

HURON SIGNAL.

THURSDAY, NOV. 4, 1852.

EDUCATION AND SCHOOLS.

The chief end of education is to bring out and develop the faculties and powers of the being educated; and in the education of children, the physical, moral and intellectual powers, all require to be developed.

Moral Education, is the next division of this important subject—and is perhaps the most difficult to manage in our Common Schools, owing to the peculiar prejudices of the parents—but we rarely see a teacher fail in this, whose own character is such as would qualify him to teach morality, and who strictly avoids sectarian views—the great base of our Common School system is the absurd cry for separate and sectarian schools.

The Churchman advocates for separate schools upon the principle of what he calls democracy—but that which we know to be congenial to the wishes of the large majority of the people, and as a consequence to the principle of democracy—would not be effected by Government offering to every bigoted sectarian, the means to carry on his system of proselytism—for this would be to give to every sect a liberal share of the public funds.

It is true the Catholic is granted a separate school under the present enactment wherever one can be sustained—the Bible being used in our schools as a reading book, may have required such a distinction necessary—a different version being used by that sect—but that Protestants who read the same version of that book, and have already professedly joined harmoniously in the constitution of a Bible society—should be so anxious to establish sectarian schools, evinces great selfishness, and is only of a piece with the numerous desires of the laity which would build up their own churches, and maintain a system of proselytism by means of the public treasury.

It is not to be expected that the reading of the Bible and the study of the moral lessons in the admirable series of School Books now in use, under the direction of a prudent teacher, will insure a considerable attainment of moral education; and it is desirable to require religious as well as moral instruction, let them have recourse to Sunday Schools and Bible classes, which they can conduct at their own, instead of at the public expense.

The intellectual education of our Common Schools has greatly improved during late years, and this is owing primarily to the establishment of the Normal School, which has not only secured a large number of teachers of superior qualifications, but has caused a very numerous and better class now plying on these Lakes.

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are sufficiently large, and especially where Grammar Schools are attached, the employment of additional teachers and a division of labor would be productive of the happiest results, and would well repay the parents and trustees any additional outlay required of them for such purpose.

The following despatch, dated Quebec, was received at the London, C. W., Telegraph Office, on Saturday, 30th Oct., 1852, for T. M. Jones, Esq., Goderich, and at London, Railway Committee remitted at Bradford and Goderich till to-day, reported to extend to Sarina.

The Hon. Malcolm Cameron has our thanks for numerous Parliamentary documents.

The construction of a canal at the Sault Ste. Marie has long occupied the attention of the public, and will likely very shortly be undertaken by Government.

The River may be considered to commence at the mouth of the St. Lawrence, and terminate at the mouth of the Saguenay.

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Provincial Parliament.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Quebec, October 25. This evening upon the motion for taking up the Main Trunk Railway Bill, Mr. Cauchon moved the postponement of the debate to Wednesday, he stating that his reason for this motion was his intention to move a set of resolutions to the following effect: That the Trunk Railway ought to comprise all the space from the Western to the Eastern frontier of Upper Canada passing through Hamilton, Toronto, Kingston and Montreal, and thence by the North shore of River St. Lawrence to Quebec.

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