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DR. BROCK
RESIDENCE
The Stone House opposite Davidson's Old Marble Yard, Elora Road.
Guelph, Oct 19, 1871 dw

OLIVER & MACDONALD
BARRISTERS and Attorneys-at-Law Solicitors, Notaries Public, &c. Office—Corner of Wyndham and Quebec-sts, p stairs, Guelph, Ont.
R. OLIVER, JR. A. H. MACDONALD.
Guelph, Oct 27, 1871 dw

AUSTIN C. CHADWICK
BARRISTER, SOLICITOR IN CHANCERY, Notary, &c. Town Hall Buildings, Guelph.
Guelph, June 8th, 1871 dwtf

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Guelph, 17th August. dw

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Solicitors in Chancery,
GUELPH, ONTARIO.
GUTHRIE, J. WATT, W. H. CUTTEN.
Guelph, March 1, 1871 dwy

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A careful and steady driver always with the cab. A share of public patronage respectfully solicited.
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FRESH OYSTERS
IN EVERY STYLE.
THE table supplied with all the delicacies of the Season in a first-class manner.
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Guelph, Nov. 21, 1871 do

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ARE being infringed by importation of Capsules made in contravention of his rights, which necessarily are numerous, BETTS being the original inventor and sole maker in the United Kingdom.
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$1000 will buy Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 (Block) Neeve's Survey, at the passenger station of the G T R, or $300 singly.
$150 will buy Lot 27, corner of Powell and Strange Streets.
$120 will buy Lot 26, on Strange Street.
$120 will buy Lot 25 on " "
$120 will buy Lot 29 on " "
$120 will buy Lot 30 on " "
$150 will buy Lot 28, corner of Powell and Strange Streets.
$750 will buy a LARGE DOUBLE FRAME HOUSE on Pearl-street (Lot 3, one four down, and five years for the balance.
$800 will buy
Six Acres and Water Privilege
on the River Speed, fronting on the Edinburg Road, well adapted for a mill or factory. The Freight Stations of the Grand Trunk and Great Western Railways front upon the same street.
$400 will buy 4 building lots on the Waterloo Road, 23, 24, 40 and 41 in Oliver's Survey.
$300 will buy Lot 38 on Charles Street, Hubard's Survey.
Apply to Davidson & Chadwick, Estate Agents.
$3000 will buy Lots 7, 8, and 9, on Perth street. —These Lots front the River, and are admirably adapted for a Factory. If purchased for that purpose, SPECIAL TERMS will be given.
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$75 will buy Lot 109, corner of Neeve and Richardson streets — Sir John A Macdonald's Survey
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LUTHER
$15 per acre will buy Lot 2, in the 7th con., 200 acres, next lot to Gordon's steam saw mill. There is a considerable fall in the stream which crosses this lot, which might be used to advantage.
$12 per acre will buy Lot 4, in the 8th con., 200 acres, a very excellent lot and well timbered.
$12 per acre will buy Lot 5, in 9th con., 200 acres, one of the best lots in the township.
$8 per acre will buy East half of Lot 5, in the 13th concession, 100 acres—a valuable lot.

AMARANTH
$4 per acre will buy west half of Lot 18 in the 3rd con., 100 acres.

FURTHER PARTICULARS on application at their office,
TOWN HALL BUILDINGS
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GUELPH TIME TABLE

Trains leave Guelph as follows

Grand Trunk Railway, East
3.10 a.m. 7.35 a.m. 11.04 a.m. 3.45 p.m. 6.50 p.m

For the West
2.00 a.m. 9.50 a.m. 5.55 p.m. 8.30 p.m.*
*This train only goes to Berlin.

Great Western---Guelph Branch
Going South depart at 6.50 a.m., 1.05 p.m., and 4.55 p.m; also by mixed train every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 1.40 p.m.
Going North, depart at 11.45 a.m., 4.55 p.m., and 9.05 p.m.; also by mixed train every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 1.05 p.m. Trains leave Harriston every morning at 10 a.m., reaching Guelph at 1.05 p.m., and in addition a mixed train every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 9 a.m., reaching Guelph at 1.40 p.m. The train which passes Guelph going north at 11.45 p.m., runs every day to Clifford, arriving there at 3.15 p.m., and a mixed train which passes Guelph every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1.00 p.m., reaches Clifford at 5.00 p.m.

Town and County News

THE working men of Hamilton intend to hold a mass meeting to consider the question of reducing the hours of work from ten to nine hours a day.

THE NARROW GAUGE.—The Toronto, Grey & Bruce Railway Company have advertised for tenders for the construction of their branch line from Mount Forest to Gorrie and Wroxeter, through Harriston.

ACCIDENT.—On Friday, 19th inst., Mr. R. Scott, 12th concession of Minto, was feeding a 4 horse power Straw Cutter, the rollers got choked up, and in pulling out the straw three fingers of Mr Scott's came into contact with the knives, and one of them had to be amputated by Dr. Rutherford.

LYNXES KILLED.—A large lynx was lately killed, after a sharp contest with the dogs, by Mr James Cooper of Luther, on the town line between that township and Proton. Another was killed shortly afterwards on the town line between Egremont and Proton, by Mr Wm McPhee, of Egremont. These animals have been doing considerable execution among sheep and fowls in the townships named.

THE BRUCE RAILWAY BY-LAWS.—The Walkerton Township Council refused to introduce the Toronto By-law. The Council has passed our By-law under the grouping clause for bonus from Lucknow to Kincardine, also a County bonus, granting the W. G. & B. Railway twenty thousand dollars; which destroys the Toronto scheme, so far as the County of Bruce is concerned.

FIRE IN MINTO.—On the 10th inst., Widow Purdy on 6 con, of Minto, went to prayer meeting in the evening, leaving the stove burning, and when she returned, her house was in ashes, and nothing saved out of it. Several influential people have taken the matter up and a subscription, creditable to the people, has been secured, which will partly compensate Mrs. Purdy for her heavy loss.

BEVERLY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—At the annual meeting of the Society, the following officers were elected:—President, Christopher Ricker; Vice do., Jos. Bowman; Secretary and Treasurer, W. McDonald; Directors, Robt Ferguson, Jas T Smith, John Patterson, Thomas Cook, John Menzies jr., Henry Chambers, Jas Patterson, Wm Watt, David Patterson; Auditors, John Clement and Wm Henderson.

PROPOSED TESTIMONIAL.—The Fergus *News Record* says that a general feeling prevails among the people of Garafraxa in favour of getting up a testimonial of some kind for John Dobbin, Esq. Certainly few public servants were ever more deserving of such a special mark of approbation than is Mr Dobbin. After serving the township faithfully and well for almost a quarter of a century, he has retired in the enjoyment of the respect and good will of nearly all the electors.

MR MAITLAND'S CONCERT.—Mr H K Maitland's annual concert in Galt on Thursday night was a great success. He was ably assisted by Mr T H Taylor, of Guelph, whose singing was much appreciated. His recitation of "Going over Niagara Falls," and "The boy's charge of the Light Brigade" were enthusiastically applauded, Miss Black, of Dundas, also gave her valuable assistance, and Mrs Budd, of Guelph, played the accompaniments.

FIRE IN BLYTH.—At six o'clock on Friday morning a fire broke out in the rear of the store occupied by Mr D F Holmes, in that place. The villagers were quickly on the spot, and succeeded in saving much of Mr Holmes' stock, but as the goods were promiscuously thrown into the snow, they were greatly damaged. No effort could save the building, there being no fire-engine in the village. When the fire was first discovered Mr Holmes was sleeping over the store, and had barely time to escape, with his life, by getting out of a window. His loss will be very heavy. He was insured in the Gore.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE.—We have received from W. E. Tunis & Co., Clifton, Harper for February. It contains some articles of great ability and interest, such as "The Scott Centenary at Edinburgh," "Holland and the Hollanders," "A good Investment," Old books in New York," "The Golden Age at Grandpore," by Anthony Trollope, "The pay roll of Christendom," "Wedding Presents," "The story of Francoise," besides the usual literary, scientific and historical records. The illustrations, like all issued from the Harpers' house, are beautiful. For sale at the bookstores in town.

THE CALEDON ILLICIT DISTILLERY CASE.—At the York Assizes last week an action was brought to recover the penalty for keeping and working a distillery in contravention of the law. The parties named are James Watson, James Towns, John Creighton and Andrew Dryden. The distilling apparatus, with a large quantity of material, and 287 gallons of spirits were found on the premises of one Brewster, in the township of Caledon, about three miles from Orangeville. The seizure was made by Mr. C.E. Romain, District Inspector of Inland Revenue, on the 26th of September last. The parties had no license. Proof was given of the facts as stated. There was no defence offered, and his Lordship instructed the jury to find a verdict for the Crown; license $250; penalty, $200; double excise duty, $234,36; total $684,36; and further, if court above shall grant, for not reporting a sum of $500.

☞ The Prince of Wales was out on Thursday, and walked a quarter of a mile.

THIS MORNING'S DESPATCHES BY TELEGRAPH

The German Indemnity.

Mr. Otway on the Alabama Question.

Excitement in the Spanish Cortez.

Paris, Jan. 26.—Some sixty deputies to the Assembly from the Eastern Department have bestowed their patronage upon the national subscription for the payment of the German indemnity. Contributions for this object are reporting rapidly. Among many subscriptions reported is one of 150,000 francs from the city of Nancy.

The Emperor and Empress of Brazil leave Paris the 30th.

London, Jan. 27.—Mr. Otway, M. P. for Chatham, addressed his constituents last night upon political affairs. He expressed the opinion that the state of Europe was pregnant with complications which might lead to war. He also discussed at great length the Alabama question, and in the course of his remarks said that if the claim of the United States was not granted, war between England and that country would become a necessity. He added that the blunder of the English Government might become cause of future discussion at home, and deprecated honors which have been conferred on the negotiators of the treaty of Washington.

An extraordinary scene occured in the Spanish Senate yesterday at the dissolution of the Chambers. Violent speeches were made, and a republican named Arbayuga declared that the King betrayed the country, and nothing was left but barricades. Great crowds were outside the building and the military were under arms. Popular excitement is intense and troubles are feared.

Omaha, Jan. 26.—There is no important change in the condition of the Union Pacific Railway to-day. All the trains bound west are at Cheyenne. It is still snowing at Laramie. The train left Laramie to-day, following shovelers.

Ontario Legislature.

January, 26th.

A number of petitions were read and bills introduced.

Mr. Rykert moved the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act of the Province of Ontario, entitled "An Act to amend the Agricultural and Arts' Act." He said that the Bill had in view the amendment of the Agricultural and Arts' Act, by repealing the 2nd section, and enacting that the members of the Council of the twelve agricultural districts of Ontario, elected in January, 1872, shall hold office for the respective periods prescribed and contemplated by sec. 16, chap. 29, 31 Vic., and that four members shall retire annually.

The Bill was read a second time and referred to a select committee, composed of Messrs. McKellar, Gibbons, Merrick, Graham, Giffard, Dr. Clarke and the mover.

Mr. Prince moved the second reading of the Bill to consolidate and amend the laws for the protection of game and fur-bearing animals in Ontario. He explained the provisions of the Bill.

The Bill was read a second time, and, on motion of Mr. Prince, was referred to a special committee, consisting of Messrs. Scott (Grey), Col. Williams, McCall, Macdonald (Leeds), Rykert, Pardee and Prince.

Mr. Scott (Grey), enquired of the Ministry if it was their intention to bring before the House during the present session any measure or scheme, having for its object the development of an increased immigration into this Province; and if their answer was in the affirmative, then to name a day on which they will be prepared to submit such measure or scheme to the House, together with all particulars as to appointment of agents and otherwise.

Mr. Blake said that the Administration hoped to be able to submit to the House an improved immigration policy this session. It was at present under the consideration of the Administration, but he was unable now to name a day when they would bring down their policy.

Mr. Crosby enquired of the Ministry whether it was their intention to bring down during the present session a Bill to regulate underdraining in this Province?

Mr. Blake—Not during the present session.

☞ Mr Oliver Bergy's blacksmith shop at New Dundee, was totally consumed by fire on Saturday morning last. A portion of the contents were saved. No insurance.

☞ The *Leader's* Ottawa correspondent says that it is reported there that Hon Mr Macpherson, of Toronto, will probably succeed Lieut.-Governor Howland as Lieut.-Governor of Ontario.

☞ Gladstone and Disraeli have sent circulars to their supporters in Parliament, begging them to be present at the opening on the 6th proximo, as the important business of the election of Speaker will demand their attention.

☞ The Bonapartist agents are very active in the French army. They are distributing pamphlets urging the restoration of the Empire as the ending of all the woes of France. Copies have been found in the barracks and seized by the police.

☞ Messrs. Grey & Johnston of Maryborough have secured the contract for building the railway bridge and tressel work over McDermott's creek, in Wallace. James Mitchell, of Listowel, has the contract for furnishing the balance of the square timber required in the construction of the railway from Palmerston to Listowel.

☞ The great trial of Mrs Wharton on a charge of causing the death of Gen Ketchum by administering poison to him, ended yesterday at Ind., with a verdict of "not guilty." Fifty-six witnesses were sworn, and the cost of the trial was $16,000. The prisoner is held upon another charge—that of attempting to poison one Van Ness.

FIRE IN CLINTON.—At four o'clock on Friday morning a fire broke out in the moulding department of the Clinton Foundry, owned by Messrs Glasgow, Macpherson & Co., which was totally destroyed, together with a number of patterns stored in the building. A high wind prevailed at the time, but the recent snow prevented the fire from spreading.

THE GUELPH DAILY MERCURY comes to us in a new dress. The *Mercury* is one of our best exchanges, and we are pleased at all times to note its continued success. —*Dundas Banner.*

Wellington County Council.

Jan. 25.

The Council resumed at 2 p. m., the Warden in the chair.

The Warden read an account from Pellatt & Osler, claiming $10 for examination fees in connection with the Debentures. It was laid on the table on motion of Mr Leslie.

The Warden read a petition from the Superioress of St. Joseph's Hospital, asking for a grant in aid of the Hospital. On motion of Mr Bruce, seconded by Mr Laidlaw, the Council granted $200.

The Clerk announced that the Deputy-Reeve of Maryboro' had filed the requisite certificate of the number of householders and ratepayers on the Assessment Roll.

Moved by Dr Orton, seconded by Mr Flahiff, that Dr Maudsley, the Warden, Mr Buschlen, the Reeves of Guelph, Eramosa, Elora and Fergus, be a Special Committee to ascertain what aid could be procured from the Government towards the erection of a County Hospital and Poor House, and the probable cost to the County; also, to report upon the best situation to erect such an institution, and report at the June Session.

Mr. Leslie read the report of the County Roads Committee as follows:—

COUNTY ROAD REPORT.

Your Committee would recommend that the gravel roads of this County, known as County roads, be managed by Commissioners as heretofore, and the means of keeping them be provided for by an assessment of a uniform rate upon all the rateable property of this County, such repairs not to exceed in any case the sum of fifty dollars per mile, except in the event of a bridge giving way, or requiring any large expenditure for repairs, then the Commissioners and the Warden be a committee to get such repairs or reconstruction done.

Your Committee would recommend the following as Commissioners for the current year on the following roads:—Guelph to Fergus—Messrs. Darby, Broadfoot, Orton and Bruce. Guelph to Eramosa—Messrs. Laidlaw, Rea and McKerlie. County road in Erin—Messrs. Johnston, McMillan and Henderson. Fergus to Douglas—Messrs Gibson, T. Hamilton and Piper. Fergus to Arthur—The Warden, Messrs. McManus and Hanson. Arthur to Mount Forest—Messrs. Buschlen, Stevenson, Robinson and Flahiff. Elora and Saugeen Road to Bosworth—Messrs. H. Hamilton, McGowan, Roberts and Howard. Bosworth to end of Minto—Messrs. Connell, Prain, Ogden and Maudsley. Guelph and Dundas Road—Messrs. Massie and Leslie.

Your Committee would further recommend that the balance in the hands of any Board of Commissioners be applied in their several divisions, and deducted out of the rate given per mile. That the account of Mr. Thomas Rose, late Commissioner, be referred back to him, in order to present it to the chairman of the Council of which he was a Commissioner, and that the Clerk of this Council remit him the sum of $7 milage and two days attendance of Council which he claims and omitted getting from the Clerk.

WM. LESLIE, Chairman.

Moved by Mr Leslie, seconded by Mr Nicol, that the report of the County Roads Committee be adopted.

An amendment by Mr Massie, that the Council go into Committee of the Whole, was lost. Another amendment by Dr Orton, adding the names of Messrs Bruce and Howard to the Fergus and Elora Commissioners respectively, was carried.

Moved by Mr McMillan, seconded by Mr Gibson, that the report of the County Roads Committee, as amended, be adopted. Carried.

Moved by Mr Darby, seconded by Mr Massie, that the report be referred back to the Committee with instructions to amend the same by changing the road division from the Junction to Bosworth, to from Elora to Bosworth, and the road from Guelph to Fergus, to the roads from Fergus and Elora to Guelph.—Lost.

Moved by Mr Laidlaw, seconded by Mr Johnston, that Messrs Darby, Johnston, Rea, Nicol and the Warden be a Special Committee to memorialize the Government for certain amendments in the Agricultural Act.

Moved by Mr Sutherland, seconded by Mr Connell, that leave be granted to introduce a By-Law to repeal By-Law No. 171, and that the same be now read a first time.

The By-Law was then introduced and read by the Warden.

Moved by Mr McCarthy, seconded by Mr Henderson, that leave be granted to introduce a By-Law to assume and gravel the Road on the Town Line of East Garafraxa to Orangeville. Lost.

The Council then adjourned.

The Council resumed at 7 o'clock, the Warden in the chair.

The Warden read the report of the Printing Committee, recommending that the tender from the MERCURY office be accepted. The report, on motion of Mr Rea, seconded by Mr Johnston, was adopted.

Mr Howard read the

REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The Committee report that they have considered the petition of David Findlay and others, of Union School Section No. 5 of the Townships of Nichol and Pilkington, and would recommend the following gentlemen as a Board of Arbitration to adjust the difficulty complained of, viz.: Judge Macdonald, Rev Mr Kingour and the Reeve of Guelph Township.

They recommend that in accordance with the fortieth section of the School Act a By-Law be prepared for the division of this County into High School Districts as follows:—

Guelph District—Town and Township of Guelph, and the Townships of Erin, Eramosa and Puslinch.

Elora District—The Townships of Peel, Minto, Pilkington, Maryboro', and the Village of Elora.

Fergus District—The Townships of Arthur, Nichol, West Garafraxa, and the Villages of Arthur, Mt Forest and Fergus.

Orangeville District—The Townships of East Garafraxa, Luther, Amaranth and the Village of Orangeville.

Moved by Mr Hamilton, seconded by Mr Flahiff, that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Mr Rea, seconded by Mr Laidlaw, that the Council go into Committee of the Whole on the report.

Moved in amendment to the amendment by Mr Stevenson, seconded by Mr Robinson, that so much of the report referring to the formation of High School Districts be laid over till the June session for further consideration.

After a good of discussion the amendment to the amendment was carried, and the report as amended was adopted.

Mr Massie moved for leave to bring in a By-Law to amend By-Law 172, raising the County Treasurer's salary.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole on the By-Law, Mr McMillan in the chair.

Mr Massie moved that the blank be filled up with $1,400.

Moved by Mr Rea that the blank be filled up with $700.

Moved by Mr Laidlaw that the blank be filled up with $1,200.

The amendment to the amendment, making the salary $1,200, was carried by a large majority.

The Council resumed, and then adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow.

Toronto Correspondence.

Toronto, Jan. 25.

The business stage has at length been reached, although nothing beyond law reform has yet been brought before the Assembly. The days of talk, and nothing but talk, are surely over for this session, and during the balance of time our legislators are here it is to be hoped that they will endeavor to push on the business of the country. On Tuesday, Mr Blake's resolution with respect to the Scott murder was brought on, and a short debate ensued, which was so one-sided that every speaker had to reiterate the opinions expressed by the gentleman who preceded him. There was an exception to this general rule, however, in the opposition of Mr M. C. Cameron, who cannot allow anything to pass without a snarl. He found himself without followers, and condemned alike by Conservatives and Reformers. On every hand, his attempt to smother further enquiry into the foul murder of a loyal fellow-countryman, and further attempts to secure the arrest of the dastardly scoundrel who committed that crying sin, because, forsooth, the Ministry of which he formed one had taken a false step last year, and consistency demanded that they should not retract now, was repudiated. Even Mr Carling left him alone—although he rose late, and apparently with indecision, to record his vote—and Mr J. S. Macdonald was one of the first to stand up with the yeas. Mr. Cameron may have been plucky and so forth, but "pluck" sometimes is nothing more than sheer obstinacy and lack of sufficient moral courage to confess an error. A leader of a party, it may safely be said, never occupied a similar position, and this fact proves, if nothing more were necessary for that purpose, that Mr. M. C. Cameron is totally unfit to discharge officially the duties of head of the Opposition

This was still further illustrated yesterday when he moved for a Committee to enquire into the charge which he had brought against Mr Blake, and some other member of his administration when in opposition, of offer of corrupt inducements to Mr. E. B. Wood. In a petulant moment he had declared his intention to move for such a Committee, repented at leisure, but, afraid of retraction and the "backing down" which it would have involved, stuck to his purpose, secretly hoping, no doubt, that the Government would refuse the Committee, and so let him out of the snarl in which he found himself entangled. The Government had no desire to stifle investigation, nothing to gain from concealment, and willingly granted the Committee for the purpose of enquiring into a specific charge against a named person. While doing this, Mr. Blake and Mr. Wood solemnly asserted that there was not a word of truth in the charge—that they defied Mr Cameron to produce one tittle of evidence—and that they fearlessly met his rather vague accusation by a desire that it should have the fullest ventilation. Ordinary men would have withdrawn the charge, and so spared the party from which it emanated the disgrace of defeat. Such were not the tactics of Mr M C Cameron. He persisted in demanding a committee for the purpose of enquiring into the charge, but wanted it to do what no Committee of the House had a right to do—to try some unknown person or some unknown accusation. Such a preposterous, unfair, un-British, and unparliamentary proposition could not carry in any deliberative Assembly, and it was fair to infer that Mr Cameron, who knew this as well as any man in Ontario did not wish it granted, and that he carefully worded his motion so as to secure its rejection. This motion might have deceived one unaccustomed to legal forms and Parliamentary practice, but it was not to be expected that it would escape the scrutiny and challenge of the President of the Council. All this Mr Cameron knew, and he hoped that the Government would oppose his motion and refuse the Committee. Had this course been adopted, every supporter of the Hon M C Cameron would have shouted injustice, and from one end of the country to the other would have gone up a cry that Mr Blake dare not meet the charge, that enquiry had been stifled, and that a tyrannical majority had shut the mouth of the would-be accuser of the Government, and put down a bold denouncer of wrong-doing. Mr Cameron's little game was spoiled, and then he endeavored to escape responsibility by declaring that he would not go on with the charge! Nay, when his amended resolution was at last put to the House, and the yeas and nays recorded, he actually attempted to shirk the vote, and was actually forced up to give it. He was supported by 18 gentlemen, some of whom, doubtless, went with him for feelings of private friendship rather than from a conviction that he was right. The whole affair proved him entirely unfit for the responsible position of leader of the Opposition, and the uneasy feeling existing amongst those behind him is apparent enough. Altogether the gentleman who shines so conspicuously in *Nisi Prius* has again and again exemplified his want of capacity for Parliamentary lead, and some change must be made in the organization of the Opposition if it is to hope for even an approach to a respectable show of strength.

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