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SCHOOLS AND THE NATION.

Collier's Weekly, an American journal of general good judgment and wide knowledge has had its attention directed to the quarrel over separate schools now going on in Canada and especially to Sir Wilfrid's comparison of the denominational schools with the national system of public instruction in the United States. It will be remembered that in his speech introducing the autonomy bills, the premier claimed, somewhat extravagantly and recklessly, that it was the system which permits religious instruction in schools in some of the provinces that has made the moral level of Canada so high and asserted that the non-sectarian American system was to blame for the lynchings, divorces and other social evils which he named as characteristic of the United States. Collier's, speaking from a full acquaintance with the workings of the American system, says, in comment upon Sir Wilfrid's speech: "These statements might well go unchallenged had they not been offered in defence of an educational policy too antiquated and ill-fitted for progressive government as that which Canada must come to have. As a fact, Canada's divorce roll in ratio equals that of the United States, and having no equivalent racial problem, a lynching comparison is folly. This disposed of, let the premier show a province in all Canada with a literacy percentage comparable with the State of Massachusetts, or one wherein immigrants are so quickly citizenized as in the State of Wisconsin. The commonwealth public school system, which has gained these enviable ends, has united and harmonized all of the states and made them the most progressive governmental union in the world. It is the system that knocks off the rough edges of all classes, races and creeds, and puts on the uniform finish of complete amalgamation. Why is Canada today a nation of two languages instead of one? Why are religious distinctions drawn with the cleanness that develops potent political factions? Because the whole wide dominion has lacked the communistic influence of the benign common schools. To veto their creation at this critical hour, when Canada's nationhood is in its infancy, is to paralyze the progress and prosperity which all Canadians with such rare pride have just begun to prize."

Discussing further Laurier's policy in its immediate effect upon the sentiment of the Canadian majority, Collier's says: "Can it be that the prudent premier has so shortened his expansive office into a governorship of Ontario and Quebec? He may be ignorant of the world's most constructive educational system, but he can not be blind to the serious consequences of his persistent obstinacy. The wonder felt by Collier's is natural to a journal not fully acquainted with the peculiar conditions in Canada is natural, Laurier is just that blind. For all his statesmanlike poses his vision is limited to one province, for his prating of union, his sole conception of unity is the subservience of the majority to the minority. So long as Quebec is satisfied he thinks the country is at peace. The claims of the great numerical majority are heard by him as from a great distance and he is utterly unable to see the value of their convictions through the muffings which he has allowed the hierarchy to place about his ears and eyes."

Some of those who have supported the so-called compromise have pleaded that they have done so against their personal convictions in the interests of peace and unity. No course surrounded by more danger to Canadian unity could be taken than the one which the Liberal government, under Laurier's leading, is following today.

THE MAYOR AND THE TELEGRAPH.
The Telegraph is acting the part of small boy caught in a falsehood and stubbornly and stupidly adding to his evident guilt by trying to lie out of the scrape.

Its first charges against the mayor were proven false, were flatly denied by the officers of the league which it professes to support. Now it not only reiterates those charges, but adds to them others so apparently false as to be absurd.

For instance, yesterday it charged the mayor with pretending to support the league even to the extent of contributing to its funds, while all the time favoring those whom the league is opposing. Referring to his published declaration of independence made on Tuesday, it asserted that his attitude as then made public was generally known, was "street talk" long before today it intimates that the mayor had accepted the league nomination and intended to stand by the ticket, until Tuesday last when Alderman Macree, accompanied by a Globe reporter, called on him and frightened him into stating his independence.

The two don't jibe. Leaving the utter and evident ridiculousness of its today's statement out of the question, the Telegraph must admit that

falsity either of this charge or the one made yesterday. A newspaper with as much experience in misrepresentation as the Telegraph ought to be able to do it more coherently.

The Telegraph names Alderman Macrae as master of the civic administration. Alderman Macrae should take warning. The same title in dominion politics was given successively to Tarte and Blair and Sifton; and where are Tarte, Blair and Sifton now?

Though Mr. Sifton has recanted and declared himself a supporter of the autonomy bills, Laurier has refused to take him back into the cabinet in spite of the unanimous request of the Western Liberal members. This will be taken by many as confirmation of the report that Sifton's resignation was caused by something more than the autonomy bills.

Mr. Russell's evening circular loudly asserts that it is not on the market, it is in the field. The nature of the inference is significant. Stock are often turned out into the field to fatten for market.

The Scotchman apparently forgave Laurier for his reference to Lord Dundonald as a foreigner. Will the Orangemen be equally forgiving to Sir William Mulock, who has styled them "yellow dogs"?

Those defending the case of that small boy arrested for stealing Telegraphs should have entered a plea of insanity.

The assertion made by more than one supporter of the government that peace and harmony in Canada can only be secured by the submission of sixty per cent. of the population to the wishes of forty per cent., is highly creditable to the tolerance of the majority, but is rather a nasty reflection on the patriotism and broad-mindedness of the forty per cent.—Sun.

WORK.
Let me but do my work from day to day.
In field or forest, at the desk or loom.
In roaring market-place, or tranquil room;
Let me but find it in my heart to say,
When vagrant wishes beckon me astray:
'This is my work; my blessing; not my doom;
Of all who live, I am the one by whom
This work can best be done in the right way."

Then shall I see it not too great nor small
To suit my spirit and to prove my powers;
Then shall I cheerfully greet the laboring hours,
And cheerful turn, when the long shadows fall
At eventide, to play, and love, and rest,
Because I know for me my life is best.
—Henry Van Dyke.

STRIKE AT SPRINGHILL HAS BEEN AVERTED.
Decision Reached Last Night—Re-joining at Coal Town.

HALIFAX, N. S., March 30.—There will be no strike at the collieries of the Cumberland Coal and Railway Co., Springhill. This was decided tonight when General Manager Cowans sent a communication to Pioneer Lodge, P. W. A., informing them that he had acceded to the men's request that three months be given them to consider his delivery of a 12 per cent. reduction of coal cutters' pay. Mr. Cowans had given a month's notice to the men that the reduction would go into force on March 16. The men asked that the period for consideration of the proposed reduction be made three months instead of one, and they decided to strike if this reduction was not acceded to, and they would have gone out on Saturday. Tonight Mr. Cowans informed the men that their request for three months was granted. It is the opinion of Springhill that this is the last that will be heard of the matter, unless there comes a decline in the price of coal.

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SCIENTISTS AND SMOKERS.
Scientists say that the rainbow shows what constitutes a perfect ray of light. Smokers say that Rainbow Cut Plug shows what constitutes a perfect smoking tobacco.

AN EMINENT LECTURER.
The first of the course of lectures upon theological subjects arranged for by the late Rev. John deSoyres was delivered last evening in Trinity church school room by Rev. Dr. Kirkpatrick, master of Selwyn College, Cambridge. The fame of the learned lecturer attracted a large audience of St. John's most cultured citizens.

His Lordship Bishop Kingston presided and introduced the lecturer. He made an appreciative reference to the late Rev. John deSoyres.

Rev. Dr. Kirkpatrick prefaced his lecture by saying that to him it was a great sorrow to come to St. John and not meet Rev. John deSoyres, with whom he had corresponded about his present visit, and to whose energy was due the fact that this Scripture course was instituted.

Dr. Kirkpatrick's subject was The Inspiration and Criticism of the Prophet which he handled in a masterly and pleasing manner.

Dr. Kirkpatrick's second lecture took place at 11 o'clock this morning and was a continuation of the same subject. Critical questions of date and authorship were considered as well as possible corruptions of text and uncertainties of translation. Stress was laid upon the importance of discriminating between legitimate criticism and rash conjecture.

According to the Fredericton Gleaner there will be no ball at Government House this season. This is partly due to the Lenten season and more particularly to the death of the lieutenant governor's sister, Mrs. Dixon, only a short time ago.

Sarsaparilla. Your doctor will tell you why he prescribes it for thin blood, weak nerves. He will explain why it gives strength, courage, endurance. Sold for 50 years at 25c.

LOCAL NEWS.

In January the executive committee of the various Women's Missionary Societies of the city decided to have two more meetings similar to that held during the week of prayer—these additional meetings to be on the first Wednesday in April and October. The April meeting is called for the afternoon of Wednesday next, April 5th, in the school room of St. John's Presbyterian church, beginning at 3 o'clock. The first half of the meeting will be devoted to prayer, the remainder of the time to a discussion after a short paper, subject, Prayer, the Power Behind the Missionary. All will be welcome.

Will the customers of the late Rudolphus Hepburn, milk dealer, who dropped dead Thursday morning, kindly send their names and addresses to Rev. P. J. Stackhouse, 142 Waterloo street? No list of addresses can be found and this act of kindness will be of especial service to the widow at the present time.

The tea given yesterday afternoon in Union Hall by the Y's of the W. C. T. U. was a success. Mrs. Gilbert Dykeman and Mrs. G. F. Hawkhurst were in charge and Mrs. L. D. Parks, Mrs. W. Scott, Mrs. F. R. Patterson, Miss Nelson, Miss Scott and Miss Hastings poured tea and waited on the tables. All these young ladies as well as twenty-seven of the Y's were kept very busy from 5 till 7 o'clock.

NO MORE MONEY FOR POLICE.
Safety Board's Recommendation for More Policemen Turned Down by Treasury Board—Chief Wants More Pay.

At a meeting of the treasury board yesterday the police estimates were passed. The proposed increase of \$2,000 approved by the safety board was thrown out on the vote of the chairman, Ald. Robinson. Those who favored the increase were Ald. Bullock, Tilley and Macrae. Those who opposed it were Ald. Pink, Christie and Daly.

At this point the mayor read a letter from Premier Tweedie stating that chief of Police Clark had asked the legislature to grant him a salary of \$1,800 instead of \$1,200 as at present. The mayor thought the request was fair. The man who receives \$1,200 now is not in such good circumstances as he was fifteen years ago. The time is ripe to get the appointment in the city board, as the city pays the bill. The office of recorder should be in the same position, though not because of any intention to displace the present occupant. The mayor suggested that the city ask to have the appointment and the fixing of the salary of the chief of police.

The chairman reported for a committee in regard to erecting a tablet in the public library. The committee proposes to place in the hall a brass tablet commemorating Andrew Carnegie's gift, the city cost of arms also will appear on the tablet.

The light department estimates also came up. Several new were recommended to be placed in various situations. The assessment was made for \$24,000.

Jewel Graham Wheat Meal
10 lb bags at 50c

All notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths must be endorsed with the names and addresses of the persons sending same.

DEATHS.
KERR—At 184 Princess street, in this city, March 29th, Donald Henry Kerr, aged 2 years and 7 months, son of Samuel and Julia M. Kerr.
Funeral on Saturday at 2:30 p. m.
MAGHER—In this city, on the 29th inst., Maggie E., wife of Edwin Maher and daughter of Dominick and Annie McHugh, in the 27th year of her age, leaving three children to mourn their sad loss.
Funeral from her late residence, 108 Marsh Road, on Saturday, at 2:30 o'clock. Friends invited to attend.
MONTAGUE—In this city on the 30th inst., after a brief but painful illness, in the 89th year of her age, Jessie Ellen, wife of Norman Montague, leaving a husband and two children to mourn their loss.
Funeral on Saturday at 2:30 p. m. from her late residence, 200 Paradise Row.

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Special White Wool Blankets
English make with fancy colored borders. Size 60x80 inches; regular \$3.00 quality now \$2.50 pair. Only a few pair left at this special price.

Ladies' Silk Neckwear Underpriced.
100 dozen Ladies' Stock Collars and Bows; goods worth up to 50c., now all one special price—25c. each. Stock Collars with Tabs, Bows, Flowing ends, Hem Stitched, Lace Trimmed, Corded with ruche tops, fagotting stitched, Embroidered and silk port hole Collars; all the latest shapes; a large variety to choose from at 25c. each.

White Cambric, Heavy English Make.
36 inches wide, regular 12c. cloth. Special 10 yards for \$1.00. At the price cottons are selling today this is a bargain. Only a limited quantity left.

Heavy Linen Towels,
Large size 24x36 inches, all white or red, hemmed ends, 30 dozen of this Special Towel at 15c. each or 2 for 25c.

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Ladies' Corsets at your own prices to clear them out quickly, 35c., 40c., 75c. pair.
Think of the saving you make on a every dollar.

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Crown Stands, Pewterware, Silverware, Lamps and Gents' Pipes and Razors.—Handies repaired.
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We are showing more than value in the following lines:
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FLOOR OILCLOTH, 1 yard wide, 24c.; 11-2 yards wide, 35c.; 2 yards wide, 45c.
TAPESTRY CARPET (last year's price), 28c. and 35c.
LACE CURTAINS, 35c., 50c., 65c., 75c., 85c., \$1.00, \$1.10, and \$1.25 pair.
WALL PAPER from 5c. to 15c. per roll.

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P. S.—Stoves Taken Down and Stored.

A very pleasant and largely attended social was held in Oddfellow's Hall, Union street, last evening by the J. S. Edwards Lodge of Oddfellows, Manchester Unity. The programme carried out during the serving of refreshments included: Remarks by J. Walker, piano solo by Miss Calvert, song by Mr. Noakes, flute solo by Mr. Stokes, recitation composed and recited by R. P. Harding, song by Mrs. Codner, banjo solo by Alex. Gillespie, song by C. Calvert. The social ended with the singing of the national anthem at 11 o'clock, all having spent an enjoyable evening.

SENATE SEAT VACANT.
OTTAWA, March 30.—In the senate today the speaker presented the report of the committee on privileges declaring the seat of Rufus Curry, who has not attended in his place for two sessions, vacant.
There is nothing in the records, they point out, to show that Mr. Curry ever took the oath of office. Mr. Curry had been asked by the committee if he had any statement to make, to which he replied that, never having accepted office, he had no reason to offer. Mr. Scott moved the adoption of the report, which carried.