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### SCHOOL BOOKS

"For twenty-two years the public school readers have been so published, and during that period the public school children of Ontario have been required to use inferior readers, and to pay about \$200,000 therefor more than what, in the circumstances, was a fair price."

The above is an extract from the report of the text-book commission of Ontario, submitted to the legislature last year. The people who printed these books were the Canada Pub. Co., W. J. Gage & Co., and another publisher who had an agreement to keep up prices and had a monopoly of the business. The enquiry showed on the evidence of the Canada Pub. Co. itself that for ten years prior to 1896 five readers, which were printed at a cost of 40 cents, were sold to the trade for 95 cents, and retailed for \$1.30. After 1896 a slight reduction was made, but not until after a change of government did the prices come down to a fair basis.

Gage & Co. and the Canada Pub. Co. are the people quoted with approval by the New Brunswick government. These people, when they saw there was a possibility of losing the business went to England and secured certain copyrights for Canada, without which much of the matter in the readers could not be used. By this sharp practice they got a renewal of their contract in 1896, for another ten years. But now their day of monopoly and outrageous prices is over. It will be so in New Brunswick when we have a change of government.

The government press and speakers are making incorrect statements about the present price of school books in Ontario. The falsity of the statements has been shown, but still they are repeated. There is a rake-off in connection with the books supplied to the school children of this province. Dr. Pugsley, at Chatham, said it might be that the prices of some were too high, but Premier Robinson would appoint a commission. This is merely a pretence. If the Robinson government is returned to power the people will continue to pay almost or quite two prices for the school books used by their children. It is time for a change.

### TIME IS SHORT

Less than two weeks remains for active work in the provincial campaign. It has been said that the same degree of enthusiasm cannot be aroused by either party in a provincial election as is characteristic of a federal contest. Possibly this is true, and yet the administration of provincial affairs touches the people more closely than that of federal policies. Such matters as the schools, the roads and bridges, agriculture, the lumber interests, local immigration and railway extension concern the people more directly than those dealt with at Ottawa. Therefore every elector should have clear views relative to the merits or demerits of the present administration and exercise his franchise on the third of March.

For twenty-five years there has been, practically, the same government. Changes in the cabinet have not resulted in any change in the principles by which the cabinet as a whole has been guided. Has the time come for a change? Is the present cabinet one that appeals to the confidence of business men? Are they satisfied that Hon. E. H. Allen is fitted to perform the important duties devolving upon a provincial secretary? Is the Hon. Mr. Farris an ideal minister of agriculture? Do the roads and bridges of the province bear testimony to twenty-five years of progressive improvement—or the reverse? Are school books as cheap as they should be? Is the money voted to encourage agriculture properly expended in the interests of the farmer—or does too much of it go for the benefit of a favored number of persons? Are the timber lands of the province properly looked after and all the lumber operators treated alike? Has the history of the Central and International Railways shown a due regard or a reckless disregard for the public interests? These and other questions of similar im-

port should be considered by every elector, and, as he believes, so he should vote on the third of March.

### TALKING ON MILLIONS

"I wish it were a million," said Hon. Mr. McKeown at Fairville last evening, referring to the increase of \$130,000 in the federal subsidy, "there are so many things we could do with it." Nobody doubts the capacity of Mr. McKeown and his colleagues to do things with it—their record as provincial financiers is in evidence.

"We're after that," went on Mr. McKeown, referring to the sum of \$2,000,000 of the fishery award. "I can't say now what we would do with it." This is the \$2,000,000 that Dr. Pugsley dangled before the people of Chatham the night before. These precious rulers of ours love to talk in millions. The truth is, they are entirely too large in their views and too expensive for a province with a very limited revenue. Mr. McKeown states that \$30,000 per year set aside for fifty years would wipe out the provincial debt. That is, the present provincial debt. But in the meantime, under such rule as the province has endured for twenty-five years an enormous new debt would be rolled up. The people cannot afford to take chances. The province has had too much of spendthrift politics and not enough of business principles in the administration of its affairs.

### DR. PUGSLEY AGAIN

Dr. Pugsley opened his Pandora's Box in Moncton last evening. The I. C. R. is to be doubled tracked to Halifax. Although he said in St. John that the bulk of G. T. P. traffic would come here, he told the Moncton people that he hoped "a very large portion of that traffic will be carried through Moncton to Halifax for shipment." There is to be 600,000,000 bushels of grain coming out of the west within ten years. Moncton is to profit greatly thereby. But, of course, the fertility of the west and the development of transportation is bound up with the fate of the Robinson government. If Mr. Robinson should be defeated a single track to Halifax would do, the west would receive no more settlers, the rust and frost would smother the grain fields, and the G. T. P. would stop at some point in the woods. What has the provincial government to do with the I. C. R., the G. T. P., the settling of the west, the output of grain or the choice of winter ports? This is a fair question. It has not been answered. But the people know the answer, and know that a flagrant attempt is being made to divert their attention from the real issues in this campaign.

### MORE BUNCOMBE

The Sun says that the news that an expert accountant is auditing the provincial accounts has thrown the opposition into a state of panic.

Quite the reverse. The young man who arrived from Toronto last Thursday, and left for Toronto again yesterday is almost as much of a joke as Provincial Secretary E. H. Allen.

The people of New Brunswick are not fools. They know perfectly well that this young man's report is prepared as a campaign document on the eve of the elections.

It will not reveal the real condition of the finances of the province. It will be published in the hope that someone will be deceived by it. But that hope is futile. The people are not fools. In the meantime, what has Premier Robinson to say in reply to Mr. Fleming's challenge to meet him on the public platform?

### PURITY CAMPAIGN

It is to be feared that the effort of the Moral and Social Reform League to prevent corrupt acts in the elections is not regarded with sufficient seriousness in some quarters. This is unfortunate, and indicates more clearly than anything else the great need for just such an effort. The League should endeavor, if possible, to have detectives at work on election day to discover and report cases of bribery. It is true that the punishment should be extended to those members of the federal parliament who are already seeking to bribe whole constituencies, but the League cannot get at these persons. It can only deal, more's the pity, with the one and two-dollar bribers and their class. But even to deal with these will be a forward step, and the result should have a salutary effect upon those higher up. In several counties, as Charlotte, Carleton and Westmorland, an honest effort is being made to prevent open corruption, and a like course will doubtless be pursued in St. John. It deserves the hearty support of all good citizens.

### IN KINGS COUNTY

The success that is attending the canvass of the opposition candidates in Kings shows that with the withdrawal of Dr. Pugsley from the representation of the county there is a return to sane views of public policy and a determination to aid in securing a better administration at Fredericton.

The opposition party is fortunate in having three very strong candidates, who appeal to the electors as men who will be worthy and capable representatives in the legislature.

The county has suffered much from the iniquitous highway policy of the government, and the farmers recognize also that

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they have not received value for the money expended by the agricultural department of the province.

Moreover, the government ticket is much weaker than that of 1903, when Dr. Pugsley and Mr. Ora P. King were in the fight, and the majority to be overcome is not large. The government is claiming everything in Kings as in other counties, but that is a part of the game. The people who read in the government press garbled or untrue reports of meetings at which they were themselves present know how much reliance to place in all reports of meetings emanating from that source.

The fight in Kings is keen, but the opposition are in the lead, and will maintain that position on election day.

The Sun's leading editorial today is an appeal to the electors to strengthen the hands of Dr. Pugsley. That which the electors are really called upon to do is to elect members of the legislature. Dr. Dock Street.

## AT FOURSCORE

His body, warped and brown and thin, Is like some quaint old violin.

Played till it bears the lasting trace Of the dead player's hand and face.

Played to old airs of love and pain Till it was broken with the strain.

But even yet, when some one brings A master touch, the poor worn strings

Wake, from his heart of bygone years, A music that is blind with tears.

—Charles Buxton Going, in Everybody's Magazine.

## IN LIGHTER VEIN

FULL OF SPIRIT.

"Well, was Poynter's answer to the argument of the local optimists full of spirit?"

"No, but he was,"—Baltimore American.

AS NEARLY STRAIGHT AS POSSIBLE

"Now, all we want from you is a straight story," said the lawyer.

"Sit," retorted the witness, "perhaps you are not aware that I am a prominent politician in this community, and your insinuation constitutes an affront."

"Pardon me," rejoined the lawyer, "No offence intended. Just tell us near a straight story as you can."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

## NOT TIME'S SLAVE.

A traveler, finding that he had a couple of hours in Dublin called a cab and told the driver to drive him around for two hours. At first all went well, but soon the driver began to whip up his horse so that they narrowly escaped several collisions. "What's the matter?" demanded the passenger. "Why are you driving so recklessly? I'm in no hurry."

"Ah, g'wan wid yez," retorted the cabby, "d'ye think I'm goin' to put in the whole day drivin' you around for two hours? Gitap!"—Philadelphia Ledger.

## CURE FOR SOMNAMBULISM.

An old farmer takes a great interest in apple growing. One particular variety in his orchard is the pride of his heart and the despair of his neighbors. Schoolboys and others had sampled these particular apples pretty freely, and the farmer intimated that the next trespasser he found in his orchard would "see trouble." One morning a neighboring farmer called on him and, in the course of conversation, casually mentioned the sad case of his son.

"He's a somnambulist," he remarked, "sleep-walker, you know."

"Sorry to hear it," said the old farmer. "The worst of it is," continued the other, "the boy is passionately fond of apples, and I'm afraid that one of these nights, you'll catch him in your orchard. You see how I'm placed. Now, if you should catch him, don't wake him, it's likely to go badly w' one on 'em."

"They never met."

## STEAMSHIP MEN WILL CUT WAGES

Longshoremen's Rates at Quebec To Be Reduced 12 1/2 Cents An Hour—Slack Trade the Reason.

Montreal, Feb. 18.—A counter blast to the demands of the longshoremen at Montreal and Quebec for increases in pay was fired here today by the steamship interests, when they agreed to combine and not merely resist further demands for more money, but to make a cut in the present rates of pay. The move was inaugurated by the Shipping Federation but the Canadian Pacific and every other big line that uses eastern Canadian ports joined it.

It was decided that the wages to be offered the Montreal longshoremen for the coming season should be twenty-five cents an hour for day and thirty cents an hour for night work, with a bonus of two and a half cents an hour to be paid to all men who worked steadily through to the end of the season, the bonus to be paid at the close of navigation. This is a cut of two and a half cents an hour all round.

Having thus disposed of Montreal, the shipping men then turned to the even more disturbed position at Quebec. None of them could see any reason why the Quebec longshoremen should be paid any higher wages than their Montreal colleagues and a motion that the shipping companies only offer them the same rates as in Montreal was unanimously adopted. This will mean a big cut for the Quebec men, who have been getting 37 1/2 cents an hour for day and 42 1/2 cents an hour for night work, so that they will have to face a decrease of 12 1/2 cents an hour, while at this very time they are considering a demand for five cents an hour more.

The shipping men discussed the position very fully, and came to the conclusion that there was every indication of an off shipping season. It was stated that practically all the grain has been shipped out of Canada, while there is comparatively little freight offering in England for Canadian ports and trade generally promises to be slack as a result of the recent depression.

## MAYOR'S TRIP WAS EXPENSIVE

Halifax Mayor Spent \$400 on Trip to Winnipeg—Must Refund It Now.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 18.—By a decision of the supreme court of Canada, delivered today, Mayor Macleith will have to refund to the city of Halifax the sum of \$400 paid by the city for his traveling expenses in attending the convention of the union of Canadian municipalities held at Winnipeg in 1903.

The suit for the restitution of the money was begun by the late R. I. Hart, who instituted an action in the supreme court against Mr. Macleith, claiming that the payment of the expenses of the trip out of the city treasury was illegal, not being provided for by the statute, and therefore could not legally be assessed for on the ratepayers of the city. The action was tried by Judge Meagher who gave judgment dismissing the same, on the ground that the attorney general, who had not been joined, was a necessary party to the suit and as he did not appear on the record as a party to the institution of the proceedings the action should stand dismissed.

Mr. Hart appealed to the supreme court, and the full bench overruled the decision of Judge Meagher and ordered that judgment be entered up for the

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