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FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH, 1885. THAT was a happy typographical error which made a Tory critic call the Ross series of school books the Boss Readers. So they are.

Hon. J. H. Pope, Minister of Railways, is worse, far worse, than our Hon. Mr. Hardy. Mr. Hardy's offence was that he heard a man say a swear word, but an exchange says that the Hon. John Henry Pope's salutation to Mr. Tom Cowan, of Galt, on meeting him in the Railway Committee room in presence of the railway bonus delegation was: "How are you, old boy? Why the d— don't you comb your hair?"

In the Ontario Legislature last week, Hon. A. M. Ross introduced a bill regarding the public health. He said the object of this bill was more in the direction of providing machinery for enforcing regulations which were necessary in the interests of the public health.

In his speech in favor of the bill allowing persons charged with a criminal offence to give evidence in their own behalf, Mr. Lister, of Lambton, said: "I feel that the hon. member for West Huron (Mr. Cameron) is entitled to the thanks of this Parliament and of the people of Canada for what my hon. friend from Picton (Mr. Tupper) is pleased to call his pertinacity in bringing this Bill from time to time before the House."

STRENGTHENED firewood was a common practice among a certain portion of the community in country towns and various have been the means resorted to by owners of woodpiles to detect the perpetrators. The most common practice to insure detection has been to bore holes in certain sticks, pour in powder, and then plug up the holes.

RAILWAY BUSINESS. We are glad to learn that the business done at the railway station here this winter has been very brisk. The shipments of flour, salt and lumber have been large, and we are pleased to be able to say that the amount of business done at Goderich station is nearly double that of any other point on the Buffalo and Lake Huron line.

OFF TO THE SOUDAN. A few weeks ago the Star told a nice little story about a little boy who heard the older heads of the family discussing the situation in Egypt, when he put in his say to the following effect: "Why don't they send Sir John out there, he'd fix the Arabs." The Stratford Beacon takes up the idea, and suggests the following order of business:—"Sir John can take command, armed with his rusty sword. The army printing can be divided between Tom White, of the Montreal Gazette, the Toronto Mail, the London Free Press and the Hamilton Spectator. John Shields will be happy to go along as army contractor.

THE ROSS READERS. In the recent debate on the reader question the Minister of Education said: I am following the individual scholar from first to finish, and he pays 5 cents more for his books than for the old series, but in every respect I think the new series may be considered 50 or 60 per cent. cheaper than the old. We will institute a comparison between our books and the other series:

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THE "OUTSIDE" VOTE. Hon. C. F. FRAZER'S new franchise bill will effect a radical change in the calculation of results in elections. Hereafter, in figuring upon probabilities, it was necessary to make close calculations upon what was known as "the outside vote"—the vote of non-resident property holders.

Two Conservatives were unseated on Monday—Belleau, of Levis, and Guillet, of West Northumberland. Roddy Pringle's little bet of \$5, etc., that Reformers "would not vote Grit" was regarded by the Supreme Court as a corrupt practice. The election in West Northumberland will be a close one.

ON THE WING. A Few Thoughts on the Question of Railway Travel.

Knocking around the country gives one some peculiar experiences. As that ubiquitous individual "Northern Sparks" used to say, "We're here today, and tomorrow we're up the town line." My last epistle was written from the halls of the Provincial Legislature, with the stentorian tones of Hon. G. W. Ross breathing forth words of doom to the opponents of the Provincial readers.

THE OLD MAN OF THE SEA. It has gobbled up and monopolized all the branch lines of what were formerly independent roads, and in the effort to handle them all, has slackened accommodation on the whole of them, so that the travelling public are poorly served and heavily charged.

IN the foregoing I have touched upon one of the curses of passenger traffic in this western part of Ontario. I have not alluded to the FREIGHT CARRYING TRADE, but I can assure the readers of THE SIGNAL who have not had occasion to see that branch, that it is in an infinitely worse condition than even the passenger trade.

ANOTHER LINE. In writing this letter I have no idea that the Grand Trunk management will at once frame a new time-table that will expedite matters, but nevertheless I feel convinced that when the present deplorable condition of railway travel is brought to the knowledge of the public, many who have heretofore been averse to the bringing of

THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES. Mr. Cameron, of Huron, made an able speech on the subject of the representation of the Northwest Territories in the House of Commons. There is no doubt whatever, that as soon as there is a sufficient population in a district of the Northwest to return a member to Parliament, in consequence of the provisions of the B. N. A. Act, representation should be given, and if there is anything like the population in Assinibois and Alberta, which has been represented, steps ought to have been taken by the Government to ascertain their numbers, and provide them with several representatives ere this.

THE TWO GERMAN JEWS. who had been in partnership but had decided to have a place of business on each side of the road so that opposition in their trade might be kept away. They pooled the receipts of the two shops, but in order to show the public that they were not in collusion, each of the worthy sons of Abraham placed over his store the following legend: "I had no pleasure in dotting the other's eye."

ABOUT 3 o'clock a L. H. & B. train leaves for the south, and in order to reach Goderich, the passenger jumps aboard and reaches Clinton about 4 p.m. At that point, which rejoices in the local appellation of the "Hub," you are compelled to wait until 9:15 for the B. & L. H. train to Goderich—a delay of over five hours.

THE DUNGANNON SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION. The Sabbath School convention, held in Dungannon on the 26th of February, was a decided success. The day being favorable, there was a large attendance, especially in the afternoon and evening sessions, when the church was crowded.

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CHILDREN'S MASS MEETING. The mass meeting for children which began about 3:30 p.m., was addressed by the Rev. Jas. LeGear, Mr. Jas. Hethcote, Rev. Mr. Cameron, Presbyterian minister of Dungannon, Mr. John Dutoe, Mr. Kernaghan and Mr. Willis. The mass meeting for children which began about 3:30 p.m., was addressed by the Rev. Jas. LeGear, Mr. Jas. Hethcote, Rev. Mr. Cameron, Presbyterian minister of Dungannon, Mr. John Dutoe, Mr. Kernaghan and Mr. Willis.

DEATH OF HAMILTON CASHIER. This well-known vocalist died at his residence, Brachelston square, Greenock, on the 27th ult., after a lingering illness. He was born in Glasgow about forty years ago, and had been travelling as a professional singer for twenty years. He arranged a series of programmes after the style of those of the Kennedy family, in which he appeared as the sole performer. These were quite successful, and he was in the height of his popularity, when he crossed the Atlantic, and for about two years travelled over the United States and Canada. Had his business management been equal to the dictates of his ambition, his career would have been a brilliant success. As it was, he left America poorer than when he arrived. His second wife and two children survive him.