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The present system of Land Transfer entails a needless cost of at least a half a million of dollars annually on the land owners of Ontario for which they receive no benefit whatever.

This Association advocates the sweeping away of the last vestige of the Feudal System. Why should the laws relating to entails, springing and shifting uses, contingent remainders and other relics of a barbarous age, be still in force in Ontario?

Why should the Province continue any longer to be burdened with a system of land transfer which costs the owners of land so large an annual outlay?

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Electors will you insist on your representative supporting the introduction of a better system? It is a matter of real vital importance to everyone who now holds or expects to hold real estate, because the present system entails such an unnecessary expense and delay as well as risk on all transactions in which land is concerned.

This Association strongly urges upon you to press upon the attention of all candidates the importance of giving their support to the extension of the Torrens System of Land Transfer to the whole of the Province.

(1) Because that system has been found to be of great advantage to the land owners of Australia, where it has been in operation over twenty years; and the advantage it has conferred on them it will also confer on you.

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(2) The cry of centralization is also baseless, as the transfers and sales of land will continue to be carried on in the localities in which the property is situated, as it is now.

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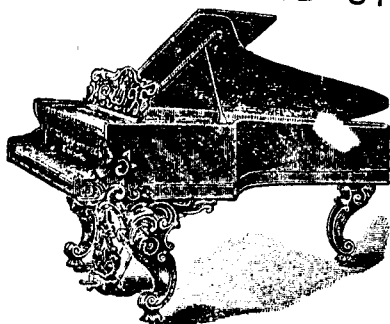
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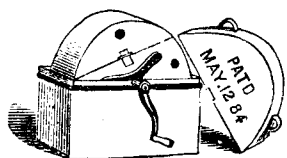
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