

The Colonist.

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RIGHTS NOT IN DANGER.

We are glad to see that time has been given the people of the Dominion as well as their representatives in Parliament calmly to consider the Manitoba School Question from every point of view.

Now the rights of the people of the Province of Manitoba with respect to education are clearly defined in the British North America Act, which is the Constitution of the Dominion and applies to all the Provinces; and in the Manitoba Act, which, as its name implies, is in force in the Province of Manitoba alone.

There is another protection for the denominational minority in the different provinces. If in any province, say Manitoba, after it enters the Union, "separate or dissentient schools" are established and a law is enacted "affecting any right or privilege of the Protestant or Roman Catholic minority of the Queen's subjects in relation to education."

It will be seen from this that the Manitoba minority had the right under the law of the Province to appeal to the Governor-General in Council from any Act of the Provincial Legislature that affected them injuriously in the matter of education.

It must not be forgotten for a moment by those who desire to arrive at an intelligent as well as an impartial decision in this matter that it was not the Governor-General in Council who limited the powers of the provinces with regard to education.

The Dominion Government is quite as much bound to obey that law and to act in conformity with its provisions as is the Province of Manitoba. The Dominion Parliament cannot change a sentence of it or cannot alter the terms of confederation of any of the provinces in the slightest degree.

The Orange demonstration yesterday was imposing, and much larger than anyone expected it would have been. The procession, with its bands and its banners, its officers in bright uniforms, and its companies in tasteful regalia, was picturesque, and the carriage, filled with fine looking ladies with beaming faces, made it most attractive.

was the fine appearance of the processionists and the good order that prevailed. Not only did the members of the different lodges conduct themselves as sober, self-respecting citizens should conduct themselves, but the crowds through which they walked for the greater part of the way were good-humored and cordial.

A FORM OF PROTECTION.

It is generally supposed that free trade and protection are diametrically opposed to each other. We are told that they are opposing systems and that they produce widely different results.

"The fact is that Free Trade was advanced and carried under false pretences. It was presented as the cause of the laborer, to give him a cheap loaf. The real object was to make a popular show. No doubt Cobden was inspired with the national motto, but with the manufacturers it was I. S. D. which arrayed them against the corn laws.

We are firmly convinced that when the subject of the protection of denominational minorities by the Constitution is calmly and dispassionately considered by intelligent men they will come to the conclusion that the provision which saves minorities in some of the provinces from being injuriously affected by the legislation of the majorities is an excellent feature of the Constitution, and that it has worked well.

It is a pity that Mr. Donaldson and the other gentlemen who drew up the resolution that was submitted to the meeting assembled on the Caledonia grounds on Friday, had not read the constitution of the Dominion, "our federal compact," as they term it, before they began their work.

The Dominion has now been living under this "federal compact" twenty-eight years. Has it worked badly in the matter of education? When Ontario and Quebec entered the Union the Roman Catholic minority in Ontario and the Protestant minority in Quebec were protected by the Constitution.

This is not a mere matter of opinion. It is a matter of fact, confirmed by the decisions of the highest legal tribunals in the land. No intelligent man should allow himself to remain in ignorance for a single day of the exact powers of the provinces with respect to education.

Then follow sub-sections 1, 2, 3, 4, which limit and restrict the jurisdiction of the Provincial legislatures. In order that all our readers may see for themselves what the limitations and restrictions are, we reproduce the whole of section 93 of "the federal compact" alluded to in the resolution.

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It might be supposed that since the Imperial colonial policy has been placed on a proper footing it would not matter a great deal to any colony what party is in power in Great Britain.

It is of the utmost importance that men who talk about the Manitoba school question, and who vote on resolutions of which that question is the subject matter, should know exactly what "our federal compact" is.

To judge by the way in which the agitation on the Manitoba school question in Parliament and in the country is treated by some of our contemporaries, one is forced to the conclusion that they regard it as a kind of sport in which the country has little or no interest.

It is not, why does the partial illiteracy of half-breeds, who during the present generation were roaming bands of hunters, and whose mother tongue is Cree, prove anything against the Catholic schools in Manitoba? Let the Catholics be admitted for the noble work they have done as missionaries, instructors, and civilizers among the nomads of the prairies, and not traduced because every nomad is not yet a scholar.

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THE GLORIOUS "TWELFTH."

To the Editor:—It was touching spectacle—the arches and banners decorated with portraits of Queen Victoria and William III, mottoes of "Remember the Deeds of your forefathers," "One Queen, One Country," and similar emblems of English patriotism. But it was still more touching and interesting to see the 2,000 Americans—members of the American Protective Association—who the day before, when on the other side, had been shouting themselves hoarse for the "Monks' Doctrine," "Americanism for Americans," "Doctrine of Victoria and British Interference," and similar tall twisting expressions, entirely converted and restored to love and devotion towards the British Crown.

Resolved, that in view of the recognized rights of the provinces to control their own local affairs under our federal compact, and in view with alarm of the shameful intention of the Dominion Government to force the local government of the Province of Manitoba to restore the system of schools which has been found wholly inefficient.

Now, anyone who reads the British North America Act at all carefully must see that in the matter of Education the right of the provinces of the Dominion to control their own local affairs is not "recognized." On the contrary, it is restricted in the clearest possible manner. And the act we have named is "our federal compact." We have no other.

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the universities, and every one of which was a centre of popular schooling and of charity for the people in its neighborhood. In England all of these institutions, the protectors and patrons of learning (I allude to the monasteries) were suppressed and the Catholics were forced to the reformatories and orphanages which the Reformation created. It was not until the year 1828, or nearly three hundred years after the Reformation, that England felt the need of, or was inspired to create, more universities than the Catholics had left to it ready-made. If anyone wishes to verify my figures let him consult Haydn's Dictionary of Dates and the Encyclopedia of Chronology, by Woodward & Coates.

I should like to say something about Mr. Dalton McCarthy's remarkable letter which Mr. Donaldson read at yesterday's celebration, but space permits me to refer to only one point. Mr. McCarthy speaks of a Roman Catholic bishop named "Gravel" who has recently "scandalized the whole country by assailing the honor and integrity of the judicial committee of the Privy Council."

Mr. McCarthy quotes no documents in proof of these sweeping assertions—which, as remarked with reference to some of the charges of the separate schools of Manitoba, are so general that they are rather vilification, than allegation. I think it very unlikely that Bishop Gravel would assail the honor and integrity of the Privy Council, when that Council is greater than the whole of the world, and accorded Catholic rights in Manitoba.

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MAIL CONTRACT.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster-General, will be received at Ottawa until noon on Friday, the 22nd August next, for the conveyance of Her Majesty's mails on a proposed contract for four years, once per week each way, between Kettleby Creek and 100-Mile House, from the 1st October next.

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