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The Canadian Post.

LINDSAY, FRIDAY, DRC. 20, 1889.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

We cordially extend to our readers and friends the compliments of the seasonwishing them a merry Christmas and & happy new year. We trust Santa Claus will not fail to visit our young friends and fill their stockings to overflowing. There was a fumor that owing to the very low price of barley and the failure of the N. P. to boom it, Santa Claus might skip a good many houses where deserving young people lived; but we are able to state on the best authority that the rumor is a campaign fiction intended to injure the genial old man, and that he will call at all the old places and at many new ones.

MR. MOWAT IN OXFORD.

dresses on the questions of the day in provincial politics. The premier has been able to point to his long and unbroken record in the administration of provincial affairs, a record that has never been successfully challenged before the people. In fact the Mowat government seems to grow stronger and better with age, like good wine, and it may be said without bossting that it never stood higher in public estimation than it stands to-day. Mr. Mowat's personal popularity with his constituents and the people of Ontario was nover greater than it is now efter seventeen years of premiership.

Mr. Mount has given a full and

entisfactory review of the "French-in schools" and the separate school act smendments, of which the opposition are sking out their stock-in-trade for the coming campaign. Charges of mal-administration that will stand a moment's examination before an intelligent audience there are none; and the opposition are compelled to resort to race and religious ories. Even these in all probability would not be raised were it not that the opposition hope to get some momentum from the anti-Jesuit agitation, though the most thick-witted of most partisan follower of Mr. Meredith cannot mainfain with any show of reason that the Did that cry bring any English tory sup-Ontario government have any measure of port to Mr. Joly's side Not at all. At responsibility for that piece of legislation. Mr. Mowat was able to make a comparison most damaging to the opposition by contristing their "pro-popery appeals of 1883 with their "no popery" ories of 1886. The Mowat government were blamed in the 1883 election with being unfair and unjust to the Roman Catholies; and the Roman Catholies were urged to secure ample recognition by helping the opposition to the treasury bonches. In 1886 a totally different time was played. The very men whose hearts were wring in anguish by Mr. Mowat's cruelty to Roman Catholica a few years before now raised the famous Ross-Lynch bible cry and denounced Mr Mowat for his "subserviency to Rome." The people were too intelligent to be misled. They saw through the desperate game of the opposition. They added largely to Mr. Mowat's majority in the house. That was the answer of the people of Ontario to the reckless politicians who would set thee against thee and ereed against ereed; who appealed to projudices, and endesvoyed to fevire old animosities in order to gain control of public affairs.

A similar answer, we are confident, will be given by the people of Ontario at the next general elections. There never was a stronger, an ables of more prodest and popular administration than the Mowas government as it stands today. They deserve a renewed expression of public confidence, and we believe it will he extended to them "by a large majority.

Stanstead by a majority of 1,088, pollmajority is about six hundred more. The Quebec is as strong as it is said to be by

EDITORIAL NOTES.

the "equal rights" advocates.

The Ontario legislature has been called to meet for the despatch of business on Thursday, January 30th next.

The Lambton county council decided last Saturday to establish a house of industry for the county. Oxford and Buron are likely to take similar action,

Even the Empire's Montreal corresponient says the equal righters down there much regret that Mr. Dalton McCarthy had not time to take a hand in the Stanstead fight against the government.

Mr. Meredith has as last spoken. He made an able speech Monday evening to his London constituents. He discussed provincial affairs, brought some old charges against the Mowat government, and in the light of the Lambton contest exhibited a isposition to get on the Protestant horse, out has not got there yet.

Rev. Dr. John Williams, the venerable president of the Methodist conference, died in Toronto Monday evening after a long and painful illness. He would have been 78 years of age Thursday of this week, The deceased was a man of marked ability and force of character, combined with a fine disposition that won the love of all who knew him. The Methodist church has suffered a great loss.

Rev. W. T. Herridge, the eloquent Pres syterian minister at Ottawa, says: 'If the past teaches us anything it teaches us this et least, to live and let live, to be just towards our friends and just towards our enemies also, to seek the country's advancement, not through strife and bigotry, but through the unifying power of a common patriotism, binding together the diverse elements of the community into a prosperous, godly and harmonious nation."

"sures for the protection of the real "author's interests." This should settle the matter. In consequence of the receipt of this letter we remove from the title of "The Angel of the Tomb," the statement written there by Mr. Poque that it

full report of Mr. Meredith's London ing such a statement. speech. It made fifteen columns. The Empire explains that it was too heavy for the telegraph wires direct from London to Toronto to carry it all and that a considerable portion of it was sent via Detroit, Cleveland and Buffalo. We thought so. There was a distinct American flavor, a decided nasal yankee twang a sort of roorback boomerang spell-binder touch about a lot of it that made it un Canadian and un British. Truly loyal people will be disposed to condemn the Empire's disloyalty in getting the opposition leader's ideas through American channels.

In the course of his address at the Princeton meeting of his constituents Friday evening. Hon. Mr. Mowat alluded to the charge of centralization brought against Mr. Mowat has been giving to his his government. He said: "There was tralization was definitely made, and that was in taking over the licensing power from the county councils. But this step was taken at the instance of the temper ance people, who found that licenses were improperly granted under pressure. And strange to say, the licensed victuallers joined in the same request, believing that, with this power in the hands of the provincial government, unlicensed places would be put down. And it was noticeable that while certain politicians found fault with this law, there was not a single petition sent in or any other sign that the people were in any waf dissatisfied."

> The Empire's Ottawa correspondent states that "Messrs Chillian Jones and J. F. Wood, M. P., of Brockville, the other day saw Mr. Bowell with regard to the duty upon steel from which shovel blanks are made. They also urged that what is known as the "D" handle for shovels and spades should be admitted free on the and spades should be admitted free on the ground that they are not manufactured in Canada and that the lumber out of which they are manufactured cannot be obtained here." Why should the N. P. be modified to suit the particular needs of Mr. Chillian Jonest He naturally wants to get his raw material free of duty but no doubt he would object to the application of the same principle to another party whose raw material in a measure consists of Mr. Jones's finished product.

lones's finished product. The Ottawa Free Press says: "When Mr. Joly was premier of Quebec the chief cry raised against him by the tory organs in Lower Canada was that he was a Protestant and therefore unfit to lead the government of a French Catholic province. the general local election in 1878, when Mr. Joly was premier, the county of Brome clected a tory by 224 majority. Mr. Joly's candidate was defeated in that county in 1878 by a majority more than twice as large as that recorded against Mr. Mercler's candidate last week. And Compton, Sherbrooke Richmond, Pontise and the other English counties elected opponents of Mr. Joly's administration. Yet the men who thus sided the ultramontanes to drive Mr. Joly from power have the impudence to affect love and veneration for that gentleman, and to long for his restoration to power. Why did they not support him when he was in? Their crocodile tears will deceive nobody. Mr. Mercler and his friends stood by Mr. Joly faithfully, and the expremier has borne public testimony to the fidelity with which the French Canadian liberals supported his government while the Protestant tories joined hands with the bless ultramontanes in hounding him down." elected a tory by 224 majority. Mr. Joly's

The London Advertiser says: "If one could believe the Toronto Mail and the few soreheads for whom it speaks, there is not a politician in the ranks of either of the great political parties in Canada whose object is not to play into the hands of the Roman Catholic church, and into the hands of the ultramontane wing of that church. The Mail sees a Jesuit behind every bush by day, and a vision of troops of demon Jeanite gives it the horrors by night. Yesterday Mr. Mowat was their fool to-day it is his John Masdonald, and to morrow it will be Mr. Laurier Everybody is pandering to the Jesuite, and speaking and seting as they direct; that is, everybody except the mail, and, perhaps, Nev. Dr. "atherland." As a result of this course the Advertiser graws the following very accurate picture: "The Mail has consolidated the Roman Catholice by professing to attack them and by ascribing to them all manner of evil purposes, and it has divided Protestants by accurate one leading politician after another with trucking to the Roman Catholic bishops for the sake of the Roman Catholic bishops for the sake of the Roman night. Yesterday Mr. Mowat was their

letter of Inspector J. H. Knight printed in other columns. Wr. Knight's letter will be widely read, and parties interested should take a note of the balances from last year. The ratepayers should exercise care in appointing efficient auditors.

THE AUTHORSHIP OF 'THOTH.'

We print this week a column instalment of a new story, "The Angel of the Tomb," by Mr. Gerald L. Marston Poque, whose claim regarding the authorship of "Thoth" has been discussed in these columns. The instalment is given to the public by the suther as a test by which those who have read "Thoth" and "A Dreamer of Dreams can form an opinion as to the genuine ship of those exceedingly clever and singular works, There will, we fancy, be no difficulty whatever in serving at a conclusion. The test is decisive. Mr. Poque gives evidence of considerable literary ability, and has command of an extensive rocabulary.

Since the foregoing was written we have received a letter from Wm. Blackwood & Sone of Edinburgh, in reply to a letter of erquiry from the editor of THE POST to the Appletone of New York, and forwarded by them to the Ediaburgh publishers. The Mesers, Blackwood say: "We have siready publicly announced that Mr. Pogue's secretions have no foundation, and we repeat that the author is an Englishman resident in this country, personally known to us, sad a man of high position and repute. We have not thought it worth our pains to take any formal notice of Mr. Poque's impudent preteneions, but should he go the length of claiming the authorship of "Thoth" on the title page of his new volume, we 'shall of course be obliged to take measures for the protection of the real written there by Mr. Poque that it is "by the author of 'Thoth,'" se we do enterprise in reporting and telegraphing a not care to take the responsibility of print-

COMMUNICATIONS.

The Cause of Farm Depreciation, [To the Editor of THE POST.]

SIR,-We hear of the value of farm property lowering in Ontario, and of the diminishing yield of grain from the land. It is true that many farms are not worth what they were. In one instance I heard of lately a farm was mortgaged for \$3 000, and another party held a second mortgage for \$1,500. The property went to the hammer and only brought \$2,800, the second mortgage holder thus losing all his cisim and the first \$200. I have observed the process of making (or spoil. ing) farms in Ontario all my life, and in he bad cleared, cropping it until it became poor, then chopping down some more bush to get fresh land, that he might treat it in the same way. The result is great expanses of cleared land which do not yield near as well as the much smaller portions we used to have appropriated. to have surrounded by bush. Forty and fifty bushels of fall wheat per acre used to he not uncommon, but how few get them now. Much of the land is being exhausted by over-cropping at the same time that it is being dried up and washed away by the loss of the forest, which used to preserve moleture and aid in the distri-bution of rain in due season. What alone will save the farms in Ontario from the depreciation and abandonment which I have witnessed in the New England states is the securing that at least one fourth of the land be kent in forest, and that kept as forest and not se pasture ground. The motto should be, "Let the bush slone, and manure the cleared land."

Toronto, Dec. 11th. 1889.

Auditing School Accounts [To the Editor of THE POST.]

Sin, -As many errors occur every year in suditing school accounts I beg to call the attention of ratepayers to the follow-

In Accounts should be audited before the annual meeting if possible.

2. No entries should be made in the report to be forwarded to the inspector until the entries have been made on a separate paper or slate, added and balanced, when it should be nestly copied.

3. The balance on hand last year should be correctly brought forward. If a less amount is brought forward it is a lose to the ratepayers; if a greater amount it is a lose to the ratepayers; if a greater amount it is a lose to the treasurer.

4. The receipte (lacluding the balance on hand last year) should equal the payments together with the balance on hand now.

5. If money has been borrowed either by the treasurer advancing funds of his own, or otherwise, such amount should be put down as a receipt when borrowed, and as a payment when returned.

6. The accounts should he correctly added. An error in addition eften shows the balance on hand to be more or less than reported.

7. The accounts should include only the amounts actually received and paid since last sudit; and not amounts expected to be received or intended to be paid.

I have given below the balance on hand with the hope that at least one ratepayer in each section will compare the amount sad section it is correctly brought for-

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Any retepayer has a right to examine
the school accounts, and eatinfy himself
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All wool Grey Flannel	a	yard
Beautiful Dress Goods, all shades 5c	a	yard
Ladies' Corsets25c	a	pair
All wool Mantle Cloths50c	a	yard
A SATIN-LINED Fur Coat for\$20		
Men's Fur Coats for\$15		

All wool Tweed25c	a yard
Men's heavy Top Shirts40c	
Heavy Undershirts and Drawers, all wool40c	each
Two pairs Socks, all wool	
Men's Woollen Gloves20c	a pair
Good Satin Neckties	
Men's Unlaundered Shirts25c	each
Boys' Suits \$2	
Heavy Striped Tweed Pants \$1	
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Men's Overcoats \$3	
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