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Lindsay, Dec. 27, 1888

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The Canadian Post.

LINDSAY, FRIDAY. DEC. 28, 1898.

THE OAKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL CASE. The court of appeal has decided the

Oakwood high school case in favor of the township and against the high school board. The finding was unanimous; and it covered all the essential points raised in the appeal by Mr. McIntyre, counsel for the township. We print elsewhere the text of the decision.

We earnestly hope it will occur to most if not to all of the ratepayers that there has been enough strife, hard feeling and litigation over this vexed question. It is highly desirable in the interests of taken out of the municipal politics of the township. If the school board had had the candour and courage to submit a by-law to the ratepayers in the first instance, it would in all probability have been carried. It has long been apparent that public feeling and indignation in the township was directed more against the method taken to get the money than at the the amount involved or the high school itself. The ratepayers have practically condemned the provision that a vote of two against three can in a council carry a money by-law for educational purposes. The decision of the court of appeal shows that a majority of the council is required to carry such money by-law. We understand the high school board proposed to endeavor to elect at the ensuing elections two councillors favorable to their plan, and then on the presentation of a fresh demand their two votes would place the board in the required legal position to call upon the council to provide the raquired amount of money. It seems to us that this plan, already condemned by the electors, would simply intensify the public feeling in the township against the board and the school, and would prove injurious to the best interests of the school. In view of the decision of the court of appeal there is no likelihood that two councillors would be elected to

The elimination of the high school question from the municipal question would tend greatly to promote good feeling, peace and harmony in the township, and would be the best step that could possibly be taken in the interests of the high school. To that end we suggest to our friends in Mariposa with diffidence, that the forthcoming municipal election be an election by acclemation. The school question will naturally reseive some discussion at the town meeting next Monday; but it can easily be kept from being an issue in the coming contest. We believe that if our friends will carefully consider the question they will admit the wisdom and practicability of our suggestion. We make it without consulation with any one; and it may not be palatable to some or acceptable to others. We do not know that there are any other township questions calling for a contest. If there are, of course, an election is the proper thing. But if not, then personal ambition should stand aside for this year for the sake of the higher interests at stake. The school question having been taken east of the municipal field the question of obtaining the amount required to build a new school can be submitted to the ratepayers at a later period in the year, and if the case is fairly and fally stated to the people we are confident the ly-law will be carried. An appeal to the singularly, enterprise and local patriotearefully consider the question they will

strong feeling against such procedure.

lent work as the Oakwood high school, that is so well worthy of support, and that can do so much for the educational interests of the township cannot fail to be

A VICTORY FOR MANITOBA.

The supreme court have decided railway crossing case referred to them by the Dominion government in favor of Manitoba. The court was asked if in its opinion the provincial statute under which the Red River Valley extension railway was being constructed was " valid and effectual," and the court has decided that the provincial statute is "valid and effectual." In other words Sir John Macdonald asked the court if "we could check Manitoba," and he has been told by the highest authority in the land that he cannot check Manitoba-in the particular way indicated. The railway committee at Ottawa can now go on and authorize the provincial railway to cross the C.P.R. It could have done so before; but excessive care has gained a point in delaying the construction of the provincial undertaking. It is to be regretted that the supreme court simply gave in a few lines, and in the baldest and briefest form, its conclusion, without giving the reasons that led to the conclusion. This greatly diminishes the value of the decision. We know it was an unanimous decision; and that is all. In all its bearings the question is one of the highest importance to all the provinces. The province can go on and build the railway and make the crossing : but when that is done the railway passes under Dominion control.

The C.P.R., it is understood, intend to oppose the crossing, and to carry the case now in the Manitoba courts to the privy council if necessary. Their object is apparently to obstruct the progress of the work, and their proceedings will intensify the feeling against them in Manitoba.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A happy New Year to all friends and readers of THE POST.

Mr. Mowat has won another great victory for provincial rights in the railway crossing case before the supreme court.

Mr. Gladstone has gone to Naples for short holiday and has had a most enthusiastic reception. The Neapolitans do not forget Mr. Gladstone's eloquent depunciations of "Bomba's" infamies.

The welcome news has come from Stanley that Emin Bey was safe and wellprovisioned and that Stanley had left him to return to the Congo, whence further details are expected in a few days. Osman Digna's story about their capture was an "invention."

cessful merchandising that does not grow relies on individual exertion; the merchant relies upon public information, and the topmost merchants are the heaviest advertisers" out of judicious advertising. The pedler

The people of Valentia neighborhood have had a debate on the question of lowering the dam at Lindsay, and after full discussion have decided unanimously in favor of the project. One of the judges, it is to be noted, is a Cartwright man. This will have great weight with the public.

It is stated that a circular has been issued by the Ontario provincial conservative association urging active organisation for the municipal elections with a view to controlling the preparations of the voters' lists. We have heard it stated that in Lindsay the conservative "committee" have "selected candidates" for municipal positions. One candidate in fact "gave it away" stating, as an excuse for running, that the "committee" had requested him to remain in the field. The same parties will, "where it will do good," deprecate the introduction of politics into municipal elections,

The junior tory organ is naturally dis gusted at our exposure of the little game being played with it in municipal affairs, and it charges THE Post with all sorts of wickedness. It is wrong to be fair to an opponent, and the junior organ disapproves of our statement that Dr. Mc-Alpine's charges against Mr. H. Walters were not established. The worthy doctor and his colleagues pull the string and the fat little jumping jack dances. support the line of action indicated. The Watchman may not see it but the The Watchman may not see it but the intelligent public discernes the wire-pulling—and laughs. It is part of the sinister game to make it appear that certain people are unfriendly to Mr. Smyth; but, as Mr. Pope would say "there an't nuthin' to it." Let the best man go in and win. As to Reeve Walters the proper man to oppose him under the circumstances is Dr. McAlpine, but it would seem the doctor "dassent" go either to the county judge or to the court of public opinion. It is for the great and glorious people themselves to decide who shall and who shall not be their representative at the council board. Even it were successful and legal it would be unwise to carry it out in the face of the

Mr. McIntyre is to be congratulated upon his success in the Oakwood highschool case. The result must be especially gratifying to him and his friends in view of what has been said by some schemers in the township and in Lindsay. The Warder, for instance, charged Mr. McIntyre with 'giving advice in order to make protracted and expensive litigation

Mr. Wiman, for the Great Northwest from eight to six per cent, and there is consequently great indignation at this latest jay-goulding move of the New York Canadian financier. The Montreal Co. should not have gone into Mr. Wiman's hands in the first place.

The Woodstock Sentinel-Review says The London Free Press, commenting upon the London dispatches which indicate that both Lord Lorne and Sir Charles Tupper have taken a position in opposition to imperial federation so far as Canada is concerned, declares that "in so doing they do but represent the feeling in this country on the matter." It is a great pleasure to see an able prominent journal of the conservative party like the Free Press speak out frankly upon the latest "fad" of many of its party friends. If it will only continue in well-doing, it will secure the respect of all who take a truly Canadian view of the present and future.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Mr. Thomas Fee and High Taxes.

[To the Editor of THE POST.] SIR,-In his letter in the Watchman of the 7th inst., Mr. Fee makes the following state ment : "My (Mr. Fee's) taxes have become inment: "My (Mr. Fee's) taxes have become intolerable and I can't stand it." Now let us see how hard it would be fer a reasonable man to stand. We will take for example Mr. Fee's terrace on Cambridge-st, opposite the Warder printing office. This terrace is occupied by five tenants, each one assessed as follows: in the year 1886 and 1887, \$600; and in 1885, \$650; or an increase of \$250 on the whole building. Amounts paid are as follows: 1886, \$14.00; 1887, \$13.81; 1885, \$14.65. Thereby showing an increase of \$1.25 on the whole building between the years 1886 and 1888, and a reduction of \$2.95 in the year 1887 over 1886. Any person desirous of ascertaining the truthfulness of this statement can do so by examining the collector's rell. This is an illustration of other misstatements made by Mr. Fee.

Lindsay, Dec. 27, 1888.

The Cost of the Collegiate Institute Build ing—The McNeely & Walters' Contract.
(To the Editor of THE POST.)

SIR,-It having been stated to us that misrepresentations are being made respecting the amount of Mesers. McNeely & Walters' contract for erecting the collegiate institute building, we deem it advisable, on behalf of the board of education and the building committee, to place the following facts before the public:-

On 19th January, 1888, the first plans and specifications, as prepared by Mr. Wm. Duffus, architect, were accepted by the committee. Tenders were then asked for the whole work and materials to complete the building, exclusive of furniture, by advertisements in the Mail, Globe and Empire, and in the town papers. In response to the notice tenders were received as follows:—

These tenders were opened at a meeting held on 16th February last, and were at

Tenders were then asked for the separate trades by advertisement in the Globe, the town papers, and by posters put up in town and sent to contractors in Port Hope and Peterboro. On 3rd March the committee met and opened the tenders received, nineteen in all, and found that the aggregate of the lowest tenders for the different trades, including the architecture. trades, including the architect's estimate for slating, for which no tenders had been received, was \$25,164.08, and the highest Lindsay, Dec. 27th, 1888.—29-2.

A few tenders were received for separate trades, but the amounts were not so low, or the trades covered sufficiently, to warrant the committee in accepting them.

The committee having thus exhausted their efforts to exect a building and sold The committee having thus exhausted their efforts to erect a building and equip it for \$20,000, decided the council should be asked to grant an additional \$7,000, and the amount having been placed at the disposal of the board a contract was entered into with Mesars. McNeely & Walters for the sum of \$21,800, the amount of their tender as above stated.

The balance, amounting to \$5,200, is needed for and is being expended in providing a gymnasium to comply with the regulations of the education department, and for furnaces, desks, seats and other necessary furnishing and equipment.—Yours, etc.,

A. HUDSPETH,

Chairman Board of Education.

J. R. MCNEILLIE,

Chairman Building Com.

Lindsay, Dec. 26, 1888.

Candidates for Municipal Offices-Solicit

ing Votes, [To the Editor of THE POST.] SIR,-Will you kindly grant me a small space in your columns to make a few comments on the municipal elections. These remarks are suggested by the custom of canvassing for votes, as by this method men with little or no qualifications secure their election, while men of merit fail. The success of this method shows that there is a lamentable misconception in the public mind as to the relations existing between the electors and candidates for office, a misconception which, by encouraging the unworthy to aspire to positions of trust is detrimental if not fatal to efficient public services.

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We know that with a great many there is a sentiment that a vote worth having is worth personal or private solicitation, and this feeling is so general and so strong that the candidate who canvasses has an immense advantage over him who disdains to beg for that which he is conscious of conferring a favor in accepting.

The man who has no private ends to serve, who is honestly concerned for the general welfare, and whose time is more or less valuable to himself, has no such incentive to gain an election as one who seeks the office for personal gain or to satisfy his ambition.

the neglect, bungling and mismanagement of our business.

This abuse has been of long standing and has been fostered by time-servers and trucklers, to their own advantage and the injury of all that is good. It is no wonder having such teachers that the thoughtless or careless masses have been misled, for there is no idea so absurd that it may not by specious argument be made to appear reasonable and plausible, no habit so objectionable that it may not by long custom and familiarity acquire the guise of propriety.

Surely it is not too much to expect that in a population of 6,000 souls a score or more of men can be found, having intelligence and energy enough to manage their wonibusiness successfully (barring the misfortunes to which sil human enterprise is liable) and with integrity enough to spply their abilities with equal ardour for the public good.

That a few such men are elected and honor the offices upon which others have brought discredit, is true; and they are the more notable and conspicuous by contrast. But it is unfair to ask a minority of such men to incur the enmity and suffer the abuse of disappointed avarice and stupidity or to shoulder the responsibility of acts of the majority—which however much they deplore they may be unable to prevent. Cannot the press do something oward remedying this evil? CITIZEN.

Lindsay, Dec. 24, 1838.

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MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

To the Electors of the North Ward LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:-Your vote and influence are respectfully solicited

JOHN COMSTOCK

POLLING MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 1889.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

To the Electors of the South Ward: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:-Your vote and influence are respectfully solicited

H. B. DEAN

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

SECOND DEPUTY REEVE.

To the Electors of the Town of Lindsay LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:-I beg to offer myself as a candidate for the office of Second Deputy Reeve for 1889. II elected I will pledge myself to do my best to keep down taxes and to further the interests of the Town.-Yours truly.

A. D. MALLON. Lindsay, Dec. 18, 1888. – 28-3. THE MAYORALTY.

To the Electors of the Municipality of Lindsay.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: - At the request of a large number of my fellow tidate for the office of Mayor for the rear 1889, and solicit your confidence and

THE MAYORALTY OF LINDSAY

REQUISITION

THOS. WALTERS, ESQ., MAYOR: DEAR SIR, -We the undersigned duly quali-

feeling satisfied with the course you have pur sued during the past two years and knowing that certain subjects, as drainage, etc., the matters with which you have made yourself you will allow yourself to be nominated for the office of Mayor for 1889, and we pledge our-selves to give you our support and influence.

Adam Hudspeth

Geo A Milne
Henry Miller
A P Devlin
Fred Taylor
W Mulvany
D Ray
T B Dean
John Pyne
J H Sootheran
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The cutting in prices is extraordinary. The clothing is uncommonly good. It is an unloading sale that will have a long memory and help to make an easy, comfortable winter for you and thousands besides.

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E. E. W. M°GAFFEY.

Lindsay, Dec, 13th, 1898,-27