

the Weekly Times

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THE SCHOOL QUESTION.

At the instance of the Greenway government the Manitoba legislature has further adjourned until June 13th its sitting for the consideration of the school question.

We will try to crush under foot the iniquitous law which has sought to deprive us of our rights.

The Catholics of Manitoba will never consent to accept crumbs in matters of education while the Protestants of Quebec are seated at the banquet table.

The attorney-general, speaking on behalf of the government, says there will not be a return to the old system, as required by the remedial order.

ATTEMPT TO MUZZLE THE COLUMBIAN.

The New Westminster Columbian has been threatened with an action for libel by Mr. James Fitzsimmons, the deputy warden of the penitentiary, whose reinstatement after suspension, or dismissal, has caused general disgust in the province.

While we are sorry, on Mr. Fitzsimmons' account (against whom we entertain no personal feelings of any kind), that he has decided to subject himself to the painful ordeal of an open trial in court—besides which the comparatively sequestered inquisition of the royal commission will be felt to be a very mild purgatory indeed—we cannot but rejoice, as a public journal, conducted in the public interest, that we are to have such an unexampled opportunity as Mr. Fitzsimmons proposes to give us to thoroughly ventilate and expose the scandalous "job" of his reinstatement, and all the actors ("high, low, jack and the game") in it.

CUSTOMS TAXATION.

The News-Advertiser has been looking into the Dominion public accounts and Mr. Foster's statements, and comes to some very sage conclusions.

"Nor would the reduction in the amount of the imports, due to the general depression and the economies which are being practised by the people, have caused a deficit had the scale of duties remained at what it was previous to the fiscal year 1892-3.

The simple facts, which cannot be controverted, show that the deficits of the present government—which, by the way, have been in the aggregate much less in amount than the surpluses—have been caused by the lightening of taxation.

THEN AND NOW.

Referring to customs taxation yesterday we showed that if the Mackenzie government had raised the tariff to the 17.03 per cent. rate which it now reaches there would have been in the three years surpluses instead of deficits.

During the session of 1891 Hon. L. H. Davies (opposition) moved the following resolution: "Inasmuch as Great Britain admits the products of Canada into her ports free of duty, this house is of the opinion that the present scale of duties exacted on goods mainly imported from Great Britain should be reduced."

know that the fashion is dying out, and it would be well if the docking of horses died with it.

This suggests a comparison of the customs taxation of 1878 and that of 1894—and for this purpose we shall take our Conservative friends on their own chosen ground. They insist that the percentage of customs taxation shall be calculated on the whole amount of importations, not on the dutiable goods alone.

Montreal Herald: It is learned that despite the bad year the Dominion Cotton Company earned, net, no less than \$320,000, or 10% per cent., on the full capital of \$3,000,000.

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POLITICAL POINTERS.

The following is from the Quebec Chronicle (Tory) of a recent date: "The Hon. Thomas McGreevy, M. P., left here yesterday afternoon by steamer for Montreal. The boat was gaily decorated with flags in honor of the new member, who was also saluted by rockets and cannon shots from the various wharves up the Coves along the river front.

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Montreal Witness: The Protectionists have discarded the Union Jack as a party badge, and we hear nothing about a British subject I will die, a sentiment altogether too good to prostitute to ignoble and selfish purposes.

It was announced that the British revenue for the year ended March 31st last, amounted to £101,697,394, an increase of £3,399,942 as compared with the preceding year.

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"Favorite," A small Parlor Match in a neat box for vest pocket; no sulphur.
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vet we see by these figures that the 38,000,000 of British people pay half a billion dollars without as much complaint as is made by the 62 million of protected Americans when they are called upon to contribute their half billion.

NEWS OF THE INTERIOR.

Business Reported Brisk in the Kootenay Country.
Yernon News. Judge Spinks returned last week from holding court in the Kootenay district. He reports business as brisk in that section and a big mining boom is regarded as an absolute certainty this summer.

DURRANT'S DEFENSE.

He Expresses Confidence That He Will Be Discharged.
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DESTROYING THE SEALS.

The Catches Consist of Nearly Ninety Per Cent. of Females.
Port Townsend, May 19.—Though the present spring weather has been so boisterous that sealing vessels have reported the most unfavorable season yet experienced, yet the damage done to seal herds is immense.

Relief in Six Hours.—Distressing Kidney and Bladder diseases relieved in six hours by the "Great South American Kidney Cure." This new remedy is of great surprise and delight on account of its exceptional promptness in relieving pain in the bladder, kidneys, back and every part of the urinary passage in male or female.

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BEHRING SEA COMMISSION.
Likely to be Postponed Till Sir Julian Returns.
Washington, May 11.—The departure of Sir Julian Pauncefote, British Ambassador, for Europe early next month will likely result in the postponement of the action in the proposed Behring sea commission, the arbitration of the Venezuelan question, and other pending subjects in which the United States is concerned, until the ambassador returns in the fall.
The Venezuelan correspondence may continue through summer, but no decisive developments closing the question or bringing it to a crisis in which this country may be called to act are expected until autumn. In the meantime, Senator Andrade, the Venezuelan minister, will go away for the summer.

WRITING IN THE SCHOOLS.
Subject Discussed by the Teachers in Session.
At the regular meeting of the Teachers' Association held yesterday afternoon the system of writing best adapted for use in all the city schools was brought up for discussion. A number of teachers were in favor of the Spencerian system, while others held that the vertical system was more legible and more easily taught.

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