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Unnecessary Alarm.

DURING the past week, the local Morning Organ has worked itself up to a very high pitch of excitement over what is pleased to call a "deep-laid" plot that has been urged on the attention of the City School Board.

It would be natural to expect that those who have thought proper to obtrude this question on the public would discuss it on its merits. But the manner of treatment it has received in the Morning Organ is the amount of irrelevant matter that has been introduced, the false alarm that has been sounded, and the appeals that have been made to the lower instincts and baser passions of humanity too plainly indicate that this onslaught has been inspired by no other motive than hellish malice.

We are exceedingly obliged to those of our friends who have remitted the amounts of their respective subscriptions. At the same time we beg to remind those who have not yet done so, that delays are dangerous. Now is the acceptable time. Do not put off till tomorrow what can be accomplished today.

WHAT Conservative rule has done for Quebec's finances is well enough illustrated in the prices obtained for the last Liberal Government's loan and the last Conservative Government's loan. In 1891 Messrs. Mercier and Sheehy went to Europe and made an attempt to float the famous ten million dollar loan.

time we have steadily maintained the cause of the minority in Manitoba. We have gone further and said time and again, with reference to the separate schools in Ontario, that we are totally opposed to any forced uniformity such as fanatic adherents of the public schools desire.

Now, let us see what the "deep-laid" plot is, which the Morning Organ "scented" in the breeze. It is, so it says, a proposal made to the City School Board by the Bishop of Charlottetown, with a view to placing St. Joseph's Convent School under the public school system.

THE secular education of the pupils confided to their care, is all that is demanded of teachers by the public schools act. Now, if this secular education can be supplied in accordance with the full requirements of the provisions of the act, and to the satisfaction of the inspectors, in the Convent school and by the nuns in question, what more is needed? That ought to be satisfactory to men actuated by a spirit of justice, toleration and fair play.

GOLDWIN SMITH, discussing the school settlement in the Weekly Sun, says: "The thoroughly devout Catholic, no mere safeguards, or hours reserved for doctrinal teaching will entirely satisfy. He wants the Catholic atmosphere, the Catholic surroundings, the Catholic life."

THE opening of the Behring Sea Claims Commission witnessed some preliminary fencing between Hon. E. Peters, the senior British counsel, and Hon. M. Dickinson, senior counsel for the United States. When the rules of procedure were taken up, both sides agreed on all but one point.

THE French Navy. The officially proposed naval expenditure of France for 1897 is \$20,000,000. It is probable, however, that this total will be reduced by the budget commission to the extent of about \$20,000,000.

Now, after this has gone on for about twenty years, during which time the City and Provincial treasuries have largely benefited, the mere rumor that application is to be made for a change raises

This steamer Colchalis, from New York, bound to Hull with grain, was towed into Halifax Monday night by the steamer Holt, from New Orleans, bound to Liverpool with grain and general merchandise. The Colchalis, which has propeller damaged by the breaking of the shaft, was picked up upon the Grand Banks Nov. 21 and it took some days to get her into port.

THE Ottawa Citizen, a secular paper, replying to some criticisms of the Kingston Freeman, on the school question, among other things says: "When our critic says, however, that the Citizen is 'not in favour of separate schools in any form it says what is not true.'"

THE attention of the Dominion Government has been directed by Mayor Ode of Niagara Falls, Ont., to a scandalous case of ill treatment of a British subject by the American authorities at Niagara Falls, New York, under the alien labor law.

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LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

Two young lads named Clarke and Poirie, were drowned in the Rideau canal, Ottawa, on Monday, while skating.

A NUMBER of temporary employees in the railway, post office and agricultural departments, Ottawa, were discharged on Monday.

Word comes from London that the Government has released Dr. Jameson; but that his health would not permit his removal at present.

A REPORT comes from Brackley Point that Mr. William Matheson of that place, lost his outbuildings together with nearly all his stock, by fire, on Monday night.

A LARGE coal shed belonging to the Boston and Maine Railroad, in Boston, was burned yesterday morning, loss \$75,000. A fire engine and locomotive collided. One man was killed, and two injured.

THE steamer Manitow, from Cardiff, November 26th, for Halifax, has put into Bantry Bay in Distress. On November 27th an explosion of gas occurred in the hold of the steamer, which blew up the main deck and tore one of her masts out. The first officer was killed.

JAMES J. LYNDON, an old and respected resident of St. John's, N.S., was killed by his horse on his own stable on Monday and died in a few minutes. Deceased leaves an aged widow, who is completely prostrated by the shock. They celebrated their golden wedding some years since.

JOSEPH CROSBY, of Ohio, Yarmouth, N.S., got his clothing caught in a belt at the saw mill at Tusket Lakes on Thursday, and was carried over the shafting. He died in a few minutes, which he died on Friday. Crosby was 70 years of age, and leaves a widow and a number of children.

THE Summer correspondent of the Guardian reports that a young man named William McFadden, of Sheep River, had his leg broken last Thursday night while going home from Tyne Valley. He was driving a load when some unknown person drove past him and struck his horse a blow with a whip. His horse jumped, throwing him on the road and the wheels passed over his leg with the above result.

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The Constitution. (Ottawa Citizen) An article on the Manitoba school question, discussing the constitutional implications and the role of the federal government.

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