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THE SCHOOL QUESTION.

Negotiations Between the Cabinets at Ottawa and Winnipeg Making Progress.

Mr. Greenway's Government Conceding Little More Than They Offered Last Spring.

OTTAWA, Aug. 19.—(Special)—It is stated in official circles that negotiations looking to the settlement of the Manitoba school question are making good progress. It is said that the basis arrived at is simply an arrangement whereby ministers of any denomination will be allowed a certain time to instruct the scholars of their own denomination. The present school system of Manitoba is not to be otherwise interfered with. One version of the proposed arrangement is that the school houses will be given on some fair plan to the various denominations on Saturdays and Sundays for the use of clergymen for teaching their special doctrines, and if a petition be presented to the department of education by the parents or guardians of ten or a dozen children attending a school, the religious exercises and teaching may take place between the hours of half-past three and four o'clock in the afternoon. These exercises may be conducted by any Christian clergyman, whose charge includes any territory in a school district, or, if a teacher is deemed fit, the exercises may be conducted by him or her.

Toronto, Aug. 19.—The Globe's Ottawa correspondent announces that as the result of a friendly conference between Premier Laurier and his colleagues and the Manitoba ministers, Hon. Messrs. Sifton, Cameron and Watson, a settlement of the Manitoba school question has been reached.

Winnipeg, Aug. 19.—A report was in effect that Hon. Mr. Laurier and the Manitoba ministers now in the East had reached an agreement for a settlement of the school question. Gentlemen here who are closely associated with the local controversy state that they have no information that would warrant them in confirming the report, but they say that the recent conference between Premier Laurier and Hon. Mr. Sifton have all question. It is understood that the local government will concede little more to Mr. Laurier than was offered to the commissioners from the Conservative government last spring, in order to direct a speedy settlement.

Premier Greenway, who is at his Crystal City farm, was informed by wire by the Free Press to-night that Ottawa despatches stated a basis of settlement of the school question had been reached, but he asked if he could confirm the same. The Premier wired in reply that he was not in a position to confirm the Ottawa despatches.

CUBAN TRAIN MYSTERY.

HAVANA, Aug. 20.—The mystery of a missing military passenger train due here last Sunday has been solved, and furnishes another instance of the audacity of the insurgents and of the troubled state of affairs existing in the province of Pinar del Rio. On Sunday last a train having on board a number of civilian passengers and a strong escort of troops, consisting of a regular car and armored cars for the military escort, departed from the station of Consolacion del Sur, Pinar del Rio, and was never seen again. The train was here the same day. But the train did not appear, the railroad authorities became alarmed and the military authorities were notified. Apparently, however, the latter were very slow in taking action. In any case, throughout Monday the military authorities professed absolute ignorance of the whereabouts of the train, although it was understood that inquiries of some description had been made along the line, but without any definite result.

The failure to obtain the necessary information caused the railroad people to renew their representations to military headquarters, and on Tuesday several exploring parties, consisting of cavalry scouts, reported having heard heavy firing yesterday between Bacunaga and Tangua. The latter town is about one-third the distance between Consolacion del Sur and Havana and not far from the important town of San Cristobal. Consolacion del Sur is only a short distance from Pinar del Rio, capital of the province of that name. Later the scouts reported that the passenger coach, together with the military cars, had been derailed between Bacunaga and Tangua and it appears as if severe fighting had taken place between the escort of the train and the insurgents who attacked it. This news stirred up cause them to send relatives sufficiently to cause them to send relief trains loaded with troops toward the scene. These forces, consisting of the Arapiles and Esabastro battalions, under the command of Col. Aragon, have just returned. The troops brought with them passengers, who are over forty-eight hours late, and the survivors and wounded of the military escort of the train. The latter, it appears, were running between Canacagua and

Tacon when, near the point known as Kilometer 113, the train was compelled to slow up on account of an obstruction across the line, and as did so a smart rifle fire was opened upon the train from both sides of the road, while a party of insurgents were seen to march out of concealment behind the train and place heavy obstructions across the road. Other insurgents occupied themselves actively in removing the rails behind the obstruction, thereby catching the military train in a trap from which it could neither advance nor retreat.

The troops promptly returned the fire of the insurgents, who kept well under cover. The firing lasted three hours, according to the official statement. At the end of this time the insurgents are said to have been repulsed. It is announced that the military escort, upon the arrival of the relief train, burned the military passenger train and returned to this city with the Esabastro and Arapiles battalions. Unofficial versions of the affair, however, claim that the train was derailed and subsequently burned by the insurgents, and that the escort of the military train were rescued just in time to save them from being exterminated by the enemy. As it was, six soldiers of the escort are admitted to have been killed, and 21 soldiers were brought here wounded. The lieutenant is expected to die.

Later details confirm the statement that the train was derailed by the insurgents, who dynamited it and afterward destroyed the cars completely. The defence made by the escort is said to have lasted practically three days, although it is not claimed that the firing continued all that time. The insurgents who attacked the military train were in strong force, and later they also tried to dynamite the relief train, but without effect. Col. Aragon reports that in returning to this city the military train was attacked by the insurgents and a force of 5,000 insurgents. Artillery fire, however, was opened upon the enemy, and the latter retreated. The insurgents' loss is not known. The Spaniards claim the insurgents did not burn the military train until after the relieving column of troops had retired.

COWICHAN CREAMERY.

DUNCAN, Aug. 19.—(Special)—A meeting of the patrons of the Cowichan creamery was held at Duncan yesterday, on the occasion of the visit of Messrs. Ruddick & Marker to Duncan. The president, Mr. W. F. Jaynes, took the chair, there being sixty people present. The secretary reported that the output of July, four weeks, was 5,055 pounds of butter at an expense of 2½ cents per pound for hauling the milk to the creamery and 2½ cents for manufacturing, incidental expenses and marketing. The president said that the creamery though handicapped by starting operations at the beginning of June, when butter was more plentiful than at any other season, had not netted less than 20 cents and it well all the year round, and that about two cents more than any other creamery in British Columbia. He thought, he said, to build up a good reputation and to have more orders for butter than they could fill for the past four weeks was a very creditable showing indeed. After some discussion on various details, the president called on Mr. Ruddick.

Mr. Ruddick stated that he was not given to flattering anybody, but he had to say that there was an excellent plant, creamery and location, and from what he had just heard he felt sure that the patrons of this creamery had received this season more per pound than the patrons of any creamery in Canada. He hoped that the patrons would continue to believe in co-operation and to keep the creamery going. He also urged them to select and weed out their stock, feed it well all the year round and jealously guard the reputation and the excellence of their output.

Mr. Hadwen moved that this meeting take the opportunity of publicly thanking Mr. C. Marker for his invaluable services in assisting in the establishment of this creamery and its running during the time he was here. He said that only those who were so to speak, behind the scenes knew how great that assistance had been, and he had great pleasure in moving this recognition of his services.

Major Mutter, M.P.P., seconded the motion most heartily. He thought that Mr. Marker, with his genial manner and complete knowledge of every detail, had inspired confidence in the creamery among all with whom he came in contact, and he thought this motion should be forwarded to Ottawa.

A vote of thanks was also carried for Mr. Ruddick and the chairman and the meeting adjourned.

CONFIDENCE IN KOOTENAY.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 19.—Thomas Kelly and W. J. Christie, two prominent Winnipeggers, returned to-day from the Kootenay mining district. Like all others who visit that region they are most enthusiastic over its bright prospects. Mr. Kelly is so convinced that the history of mining in the Western states is going to be repeated in Kootenay that he has decided to take up his residence there for the next few months. He has become financially interested in some valuable properties.

A farmer named Tremblay, while mowing hay on Monday, near Quilley on a scythe which penetrated his intestines and he is dying.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Vancouverites Flocking to Kootenay—Carnival Items—Chinese Doctors—Prosecuted for Practising.

Adjournment of the Starke Murder Case—Arranging for the Westminster Exhibition.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Aug. 20.—Many Vancouverites are going to Kootenay on mining and other business. Those who return claim that the Coast cities are gaining ground in the business world in Kootenay in the way of supplying goods to miners.

A loft pile-driver topped over at the Union steamship wharf yesterday, and several workmen narrowly escaped death.

The report that diphtheria was prevalent here is incorrect. A searching investigation proves that the town is entirely free from that disease.

J. M. Bowser, a late candidate at the recent election for Burrard, left for his home in New Brunswick yesterday.

The Hotel Vancouver has subscribed \$100 to the Vancouver carnival, and like amount has been contributed by the tram company, which brings the total available sum up to \$6,800.

The city band is giving open air concerts at the park during the evening in connection with the tramway company. The concerts are proving a success, large numbers going out to enjoy the cool ride and the good music.

About twenty-five firms have promised to take part in the trades procession on the first day of the carnival. Some of the firms in line will be especially interested in the talk of illustrating the salmon industry in the approaching month of them. The Victoria Scotchmen have promised that a large number of the brethren will be present at the Scottish games to be held here during the carnival.

A subscription for holding a subscription ball has been announced owing to the fact that the public have been so repeatedly called upon for subscriptions that further donations could not be expected. Horses will be sent from the city to the approaching jockey club meet to be held in connection with the carnival.

The milk inspector's report demonstrates that since the inauguration of the system of public inspection the milk sold to consumers has greatly improved in the proportion of butter fat.

Chinese doctors practising in Vancouver are to be prosecuted by the medical authorities.

The transportation of Mrs. Pollard, poor, aged and unable to work, was paid to Montreal to-day by the city.

M. T. Ward who successfully worked a landing house landlady here for board and lodging has been arrested in San Francisco.

WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER, Aug. 20.—The first shipment of British Columbia fruit, amounting to one and a half tons, went east to Manitoba yesterday. The shipment consisted principally of plums.

One hundred and seventy-five cases of eggs were received for Victoria by the Great Northern yesterday.

The three new canneries, McDonald's, the Fishermen's and Lam Tuck, were in well supplied with cans this season and made full packs. The run is still big and it is doubtful that an extension of time will be asked for. Several of the canneries are paying off.

A correspondent has written to the Westminster fair committee that he will undertake to have a railroad collision between two trains going at full speed as a special attraction at the fair for the moderate sum of \$6,000. The communication was filed.

The Westminster W.C.T.U. have elected Mrs. J. B. Kennedy as their president and Mrs. Stewart as their secretary. On Tuesday evening last a young son of Mr. S. Smith, of Westminster, was accidentally drowned at Ladner's.

The contract for fuel for the city will be let to the Royal City mills.

The Chinese gamblers arrested in Westminster yesterday have been fined \$20 each and costs. The cases will be appealed.

A mass meeting held last night the citizens organized for the purpose of ensuring the success of the forthcoming agricultural celebration. Mayor Shiles was elected chairman, A. Malins was elected secretary and G. D. Brynner treasurer. All present were constituted a general committee, and the vice-chairmen chosen were Mr. Justice Bole, J. B. Kennedy, M.P.P., A. D. Owens, G. E. Orbulin, R. F. Anderson, G. D. Brynner, E. A. Wynn, S. J. Thompson, W. J. Watkins, R. McBride, E. Ewan, D. J. Munn, A. Leamy, J. B. McLaren and R. Jardine. The following is a summary of the programme: Lacrosse, football, bicycle meet, gymnastics, sports, athletics, sailor sports and Caledonian games, aquatic, including steam launch races, and horse races. There will be a children's day and a subscription ball. Great attention will be paid to decorations this year.

Westminster is doing everything possible to entertain the fishermen before Vancouver's big carnival comes off. For

DOMINION HAPPENINGS.

Kingston Banks Charge One Per Cent. Discount on U.S. Bills—Bus. Convention.

Shipping Facilities for Dairy Products—Ontario Crops—An Interesting Case.

All the banks of Kingston have decided on a discount of 1 per cent. on American bank bills. Their silver has always been refused. This is due to the large circulation of U. S. bills in the city.

A. C. Murray, grand secretary of the Patrons of Industry, has sent instructions for a meeting of the grand board to be held in Toronto on the 8th of September. The proposal is that the members should meet nightly during the second week of the exhibition, when there will be a large attendance of Patrons in the city.

Archbishop Fabre, of Montreal, who will be accompanied by Rev. Abbe Dubue, chaplain of the Sisters of Jesus and Mary, will sail from New York on September 5 for Rome. He will visit several places in France, and afterwards whom he will report on the state of religion in his diocese. His Grace expects to return to Canada about Christmas.

The meeting of the cheese board at Brockville on the 19th instant was more than ordinarily interesting. Mr. K. Everette, the delegate to the meeting at Montreal, where the government was interviewed in reference to providing better shipping facilities for dairy products, made his report. He was much pleased with the assurances of the ministers, but thinks the railways should provide quicker and cooler transportation.

Mr. John A. Webster, who has just returned from visiting European markets on behalf of the dairyman of Lansdowne, stated that the consumers only knew that their cheese came from America and thought "Canadian" should be stamped on the boxes. He also said he saw cheese sold at a price that would net the producer over eight cents at the time the price here was a trifle over six cents. Some of the dealers disputed this statement.

A first dividend of 45 cents on the dollar has been declared in the estate of McKendry & Co. The insurance on stock was \$130,000, less \$18,161.59 loan from John Macdonald & Co., and interest, or \$111,838.41. The amount received from salvage on stock while in possession was \$6,710, and the wages and expenses \$1,559. The balance of the estate was \$109,500. The first dividend of 45 cents on the dollar on liabilities of \$233,471.73 amounts to \$107,782.29. The assets not included in the above, include notes from sales of goods in bond and warehouse amounting to \$10,538.

The Winnipeg Board of Trade is discussing the advisability of holding a business men's convention in the fall for Manitoba and the Northwest Territories.

At a meeting of the board the president said that there was a large number of subjects of vital and important interest, the discussion of which, he believed, would result in a great deal of benefit to the country delegates who would come in and to the business men in the city. The question of getting the rate of postage reduced to two cents was one such question. If a vigorous resolution were passed it would have effect on the government at Ottawa.

According to the crop report of the

Ontario Bureau of Industries fall wheat is reported to have been ploughed up in considerable area in all parts of Ontario, the two counties most noticeable in this respect being Prince Edward and Halton. The reports of the final outcome of the crop are variable and conflicting, but on the whole rather under than over the average. There are numerous complaints of damage by "Hessian fly," though some say "or some other insect." In Elgin and Lincoln the condition is fair. In Haldimand the condition is summed up thus: "The worst failure for many years." Wetland gives yields from five to twelve bushels per acre. Lambton sends good reports. Huron fair, Bruce poor, Grey variable, Simcoe good. In the West Midland counties, from Middlesex to Dufferin, the situation may be summed up as a fair yield with good quality. Winter wheat, drought and grasshoppers were causes in various localities for decreasing the yield below what was expected. In the East most of the crop was harvested from July 10 to July 20. There are many reports of injury, yet on the whole the crop turned out well, the quality being very good; while from the east, the acreage is much less than in the west, there are some reports of complete loss, there are others of extraordinary yield.

A very interesting case is before the Toronto courts, in which as a defence to kidnapping, alleged parental authority is set up. Mrs. James Abbott was married many years ago to a Mr. Fletcher in England. They subsequently came to Canada, where children were born, but the eldest was about 12 years of age when her father died and the mother was left in very poor circumstances. One of the Roman Catholic Sisters were very kind to the eldest daughter, who was an exceptionally pretty girl, and had her education at one of their homes. She was subsequently adopted by Mrs. Maloney, it being said that a Mrs. Maloney, who was a widow, had some thousands of dollars when of age. It transpired later that Mrs. Maloney had only enough to provide courtship for herself and those in her charge. Over a year ago Mrs. Fletcher married James Abbott, a strong Protestant, and the marriage was dissolved. He expressed a desire to have the little girl brought home, and she was taken from Mrs. Maloney and brought to live with him and her mother. Mrs. Abbott states that ever since then the Catholic Sisters have been making an effort to get the girl back into their possession. Recently she asked her mother to make her a lunch as she wanted to go for a day's outing. As she did not return suspicion was aroused that she had got into the hands of Mrs. Maloney, who would give her over to the Sisters. Mrs. Abbott and her husband, when they visited Mrs. Maloney, were told that the child had come to her, but that she was now where they could never see her again. Mrs. Abbott then had a summons issued against Mrs. Maloney to answer the charge of abducting her daughter.

Lord Aberdeen and all the members of his household left Quebec on Tuesday afternoon for Ottawa.

There was a slight flurry of snow at London on Wednesday and every indication of a heavy frost before morning.

Patrick Mahone and John Campbell have been arrested on suspicion of robbing post offices in Ontario and Quebec.

Rev. J. H. Stewart, Methodist minister, was struck at Cataract crossing on the Grand Trunk and instantly killed.

John Henderson & Co., boots and shoes, of Kingston, have assigned. The liabilities are \$25,000 and the assets \$20,000.

Mr. Rufus Pope, M. P., has received a telegram from London saying that a block of 120,000 shares of Big Three mine was sold on Tuesday, and that other large sales will no doubt follow.

A cross petition is being filed on behalf of the member for East Simcoe, Mr. Bennett, for alleged corruption against Mr. H. H. Cook, the defeated Liberal. William James has been sentenced to six months in the Ontario Central Prison for impersonation at the late election at Barrie. He was convicted also of perjury and allowed to go on suspended sentence.

No trace has been found of Albert Peate and Lena Darch, who drifted to sea on Sunday afternoon in a small row boat from Port Hope. All hope of their recovery has been abandoned.

A sensational story was circulated in Guelph on Wednesday to the effect that ex-Mayor Smith of Guelph, who was found dead in his bed a week ago, was mixed up in the recently discovered city treasure. The story was very sensational and the official auditor who has about completed his examination of the books denies that there is any evidence of this. Defaulting Treasurer Harvey has been arrested and held in heavy bail.

HOT ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

OWEN SOUND, Aug. 19.—One of the hottest election campaigns ever held in Canada is now proceeding in the constituency of North Grey. The Conservatives are working untidily and with great spirit. The riding is fairly deluged with politicians, wire-pullers, boodlers and organizers, and an influential local Reformer was heard to remark yesterday: "We are going to carry this riding if it costs \$50,000." It is a question, however, whether they will be able to carry the riding even with that enormous expenditure of the people's money. Mr. James MacLachlan, the Liberal-Conservative candidate, is being aided by a large number of prominent provincial and local speakers; among them are Hon. Clarke Wallace, and Messrs. Sproule and McNeill and W. F. McLean, M.P.'s. On Friday evening next a mass meeting will be held in the town hall on behalf of Mr. MacLachlan, when Hon. Hugh John Macdonald will be present. Mr. Macdonald will remain in the riding till the close of the campaign.

The busiest man in town just now is Mr. Paisley, the president of the Chilliwack Agricultural Society, who is working up the special prize list, which already exceeds \$400.

The Westside.

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Agents for a block of five canvasses for use who get territorial agents also employ several others. The headquarters are at Richmond St. West, 7th floor.

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