

UNFORTUNATE DISSENSION

• In regard to the latest complication of Chile's affairs, that in which the United States is involved, I have no doubt that I can say is that Uncle Sam had better slow. The Chileans are a peaceable, not a cowardly people; they will not submit to dictation from any power. No doubt if the United States is to be avoided peacefully and with honor they will be avoided; but if a sacrifice of honor is required, it will not be made. Chile will not be hurried, and she will demand that the United States will be having said that the Valparaiso outrage will be investigated in the usual process of the courts of law, Americans must wait until that process is complete. If they are not satisfied with Chile's action, they have a brave little nation, quick ready to defend her honor with the sword. Should mat-

Honors to a N.C. Surgeon.
An editorial note in the Montreal Medical Journal reads: "Dr. Praeger, of Nanaimo, read the address on "Surgery" at the recent meeting of the Canadian Medical Association. It was an able exposition of the present position of spinal surgery, and will appear in full in the next number of the Journal. Dr. Praeger is one of the most progressive and able of Canadian surgeons, and has been twice honored by the Royal Society of Medicine. He is Dr. Thomas Bryant, of London, the distinguished surgeon of Guy's Hospital, and Sir James Grant. Dr. Barbour, of Edinburgh, and Drs. Gibney and Phelps, of New York, were also present. Dr. Praeger was elected vice-president of the Association for British Columbia."

The Thistle Club gave a dance in Sir William Wallace's Hall, on Friday night upwards of 30 couples taking part.

The returns of the lobster fisheries for Westmorland, N. B., for the past season show a pronounced increase in the quantities taken over previous years. In 1889 the catch was 1,511 cases or 456,672 pounds. Last year it balanced 1,569 cases or 682,704 pounds; an increase of 4,709 cases. This year, the largest catch on record for Westmorland is reported, 20,183 cases or 967,734 pounds, an increase over 1890 of 5,960 cases, and over 1889 of 11,569 cases. The increase is the best and the largest amount of money which will come into the country through this source since with

The Sittin' Employees.

"There are few crooks in firms," says the Grocer and Country Merchant of San Francisco, "which have not been losers from theft or embezzlement by trusted employees, and yet how seldom are such offenders prosecuted! In most cases, either from sentimentality or from lack of faith in juries—upon which in criminal cases there seems to be always one or two mushy philanthropists—the matter is compromised or hushed up. The effect of this is to encourage the dishonest and unscrupulous and to teach the honest and law-abiding that they can get away with their misdoings. The result is that the lawbreaker is not deterred, and the innocent suffer. Attention is then called to a New York case, in which a book-keeper who got away with \$100,000 was sentenced to five years in prison, the Judge holding that the culprit was entitled to less clemency than the unfortunate arraigned from day to day for he had had every advantage in life while the others had none. The article which we have had, and which we now finishes with the conclusion that it would be well for the interest of merchants and honest clerks if the same uncompromising spirit prevailed among employers and Judges in all large commercial cities.

surprised at the manner in which some of the Trustees are behaving in this matter. They seem to have lost all common sense, and from what I can make of it they persist in doing wrong just with the object of showing up to harass the government. The question which has been the cause of all this trouble is one that has nothing whatever to do with the duty of the trustees. It is one with which we have no right to meddle at all. It is the business of the government in the statutes for our interference in the internal working of the schools. We were appointed with certain powers, and, speaking for myself, I entered into my duties with the intention of doing my best and keeping inside bounds. The members of the board seem to have been trying to do their worst and oversteer all authority. I don't believe that any one of ordinary intelligence, knowing the character of the members of the board, would declare that Messrs. Jessop, McLaughlin, Richards and Morrow are totally wrong in the stand they are taking. I am on the honest side and the right side, though I am not a missionary, and I am not making attempts that have been made before. I intend to do my duty conscientiously.

Mr. J. Jessop—You want my reasons for being in that state as I have done? Well, I can't easily give you that. At the meeting of the Board of School Trustees, it was resolved that Mr. Netherby, the head of the Boys' Central school, should be in

I am surprised that these four trustees should persist in these endeavors. They should know that these changes at this time will greatly retard the progress of the pupils and almost nullify the term work of the division affected. I cannot see why they should fight about, and the result is inevitable. The School Act rightly or wrongly gives the Council of Public Instruction with the full internal management of the schools and imposes heavy financial burdens on the civic ratepayers with very little say in the matter. The representatives of the people will probably, in due course, see that the Act is amended, but in the meantime I think that those accepting appointment under the Act should be loyal to it, and endeavor to get all they can out of it for the benefit of the city schools and without presuming to run the whole Education Department.

Mr. McLaughlin was sought, but unsuccessfully last night; consequently his views on the matter could not be obtained for this issue.

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for some time, to get the Court hold this very day. They were perfect same teachers who to the Board.

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