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FLESHERTON:
THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1885.

SCHOOL MATTERS.

The *Beaver Valley Times* has ventured a criticism anent our remarks on School matters, and expresses regret we did not give it "more thought" before *unjustly* attacking men in such "important positions as the Inspectors of Public Schools." If we remember, two points on this subject were touched, viz., the impropriety of Inspectors time being divided—one half, for example, doing and acting for other offices and the other in discharging the duties of an Inspector. As the *Times* by its silence admits the force of our remarks on this point, it is not necessary further to discuss it. The other point, and the one which seems to pinch the hardest, is the *incompetency* question. In all seriousness, is it not a question that has been well considered? Does the *Times* not apprehend the fact, that outside of the profession, many are found well qualified to judge of the ability of men for the work under discussion? And what do teachers themselves declare, in so far as the County of Grey is concerned? Is there a Teacher who would court the visits of Inspectors who, in conversation and address, murder the Queen's English, and thereby reflects upon the men or body of men who appoints them?

The *Times* admits the duty devolving on Inspectors to exa'ine the "forms." We presume it means the schools, for certainly there would be more than 100 "forms" in 100 schools. But let us say "forms." The intention of the Act is to examine these *forms;* and we will suppose the highest "form" is under examination—higher mathematics the subject—and the Inspector is to report upon the excellency of it, who scarcely knows a triangle from a parallelogram; a rhomboidal figure would be pure heterodoxy, whilst an algebraic equation would be worse than Egyptian hieroglyphics. Now such an Inspection would eclipse a paradox!—in fact we have not a word to express it adequately, and therefore pass to say, in addition, that so far as the County of Grey is concerned, we learn that South Grey has about 93 schools, North Grey or the North part of it, has 69, the South part 90 or thereabout. Take the South Riding, and, according to the *Times*, one half a day suffices for one school, so that 42 days work accomplishes one half the duty; 84 days the whole duty of two visits for each school, or 6 days less than 3 months!

The *Times* says that fully one-third of the Inspector's time will be used in office work. Nonsense! But supposing it will—which is not and cannot be the case, for one-twelfth is nearer the mark—it would make but seven months out of the year!!

We contend by no mode of argumentation can it be made appear but what an inspectorate of 125 schools can be overseen and the work efficiently performed with ease and comfort by an efficient Inspector.

The 25 *years experience* would have been a valid argument was there the advancement corresponding to the requirements of the times. Educational institutions and requirements have been revolutionized during this period. The standard for Teachers has been placed 100 per cent. higher—and if it be fair for Inspectors to muster roll under notable and persistent inadequacy, why make the Teachers an exception? Minister Ross may have been an "old fogy," but evidences show themselves that he has advanced with the requirements of the times, and therefore not to be placed in the category of *incompetents*.

It is remarkable, that the *Times*, which makes at least a pretence to be posted, should state, that not *one* out of *five* Inspectors could pass an examination for a *first-class certificate*. We have a better opinion of that body of public servants as a rule; but we know of some, however, who could not.

The *Times* says: "The Departmental examinations are not for the purpose of testing the educational ability of persons applying." Indeed! We scarcely know whether to laugh at or pity the Editor. We have always thought in our innocency, that the machinery of teaching and examinations—ordinary and extraordinary—were to ascertain the amount of Education; and coupling with it, the Model School Examinations—the ability to perform the duties of a Teacher. We think the 25 years experience argument has very little to do with the acquirement of ability. A male or female without an aptitude—a natural ability—and accompanied with a liking for the occupation, will require not only 25 years, but the age of Methusalah added before he or she would be fit.

We are asked to accompany the Inspectors for one week to judge of their ability. We don't think it is necessary. We have adequate evidence—iterated and re-iterated—by Teachers, Reeves and gentlemen outside altogether. The ominous words are written on the wall—"*Mene, mene, tekel, upharsin.*"

In future we may give a more detailed and explicit reminiscence on this subject as it pertains to the County of Grey. And we hope the *Times*, if it see fit to discuss further the question, will do so on public grounds. This kind of argumentation, that justifies a wrong because minister Ross, or any other man, may be impaled, is unfortunately weak. We want live men, whose ability and vim are beyond suspicion.

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THE SCOTT ACT IN GREY

From the Meaford Monitor.

The Scott Act petitions were deposited in the office of the Sheriff, Owen Sound, on Saturday the 28th inst. This time the Committee have taken the precaution to act only on legal advice, and therefore it is not likely any technicality will again hinder it being brought to a vote. The following letter explains the situation:

OWEN SOUND, Feb. 28th, 1885.

DEAR SIR:

RE SCOTT ACT PETITION.

I have carefully gone over all the petitions from the different townships, and have had certain irregularities rectified and fresh declarations in some cases made, and to-day they were deposited in the Sheriff's Office. There are on the petitions 4,489 names—the requisite number is only 3,770—so that there is an excess of 739 names. In my opinion the petitions now fully comply with the requirements of the Act, and I have so advised Mr. McMillan.

I am,
Yours truly,
(Signed) ALFRED FROST.

C. R. SING, Esq.,
Pres. S. A. Com.
Meaford.

Our correspondents will please bear in mind, that where a *personal* attack is made upon any individual, the Editor of this paper reserves the right to publish the name of the writer in full, that is, when the correspondent writes over an assumed name. We do not believe in the system of always attacking *individuals* over a *nom de plume:* there is too much of the assassin about it, except where the public interests really demand it and the exigencies of the case are such as to render it necessary.

GOOD ADVICE.—If our readers will accept proffered advice, they will always keep a bottle of Hagyard's Yellow Oil at hand for use in emergencies, such as Burns, Scalds, Wounds, Lameness, Croup, Chilblains, Rheumatism, and all varieties of aches, pains and inflamations, it will ever be found reliable.

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