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The Canadian Lost.

LINDSAY, FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 1884. THE "OXFORD PROFESSOR" AS "A BYSTANDER"

The well-known Oxford Professor whose criticisms of men and affairs appear in The Week under the thin disguise of "A Bythe Sarnia Onserver and Hamilton Times for his singular departure from an assumed high standard of strict impartiality when he reviews the conduct of Sir John Macdonald in the late session in particular. "Bystan ier" finds much coinfort and an answer for the Observer and the Times in the fact that he has been attacked by the tory Hamilton Spectator for his causeless censure of the Dominion premier. Because he displeases both sides "Bystander" infers that he has been strictly just and impartial.

Will that be the general verdict ! Times were certainly opportune and pertiing Sir John Macdonald's character with two caused by the alleged too intimate adroitness and affectionate skill; but no fond restorer of one of the sadly impaired "old masters" has found a more desperate and some will say a dirtier task. What the resources of a matchless style to support the demoralizing doctrine that Sir John Macdonald is not to blame for admitted wrong-doing or acknowledged corruption and extravagance on his part, but that his environment is to blame. The acme of "Bystander's" intellectual servility is reach. mands was very wrong; but he is ever ready with a light excuse for the premier. An honest, conscientious, courageous and patriotic leader would have appealed to the story should so the Higgins refused until Mrs. country before submitting to the exactions of his followers; but the forty bleus knew perate straits, and profited accordingly. A heavy burthen may be cast upon the country; the fundamental basis of the confederation may be seriously undermined; Ontario may be "milked" continually, and may be hampered and worried by an unscrupulous use of the veto power; the worst elements of the conservative party may be brought to the front by their leader's crafty policy, -but "Bystander" calmly closes his eyes and with sublime "impartiality" applies the varnish brush and gives us a picture of a Statesman who may do some bad things because he has bad men to deal with and extremely difficult problems to solve, but whose badness and corruption must be condoned or forgiven. "Bystander" with singular blindness fails to see that most of these "diffisulties" are of the premier's own creation, the direct result of a policy without principle, relying solely for success upon tricky devices of the hour and on unscrup-

ulous appeals to human weaknesses namione and prejudices.

Is it worth while to arraign "Bystander tormally in the court of public opinion for his obsequious violation of his own rules of criticism? Propably not. The public will soon un-

mark the masquerader. "Grip" prescribed

a remedy in a cartoon not fquite as sharp and effective as he generally gives. Some years ago Punch printed a famous cartoon entitled "D'Israeli in Egypt." Many of the great personages in the imperial house of commone were engaged in the slavish task of drawing the triumphal car of the English tory leader, whose name is hated of all the "Bystander" tribe, owing to whom our particular "Bystander" looks with aversion upon the innocent primroses by the river's brim. It is a strange nemesis of fate that has harnessed to the triumphal car of the Canadian D'Israeli, as his admirers love to call him, that "Oxford professor" whom the English Jew-premier, in a playful mood, pierced through and

through so keenly that he was challenged to mortal combat. What would they think in England of the demeaning spectacle? The Uxford professor hauling with all his might and main at the traces in company with John Shields, Big Push, Boss Danscreau, the Mail, Burr-Plumb, Contractor McIntosh of the Ottawa Citizen, Mertin J. Griffin the poet, and many others, while Sir Charles Tupper drives the pack. What is thought of the entertaining spectacle in Canada? Here the crafty tactics of the Canadian D'Iraeli are known of all men-

By a method directly the reverse of his English prototype he has secured the fickle affections of the Oxtord professor. The public will be quick to perceive the social devices that obtained those exalted services, and the public will be quick to appreciate at its true worth the Oxford varnish so iberally applied in return. If "Bystander" were satisfied with his applications of Oxford varnish to the Dominion premier the matter might end with the entertainment it afforded to the discerning public. But the servitor goes farther. He decries and misrepresents Mr. Blake and pours out his spite upon the grave of George Brown. Mr. Blake probably scorned to Reeve DEACON read the report of the finance committee, which recommended payliness declined to worship at that shrine. We do not need to agree with all that George Brown may have done or said in his time, but his name is prized in Canada assistance to market clerk were thrown kootoo to the Oxford divinity; and Mr. by thousands, and his fame will live long in the memory of his countrymen. With equally rancorous hatred "Bystander" pursues Gordon Brown into private life; for some earthly reason he follows Lord Dufferin to Egypt with his acrid distribes. He hates the Jews because D'Iraeli was a Jew and handed him down to posterity in a phrase that will never die; he hates the Irish, it must be because they are Irish, for he can have no other reason. We have no special objection to Bystander's weekly adumbration of Sir John Macdonald, but the hypocrisy of the would-be impartial criticshould be exposed; and the public will labored composition of which the Oxford professor has bent his powers. Ere

EDITORIAL NOTES.

he again goes to his servile task we com-

mend to his thoughtful consideration a singularly able, moderate and powerful article, published a short time ago in The Week, over the well known initials of a

veteran conservative journalist, wherein was clearly indicated the great and threatening dangers of that very policy which the Oxford professor thinks will form the

lasting monument of departed statesman-

The republican national convention is in session at Chicago, and will probably today chose a caudidate for the presidency.

Another dynamite explosion has occurred n London and has caused great excitecellar of the Junior Carlton club, in Scotland yard and at Nelson monument, and a great deal of damage was caused at the first named place, but very little at the other places owing to defective fuses. Thirteen persons were more or less seriously injured, among them five women. "Dynamite" O'Rossa rejoices over the affair; but the true friends of Ireland will condemn such infamous outrages.

Terrible Murder-a Wife's Infidelity.

Fenton's tavern, on the Monck road, twelve miles east of Orillia, on the morning of Friday last. There has been a scan. dal going, around for the past month or two caused by the alleged too intimate relations existing between one Jesse Higgins and the wife of Edward Story, better known as Edward Steel. Higgins, the murdered man, was a widower with one grown-up son, and was 55 years old. He had about six weeks ago induced Story's wife to go and live with him, and kept her for a week. Story after some difficulty induced his wife to return. Higgins habitually entered Story's premises whenever he liked. Mrs. Story seems to have tired of Higgins, and on Friday morning told her husband that she expected a visit from Higgins whom she refused to see for the future, and requested Story to answer his call and dismiss him. Story instructed one of his little children, of whom he has four, to say, in case Higgins called, her parents were from home, and then hid himself. Higgins came along presently and was informed thus, but stated his disbelief and demanded to see the child's mother. Story then entered and demanded him to leave the premises. Higgins flatly refused, and stating his intention to take Story's again, and was again refused until Mrs. Story should go too. Higgins was a smallish man and Story a big burly, powerful fellow, and on this second refusal to quit the premises he knocked Higgins down and dragged him out of doors. Here he kicked the unfortunate man to death, breaking every rib loose from the backbone, it is said. Higgins revived a little, and started about nine o'clock in the morning to crawl to his own house, which was only a short distance off, and had scarcely arrived home in the evening when distovered by his son. Two doctors were brought from Orillia, but it availed noth-

The car of a captive balloon at Liele containing twenty persons, became detached and fell over a hundred feet. Three of the occupants of the car were killed and the remainder severely injured. The car was built to carry only ten persons. The ascent was made in order to view a horse

LOCAL MATTERS.

LINDSAY TOWN COUNCIL.

DOLLAR GRANT WILL NOT BE PAID-

The regular monthly meeting of the ouncil was held in the council chamber on Monday evening last, June 2nd. Present, Mayor Wallace, Reeve Deacon and Couna. Bryans, Sinclair, McTavish, Begley, Connoily and Weese. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the cierk and

COMMUNICATIONS. From A. W. Parkins, stating that he had received notice from the council that his mill if rebuilt would be exempt from

taxation for ten years. From Rice Lewis & Son, Toronto, quoting prices for 6 in. cast iron water pipes to bear a pressure of 300 lbs. to the square inch at 22c. - say \$35 per ton of 2,000 lbs.

Hydrants, \$38 each. From Mr. T. Neenan, asking to be paid \$25 for services in lighting the public lamps in the east ward.

From Mr. Charles Gilmore, clerk of legislative assembly, regarding the act to reduce the aumber of members in county councils. Enclosed were a number of questions, which were to be answered by the clerk by the direction of the council. THE 22TH MAY FIASCO.

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From the celebration committee a statement of expenditure incurred in getting up the 24th May celebration.

Coun. Connolly moved that the motion passed at the last meeting of council making a grant of \$100 to the 24th May celebration be rescinded.

Coun. Weese attributed the failure to placing on the committee a lot of men whose names were on the bills and who did not work.

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Coun. Connolly said that the conditions had not been carried out and the money collected had been squandered. The public funds should not be spent recklesely.
The motion was carried almost unanimously.

FINANCE REPORT.

REPORT OF STREET AND BRIDGE COMMIT-

Coun. McTavish, in the absence of Dep.-reeve Melville, chairman of the street and bridge committee, read the report of the street and bridge committee. The expenditure on streets and bridges up to date amounted to a total of \$2,305.50.

Rev. DEACON moved in amendment that it be not adopted, but referred back for further consideration.

Reeve DEACON suggested that a special

The report of the fire and water committee recommended the purchase of an alarm bell to be used at the new fire hall, and also a new bell for use in the east ward to replace the one lately broken. It was pointed out that the east ward deserved a new bell. The advisability of ordering a new bell lay with the council, and the hope was expressed that as the alarm on the fire hall was a necessity it would be purchased. The report was moved and seconded and on motion adopted.

INCREASED FIRE PROTECTION

INCREASED FIRE PROTECTION. Reeve DEACON, chairman of the special ommittee appointed to consider means of committee appointed to consider means of increasing our system of protection from fire, read the report and added explanatory remarks. The committee had taken up and considered a report which had been prepared at a former meeting, and which has already been made public. The committee had discussed the question of putting down more pipes and of adding increased power at the pump house. The engineer of the fire brigade told the committee that the present power was ample. Finally it was resolved that the waterworks should be extended, and a motion to that effect was carried. A motion to purchase a fire engine and 2,000 feet of hose was lost. The above, in effect, was the report of the committee.

To the suggestion that a larger expenditure be made, Reeve Deacon entered his protest—unless by a by-law submitted to the ratepayers and by them approved.

Reeve DEACON suggested that the council meetings should be held on the first Tuesday of each month, not on the first Monday as at present. The motion was received favorably and a word or two slipped into the by-law of rules of order making the matter the law of the council. A \$5,000 BY-LAW.

Coun. Connolly placed a motion before the council regarding an extension of the water-works pipes. The motion read as follows: "That the mayor and town clerk be instructed to have a by-law prepared and placed before the council at the next meeting to be submitted to the ratepayers asking for \$5,000 to be spent in extending the water-works and in putting in another wheel."

taken care of. In any event it was impossible to protect every house in town. He would strongly oppose any further expenditure on the water system. He felt certain that any by-law would be voted down if submitted.

town.

Coun. Mallon seconded the motion and urged that the by-law be submitted. He could bear his share of the taxes cheerfully and he thought that the additional protection given would be gained at a not too coatly outlay. Coun. Mallon said he wanted this water-works question settled.

Reeve Deacon reviewed the financial aspect of the question and pointed out that the scheme would cost in all \$9,600.

Coun. Begley said it would be the proper thing to call a public meeting and have the assent of the ratepayers generally before undertaking to submit a by-law. In any event increased expenditure should be made in a direction that would benefit and be of some service to the whole town. He knew that the business part of the town was well protected already. It was now the claim of outsiders and it was reasonable that they should receive some benefit.

Coun. McTavish said that a judicious

would be quite as extensive as it would pay us to keep up.

The motion was put and declared lost—only the mover and seconder voting for it.

(Ten o'clock had now struck. In consequence of a reportorial vow no speeches made after that hour are reported.)

THE LINDSAY CENTRAL. FUND-REPORT OF STREET AND BRIDGE
COMMITTEE-REPORT OF FIRE AND
WATER COMMITTEE-AMENDING THE
RULES-A \$5,000 BY-LAW FOR THE
WATER-WORKS-COUN, MALLON LOOKS
AFTER THE EAST WARD.

By a vote of the council it was decided
to grant the sum of \$200 towards the
guarantee fund of the Lindsay central
exhibition, and the following members of
the council were appointed on the executive committee of the exhibition: Mayor
Wallace and Couns. Bryans and McTavish.

THE EAST WARD SURVIVES. In duty bound Coun, Mallon put in his car for the east ward. He moved a threatening resolution to the effect that the promised gas lamps for the east ward should at once be erected or that the council relieve the east ward from paying its share of the gas tax. The motion was untortunately lost on a division.

GRADING AND DITCHING With prudence most commendable Coun. Mallon suggested that a special committee be appointed—out of the street and bridge committee—a councillor in each ward to let by tender all the ditching and grading in the several wards. This suggestion was adopted.

After a general conversation op matters connected with the town finalces the council adjourned.

FROM LINDSAY TO VICTORIA,

NOTES OF A FAR WESTERN JOURNEY-CROSSING THE ROCKIES—ON THE PACIFIC SLOPE - VICTORIA AND VANCOUVER'S ISLAND-BRIGHT PROSPECTS.

Mr. Franklin Crandell of this town, who left a short time ago for British Columbia has written to his father a very interesting letter, from which we make some extracts. We expect some letters from the same source, and they will be valuable and interesting, as Franklin is a shrewd observer and a good descriptive writer: CROSSING THE ROCKIES.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 8th, 1884. "....We arrived at St. Paul safely and on time and there our journey really began. At St. Paul on Thursday, May the 1st, we found the weather disagreeably raw and cold, and as we had to remain there from early morning until 7.45 in the evening for the emigrant train the time passed very disagreeably. But we went over the place from end to end, and put in part of the time in that way. From St. Paul through Minnesota and part of Dakota the country is pretty generally settled up and of good quality, and is much the same as Manitoba. Everything went merrily until we reached Bismark, where we cross the Missouri river. when we were hooked to a freight train and did not make more than ten miles per hour for the next 24 hours. We had two cars of emigrants on this train (mostly from Ontario) and the young men made a ball and we played ball over the train for

as much as a hundred miles over the prairie, and at every station where we would lay from fifteen minutes to half an hour. The western part of Dakota and eastern Montana is covered with mud yolcanoes, and is known as "the bad lands." Here and A vote was taken, when a tie was declared. It was pointed out that delaying the adoption of the report would not interfere with work. On this understanding Mayor Wallace gave the deciding vote and the report was held over. passing through many towns of only a few months growth, ranging in population from 500 to 10,000 each. Some of them were beautifully situated, and as we had abundance of time to walk through nearly every one of them we were much atruck with the evidences of prosperity. Some of the towns presented such natural advantages that we could not doubt but that they were destined in the near future to become places of importance and size. But they were destined in the near future to become places of importance and size. But the climate is not desirable. As we passed through the days were raw and at night the ditches alongside of the track were frozen over. The scenery through the Rockies was really grand. Our train ran through narrow valleys, down the course of some stream, with mountains towering on either side; now we were climbing the side of a steep mountain, circling around it in the shape of a corkscrew, to get the easiest grades; then rusbing through dark tunnels some nearly a mile long; and again crawling over bridges at dizzy heights. All this combined to make a sight novel to me and platform so much taking in the scenery that I caught a severe cold which has not left me yet although I am much better. Not until we crossed the Cascade mountains and commenced the descent of the Columbia river did the climate improve, and have the manufacture of the control of the country and here the weather was like our last of June or 1st of July. The farmers were cutting hay, grain knee high, and potatoes hoed the first time, trees leaved out for over a month, the fields, etc., covered with beautiful flowers of many hues, a very decided and pleasant change for me."

VICTORIA, May 10th. I have just been on the island three days to-day, and the more I see of this country and its lovely climate the more I am led to think it is the climate and place for me, and the more I am inclined to locate here. The weather is delightful and I am told it has been so for the past ten months. Iam also informed that there were only seven freezing days during the past winter. Snow came 18 inches deep but only lasted a few days, and that was the first time it happen days, and that was the first time it happened so for many years. They have had new potatoes and all kinds of garden truck for two weeks past. I am told that the rainy season in January and February lasts for about five or six weeks and no longer. The water pipes are laid on top of the ground in many places, so you can see by that they don't have much frost. This city has been dead for years but is commencing to experience a boom which I feel will equal Winnipeg before long, and a man coming here with a little money can double it every year for some years to come, and it coming here with a littie money can double it every year for some years to come, and it don't matter much what he goes at. There is no use of laborers coming here or young men looking for "soft" situations for they won't get work, but monied men and mechanics can do "immense." Chinese labor can be got for \$1 per day, and it is equal to white labor; but mechanics command from \$3 to \$4 per day; board is from \$5 to \$6 per week, and living is no higher than at home, only the luxuries are dearer. The rallway on the island is now under construction and it will make things lively I tell you. Their head offices will be here and all the coal from the mines, and the company will open many of them, will

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