Jewett.

and T. Doherty.  
Moved by Mr. Deane, seconded by Mr. Brown, That the Chief Constable order forthwith a supply of cordwood for the use of the Engine House, sufficient for the present and next month.—Carried.

### Fenelon Township Council Proceedings.

{ Council Room, Fenelon Falls, Dec. 15th, 1865.  
Council met, pursuant to adjournment. Present—The Reeve and all the members of the Council.

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

Moved by Mr. Jordan and seconded by Mr. Burnett, That a By-law be read and passed, dividing Section No. 2, at the side-line between lots 20 and 21, and forming a new Section, to be known as No. 9, of Fenelon, said new section to extend from said side-line N. to boundary of Bexley, W. to boundary of Eldon, E. to 4th Concession-line, and from between lots 24 and 25, N. to Balsam Lake, & the 4th Concession.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Jordan, and seconded by Mr. Burnett, That the Council go into Committee of the whole on the Report of the Committee appointed to examine the assessment of lots 23 and 24 in the 10th Con.—Carried.

Council went into Committee of the whole. Mr. Glendennen in the chair.

Committee rose and reported the report without amendment.

Report adopted.

Moved by Mr. Glendennen, and seconded by Mr. Burnett, That a By-law be now read and passed appointing Returning Officers, and places, for holding elections in the different wards in this Municipality.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Jordan, seconded by Mr. Glendennen, That the sum of five dollars be granted in aid of three destitute children under the care of John Minzies, and that W. Jordan be authorized to expend the same for their benefit.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Glendennen, and seconded by Mr. Burnett, That Mr. Bryson be allowed to pay the amount of his liability to the Township in road work, in Wards 3, 4, and 5, and that a like amount be kept back from said wards, in next year's appropriation, and that Messrs. Downer and Jordan be authorized to let him a job.—Carried.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

To the Editor of the Canadian Post:

Sir,—Having intimated to the ratepayers assembled at the examination on Monday the 18th inst., that I intended to publish a statement of the Town Finances, I hereby annex the following statement:

**GROSS LIABILITIES.**  
By-law 46 \$4000 demands a rate of 1.58 cts on the \$, on resident ratepayers.  
" 43 6000 " of 21 on all ratepayers.  
" 80 8000 " 2cts " " "

\$18,000 Total debenture debt—

1 Sinking Fund for By-law 46	\$1000
2 Interest on do. do. do.	840
3 Outstanding Bonds held by British American Insurance Co.	1700
4 County rate Tax	2065
5 Due the Township of Ops, say	1300
6 Salaries	1050
7 Fire and Water	250
8 Streets, Bridges and Side-walks	300
9 Printing, say	100
10 Incidental	250
11 Contingencies, say	250
12 Insurance	100
13 Charity	250
	\$9325

### ASSETS.

Cash for sale of non-resident lands	in hands
County Treasurer	\$1200
Am't to be received from Gov't on acct of Lindsay Bridge	400
Licenses, say	730
Market House Revenue	357
Queen's Queen's Square	112
From sale of non-resident lands	1200
	\$4017

Roll for 1866, say \$4000 12 cts on \$ will produce \$5400  
Protestant School rate 1.58 cts on the \$, School debt 3 cts, making a total of - - - 16.58 cts on \$

Now Mr. Editor deduct item No. 3, \$1700, and also part of item No. 5, \$600, which makes \$2,300 from \$5,308, leaves the net balance of \$3,008 which should have to be provided for. Item No. 3, \$1700, has been levied on the Town and collected, but has been used for other purposes. Taking last year's roll as basis of calculation \$15,000 7 cts on the \$ will produce \$3150, \$132 more than would be required. But for the items above referred to, 7 cts. would meet the rate.

Union School rate for 1866, 3 cts on the \$, general rate on all ratepayers. By-law on Protestant ratepayers 1.58 cts on the \$, making a total of 11.58 cts on the \$, which would appear from the above figures that the Town of Lindsay is not in such an enormous debt as some would have it. I must admit that the rate has been high for the last few years, caused in part by large expenditure of the Councils for those years, and in part by making up Sinking Funds the Councils have allowed to be used for other purposes. Sinking Funds are all made up to the present, and out at interest.

Apologising for occupying so much space in your valuable paper, I remain  
Yours, &c. &c.  
DAVID BROWNE.

### THE EX-REEVES OF FENELON AGAIN

To the Editor of the Canadian Post:

Sir,—I would not have condescended to notice the strictures on "Observer's" statements by your correspondent "N—" in your issue of the 15th inst., had it not been that this unscrupulous individual, in his eager desire to vindicate his numerous clients, and probably himself, has opened the question of corruption afresh by a letter which is nearly a caricature of the "Observer's" statement of the 20th inst. last. The duplicity which characterized the one comes out in bold relief in "N—" by the introduction of extraneous subjects, garbled extracts, and falsifying what he knows to be true, ostensibly to blind the ratepayers of Fenelon, and lull them into forgetfulness of past iniquity, in order to gain ulterior objects.

The artful dodge of this gentleman is to try to prejudice the people's minds against facts, by telling them I have a bitter antipathy to the ratepayers of Fenelon, is preposterous, for there is no living being in that municipality, or anywhere else, that I entertain the slightest ill-feeling against; but the dishonest acts of some public men in that corporation, (himself included), which he endeavors to palliate, I will never cease to oppose and condemn. "N—" sympathetic remarks about the Cambray election is somewhat amusing and perfectly gratuitous. I never was at an election there but one (five years ago), and I have neither felt elated nor grieved at any of the results; but now that my opinion is called in question, I do confess that the selection of Edwin

Glendennen, instead of not being according to my liking, received my hearty approval. He is an honest man, an opponent of corruption, and most energetic in the discharge of his official duties. This veracious man says I next attacked Mr. Dick. This is true I exposed the nefarious acts of this individual, and if this sapient individual or any of his sympathizers continues to doubt my statements, let them apply to the proper sources, and they will get the necessary information.

This Dominie Samson volunteers to teach me, by going to the County Council minutes, and there see the rapid progress Fenelon has made these few years back. I am well aware of this likewise—the great increase of settlers, their enterprise and energy in cutting down the bush and cultivating the fields; but I would ask, has the improvement of our roads and bridges kept pace with the general progress? I answer no; for the money that should have been expended for that purpose, or reducing taxes, has been squandered away in those years recklessly, illegally or culpably neglect, which would have gravely effected one road half way to Fenelon Falls. It is very likely this will be called a falsehood or assertion; but I challenge substantial contradiction to the following disbursement of money and law suits which have taken place under the auspices of Dick in former times, Naylor and Downer, with the acquiescence of Jardine; and a reference to the official County and Township books will furnish proof.

In the year '63 Mr. Dick paid \$250, and in '64 Mr. Downer, at Mr. Dick's dictation, paid \$450 out of township money which was set over credit in the County Treasurer's books for an illegal survey of the boundary between Ops and Fenelon. About 4 years ago the Collector became a defaulter to the amount of \$200, and although Wm. Dick said interest would be paid, it has not been done, and the ratepayers are taxed this year to pay it. Mr. Downer has been twice ordered by the present Council to get the money; but no action has been taken by this official either. During Mr. Dick's incumbency three writs were issued on the principal and bondsman, and this case went to Quarter Sessions—Jackson vs. the Corporation of Fenelon. The defence set up on the two appeals cases of the widows, paying loss of time by the Reeve, witnesses, &c., and the people can easily see, and Mr. Naylor knows, that \$150 will not go far in law. These are the men, and this is the way the people have suffered by a betrayal of trust.

This oracle denies that \$200 was lost to the township by the non-collection of taxes, and that I ought to know more about the license law. I beg to inform "N—" that although my knowledge of jurisprudence is very limited, it was on this very law I based my statement. The County Directory says Fenelon has a population of 2,500, which represents 10 taverns, or 250 to every license. The statute says the amount shall not be less than \$25, nor more than \$100, and the Council has the power to regulate the maximum or minimum amount according to locality. Taking the minimum amount and ten taverns, we ought to have \$250 as revenue, to say nothing of store licenses; and if the Council of last year did not collect this amount, they are responsible to the ratepayers for dereliction of duty. This gentleman's garbled extracts are in keeping with his denials of facts. I never said monstrous persecutions, but, cruel, &c. I never said the J.P.'s asked the Council for law costs; but I stated they were like two beggars asking their fees; and three of the members composing the Council are ready to vouch to my statement.

Ratepayers of Fenelon! my exposure of the acts of previous Councils is founded on fact. All I crave at your hands is an impartial investigation, and if my allegations are not sustained, put me down as an inveterate slanderer. But I throw down the gauntlet; let any of the accused take it up.

Yours, &c. &c.  
OBSERVER.

Fenelon, Dec. 21, 1865.

### "SCHOOL MATTERS."

To the Editor of the Canadian Post:

Sir,—I have read with some interest the letter of your correspondent "A. B." on school matters, and also that of "W. H. O." in reply thereto. His reply is considerably satisfactory as far as it goes, but there is one point in A. B.'s communication which perhaps it would be well to consider more at length, viz: the implied insult offered to our clergy, and contained in the following words: "I have no objection in the world to a minister being appointed; on the contrary, decidedly favorable to such an appointment being made for several reasons, but let him give up the pulpit and give his undivided attention to the work."

A. B. has surely formed a very low estimate of our clergy when he takes it for granted that for a stated sum they would abandon the profession to which they have devoted themselves as the most solemn manner; that they, after having declared that they believed themselves called by the Holy Ghost to preach the gospel, descend from their holy calling and enter into some worldly avocation, no matter how honorable that avocation may be. I am bold to assert that A. B. greatly misrepresents our clergy, and, whether intentionally or not, pronounces upon them a slander which, at least is undeserved. If A. B. is acquainted with such a clergyman who would for the paltry sum mentioned abandon his calling, belie his declaration made before ordination, and sacrifice, as far as he is concerned, the cause to which he has attached himself by the most solemn vows, then I say A. B. should hold him up to public contempt.

I am, Sir,  
Yours in sincerity,  
H.

By voting for Lacourse, you help to put the right man in the right place.

### COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

To the Editor of the Canadian Post:

Sir,—In your issue of last week, I see a communication from W. O. H. referring exclusively to the suggestions I made in a former number, as to the condition on which the appointment of a County Superintendent for Victoria would prove satisfactory.

Your correspondent finds no fault with the conclusion I wished you particularly to notice, and urges, viz: that for the County Council to appoint a suitable person for said position would be to take a step in the right direction. I am glad I have his concurrence in this, though he differs from me as to the qualifications the appointee should possess in order to be able successfully to fill the office alluded to.

In my first proposition W. O. H. agrees with me and assures me everybody else will, but says I do not go far enough. Now this may be, but while I am willing to adopt the improvement he suggests, that the person should not only be experienced, but successful, I think he goes as much too far, as I may have come short, in regarding it indispensable that the person be practically engaged in teaching at the time of his appointment. It is very exacting to be necessary, in the same sense that experience must be, that the appointee should leave the school room without three or four years intervening between the time of teaching and such appointment, to step into said position. The reasoning of W. O. H. that it would be improper to select a person from

the ranks of those who have fallen behind, and have abandoned the profession because of their unfitness for it, I find no fault with. There are always some engaged in teaching who fall behind, and cannot successfully and creditably pass the necessary examinations. No one would recommend the selection of one of these, though he might in a sense possess experience; but it does not follow that one should not be appointed, whose success in teaching has been a stepping stone to a more lucrative and desirable position, who has not found it necessary because of unfitness, but desirous on account of better remuneration, to abandon the profession of teaching and engage in other pursuits; nor do I intimate that W. O. H. even thought he should be practically engaged in teaching when such appointment might be made would insinuate objections against the appointment of such a one. The fact is, those engaged in common school teaching are not generally remunerated as they should be; hence such as succeed and try to improve themselves so as to merit advancement, seldom remain in it because of their intense love for it, but accept of any position equally honorable and more lucrative, that may be open to them. Many have arisen from being common school teachers to the more advanced and lucrative positions held out to the hopes of the industrious and persevering by our Grammar Schools and Colleges. All have not done so. Would it not then be safer to select a person so responsible a position as that of County Superintendent, from those who have taught and arisen to higher positions, that to select from those who have failed to do so?

In reference to the necessity for a Normal School training, W. O. H. says very little, taking it for granted that his remarks upon my first proposition will apply with equal force to this. That the simple fact, that a person has attended the Normal School is not enough to direct the choice of a person to superintend common schools. He admits also the fact that many very inefficient teachers have attended that institution. But we wish to ask W. O. H., whether as a whole Normal School teachers are not more successful than others, and whether there are not many very inefficient teachers who have not attended the N. School. My opinion here would not absolutely exclude teachers who have attended the best training schools of the old country; still I think that if a suitable man who has received his education and training here could be found he should have the preference.

As to the necessity of ability and practice in public speaking W. O. H. admits that they are desirable, but looks upon this qualification as comparatively non-essential. Now, his remarks upon this part of the work that would fall upon the appointee are so weak that we shall merely give them a passing notice. Lecturing would be a part of the work to be done, and a most important part, however much W. O. H. may depreciate the influences emanating from the platform, and if such an appointment is made, all must admit that a person should be chosen who could not only do a portion of the work but the whole of it.

That most persons will conclude that ministers who have been successful teachers and have had a few years experience in public speaking, as well as the experience gathered from visiting different schools in various parts of the country would not be so ready in bringing the most important topics upon the public in an impressive manner, and would not be so thoroughly acquainted with the organization and government of schools, as well as the best modes of imparting instruction we cannot see though W. O. H. may see it most clearly. Some who have been appointed have given and are yet giving satisfaction, and we believe, the facts, all I crave at your hands is an impartial investigation, and if my allegations are not sustained, put me down as an inveterate slanderer. But I throw down the gauntlet; let any of the accused take it up.

Yours respectfully,  
A. B.

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