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The Canadian Post. LINDSAY, FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 1898.

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The opposition in the Ontario house and their organs throughout the country are making a desperate attempt to work up an issue for the next campaign over the French language in the schools of Eastern Ontario.

There is an easy way of dealing with the problem arising out of the changed situation. Mr. Mowat can have a law passed forbidding the children to speak the French language in the schools or in any other place on pain of deportation to the sister province.

Let us suppose that thirty new pupils of French origin come to the school after the holidays. They know nothing but French. They may not even know a word of English.

Mr. Ross, the minister of education, has arranged that English is to be taught in all schools; but while they are learning English the usual rural school instruction in arithmetic, geography and other branches goes on in French.

EDITORIAL NOTES. The vote for or against the Scott act in this county will take place on Thursday, April 4th. Mr. John Bright, statesman and philanthropist, after a long and painful illness, died on Wednesday in his home near Birmingham, surrounded by his family.

The Tory Toronto Telegram somewhat candidly remarks: "Never was a leader rich in possibilities of greatness handicapped by a poorer crowd of followers than the gentlemen who sit behind Mr. Mowat in the Ontario house."

Hamilton Times: "An 'Old Farmer' writes to a rural exchange giving his opinion of the reason why Canadians who work hard have not much money to spend. He finds that the estimated expenditures of the Dominion government, including interest on the public debt, amount to over \$40,000,000, while the total exports of Canada for the year just closed are: For agricultural products, \$15,488,200. For animals and their products, \$4,719,207.

In other words it has taken all the horses, cattle, sheep, lamb, butter, cheese, pork, wheat, barley, peas, oats and all other farm produce exported from Canada to meet the demands of the Ottawa government, who are now prating about the prosperity of the country and loyalty in order to lead the public mind from our serious financial position.

COMMUNICATIONS. An Appeal to the Voters of the County of Victoria.

Dear Sir,—As the voting for the repeal of the Scott act will be on the 4th of April I would like to speak to parents through the columns of THE POST. Fathers, think of the temptations you will put before your boys if the act is repealed; think of the curse of liquor to this country; think of the misery that is caused by drink; think of the happy family circles that have been broken up by the use of intoxicating drinks; think how drink is continually sending men and boys to our prisons, and women and children to poor houses; think of the amount of money it takes to keep up these places.

Abuse of the Queen's English. [To the Editor of THE POST.] Sir,—Your up-to-date contemporary, the Wanderer, has lately been devoting much of its valuable space to blowing its own horn. The editor proclaims in the loudest manner possible the extraordinary success with which his career as a teacher had been attended, particularly while he was English master in Toronto collegiate institute.

Take a glance over the editorials in the last issue of THE POST. In the first paragraph he draws our attention to somebody's "heartless courage," as if there were any danger that "cowardly courage" would be understood. He says: "The French have a perfect right to their language and to conduct classes in it."

The Practical Value of Holiness. [To the Editor of THE POST.] Sir,—I noticed in last week's POST a letter by "An Old Timer," a good Methodist brother apparently, who felt it to be his duty to protest against the unhappy flag at religion in which your journalistic neighbor recently indulged.

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