

TO THOSE IN ARREARS.

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PROPOSED REDUCTION IN THE PRICE OF SCHOOL LANDS.

The Government are honestly carrying out the measures which they promised when their policy was explained to the House. Several important bills have been already introduced, and will become law. The Government are busy maturing other measures, among the most important of them is one which Mr. Scott will introduce on Tuesday in reference to the reduction of School lands in cases where they have been purchased by settlers at too high a price.

The resolutions on which the Bill will be founded are as follows: 1. That in the opinion of this House it is expedient that the Lieutenant-Governor in Council should have authority to reduce the price of any common school lands sold previously to 1st July, 1867, where it shall appear that such lands have been sold at prices beyond their fair value; and that such prices remain unpaid; and also to make such abatement as may appear equitable and just of the arrears of interest on the unpaid instalments of the purchase money of any common school lands sold by the Crown previously to 1st July, 1867, provided that such reduction and abatements be made only in respect of and in proportion to the share or interest of this Province in such lands and the price thereof, and do not in anywise extend to or affect the share or interest of Quebec in such lands or the price thereof.

2. That each such reduction and abatement should be effected by paying out of the consolidated revenue fund the amount thereof to the party entitled thereto, or by paying the full amount of the purchase money and interest. 3. That before any such reduction or abatement be made, the land in respect of which such reduction or abatement is proposed should be examined and valued by one or more inspectors or assessors appointed for that purpose by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, or by the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

4. That such reduction and abatement should be confined to cases in which the purchaser from the Crown, or the person claiming under him, is in occupation of the land, and is an actual settler thereon, or on land adjacent thereto. 5. That it is expedient to provide that the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may, by an order in Council, confer upon the Commissioner of Crown Lands authority to make such reduction or abatement as aforesaid, subject to the provisions of these resolutions, and subject to such provisions, if any, not inconsistent with these resolutions as may be embodied in any Order in Council.

EDITORIAL ITEMS. THE REVENUE OF THE DOMINION for January was \$1,171,579; expenditure, \$2,511,637. The payment of the subsidies to the Provinces and the interest on the public debt, which is made at the beginning of the year, no doubt accounts for this large expenditure over revenue.

THE NEW BRUNSWICK CLAIMS.—The Evening Globe publishes what purports to be a synopsis of the report of the Better Terms delegation to Ottawa. The documents are lengthy. It says the fullest and most courteous consideration was readily accorded to them at all the interviews with the Privy Council; that while exception was taken of some of their arguments, the equity of the case on behalf of New Brunswick was largely admitted; the right of the Province to a full measure of justice under the circumstances conceded; and the distinct assurance given that the Government will exercise all its power and influence to secure every just cause of local discontent and dissatisfaction, and to make the Government, Legislature and people of New Brunswick satisfied as to their financial relations with the Dominion. The Privy Council reserved the right, after a discussion and review of the whole case, to determine in what manner relief and reparation shall be afforded to this Province without doing injustice to other portions of the Dominion.

THE PROTON AFFIDAVITS.—The Toronto correspondent of the Hamilton Times says: "The reason why Lauder wished to back out of the enquiry into the Proton affair is now becoming apparent. A gentleman from Proton informs your correspondent that it is generally believed there that Messrs. McDowell, May, Robinson and Hughes did not swear to the so-called affidavits. At any rate, it is known that if they did so, they were drunk at the time. McDowell is a drunken, fighting character, and would not be believed by his neighbors. Your correspondent's informant says Robinson is as deaf as a post, and no one who knows him would place any reliance upon his version of what a speaker said; and that Hughes would not be believed on oath by his neighbors. Lauder's clerk spent several days in the township procuring those affidavits. What means he used, we do not doubt, he found out by the Committee. Under these circumstances it is no wonder Lauder dreads the investigation he professes to court, and wants to sneak out of it."

FEVERS.—London journals have been discussing the difference between typhoid and typhus fevers. It is stated that they differ essentially in origin—typhus arising from want of overcrowding, and personal contagion; while typhoid is malarial in origin, and not contagious from person to person. It has been supposed that the Prince of Wales contracted the typhoid fever from some malarial influence experienced while on a visit to Lord Londesborough, in the neighborhood of Scarborough. He is said, however, to have had a severe chill following extensive heat and exertion in shooting, and this was the prelude to the disease. The Duke of Kent, Queen Victoria's father, died from cold and fever, said to have been produced by sitting in damp boots after returning from a shooting party. Albert, the Queen's husband, died from the consequence of a neglected cold.

The Regular Contributor

(From the Atlantic—Oliver Wendell Holmes) But the young girl. She gets her living by writing stories for a newspaper. Every week she furnishes a new story. If her head aches or her heart is heavy, so that she does not come to time with her story, she falls behindhand and has to live on credit. It sounds well enough to say that "she supports herself by her pen," but her lot is a trying one; it repeats the doom of the Danaides. The "Weekly Bucket" has no bottom, and it is business to help to fill it. Imagine one moment what it is to tell a tale that must flow on, flow over, without pausing; the lover miserable and happy by this work, to begin miserable again next week and end before the villain scowling, plotting, punished—to scowl, plot, and get punished again in our next; an endless series of woes and blisses, into each paragraph of which the forlorn artist has to throw all the liveliness, all the emotion, all the graces of style she is mistress of, for the sake of a maid-of-all-work, and no more recognition of thanks from anybody than the boy who sets the type for the paper that prints her ever-ending and ever-beginning stories. And yet she has a pretty talent, sensibility, a natural way of writing, an ear for the music of verse, in which she sometimes indulges to vary the dead monotony of everlasting narrative, and a sufficient amount of invention to make her stories readable. I have found my eyes dimmed over them often than once, more with thinking about her, perhaps, than about her heroes and heroines. Poor little boy! Poor little girl! Four little souls! She is one that great company of delicate, intelligent, emotional young creatures, who are waiting like that I spoke of, for some breath of heaven to fill their white bosoms; love, the right of every woman; religious emotion, sister of love, with the same passionate eyes, but cold, thin, bloodless hands—some enthusiasm of humanity and divinity; and find that life offers them instead, a seat on a wooden bench, a chain to fasten them to, and a heavy oar to pull day and night. We read the Arabian tales and pity that doomed lady who must amuse her lord and master from day to day, or have her head cut off; how much better is a mouth without bread to fill it, than no mouth to fill, because no head! We have all round us a weary-eyed company of Shes hereades! This is one of them, and I may call her by that name when it pleases me to do so.

Family Matters.

EAR-ACHE.—Put a little black pepper in some cotton dip in sweet oil and insert in the ear. This is one of the quickest remedies known.

LAZINESS grows on people; it begins with cobwebs and ends in iron chains. The more business a man has to do the more he will be able to accomplish, for he learns to economise his time.

FELON.—Take a pint of common soft soap, and stir in air-slack lime that is of the consistency of plaster's work, and make a leather thimble, fill it with this composition, and insert the fingers, and the cure is certain.

COLD.—Contrary to an old theory, a popular writer gives the following one how to manage a cold: Eat nothing but a piece of toast, drink freely of cold water, walk twice a day until you are in a gentle perspiration, and go to bed early.

DYSPEPSIA.—A simple and successful treatment of dyspepsia may be found in the use of lemon juice. Gargle the throat freely with it, at the same time swallowing a portion so as to reach all the affected parts. A French physician claims that he saved his own life with this pleasant remedy.

BRUISES.—A poultice of tea-leaves applied to small burns and sores afford immediate relief. The leaves are soft and with hot water, and while on its warm surface, applied upon cotton over the entire burnt surface. This application discolours and apparently tans the parts, and removes the acute sensibility and tenderness.

SORE THROAT.—Everybody has a cure for this trouble, but simple remedies appear to be most effectual. Salt and water is used by many as a gargle, but a little alum and honey dissolved in sage tea is better. Others, a few drops of camphor on loaf sugar, which very often affords immediate relief. An application of cloths wrung out as often as they begin to cool has the most potency in removing inflammation.

Minto Council.

Council met, Jan. 29th 1872, pursuant to adjournment. All the members present. The Reeve in the chair. Minutes of last session were read and confirmed. The Reeve read an account from Donald Guthrie, Esq., Township Solicitor, for \$85.63, being his account from May, 1868, to date. Also account from Copp, Clark & Co., Township Stationery for 1871, \$22.67. Moved by Mr. Prain, seconded by Mr. Bateman, that said accounts be paid, total \$108.30, by an order in favor of the Clerk, Gardner. The Reeve read a letter from Wm Taylor Esq., township Treasurer, offering Wm. Boyd, Wm. Thompson, Jas Appleby, M McMaster and A McMaster as his securities. Moved by Heard, seconded by Mr. Hughes, that said securities be received as satisfactory, and that the Clerk do take the Treasurer's bond with said securities for the sum of \$15,000, joint and several. Carried. The Reeve read tender from A Montgomery for weigh scales for year commencing Feb. 1st, 1872, for \$12 and find his own tickets and keep weigh scales in repair. Moved by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Heard, that said tender be accepted, and that Andrew Montgomery be appointed weigh-master for year 1872 accordingly. Carried.

The Reeve reported having received from W. G. & B. R. Company \$150 27 less \$40 discount, \$110 86 dispaed interest, on debentures as between the Township of Minto and said Company, and filed Township Treasurer's receipts therefor. Moved by Mr. Prain, seconded by Mr. Heard, that the Reeve and Treasurer sign and seal said debentures and that the Treasurer do forthwith deposit the same, and that the Reeve is hereby required to go to Toronto to negotiate for the purchase of said debentures. Carried. Mr. Heard, Commissioner, reported \$25 in favor of Geo. Bain, in part of resolution 136, 1871. Also Messrs. Heard and Bateman, Commissioners, for expending the \$200 granted by the Council toward opening up the side line between lots 20 and 21, cons. 13, 14, 15 and 16; reports of the completion of sections 10, 11 and half of 12, by Jas. Arlino, to amount in part of \$14.50. Moved by Mr. Bateman, seconded by Mr. Heard, that an order for \$5.25 and \$44.50, be granted as above. Carried. Moved by Mr. Bateman, seconded by Mr. Heard, that this Council do now adjourn to Monday, Feb. 26. Carried.

The Rev. Donald Fraser, of London, formerly of Montreal, and more recently of Inverness, has been succeeded in the latter place by Rev. Dr. Black, of Dublin.

In the English Courts there is on record a case which lasted 120 years, and then was only settled by a compromise. The parties were the heirs of Viscount Lisle and the heirs of Lord Berkeley; the period, from the end of the reign of Edward IV, till the reign of James I.

John A. was on the floor of the House on Thursday during part of the debate.

MARRIED.

FLEWELLING—WASHINGTON—At Fergus, on the 29th ult., by the Rev. J. G. Laird, Mr. Emory Flewelling to Miss Helen Warrington, both of West Gairrath.

DIED.

McDONALD—In Derbyshire, England, on the 13th December last, Elizabeth McDonald, wife of Mr. Robert McDonald, Township of Egmont, and one of the oldest residents of Mount Forest. She left this country on a visit to England in October last.

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