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THE SCHOOL BOOK MONOPOLY.

It soon became evident that the three wheeled gig would kill the educational horse, and Hon. G. W. Ross having by this time been taken into the Cabinet and therefore having no further use for Gage & Co., the three series were withdrawn and a new series published. The publication of this series was placed with the firm of which Mr. Nelson, of Scotland, is the head. Now:—

(1) Mr. Nelson is chief proprietor of the *Globe* newspaper.

(2) The *Globe* newspaper is the chief support of Mr. Mowat.

(3) Mr. Nelson has sunk a lot of money in the *Globe*.

(4) Mr. Mowat gives Mr. Nelson a monopoly of the publication of public school books for ten years at prices which will net him a round profit of \$370,000.

(5) Mr. Nelson is repaid what he has lost in the *Globe*, the *Globe* continues to support Mr. Mowat and shout "hoodle." Mr. Mowat is happy, and

(6) The parents of Ontario pay the price of this deal between a corrupt Government and an avaricious man

We have referred to the prices of the books. They are extortionate and we propose to prove it. The first primer cost 4½ cents and is sold for 10 cents. The second primer costs less than 6 cents and is sold for 15 cents. The second book costs 10¾ cents and is sold for 25 cents. The third book costs 13½ cents and is sold for 35 cents. The fourth book costs less than 16 cents and is sold for 50 cents.

Again, the bargain was made in the face of an offer by Warwick & Sons, the well-known publishers, that they would undertake the publication of these books, and enter into bonds in the sum of \$50,000 that would sell them to the people at one-third less price and give 25% discount to the retail trade.

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When Hon. Adam Crooks was found to be incapable of carrying on the business of the Education Department Hon. Arthur Sturgis Hardy was selected to fill the position in the interim. This gave an opportunity for the brilliant mind of Hon. Mr. Hardy to expand. He decided that a change from the old readers was necessary, and with luminous foresight that places his name high up in the scroll of fame along with Sir Richard Cartwright and other mixers and muddlers, publicly authorized two, and privately a third firm to prepare and issue sets of Readers. Everybody remembers the educational chaos that ensued, and that it was this chaos that gave the present Minister of Education the chance to stomp the country with Gage & Co.'s series.

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And again, Dr. Strangways, a publisher, offers to give bonds to the amount of \$50,000, that he will retail these books at the following prices respectively: First reader 7 cents instead of 10, second reader 9 cents instead of 15, third reader 15 cents instead of 25, fourth reader 20 cents instead of 35, and the fifth reader 25 cents instead of fifty. E. F. Clarke, Robertson Bros., and others make similar offers.

And finally, the old readers, six in number, cost \$1.30, the new readers, five in number, cost \$1.35. Will anybody say that in the light of the immense decrease in the cost of printing of late years, the price now paid is not outrageous, barefaced robbery. A private party carrying on such operations as the Mowat Government are engaged in would be prosecuted under the law for swindling.

The loss to the people has been three-fold. The loss sustained in publishing three series, the loss in rejecting these series, and the \$370,000 paid Mr. Nelson for the support of the *Globe*. Altogether

these vagaries of Mowat, Hardy and Ross have cost this province not less than \$1,000,000, which has been taken directly out of the pockets of parents sending their children to the public school.

Mowat's Christianity, Laurier's gun, and Ross' Bible make a great trio.

In the matter of Hon. Wilfred Laurier's furious declaration that if he had been on the banks of the Saskatchewan he would have shouldered his musket, etc., etc., one or two things yet remain to be explained. For instance, which bank did Wilfred Laurier propose to stand on? Did he purpose standing out on the open or among the brush? Was the musket to be kept "shouldered" and which shoulder? And, further, was Wilfred's gun to be loaded for soldier or woodcock? If Wilfred will kindly answer these queries before the meeting of Parliament it may save us all from taking to the woods.

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How pleasant it is to see Conservatives dwell together in peace and unity—as for instance Ottawa.

Politically speaking we love to dwell in a town like Ottawa, where everything is so delightfully and sensationally uncertain. It is within three days of the nomination, and the Reformers dare not call a convention and the Conservatives dare not nominate a candidate. While in the county the Reformers have nominated but refuse to support their own choice because his address don't suit them. The sovereign power of the people is coming out strong in this district. The parties will nominate on nomination day.

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