

The Victoria Warder

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"A MOST UPRIGHT JUDGE"

We regret again having to lay before the public a few necessary facts concerning revising officer Dean's actions. We are now nearly convinced that that gentleman can not help himself. It is the nature of the person and he cannot but act as he does. But we give him credit for acting simply from uncontrollable motives. That our readers may draw their own conclusion we give a clear statement of facts and allow them to draw their own inferences. Unlike the Globe and the Post, we do not accuse of "dishonesty" and "fraud" and give no facts.

The facts concerning the April count are:—After revising officer Dean withdrew or changed his decision requiring personal attendance of the applicant on April 6th, Mr. Moore, the executive secretary of the Liberal Conservative Association, sought to obtain the endorsement of the revising officer to some one form that would be acceptable to him. But officer Dean, maybe with no malice aforethought, postponed, from time to time, from day to day, giving a definite answer. As only a couple of weeks remained before April 6th, and as the roads were almost impassable, every day meant loss of votes; for unlike the Reformers, the Liberal Conservatives had all their names to add and all declarations to make. At last the officer agreed on a form, but it was so crossed out and amended that new forms, necessitating several days delay, would have to be printed and distributed. That would leave only a few days in which to canvass the whole riding. One objection to the form presented by Mr. Moore was that there would be double notices given for each man. But it matters not how many are given; the more the better. At last, when no further objection could be raised, the revising officer agreed to accept the forms submitted. Still several days had been lost.

Then officers of the Liberal Conservative Association went through the riding, and, though having but a few days, and despite muddy roads, got nearly all the original declarations.

The next move occurred on the opening of the court on 7th April. Revising Officer Dean delivered a short sermon which if correctly reported was full of misstatements and equivocations. Then the papers were coolly handed to Mr. McIntyre to scrutinize of course a similar duty was laid on Mr. Moore; but as the gits had only about a score as against the liberal conservatives three hundred, it was a very cool game. Mr. McIntyre then for a couple of days criticized the names and everything else on the conservative lists, noting every possible objection; after which Revising Officer Dean again appeared on the scene. But in place of trusting to Mr. McIntyre's scrutiny, he also went through the lot, and what technicalities and quibbles had been overlooked by the politician, were brought out by the "most upright judge." However, combined, they could not prevent 204 from being added. As it is officer Dean who quite overriden the law in refusing many applicants on income. We are confident each one of those has ample right for an action at law against that gentleman.

We leave the record to the public. Despite the conduct of Revising Officer Dean the liberal conservatives have done well; but it has been at endless trouble and expense—all borne by a few, and all through the contracted, determined, unjust actions of the revising officer. That man certainly would think more of himself, if such were possible, had he acted like a man in the premises instead of in the pettyfogging style he has. He has lost credit from one end of Victoria to another and had we wished on it we now wished we could place him in a most unenviable light. It is just a question in our mind, is he actuated by partisanship? or is it the simple nature of the man that he must take sides even in his official capacity; and, despite himself, favor his own private personal feelings, even though justice, and fact require the contrary? We leave the question to be calm consideration of an outraged public.

THE LINDSAY BAND.

The departure to Winnipeg of Mr. J. N. Bates leaves Lindsay band without a leader. We now respectfully draw attention to a few points in connection with the band, hoping our remarks will be valued by the citizens.

How they are brought face to face with a difficulty. They have no conductor. The question therefore is, will it pay them to engage a bandmaster at several hundred dollars yearly or should they disband? We feel certain the citizens will say, "Do not allow them to disband." Will we also say the same; but simply saying will not do. There

must be some name. A good bandmaster will cost at least \$320 or \$400 yearly. The bandmen are already heavily taxed to keep up good uniforms, instruments, music and rooms, and are not in a position to run any risk, such as engaging a bandmaster. As the citizens are greatly delighted during the summer months by the music of the band, we respectfully suggest that they should freshly assist in supporting them. The council has already granted \$50 towards rooms. A guarantee of a couple of hundred towards the salary of a bandmaster would be more than 2-paid yearly. Then we feel certain another hundred and fifty can be raised by subscription and the bandmaster be secured. In return the town should require the band to play weekly or oftener in the public streets of the town a request which could be cheerfully granted. The programme might be announced weekly. The citizens would thus be more than recompensed. Besides it would be a great attraction in the summer evenings for farmers and others from the rural districts to drive in early, do their shopping and wait for the free concert.

We hope immediate action will be taken by the citizens and thus prevent the breaking up of our very excellent band.

"AWAY WITH THE PROTESTANT BIBLE."

So in effect says the Mowat government, under the direction of his grace Archbishop Lynch. So, away it goes.

We believe a great majority of schools in Ontario provinces have discarded the grand old Protestant Bible, the book for the free reading of which our ancestors in Ireland, England and Scotland fought and died; and have substituted therefor an abortion, in the shape of a selection of extracts approved of by Archbishop Lynch.

The Toronto school board have with commendable prudence discarded by a vote of 16 to 4 the "Selections," and have restored once more the English Bible in its entirety. This action has greatly incensed an organ of his Grace—the Daily Globe, and as a consequence the trustees who had the manhood to support that resolution are subjected to abuse and calumny. Those gentlemen may feel themselves complimented. Praise from the Globe would certainly indicate that they were guilty of some serious offences against Protestantism and constitutional government.

How was this book of SELECTIONS prepared? is a question asked. Well, cries were raised and cunningly circulated that—"Teachers are unfit to select passages from the Bible"; "There are very improper passages in the Bible"; "Children should not hear such language," etc., etc. Then a selection was made for the poor "degraded teachers." That was submitted to Archbishop Lynch, who expressed his satisfaction with the lot. Then the old Bible, the book that forms the groundwork, the bulwark of Protestantism and civilization the world over—the book sent to the Queen of Madagascar by Queen Victoria, as marking the secret of Britain's greatness—that book was ordered out of the Public and Protestant schools of Ontario, and the Mowat-Fraser-Ross-Lynch collection substituted instead.

Now Mr. Ross gets a lot of Protestant ministers, whose vanity or political zeal carry them away, to come to the defence of himself and his grace, the archbishop. Poor fellows! They are all right in the pulpit, or on theology; but politics is a game with which they are as a rule not familiar, in whose mysteries they are unacquainted. They do not see that Rome, through the Mowat government, is using them to strike the most fatal blow aimed at Protestantism in this country. What is Protestantism? It is the Bible; the free, unfettered use of the Bible; the reading every sentence, every line, every word, of that book. Away with the mock sentimentalist who says there is a single word in it unfit for any child to read or to hear read. We here express the fact that there is not nearly enough reading and speaking to children by teachers and parents on subjects called "imprudences" by the mock, the hypocritical sentimentalist. Children are allowed to hear such things on the streets, in the alleys, and from ruffian lips; instead of being told them at their mother's knee, or with hand in parent's hand. Yes, away with mock modesty and humility. Call a spade a spade; a mocking jocular trick a mocking jocular trick; and read every passage in the Bible just exactly as it is. Don't be so toothily frightened of the children. If the reader's heart is right the children will not suffer from hearing the worst passages in the whole Bible.

The "root is pulled over the eyes" of those Grit Protestant ministers. Their language is a strong defence of one of Rome's "sacred" rules, "that

the Bible shall not be free to the public"; in other words that none but priests are fit to expound it or to read it. These ministers do not see that in the present day school influence and associations are largely taking the place of home; and that the recognition of the "Selections" as a standard means the rejection in a few years of the rest of the Bible; and soon of the whole concern. It is a dodge to impress the doctrine—the Bible should not be free—the Bible should be read, not by our noble army of teachers, but by the priest, the minister, the preacher. That point gained means a gain for Rome. But we mistake the people very much if they will tolerate Mr. Mowat's government in their action. They submit without much murmuring to hisalloging the Roman Catholic hierarchy or any portion of it to break up our grand old public school system; to have their own text books; to have their own laws; to be in short a separate and distinct people. But they will not submit to have that church step in to say what Protestants shall or shall not read or hear read. The check may as well come now as when the tide has swollen. We resent the whining Grit excess that the "selections" will tend to bring about a union of Separate and Protestant schools. Has the legislation of the Mowat government directed by Archbishop Lynch tended in that direction? They have at his direction left elections for school trustees by open vote; they have allowed them everything they demanded; their own inspectors; text books—everything. Now a Roman Catholic, even against his will, is forced to be a supporter of the separate school. Before it was optional. They are now a distinct nation within a nation, thanks to the Mowat government. That does not look much as though they were anxious for the union or the abolition of separate schools.

Let our Protestant ministers and laymen prove themselves worthy of their name, and while not doing anything that will encroach on the rights and liberties of their Roman Catholic fellow Canadians, let the foot be firmly planted and the word given to halt. That halt may as well be called now. We do not for a moment deny any right to the Roman Catholics. We simply object to their encroaching on the rights of Protestants—rights as sacred to a true Protestant and Briton as his life. Sensible Roman Catholics agree with every word we have here written. The future and the past, as well as the present, must be studied.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Globe is wroth because the Toronto school board has restored the Bible to the protestant schools of that city.

The Queen last week sent a message to Sir John A. Macdonald congratulating him on his convalescence. It is a touching tribute to the veteran premier.

Last year the Opposition, led by Mr. Blake, accused the Government of over feeding the Indians. This year they say they are starved. The old man and his son.

There is an extract in another column from the Toronto World setting forth its opinion of J. D. Edgar, M.P. That "great authority on gas" is gradually finding his level.

We direct attention to a short summary in another column of Principal McVicar's lecture on "Romanism in Canada." That gentleman stands today not merely one of the first citizens of Quebec province; but one of the ablest and most observing scholars in the world.

The Post actually gloats over the fact that through barefaced technicality and quibbling there were about one hundred uncommitted voters rejected by revising officer Dean on the April revision. Such we deem reprehensible. Our advice has been to all parties, Grit, Reform, Liberal Conservative and Tory, to put all eligible names on the list.

The conduct of Mr. Edgar in preferring empty charges against respectable men simply to furnish big headlines for his papers is most reprehensible. But he met with a surprise. It turns out that Hon. Mr. Macdonald is president of an exactly similar company; that Mr. Cartwright is also a shareholder in one; and that—worse than all—Mr. Cook actually had all the Saskatchewan valley given him once. Watch such men as Edgar who made tens of thousands out of the Mowat government.

The Toronto Daily News on Saturday gave what purported to be the vocabulary of Sir John A. Macdonald. It was a most exhaustive article and as hundreds say thousands read his kindly words of warning and advice their hearts were moved. Everyone admired the article. Everyone said "How like Sir John's sentiments." Everyone endeavored to his bitterest enemy had to admit—when brought face to face with what seemed the last of that statesman—that he was the greatest man of his age; that he had been vilely slandered; that he had served his country more faithfully, more disinter-

tedly than was believed possible for a man to do. The citizens turn out to be a host. With less than one hundred votes changed it was Geo. Washington's delivered ninety years ago. Still never before was the parallel drawn between the two "Fathers of their Country"; but how similar their characters, can be now readily seen. Could the same address be made by any possible contortion to suit Mr. Blake?

The Irish Nationalists pose as Democrats. What a pity a few persons in Ireland, Canada and the United States cannot be taught to know what a true Democrat is! He should be the friend of the people. No tyrant can be such a man. No Nationalist but a tyrant. The aims of that party are to obliterate a constitutional government and in its stead to erect a kind of Theocracy, or government by the Almighty nominally under Farnell's lead; but as anyone of ordinary common sense and observation can see, really a dependency of Rome.

The Globe and other Grit papers are raising a dust over the Dominion lists. Those journals dealing largely in abuse need washing. Our experience with the crowd is when they are shouting FEAR, PURITY of themselves and CORRUPTION, CORRUPTION of their opponents, then is the time to watch them closely—there is some dirty move being carried on by them. Now we again repeat our warning WATCH THE ASSESSORS' LISTS! SEE THAT EVERY NAME ELIGIBLE IS ON THE ASSESSORS' LISTS. Reports have been received from this county to the effect that assessors are leaving off Conservative farmers' sons almost wholesale. Therefore watch the lists.

It is now understood to be the intention to present to all volunteers who served in the North-west, medals of the same pattern, without clasps. We are fully in accord with the granting of medals; but decidedly think those who took part in the greatest hardships and bore the brunt of the battles are fully entitled to the clasps—one for each battle. That would give the 90th, "A" battery, "C" School of Infantry (part), Winnipeg Field Battery and Scouts two clasps, one for each Fish Creek and Batoche; and the 10th Royal Grenadiers, Queen's Own, Midlanders, Ottawa Sharpshooters, "B" Battery, etc., one clasp for either Batoche, Out Knis, Frenchman's Butte, etc. To give all the same medal would be quite too bad, for there is much greater difference between the work, honor and danger undergone by the troops that fought and those in garrison along the C. P. R'y, than between those in garrison and those at home in their offices or on their farms. If all are to have the same form of medal then by all means let every one—a Canadian volunteer last year—who volunteered his services to his country, have a medal. Under the circumstances we certainly think the volunteers not selected are as much entitled to recognition as those who chanced to be ordered out; but who did no work; that is if those who did no work are to be placed on a par with those who like the 90th and "A" battery marched hundreds of miles in slush, snow and water. Our Midlanders—the men who broke the rebel lines at Batoche—are certainly not on a par with men who, maybe much against their will, were in garrison along the railway. By all means let the clasps be given too.

REABORO.

The Orangemen of this district are hard at work getting ready to erect a new hall and church at Reaboro. The basement is to be stone. That part will be the Orange hall. The upper part will be frame and will be used as a church. The citizens of Reaboro district are full of the right kind of spirit.

ISLAY.

SCHOOL REPORT.—The following is a report of S. S. No 2, Fenslon, for the term ending April 22nd 1886. The names of four in each class are inserted in order of merit. There are some whose names fail to appear, owing to necessary absence during part of the examination. No. on roll, 76; average attendance, 50. Fifth class—Colt Macdonald, Betty Marchison, Rosie Elford, Hester Elford. Fourth class—Mary Gilchrist, Dougal Gilchrist, Mary McEachern, Alex. Marchison. Third class—Lena Elford, Mary Bunting, John McCullin, and David Graham equal. Second class—Senior second—John Riddell, Alex. McFadyen, Neil McEachern, Samuel McLane. Junior second—Sarah Spence, Geo. Wilson, Ellen Bunting, Annie Tolmie. Senior first—Lizzie Wilson, Arthur Moyes, Susan Wilson, Angus Moyes. Junior first—Donald McFadyen, Tom McEachern, Thomas Wilson, Maggie Marchison.

MANVERS—GO LINE.

Mr. J. F. McGill of Lotus, has received the general agency for the United counties, to sell Dr. Fenwick's celebrated book "The horse and his diseases." John has just returned from a tour appointing sub-agents. Mr. Tom Besock, has sold his heavy draught bay horse to W. J. Ferguson, of the Creek, for a large sum. Improve the farm stock for it. Owners of the Lotus were, no singing in the church last Sunday. Rev. Mr. McKay, Presbyterian, of Cartwright, preached in Lotus on Sunday.

FARMERS are busy sowing. Dr. Oliver of Cartwright, got a home from Mr. Porter. Anne, Mother of William Ontario, is back on a visit to old friends here. The cheese factory is as yet at a stand still. When is Cartwright spring fair? When Havers?

MARRIAGES.

On the 17th inst., at the Methodist parsonage, Cartwright, by the Rev. Wm. Jackson, Mr. William Cornell of Brock, to Miss Elizabeth Glass, of Mariposa.

A Special Week for the Ladies. BRADBURN AND CO'Y

Will make next week of special interest to the Ladies of Lindsay and surrounding country. Goods for female wear will be marked at a price below all competition.

Attentive Clerks will show the following Goods with pleasure:

Dress Goods, Cashmeres, Prints, Gingham, Silks, Satins, Laces, Trimmings, Hosiery, Collars, Cuffs, Ties, etc.

And all Goods belonging to Ladies' wear. Will be marked so cheap that you cannot help but buy.

HOUSE CLEANING time will come next week, and old CARPETS, CURTAINS, etc., in many cases will have to be replaced by new ones. We will

Sell House Furnishing Goods so Cheap that it won't pay you to use the old goods.

Carpets, Curtains, Cretonnes, Tickings, Table Linens, Towels, Sheetings, Steam-loom, etc. Counterpanes, Table Covers and Table Napkins. Floor and Table Oilcloths.

This next week will be a Bonanza for Ladies at Bradburn & Co's, Sign, the Colored Emblem, Kent Street East.

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SPECIAL.

SELLING OFF My entire stock of the choicest

Wines and Liquors.

Now is the time for families and invalids to lay in supplies, as all must be disposed of before the 1st May. Call at once and leave your orders.

JOHN DOBSON.

DEAF, DUMB AND BLIND!!

To all who feel Times Hard and Money Scarce.

A. CAMPBELL

Is buying in Carloads of General Groceries, Coal Oil, &c., &c., to supply the County cheaper than any other house. We have unloaded this week:

- 9 Carloads! 1 Car American COAL OIL
9 Carloads! 1 Car SUGAR.
9 Carloads! 1 Car SYRUPS.
9 Carloads! 1 Car General GROCERIES
9 Carloads! 1 Car PLASTER.
9 Carloads! 4 Cars SALT.

We are bound to meet the hard times with Low Prices, in so doing we purchase in large quantities for cash to get the cash discount, and sell at the lowest possible living profits.

A Carload of Crockery arrived this week. ARCH. CAMPBELL, Wholesale and Retail Grocer, Kent St., Lindsay.

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