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London Friday, May, 2.

This year the Ontario Government will
spend \$618,000 on education, but it will
not take a cent of taxes from the people.

"Should Mr. Mowat be sustained?"
asks the St. Thomas Times, and all inde-
pendent electors who value good govern-
ment reply "Yes."

A writer in Blackwood's Magazine
lectures girls who affect mannish practices,
telling them that man wishes a contrast to
himself and that the dainty, girlish girl is
the one most in demand. He is right.

For Mr. Macklin, the Opposition candidate
in North Middlesex, there is a fast growing
respect among Grits and Conservative alike,
and a disposition to give him a fair trial. That
gentleman, with his fine abilities as a speaker,
his known honesty of purpose, clear knowl-
edge of the country's needs and bold exposure
of the plea form of Mr. W. H. Meredith, is the
rising hope of the people there.—[London Free
Press.]

Very fine writing that, but it applies to a
dead duck all the same. Before it was
written, Mr. Macklin had discovered that
he was not the man for Galway, and had
folded his tent like the Arabs, and had gently
stolen away. The electors can at least ad-
mire his discretion. When he knew he was
not wanted, and that no Tory could be
elected in the North Riding, he got out.

HYPOCRISY UNMASKED.

"No Indians, Grits, or Equal Rights
admitted." Such was the legend on the
placard exhibited at the Conservative Con-
vention in St. Stephen's Ward, Toronto, the
other night.

What a hypocritical set these Tory bosses
are! They think they have a majority in
that district without the aid of "Grits" or
"Equal Rights." But in every constitu-
ency where they do not think they have a
majority they are ready to lie or resort to
any corrupt expedient to secure the votes of
those who have hitherto opposed them.

Dr. Caven's denunciation of these men is
none too severe.

CHICKENS NEVER TO BE HATCHED

Mr. H. E. Clarke, of Toronto, who poses
as a coming Tory Minister, is already try-
ing to discount defeat by figuring out that
if the Liberals had not obtained so many
votes in some constituencies, and the Tories
had polled more votes in other constitu-
encies at last election, Mr. Meredith would
have been in power to-day.

What an important word that "if" is.
If the Tory leaders who tried, by the most
shame-faced offers of large sums of money to
Liberal M. P. P.s, to corruptly purchase a
majority in 1883, had then succeeded, Mr.
Meredith would have been Premier seven
years ago. But then the "if" was a failure,
for the Liberal M. P. P.s were too honest to
be seduced from their allegiance by the
cripp dollar bills which undoubtedly came
from the central bribery fund of the Tory
party, and Mr. Meredith and his hungry
office-seekers remained in the cold. They
may just as well continue to pose as a
qualifying term to all their hopes, for on
the evening of 5th June next, unless the
prospects are entirely changed from what
they are at present, it will be shown that
Hon. Oliver Mowat has the confidence of
the people, which he has never done any-
thing to forfeit.

IN SECRET CONFERENCE.

David Creighton, M.P.P., H. E. Clarke,
M.P.P., F. J. French, M.P.P., and Mr.
Wigle, of South Essex, all trusted agents
of Mr. Meredith in his present attempt to
get office in Ontario by false pretences, have
been in Ottawa for several days in daily
conference with Sir John Macdonald, Mr.
Chapman, Mr. Languevin, Mr. Caron,
Charles Rykert and other lights of the Tory
party. The accumulation of a campaign
fund, to be used in the coming elections, is
believed to be a topic of earnest conversa-
tion among the coterie. Rykert is pretty
stingy, or he could fairly be called upon to
give up a share of the \$74,000 which he
made out of the timber limits deal, the ex-
posure of which has given the
Tory leaders no end of trouble. He can-
not be expected to "divvy" up while there
is no reasonable chance that Mr. Meredith
will be able to do as much for him in On-
tario as the Ottawa Tory leaders did in the
Northwest.

There is still the central Tory bribery
fund, extracted from the monopolist
friends of the Tory leaders, in exchange
for permission to levy tribute on the Cana-
dian people. It will no doubt be duly
shared up among the adventurers who so
eager to get hold of Ontario's resources;
but even with it they will be powerless if
independent citizens do their duty by the
fearless Premier who has, at personal
sacrifice, stood between their possessions
and the boozing Ottawa gang.

By the way, why all these conferences at
Ottawa if the Tory leaders in the Legisla-
ture are independent of the Tory leaders
in the Dominion Parliament? Their inde-
pendence is merely simulated. They
laugh in their sleeves while they try to
convince others of it.

LIQUOR LICENSES.

The result of the labors of the License
Commissioners of London city—Messrs.
George M. Reid, John McClary and D.
Regan—were published yesterday. The
licenses granted numbered 67 in all, em-
bracing 54 taverns, 12 shops and 1 whole-
sale. As London has now a population of
considerably over 30,000, the licenses issued
are fewer than authorized by law, in the
absence of a municipal bylaw limiting the
number. But even when the aldermen fail
to take action for the guidance of the com-
missioners, the latter endeavor to keep in
touch with public opinion on the
subject of restriction, while doing every-
thing in their power to prevent an
excuse for illicit traffic in liquors. There-
fore, with an increase of population, the
commissioners have refused licenses to all
new applicants, and besides have declined
to grant renewals to five dealers holding
licenses last year.

It is interesting to contrast the change
which has taken place since the administra-
tion of the law was taken out of the
hands of the ward politicians and placed
under the control of independent citizens.
In 1875, the year prior to the pas-
sage of the Crooks Act, the number of
licenses issued in the then city of 16,000 or
17,000 inhabitants, was 105, of which 65
were for taverns and 40 for shops, or nearly
twice the number now provided for a popu-
lation of double the size.

TIMBER LIMITS POLICIES.

Under the provisions of the Dominion
Lands Act the Minister of the Interior may
set apart any tract of timbered territory and
divide it into berths not exceeding 50 square
miles each, to be reserved from sale; and
under regulations respecting ground rents,
royalties and other dues, leases of right to
cut timber on such berths may be issued
under the following terms:

1. The Governor-in-Council may order
that the leases be offered at public auction
at an upset bonus fixed in the order and
awarded to the person bidding the highest
sum thereof, such bonus to be paid in
cash at the time of sale.

2. The Governor-in-Council may also
authorize the issuing of a lease of right to
cut timber to any person who is the sole ap-
plicant for any berth, the bonus to be fixed
by the order authorizing the lease and to be
paid in cash.

3. When one or more persons apply for
a lease, the Governor-in-Council may
authorize the Minister to invite tenders
from the applicants or the public, and the
person tendering the highest cash bonus
will be entitled to the lease.

4. Leases of berths are issued for a term
not exceeding one year, without claim for
renewal unless provided by the order in-
Council authorizing the lease or by the con-
ditions of sale or tender.

5. The holder of a lease is required to
erect one or more sawmills upon his berth
of a minimum cutting capacity, and in ad-
dition to the bonus he is required to pay a
yearly ground rent of \$5 per square mile
and a royalty of 5 per cent. on the sales of
the products.

In the Province of Ontario the Commis-
sioner of Crown Lands disposes of timber
limits subject to the following regulations,
adopted for the most part twenty years ago
and only modified by the increase of rates
and dues as circumstances have appeared to
justify:

1. If the timber is in unsurveyed terri-
tory, the Commissioner causes the section
of country where it is intended to allot the
berths, to be run out into townships, each
of which shall constitute a timber berth;
but the Commissioner may cause a town-
ship to be subdivided into as many berths
as he thinks proper.

2. The berths or limits when so surveyed
are explored and valued and then offered
for sale by publication at the upset price
fixed by the valuation, at such time and
place and subject to such conditions as the
Commissioner may direct by public notice,
and each berth goes to the highest bidder
for cash at the time of sale.

3. All timber licenses expire on the 30th
of April after their issue, and holders who
comply with all existing regulations are en-
titled to have their licenses renewed on ap-
plication to the Commissioner or his
local agent made before the 1st of July fol-
lowing the expiration of the last preceding
license. But no renewal is granted until
all arrears for ground rent, dues, etc., have
been first paid.

4. All timber limits are subject (in ad-
dition to the bonus paid for at the time of
sale) to an annual ground rent of \$3 per
square mile, payable in advance before the
issuing of any original lease or its renewal;
and all timber cut under license is subject
to the payment of dues fixed by the Com-
missioner, according to the kind of tim-
ber, being for red and white pine at the
rate of \$1 per 1,000 feet board measure.

The Dominion Act permits berths to be
disposed of in three ways, viz., (1) at public
auction to the highest bidder, at an upset
bonus fixed in the order of sale; (2) to any
person who is the sole applicant for the
lease, at a bonus fixed by the order author-
izing the lease to the party; (3) by ten-
ders received from two or more ap-
plicants or the public, the per-
son tendering the highest bonus to be
entitled to the lease. The Ontario regula-
tions allow of berths to be acquired at pub-
lic auction only, and by the highest bidder.
No provision is made for private sale to an
applicant, and during the past twenty
years there is not an instance of any berth,
large or small, having been obtained except
at the competition of a public auction.

Now, although special provision is made
for fixing an upset bonus price upon tim-
ber berths under the Dominion
Act, it does not appear that bonuses
are ever paid or demanded. In the
notorious Cypress Hills timber berth
Charles Rykert paid no bonus; he paid the
ground rent only. And what is even
worse in this case, although there were ten
or twelve other applicants for the berth, one
of which was strongly supported by Dalton
McCarthy, M.P., the berth was given to
Mr. Rykert and his friend Adams privately,
upon the authority of an order-in-Council.
The bonus which should have gone into the

public treasury went into the pockets of
Rykert and Adams—the share going to
Rykert's wife being \$74,000.

The last sale of timber limits in Ontario
realized an average of \$2,859 per square
mile, and in addition the holders of limits
are required to pay a ground rent of \$3
per square mile and \$1 per 1,000 feet board
measure of all pine timber cut. The sales
made by the Dominion Government in the
same year did not realize \$1 for bonuses
—nothing but the ground rent of \$5 per
square mile and a royalty of 5 per cent. on
sales of products.

During the seventeen years of Mr.
Mowat's administration 3,276 square miles
of timber limits have been sold, for which
the public treasury has received by way of
bonus the large sum of \$2,460,000, or an
average of \$751 per square mile; and in
addition the holders of licenses have
paid an annual rent for the land
and dues at a fixed rate for
every stick of timber cut. The
Province of Quebec has in the same period
of seventeen years sold 6,235 square miles,
for which it has realized by way of bonus
the sum of \$398,722, or an average of about
\$62 per square mile.

These statements of facts speak volumes
for the Ontario administration of our tim-
ber resources, and the contrast with Tory
administration at Ottawa will convince
every Ontario citizen of the importance of
keeping the management of this valuable
asset in safe and honest hands. Mr. Mer-
edith and the Local Opposition are of course
not satisfied with the timber policy of Mr.
Mowat and his colleagues, and they have
been attacking it session after session. But
what they would give in place of that
policy we may know by seeing what their
friends have done at Ottawa. They would
utilize our timber forests for the personal
benefit of such partisans in their ranks as
Rykert of Lincoln and Robillard of Ot-
tawa.

The importance of the Crown Lands De-
partment as a source of Provincial revenue
will be seen by the following table of receipts
during the seventeen years 1873-89:

1873.....	\$1,121,264
1874.....	890,676
1875.....	494,904
1876.....	637,370
1877.....	728,774
1878.....	445,111
1879.....	457,317
1880.....	616,211
1881.....	962,574
1882.....	1,053,122
1883.....	635,447
1884.....	570,365
1885.....	738,565
1886.....	820,885
1887.....	1,118,892
1888.....	1,450,099
1889.....	1,304,639
Total.....	\$13,915,658

The average of the receipts for those
seventeen years has been about \$773,000 a
year, and the table shows that though the
revenue fluctuates it does not steadily de-
crease. The importance of the department
from this point of view demands that it
should continue to be administered with the
same business capacity, and the same
freedom from favoritism and corruption in
the future as in the past, and under the
present Commissioner, it undoubtedly will
be so administered.

Horror of Nightmares.

[Kingston Whig.]
The Hamilton Spectator has almost a
column of crime of which the Mowat
Administration is guilty according to the
editor's opinion. They were evidently dis-
covered during the editor's night sweats.

A Proud Portion.

[Paris Star-Transcript.]
Ontario stands to-day without a peer in
all the world in the condition of her
education, in the excellence of her edu-
cational and charitable institutions, and in
the perfection of her legislative enactments.
People do not generally reward their faith-
ful servants by discharging them after a
term of years. On the contrary, they heap
additional honors upon them. So will On-
tario do to Hon. O. Mowat and his Cabinet.

A Patriotic Longing.

[Catholic Record.]

We need scarcely say that Catholics in
this Province, as well as in every other,
seek no special privilege of any kind.
They want to be treated exactly as are all
other classes of the community—they
desire to live at peace with their neigh-
bors, in the exercise of their religious
freedom, and in the enjoyment of the
rights of citizenship. On the contrary, they
hold social intercourse with them in the
good old way which prevailed
before the poison of bigotry was im-
ported from overseas, and its
hateful roots transplanted in the new
country—they desire to deal out measure
for measure of justice, liberality, friend-
ship, charity in their manner of Christian
kindness—and they long for the day—
as every good man should—when we can
all meet as the citizens of a free and happy
and united country, having buried once and
forever all cause of division and enmity,
moving onward shoulder to shoulder, and
viewing one with the other in the grand
and blessed work of developing and beautifying
and enriching this magnificent country
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