## DISMISSING TEACHERS.

An Interesting Paper for Rural Teachers and Trustees.

Mr. M. McPhee Gives his Opinion on the 'Acting Trustee"—A Life-like Sketch.

The following paper was read at the recent convention of the teachers of West

Huron, and was very well received :-We, the teachers of West Huron, meet here and elsewhere, time after time, with the sole object in view of advancing the cause of education. The different ways in which this may be accomplished are as various as the subject is impor-tant. I may here be pardoned for men-tioning a few of them. We endeavor to arrive at the best means for unfolding arrive at the best means for unfolding sends to school. Johnny's perceptive the powers of intellect, with which human faculties are sufficiently sharpened to nature is endowed, so that those under recognize the influence his father exerts word spoken by a friend can under so our charge and tuition may learn to in the section; and, therefore, expects reason concisely, clearly and accurately, immunity from all wholesome restraints much more may the words of some wise reason concisely, clearly and accurately, not only on the subjects treated of in our text books, but on all other matters worthy of their attention. This development of intellect in youth committed to our care we regard as one of the prine objects of our teaching. We also encleavor to devise the best course for including on the minds of our pupils the importance of morality; for large intellectual capacity without a proportional sense of moral regulation of the prine of the school, and in spite of admonition, repeats the offence. The teacher, as in duty bound, calls the said Johnny to account for his conduct and administers to him such prinishment as he deems commensurate with his fault. That teacher "must go." Faithful and efficient service cannot save him from the sense of moral rectitude to might not only be dangerous to the individual possessing it, but to the com-munity at large. We likewise strive to make ourselves acquainted with the most vain. Feelings of antipathy to the effective way of instilling into the minds teacher are immediately created and difference of our pupils the necessity of a ready fused throughout the section. The of our pupils the necessity of a ready and willing obedience to the civil law, and willing obedience to the civil law, and this element of instruction which they could be and this element of instruction which they could be a say? and this element of instruction we regard as commanding the teacher's earnest consideration, knowing as we do, that the future prosperity of our country is about to burst upon his head. The largely depends on the patrio ic zeal and good citizenship of those whose mental powers is within our capacity to mould. home talk on the minds of the scholars. We also, by an interchange of thoughts, try to qualify ourselves to smooth and at hand, and he must soon yield obedirender as easy and as pleasant as possi-ble the path which leads up the hill of nounced against him, and suffer the conknowledge, and upon which our little sequence of its injustice. Indeed, for ones are struggling. We discuss the methods of teaching the different subjects that matter of it, any prominent rate-payer in the section who is so disposed, prescribed in our text-books, that we can ac may arrive at the best, and thus make chief. teaching more successful and confer the greatest benefit on those who employ us. The school law, of which every citizen of Ontario should feel proud, reabounds with so much injustice and ceives some consideration at our hands; and our competency to judge of its character and operation, should be conceeded by every one. Neither should we turnely just because they are so, and bebe charged with presumption or arrogan-et, on discovering a defect in the law, to call attention to it, and, if possible, suggest a remedy; for it must be borne in the manner thus briefly

or who have pronounced the sentence of condemnation against him for ineffici-

and with all they must be capable of comprehending the nature of the subject with which they have to deal, either from occupation or profession. Again, what are, our judges of the different courts throughout the land? Are they courts throughout the land? Are they have a remarkable for learning. not men who are remarkable for learning, beneficial to the school by increasing the biography not men who are remarkable for learning, talent, shrewdness and a capacity for discerning the details of cases coming before them. Hence, then where a decision is sought, affecting the rights of indifore them. Hence, then where a decision is sought, affecting the rights of individuals, the greatest care is exercised to select such men as are fully competent of the inspector himself who, if I uncleased to the unsearchable of the inspector himself who, if I uncleased to the unsearchable of the inspector himself who, if I uncleased to the unsearchable of the inspector himself who is I uncleased to the unsearchable of the inflict a single sensation of pain on any mind, is the great bulk of our trustees competent to pass judgment on the work of the teacher? Do other attainwork of the teacher? Do other attain the other? ments, as in the preceeding instances, fully qualify them to pronounce condemnation against a person because of his work of which they possess limited knowledge. I emphatically affirm, knowing whereof I speak, that the great majority of them are not. But here the official report of the objector acquaints them of the status of the school, &c."

Years of experience and successful trial fooded, not one in ten can be feal with have proved McGregor & Parke's Carbon and better footing than they now are. I thank you, ladies and gentlemen, for your kind attention.

The direct tendency of such reading the direct tendency of such reading the master as I do, I think is to be sacrificed so long as we were able to be sacrificed so long as we were able to raise our hands or our voices in defence of them. (Loud cheers.) That is works of fiction. Of the works of fiction with which this land is the provided of the causes of the causes of trade against it, as one the provided where the possess limited knowledge.

The direct tendency of such reading the wastle as well as the long, but through a desire to see my fellow teachers on a better footing than they now are. I thank you, ladies and gentlemen, for your kind attention.

On the cause of the matter as I do, I think to be sacrificed so long as we were able to raise our hands or our voices in defence of them. (Loud cheers.) That is what we have done, and what we propose the Domaicon was organized, showing a flooded, not one in ten can be feal with the provided provided as ingle one of those rights is to hallow the memory and the imaging the wastle as I do, I think to be sacrificed so long as we were able to raise our hands or our voices in defence of them. (Loud cheers.) That is the provided provided as ingle one of those rights in the matter as I do, I think to be sacrificed so long as we were able to be sacrificed so long as we were able to raise our hands or our voices in development to the provided pro

by the name of "Acting Trustee." But how this individual has acquired the

in holding public offices and making himself generally prominent among the community at large. His ambition to be a trustee does not arise from his desire to further the interest of the school or promote the welfare of the section. He becomes a trustee of the school, however, and requires a smatter-ing of knowledge of the school law, just ing of knowledge of the school remarks as uperiority over his fellows. He glibly quotes extracts from it to which he attaches his own interpretation which is often far from the mark. He is very officious in school matters, and sometimes very useful. The matters, and sometimes very useful. The reading." The following is a brief outhumiliation, and perhaps loss, of being dismissed from his situation. Johnny

descipline of the school is more difficult to maintain, owing to the effect of the nounced against him, and suffer the con-

can accomplish the same amount of mis-Now, I ask you, ladies and gentlemen, abounds with so much injustice and injury to the teacher, and to the school?

ineffiency, and which detracts from his professional reputation, and in many cases does him real and material injury, is not in harmony with the customs and instinuted in harmony with the customs and the customs and the customs are also as a custom of the light which are accounted in harmony with the customs and the customs are also as a custom of the light which are accounted in harmony with the customs and the customs are also as a custom of the light which are accounted in his customs and the customs are accounted in his customs and the customs are accounted in his customs a the dismissal of the teacher, rewer tutions of our country. For instance, if a misunderstanding arises between certain parties in regard to some rights or privileges and the matter is left to be privileges and the matter is left to be the country. The matter, however, will be submitted to this convenience of protection would be afforded to those who remained in it. The matter, however, will be submitted to this convenience of the dismissal of the teacher, rewer would be afforded to those which are ancient as well as primary. Often is the soul excited and roused into action by reading, where the convenience of the dismissal of the teacher, rewer and glorious radiations of the fight which are ancient as well as primary. Often is the soul ing the works of such men. "Reading," privileges and the matter is left to be decided by arbitration to avoid costly litigation, who do you suppose these arbitrators will be? They will be men who are distinguished for their clearness who are distinguished for their clearness. of conception, soundness of judgment, and with all they must be capable of suring you that I would be the last to always drawing with advantage to him-

to render a just judgment. I ask, then, and at the same time have no desire to discharged from office without the con-

tained, not through any selfish motives. as my term in the profession cannot be long, but through a desire to see my

ood Reading a Buty—The Importance of Christian People Not Only Reading Choice Literature, but of Uniting to Condemn that of a Low Tone.

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sistency and permanence, will be powerfully affected by reading. If a single cient service cannot save him from the professing Christian who is utterly indifferent to good books unavoidably creates a fear as to the sincerity, depth appeals to his over indulgent parent for the remain of the teacher and not in Christian may enter spiritually maimed. to inveigh against the unfortunate teach- young Apostle Timothy, "Give attend-

THE FOUNTAIN OF READING.

The pure Word of God claims our are ignorant of its contents, and the same may be the reason why so many fail This same man had his eye on some the sacred Scriptures we can derive a gratification not to be found in any other what is, or was sometimes called the disbook of the past or present time. There is no expression nor conception of the human mind that may not here find a corresponding picture. No thirst for cers, timber worth \$120,000,000 besides suggest a remedy; for it must be bornes in mind that we are citizens of this favoured country as well as teachers. The part of the school law to which I would respectfully direct your attention is that which empowers Trustess to dismiss teachers at their pleasure, without any let or hindrance. Hence my subject will be, as announced in programme—"Dismissal of Teachers by Trustees." I will begin my investigation of the subject by asking the question "Why is the teacher dismissed?" The answer is that any other cause is rarely assigned than the one just named. But who has ing the power of inspectors. Who are instead of the power of inspectors. Who are instead of the manner thus briefly described, and that without a remedy excellence that may not meet with its for excellence that may not meet with its for excellence that may not meet with its full supply, and no condition of humanity excluded from the unlimited scope of its adaptation and sympathy. The Christians who are most eminent for firmness, wisdom and catholicity, are those who are not eminent for firmness, wisdom and catholicity, are those whose minds are best stored with said for two or three years "You are wrong. Sir John, it does belongs to the province of Ontario," until Sir John said, "Mr. Meredith said for two or three years those whose minds are best stored with said its does belongs to the province of Ontario," which is measure against the evil of teachers leaving the profession, which has been that any other cause is rarely assigned than the one just named. But who has in the first of the section of the scripture of the stored with study province of Ontario," which is adpation and sympathy. The Christians who are most eminent for firmness, wisdom and catholicity, are those whose minds are best stored with the whole province of Ontario," which is adpation and sympathy. The Christians who are most eminent for firmness, wisdom and catholicity, are those whose minds are best stored with the corresponding picture. No thirst for excellence that may not me But who has ing the power of inspectors. Who are cise to which the mind can brace itself.

ency? "Why, the trustees, of course."

I hope to be able to show you, ladies and gentlemen, that this tribunal which condemns the teacher on the score of ineffiency, and which detracts from his ineffiency, and which detracts from his confessional reputation and in many cases.

demerits, as the case may be? Who are the best acquainted with the progress of the school or its lack of progress? Just the one who has little or nothing to say on the dismissal or retention of the ineffiency, and which detracts from his first live of the oninion that were the constitution and in many cases. HIDDEN TRUTHS.

sions above themselves, the work of faith The above views I have long enter-will be increasingly alluring to our souls.

EFFECT OF GOOD BOOKS.

official report of t Inspector acquants them of the status of the status

power which he wields is not so easily explained; but one thing is certain the law has not conferred it upon him. This gentleman, however, exists. He delights by Rev. A. B. Meldrum.

An interesting Pulpit Discourse by Rev. A. B. Meldrum. Every Time.

> Hon. G. W. Ross, at Lindsay, Shows up th Ignerance of Macdonald.

Our policy has been a manly policy, and it ought to be. I believe in the rights of citizenship; I believe in all the rights which were guaranteed to our fore-fathers by Magua Charta. supplemented in later years by the Petition of Rights, by habeas corpus and other concession to the people, down to the present time Our policy as a government has been to maintain for the province of Ontario all those rights which she was guaranteed under the constitution, and when the spoliator placed his hands on the license law of the province, when he declared that the Crooks act was not worth the paper it was written on; when he pro-ceeded to appoint his inspectors and his commissioners until they bacame as numerous as the locusts of Egypt; (Hear, hear, and laughter); when he sought to despoil Ontario of its resources; when the Canadian King John, the modern His Official Career a Terrible Failure-A usurper of the people's rights (Hear, hear, and cheers) sought to take them all—No, not at all, said we to his majesty, (laughter), From the Hamilton Times

"HANDS OFF, OLD MAN." But that would not do, so we went him and his family in their personal They said the Crooks act was and avails himself of every opportunity value of this practice when he said to the worth the paper it was written on, the to inveich against the infortunate teach. Young Aposte Timothy, "Give attendance unto reading. He knew the tendency of good reading to form large, active and aggressive minds. And if ever the Church of God fleeded such (Her, hear and cheers). But the questional properties of the church of God fleeded such (Her, hear and cheers). minds it is now, when every step of her tion of wholesale licenses and licenses or progress has to be fought for, and infi-del and fanatic are in league to destroy and Sir John said he would have that any way. We said no! We believe that labor. Circumstances aided the delusions of Sir Leonard. He had promised that is ours too, and to day the Hon. Christopher Finlay Fraser, a Canadian of whom every Canadian should feel proud chief attention. Words cannot express (Loud cheers) is in England to defend what wisdom, light, purity and tenderwhat wisdom, light, purity and tenderness of spirit will flow from a steady, ness of spirit will flow from a steady, privy council, and on the 11th of November we expect a verdict, for you were heaten yet before ness of spirit will now from a steady, systematic and prayerful reading of the systematic and prayerful reading of the sacred Scriptures. Dr. Johnson said know we were never beaten yet before that the reason why so many literary men disbelieve the Bible is, that they would we not be a craven hearted lot if would we not be a craven hearted lot if

the taxation of farm produce would benefit the farmers, and it so happened that, into force, there were good crops in Canada and short crops in Europe. Prices would have been high here, no matter what tariff was in force, but many farmers were pursuaded that their thanks were due to Sir Leonard for the good we did not stand up for your rights? prices they were receiving. The temporary prosperity of the farmers caused an active demand for manufactured coods, and there was plenty of employment at fair wages for mechanics and laborers. Sir Leonard took all the creditions of the control of dit for this also, and in the elections of 1882 he was wonderfully popular. Since that time, the price of farm produce has dropped to an unprecedently low figure, and the demand for manufactured goods has been so small that many factories have been closed and many workmen have been deprived of their customary employment. Men who are capable of

about one-half of the whole province. We got the matter before the privy council, and they told Sir John again that he was wrong; (Hear, hear, and cheers) that the land did belong to us and not to the Dominion. But, said Sir John, though the land belongs to you stocks were falling, and capital was unthe timber belongs to us. We did not able to earn dividends. We are sorry think so. The matter came before the that Sir Leonard will not be in his place courts; it was argued before Mr. Justice to be confronted with the facts and asked Boyd in Toronto, and he said that this to explain why he deceived the people. land and the timber and everything on it from the highest zenith away down when he became Minister of Finance, through to China belonged to Ontario.

(Laughter and cheers.) We wanted to 1879. The increase of taxation at a time go direct to the privy council and have the matter settled at once so as to save the matter settled at once so as to save expenses, but Sir John said he had lots though expenditures were also largely increased, there were surplus revenues court to another. Well we are going to for a few years. Sir Leonard made his foliow it through. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) As Ruth said to Naomi, "Where thou goest I will go." (Laugh who had been obliged to report deficits ter.) So with regard to the insurance case, the Mercer escheat case and others Sir Leonard, the man of surpluses !

the Province of Ontario has adopted a sued such a policy we would not have truly represented the people of this great province. Who are the inhabitants of this province but the ants of this province but the descendants | Cartwright was Minister of Fnance. We of those noble men who wrested their rights from tyrants in England at the He has earned the right to stand up and peril of their lives, who stood by the liberties of the people when they were threatened. The blood of these noble fathers flows in their veins, and we to fathers flows in their veins, and we to whom you have entrusted the defence and maintenance of your cherished institutions, we the sworn defenders of your rights would be

your rights, would be

Christian's Select Reading.

A GOOD RECORD | society, and it is you who are responsible if our politicians are corrupt. I say to you to stand by honest men when you have them. See to it that none but honest and good men are elected to parliament. You cannot get pure water by Rev. A. B. Meldrum.

Society, and it is you who are responsible if our politicians are corrupt. I say to you to stand by honest men when you have them. See to it that none but honest and good men are elected to parliament. You cannot get pure water from the Trade and Navigation Returns shows how his scheme failed to work: liament. You cannot get pure water from a filthy fountain, nor can you have good laws and houset administration from bad or dishonest men. Fill your legislative halls with men who hate cover tousness, who are honest men, and I will guarantee that the political streams which flow from such a fountain will be list.

SIR LEONARD TILLEY.

Finance.

Sir Leonard Tilley has resigned the

order to enrich a few, and by so doing

he has decreased the aggregate wealth of

thinking must know that Sir Leonard deceived them—that he was not the great

benefactor he had pretended to be-and

we should have liked to see Sir Leonard

on hand in full vigor at the day of reck-

factories were closing all through the

land, bankruptcies were frequent, bank

are sorry that Sir Leonard must retire.

pure, and that they will be productive of purity in every element of the community through which they may flow. (Loud and prolonged cheers.) Sir Leonard was no more successful in centrolling the balance of trade than he was in giving continuous good prices to URIC ACID.—When the Liver and Kidthe farmers for their produce, fair reneys fail in their action, this acid in exturns to capitalists on their investments cess is thrown into the blood, causing or steady employment to mechanics and Rheumatism and other painful condi laborers. If ever there was a financial tions of blood poisoning. You may cure quack, his name was Sir Leonard Tilley, this condition by a prompt resort to the and we are sincerely scrry that his health purifying, regulating remedy Burdock will not permit him to remain in office Blood Bitters.

COUGHS AND COLDS that we so fre quently neglect, and which so often prove the seeds sown for a harvest of consumption, should have immediate Resignation of the Minister of and thorough treatment. A teaspoonful of Robinson's Phosphorized Emulsion taken whenever the Cough is trouble some, will relieve the patient, and persevered in, will effect a cure in the most Scathing Criticism of His Handling of jobstinate cases.

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excess of the imports. Said he (Hansard, 1879, page 413): Have just received allarge stock of BRASS & IRON STEAM FITTINGS

STOLEN PL

John Webber passe fellow workmen who sidewalk outside the gr Machine company's wor evening, with a quick, b It had been a very hot not yet set, and was rays along the street, look gold colored and d of everybody who fac seemed closer and warm the men scolded about i grimy faces with an imp dignant gesture, as if the of personal injustice afte Where are you racin

ber?" somebody asked several of his friends in group turned to look at "Goin' home," respo cheerfully, as he paused and when somebody s love to the baby !" in a meant to be provoking, his head with mock reser

"Hold on !" called th "We're gettin' together t of us want to hire Jone's day and go down to the late Saturday, quick's we shop, and get back some night. Jones'll take us apiece, if we can get 24 "Well, I ain't one," a

ber, moving off. "The o tried such a spree I came than I went. Ride all ni all day ; that ain't my ide he disappeared round the with all his might, as if he thing a great deal better celish plans. He was a delicate-lo

young man. Everybody Webber, for with his quie satisfaction with his own things, he was friendly and always ready to do an turn. His acquaintances at him and taxed him o again for his habit of telli about his own affairs. I think that everybody was terested as he when somet happened to him- it was n part and he had no idea anybody else, but to use th ed saying, "Johnny Webt must go halves with ev was deplored among the comrades that he should h love with a selfish, complai girl, a pretty girl enough, not of the sort that John served.

never seemed to be tr things went wrong; he ready to make excuses i else, and when his wife fre ed the weather or her ill h housework which she did n care of the baby, which, to always tried to take upo night.

As he walked along this whistled and felt an unus his success and well being hummed a tune, and occasion his hand into his side pocke purse. This was the seco in the month and conseque For the last four weeks doing double work, and ti pay for it folded away safe and in his heart was a secre to be told. He was as tir workingman could be, but aching back and hurried s could towards home alon half-built streets that made of the town.

The evening grew hotter but he did not mind it, and he could not wait another he turned into the new where there was a row of houses, all alike, and looki were set in there in the sa and carried away elsewher lished among trees and ma -only one had a bit of a g in this temporary-looking was toward that door that went. With all the sand, for shelter except a row of from a split dry goods managed to make some flor these his mother had in he yard when he was a boy. invisible yard about this little dwelling, which separ the rest of the world. As the rest of the houses as h they all looked inferior to really belonged to him an baby. He had chosen it was a tree in the small silver poplar, that had growing in spite of man ments. John Webber 1 much disappointed because complained that it cut of another road, which was a from the kitchen window.

The master of this little eagerly up at that wind along, because, when Ha