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**The Liberal.**

RICHMOND HILL, Thursday, Jan. 29, '85

**THE READER QUESTION.**

We have already frankly admitted that the Ontario Government has not, in our opinion, taken the best course in the matter of the New Readers. We still contend that a blunder was made, but up to the present we have had no reason to suppose that this blunder was at all akin to crime. We repeat what we before stated. The Government ought to have retained the copyright of the books, and, beyond fixing the maximum price at which they might be sold, publication should have been equally free to all. That some limitation in the matter of price was necessary requires no proof, because without it we should certainly have been treated to a 'corner' in Readers.

To what extent the action of the Government was determined by the terrible calamity which befell the predecessor in office of Hon. G. W. Ross, we have not the means of knowing. The men of whom the Mowat Cabinet is composed have too profound a feeling of what is due to an inevitable misfortune to ruthlessly lay bare to the gaze of the world a colleague's misery in order to clear themselves. But we have no doubt that at the coming session, sufficient information and explanation will be given to show that Hon. Mr. Mowat has not diverted from that strict line of honor and probity which has given his ministry the longest lease of power ever granted in this country.

If, indeed, all that the Conservative organs have said on the matter be pure truth, still no case has been made out for the withdrawal of confidence from the Mowat Administration, much less for its transference to the would-be beneficiaries of the Bribery Conspiracy. Be our rulers who they may, a people, not loath to all feelings of integrity and decency, could never accept the men who, whilst disavowing connection with the nefarious scoundrellism of Kirkland, Wilkinson, Bunting and Meek, openly and shamelessly championed their rascality, and thereby threw a more than gloomy suspicion on propositions which are regarded as having all the solemnity of a legal oath. There must, moreover, be a strange obliquity of vision where the Reader transaction, even as depicted by the Government's most bitter enemies, is pronounced a heinous scandal, whilst the infamous Section B. Job, is held to be a perfectly innocent and upright piece of business. That the men charged with the latter were guilty admits of no doubt, for with quick and substantial recess waiting for them in our courts, no whip of scorpions could sting them into demanding a judicial enquiry.

Whatever, then, our Conservative contemporaries may prove, they will ignominiously fail to give even a show of reason why the 'weak sister' should be our Premier. Want of confidence in Hon. G. W. Ross can never be construed into meaning faith in Mr. W. R. Meredith, the heir of the gains, surely also of the losses, of the 'Brawling Brood of Bribers.'

**ATTENTION!**

The terms 'High Schools' and 'Common Schools' are apt to be misleading. Entrance into the former does not necessarily mean the study of Latin, Greek, French, &c., &c. If parents wish their children to be instructed in these branches, the High School is the proper place to send them. But if the desire is to secure a first-class English education, in other words,

to carry on and consolidate, as it were, the work begun in the Public School, this, too, can also be attained in the High School. We have more than once advised parents to determine as early as possible the business in life for which they intend their children. Thus only can be accurately gauged what should be the work of any pupil. The admirable mental training and discipline which may be afforded by Latin, French or Algebra is no idle fiction, but it would be dishonest to pretend that an equally good training and discipline of the mind may not be had through the medium of English Grammar, History, Arithmetic or Book-keeping. Now while an education based solely on the utilitarian theory (taking it in the restricted sense of wealth-producing) is sure to be more or less cramped and defective, still it cannot be denied that the condition of most men render peremptory the adoption of means to ends. And when the means are limited both in point of time and money, utility must enter largely into the ends. It follows, therefore, that to the boy or girl whose attendance at the High School will last but a year, Latin or French would be comparatively useless studies. To those who understand the matter, the plea of the superior culture given is absurdly devoid of foundation. We have always contended that a sound English education is the great desideratum, and to attempt ought else before this has been achieved is the height of folly. While we are far from desiring to disparage the prosecution of the so-called higher branches, justice compels us to warn those who are most concerned, and who have at heart the best interests of their children; for they, in many cases, are not in a position to decide how those interests may be most surely secured.

**EGYPT.**

To a nation of brave and gallant men, Gladstone's Egyptian policy must be horribly galling. We could never see much to admire in Beaconsfield, that brilliant political adventurer, but the open dash, the high pluck, which, (by ordering the British fleet to steam into the Golden Horn,) terrified Russia from its advance on Constantinople, stand in magnificent contrast with the wretched vacillation of his successor in the dangerous affairs of the Sudan. Just imagine a statesman relying for England's rights on the arm of a single man! And how were Gordon's devotion and heroism rewarded? By a shameful neglect, by a pany hoping for something to turn up, which did not give way to active measures of succor until the united voice of an angry people demanded help for him who was risking his all for them. And even then but a little of what was necessary was done. Again we have to hear of fifteen hundred British soldiers forced to struggle against ten thousand Arabs. 'Tis true, our countrymen were victorious, but why were they ever allowed to face such fearful odds? Unfortunately, at the present moment of writing, the fate of the brave Stewart and his heroic men is still uncertain. We can only hope against hope, while we curse the puling, wicked imbecility of those peace-at-any-price humbugs, who say that we have rights, but who refuse to defend them, who, in the terse language of Eismarck, are still striving to solve that impossible problem of making an omelet without breaking any eggs.

[As we go to press, we learn that General Stewart, after several days' severe fighting against most tremendous odds, has everywhere routed the enemy, occupied Metamneh, and opened communications with Gordon. Stewart himself was desperately wounded, and is succeeded in the command by Sir Charles Wilson.]

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