

do not approve of his vagaries. If the people of New York are at liberty to laugh at their mayor when he talks ignorantly on educational matters, there ought to be given to all Canadians the same privilege, when during an election campaign, our platform orators undertake to elucidate to the lieges what an education department should be, and how our schools should be organized, though they be as ignorant of what education is as some of their Ottawa friends and opponents are of the routes to the Yukon. The late elections in the Province of Quebec gave the politicians there a mandate to introduce educational reforms, but it is to be feared that the measure they introduced was more of a political surprise than an educational security. The elections in Ontario are over, and what effect they will have on our educational courses and counsels cannot well be foretold for some time to come. It is said that the Quebec Education Bill will be brought forward again with all its imperfections and crudities, and any one daring to lay bare these imperfections and crudities shall be rewarded with the anathemas of the political party which has fathered them. And yet some people say that we are living in a free country!

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We are glad to hear that arrangements are being made for the annual meeting of the Dominion Association of Teachers, which will be held during the summer holidays from the 2nd to the 5th of August. This should be looked upon by all our teachers as the most important educational event of the year; and if arrangements can be made with the Intercolonial for a reduction sufficiently low to entice our teachers to make holiday this year in the eastern provinces, a large section of the holiday seekers will no doubt find their way to Halifax. A finer trip than this

can present itself in no part of the Dominion. To visit Halifax, as the oldest city of the ancient colony of Nova Scotia, with its gardens and pleasant drives, its harbour conveniences, and hotel accommodation, its citadel and arsenal and warlike environments, its many easy railway and steamboat connections with places of great historic and picturesque attractiveness, will be a treat to those who have never been there before. The programme of the convention promises to be an excellent one. The following is a full list of the executive:

President, A. H. Mackay, LL.D., F.R.S.C., Superintendent of Education, Nova Scotia. Vice Presidents: The Hon. Col. Baker, Minister of Education, British Columbia; D. J. Goggin, Esq., M.A., Supt. of Education, N. W. Territories of Canada; Hon. C. Sifton, Minister of the Interior; J. Millar, Esq., B.A., Dep. Minister of Education, Ontario; J. M. Harper, M.A., Ph.D., F.E.I.S., Inspector of High Schools, Quebec; Prof. J. B. Hall, Ph.D., Provincial Normal School, Truro; J. R. Inch, LL.D., Chief Supt. of Education, New Brunswick; D. J. McLeod, Esq., Chief Supt. of Education, Prince Edward Island. Treasurer: G. W. Parmelee, Esq., B.A., Education Dept., Quebec. Secretary: A. McKay, Supervisor of Schools, Halifax, N.S.

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The controversy between Principal Grant and Dr. Lucas may be looked upon as an educational event, though now that it is over and well over, the less said about it in these pages perhaps the better. The temperance cause is neither likely to gain or lose much by it, and we are sure nothing can be added to the reputation of Dr. Grant through the array he has made of the old facts and figures which the rumseller and the beer drinker have too often at his finger ends. There