

The Colonist.

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A SERIOUS CRISIS.

It is not difficult to see that there is at present a very important crisis in the affairs of the Dominion. The refusal of the Manitoba Legislature to act in accordance with the remedial order has placed both political parties in an extremely difficult position.

Those who sympathize with the Manitoba minority, particularly the men who represent the province of Quebec, independently of party, evidently intend to insist upon the power which it is invested by the constitution to enact a law which will remedy the grievance of which that minority complains.

It is not generally understood that some of the provinces are not free to enact such laws as the majority of their inhabitants consider best suited to their several circumstances.

It has also been decided that if separate schools are established in a province after it has entered the Dominion they cannot be abolished if the minority objects.

The first school law enacted in Manitoba after it became a province established separate schools. That law was in force nineteen years, when it was repealed and the denominational or separate schools abolished.

The minority in Manitoba, which happens to be Roman Catholic, protested against being deprived of the privileges it had enjoyed so long, and tried to recover them. The constitutionality of the law depriving the Roman Catholics of their schools was tested in the courts.

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It is in this position that the Manitoba school question now stands. The Legislature of Manitoba having refused to remedy what the Roman Catholics of the province consider a serious grievance, and their friends now look to the Dominion Parliament for redress.

devoutly to be hoped that the leading men of the Dominion will set the example of toleration and generous forbearance and that the people themselves will see that the time has come when the welfare of the country depends upon their meeting those with whom they differ in such a way as will facilitate a fair and reasonable settlement of this very delicate and very difficult subject.

AN ADVOCATE OF PEACE.

The speech which the Emperor of Germany delivered at Hamburg on Wednesday must be comforting and reassuring to the people of the whole of Europe.

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which all were deeply interested, were being agitated. "Then you do not consider the trade question of sufficient importance?"

The newspapers of the East treat "Mr. Greenway's" reply with moderation and good temper. It is not to be expected that the Daily Mail and Empire will be any more than friendly to the view that the educational infirmities of 1890 be restored.

The point at which disagreement is expressed has reference to the view that the Federal power has proposed that the educational infirmities of 1890 be restored.

But it requires a strained interpretation of the Dominion constitution to reach the conclusion that Manitoba has been asked to re-establish inefficiency where inefficiency previously existed.

The Winnipeg "Nor" Western puts the same points very strongly. It says: "If Ministers were not in a dilemma they would surely not have thought it necessary to set out with an excuse for their course which is so obviously manufactured for the purpose and ends at a dead end."

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remedial order without saying why or wherefore, than to have given as a reason for their refusal what a very little examination shows is no reason at all, and what, even as a pretext, cannot be said to be very plausible.

A CONTRAST.

The moderation of the reply of the Manitoba Legislature to the remedial order is universally commended. The thoughtful reader cannot help being struck with the difference between it and the philippic that have been written and uttered by the self-constituted champions of the majority in Manitoba.

It is to be observed that there is not in the reply, from beginning to end, the slightest hint that the rights of the people or the Legislature of Manitoba are being encroached upon.

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THE CITY.

HARRY HUTNER, found guilty on Wednesday at Esquimaux of a series of assaults was yesterday sentenced by Mr. Baynes Reed to pay a fine of \$50, and was bound over to keep the peace for twelve months.

THE garden fete at Cloverdale on July 3, in aid of St. Luke's church, is to be under the patronage and presence of His Honor, the Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Dowling, the Hon. Chief Justice and Mrs. Davis and General and Mrs. Roberts.

MR. ALFRED ROBER, secretary of the Texada Gold and Silver Mining Company, has written to the COLONIST to say that the report that the company has bonded claims held by it to an Eastern syndicate is entirely without foundation, so far as the said syndicate is concerned.

A VERY interesting parlor social was given at the residence of Mrs. David Spenser, Birdcove walk, yesterday afternoon. The annual meeting of the W.C.T.U. will be held on July 4, and a birthday party for the members of the union is arranged for July 17. Owing to the school examinations next week the regular meeting of the society has been postponed.

NOTICE was served upon the city yesterday by Messrs. Yates & Jay that application will be made to the Supreme court for an injunction to restrain the Mayor from executing the contract for filter bed construction with Messrs. Walkley, King & Casey. The contention is that the contract was improperly awarded, and interesting developments in connection are looked for.

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"MEMORY'S LUCKY BAG."

David Christie Murray Relates Some Incidents of His Own Experience.

Pathetic and Lively Scenes Presented in Graphic and Picturesque Words.

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THE "OLSEN" IS LOST.

Somewhere in the locality of Hakodate, Japan, the Victoria sailing schooner Rosie Olsen, which left here in command of Capt. A. B. Whidden on the 28th of December last, is a total wreck, she being the second of the home fleet lost this year.

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