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MR. HAY'S RETIREMENT.

School affairs have been exciting some attention this week and the school board have by two actions made themselves rather unpopular with the public. These are the depriving the city of the services of an able educationist in the person of Dr. Geo. U. Hay and their refusal to open

heir doors to the press and the public.
The city's less will be some one else's gain for in view of Dr. Hay's wide reputa-tion and recognised ability as a natural scientist, teacher and principal he will no doubt command as good a position it not better than that of principal of Victoria

The subject of Dr. Hav's retirement has and considerable notice in the daily press and to has had considerable sympathy ex-pressed for him and it found expression in a petition signed by influential citizens which was presented to the school board a petition signed by influential citizens which was presented to the school board asking for better recognition of his services.

It seemed however that the die had been it will be found that the reporter is present

position offered him.

It is a regrettable circumstance and more so that there appears to be considerable rancour aroused over the affair.

It appears that the school board had a Lockhart, Haley, Allen and the mover delicate matter in hand. They had engaged Dr. Bridges for a period of years as head of the grammar school and when the Grammar and Victoria schools were

the appearance of being as responsible a position as his previous one but it would appear that the title of associate principal was to be one of name only. Dr. Bridges was to administer the school and lay down the law and the gospel of its methods of discipline. Dr. Hay was to stay in his room and teach his subjects. He felt that he could not do this in justice to himself in view of his past record and so he resigned, and the school board promptly accepted his resignation and have lost the very best teacher, excepting Dr. Bridges, that the teacher, excepting Dr. Bridges, that the city had on its staff.

aldermen want the school board meetings argammar school license. It is a botanist and as teacher of English literature and natural science the board of education some months ago passed a regulation by which be could obtain a special grammar school license. Thereful publicity. The council operates the protested to the board of board of the regular grammar school licenses. Thereful publicity. The council operates the protested to the board of the regular grammar school licenses and some others who hold the regular grammar school licenses. Thereful publicity. The council operates the protested to the board of education against this step and considered that Dr. Hay and grammar school teachers of the province this step and considered that Dr. Hay and and the others had as much right to pass the severe requirements of the grammar school license examination as themselves.

This probably made a breach between the two educationists and both being of different minds in regard to the high school, Dr. Hay preferring the departmental sys-tem while Dr. Bridges opposed it, they de-cided that they could not advantageously be associated in the conduct of the school or rather Dr. Bridges probably decided that for be appears to have the school board at his back and so Dr. Hey had nothing to do but resign.

Now Dr. Bridges will have an elephant on his hands, so to speak. He will superintend the workings of all the city schools. He will be principal of the High school with its 500 pupils and he will teach the eleventh and twelth grades for two or three hours daily. He has a heavy responsibility on his shoulders but he is a man of ability and stern purpose and purhaps he can carry it; any way, time will tell. Could some arrangement have been affected whereby that responsibility might have been ahared it would certainly have been in the interest of the nohools. But it seems that that was impossible and the papers and public might talk a year and

not mend matters. It was a deadlock if ever there was one. Dr. Hay wanted one of the two positions or none at all, the principalship or the superintendency. He did not want an associate principalship that would be one in name only. To show that this would have been so the school board has stated that there will now be no associate principal, and Dr. Hay's successor will just teach his or her grade. During Dr. Bridges, absence from the school therefore it will be for the time without a head.

It is too bad that there should have been this hitch in the machinery of this new

It is too bad that there should have been this hitch in the machinery of this new school which probably his no peer among high schools in the Maritime provinces with Dr. Bridges teaching classics, and Dr. Hay teaching English and natural science and the two uniting their experience and knowledge in mapping out the general management of the school the scholarship would have been of a high order. 'Of course it will be as it is, for the staff is an excellent one and good work will be done. excellent one and good work will be done.

The other matter that has been attractcast when Dr. Hay wrote his letter to the press, taking a decided stand against the school board and refusing to accept the position offered him. of which he had given notice some months voting for and Messrs. Coll, Gorman, Nase, Dr. White and Mrs. Skinner and Mrs.

Dever voting against.

This question has been discussed several times by the board and no valid arguments have been adduced why the body should sit with closed deors. It has been stated that the reporters might misrepresent them or put them in a bad light before the the Grammar and Victoria schools were united it was a question between Dr. Bridges and Dr. Hay. The former being an excellent administrator, teacher and classical student and possessing a university degree and grammar school license was appointed. Dr. Hay was offered the choice of the principalship of Victoria school with the high school grades absent or the associate principalship of the high school. The former was of course a subordinate position so he refused it. The latter had tions and the work of teachers if they admitted the press. In answer to this it might be said that either of these matters could be delegated to committees or else the reporters could be requested to ramain

the reporters could be requested to ramain silent about them, and it can be vouched for that they would williarly comply.

Anyhow the day has come when the public must know how the school funds are being expended and the schools administered. The city council for many years jealously guarded their committee rooms from the man of the quill but at length ty had on its staff.

Dr. Hay and one or two others of the vielded to insistent demands. Now the aldermen want the school board meetings council then are thoroughly justified in asking their six representatives to follow their tidding and pronounce the sesame. They have the power for they form the majority of the board.

The voice of the people must be heard and it cannot be long before the board will have to take the public into its confi-

Where is Mr. Burton?

The strange actions of Horace G. Burton, formerly Collier & Co's shrewd agent, who after passing unsoathed through a very searching trial on the charge of embezzlement, went into partnership with Mr. E. C. March of the Singer Academy

own expense, and one that illustrates the lavish expenditure of some moneyed men on everything that tends towards display or luxury. The lady who happened to be spending a day in Newport last spring hird a carriage and with another member of her lamily was driven around the fashionable recent the summer have the second of of her family was driven around the fashionable resort,—the summer home of so many millionaires. The various places of interest were visited and pointed out by the driver, who as a splendid marble pile came in view brought his horses to a walk and turning to the lady and her companion said with much pride "That is Oliver H. P. Belmont's residence." The St. John people, in common with most of St. John people, in common with most of the world had heard of Mr. Belmont and when Truro was the terminus of the N. S., they duly admired the magnificent manifon where he disports himself in summer. A little distance from the "cottage" was

A little distance from the "cottage" was another stately building, almost as imposing and magnificent as the first; although of an entirely different design, its towers, windows, graceful arches and polished masonry were quite as impressive, viewed through the drooping branches of many

""Whose quaint, levely residence is that?" enquired the lady, of the driver, who strangely enough had not volunteered any

information in regard to the place.

The Jehn turned with offended dignity, glanced witheringly at the questioner for a scorn that might have crushed even a more assuming person remarked, "That is Mr. Belmont's stable."

There is some fun to be had from a boat race even if it does not come off, especially if it is supposed to take place at so pretty a spot as "The Willows" on the Kennebecasis. But old Boreas cares nothing for the arrangements of judges and referee and sent a spanking breeze along both Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons to delay the race between Messrs. McCormick and Johnston. Still the excursionists from the city on both afternoons had a few pleasant hours in the country, and, pending the de-cision of the leisurely but watchtul referee Willis, wandered here and there about the fields and along the river bank. To not sis and the beauty of the seasery appealed to them strongly. "The Willows" too was a surprise to them and they inspected the house with much interest. So a postponed boat race has its advantages after all, if it introduces a few more people to a delightful bit of their own good country.

wagon which he was forced to give up and when he endeavored to trace his old cart which he had traded he found that it had been seized by Mr. Jas. Kelly the carriage builder for repairs made upon it. So Bogle seems to be out of it all round.

A Fine List of Entries.

Secretary J. H. Frink of the agricult society shows a great list of entries for the fall exhibition races, the most interesting event—free for all—failed to secure more than three entries. Arclight is one of those and it may be that the speedy gelding is held in the same terror as Special Blend was when at his clip. Special Blend was when at his chip. Clayson is not in form this year and the fast ones from Nova Scotis do not appear to wish to measure strength with the son of Rampart.

The Premier Coming. The Premier Coming.

The arnouncement that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will open the exhibition gives general pleasure throughout the city. Sir Wilfrid's triumples abroad have been a great satisfaction, not only to his political supporters but to every Canadian who felt that in the Premier they had a representative worthy of his native land. St. John will accord Sir Wilfrid a hearty welcome.

NEN WHO SYSTEMATICALLY STRAE FOR A LIVING.

serious offence by some men who have held positions in the railroad sarvice at this point. Many a person who would scorn to app opriate the property of a neighbour would not hesitate to enrich himself on

the size of their window sashes to suit the government glass, and that government walnut and malogany extend largely into the finishing of their parlors and dining rooms. It has also been said that a few men in the service became stooped in the back from the constant practice of shouldering home government lumber. It is told of the stolen barrels were taken out of the stolen barrels were taken out of the storeroom and hauled sway.

At another time a boat was loaded with one enterprising individual, that he stole sufficient paint to cover a couple of new to the railway and sent down to a city houses, and had quite an overplus after junk store in charge of two boys. The metal sheathing was pulled off the old derricks that had stood for a number of

After the extension of the road east and north a wider field was opened up for those who were inclined to operate. Some years ago a small syndicate was organized with head-quarters in New Brunswick to carry on a trade in brass brushes; the metal was put up in barrels which were labelled oysters and shipped by rail to a distant started when, on one unlucky day, the head gave way in a barrel of the bogus oysters and the enterprise collapsed. There was a sudden winding up of the syndicate and a sudden imigration of its members into the borderland.

The members of the brass brush syndicate were only amateurs in the quarters were at Richmond in this city and who carried on a successful buisness for a period extending over ten years. They commenced on a small scale, but like operators on Wall Street they graw reck-less with their good luck and soon corners in government coal lumber and oil were the

Cars of coal arriving at Richmond would disappear, and the official would be perplexed and puzzled to know what be-

hoppers would disappear, people would naturally come to the conclusion that they were dumped by mistake aboard of some teamer, but when gondolas began to follow suit some other conclusion had to be arrived at. On one occasion a gondola of coal arrived from Springhill for a well-known steamship firm. Before the consigness could get possession of the coal, the car was moved to the cotton factory branch and the contents hauled away to the houses of the operating gang. It could scarcely be said that the work was done on the sly, as some of the coal was offered for sale by a member of the "com

At another time a cargo of hard coal was discharged at Richmond for the railway. Some of it was shipped in cars to stations along the line, but a portion of the cargo was stored under the coal trestle near the Richmond office. One gondola, containing probably twenty five tons, was not unloaded at the trestle, neither did it go out along the line, but it was taken possession of by the "company" and hauled to their respective houses. At another time a cargo of hard coal was

One man who was not a member of the gang threatened to "equal" over the disposal of the hard coal. He gave one of the bosses to understand that if the government

MAKE A LIVING AT IT. had coal for gratuitous distribution, the thing should be done on a more equ the thing should be done on a more equit-able basis, and that the poor employees should not be overlooked in the matter. The kick had the desired effect, and the They Evidently Think it is no Harm to Pick up Anything They Can Got From a Rich Corporation—Where Potatoes and Coal go—Other Halifax News.

HALIFAX, S pt, 2,—Stealing from the government has not been looked upon as a

had a good chance to observe in Halifax, tells Progress.

Was putting up potatoes for shipment in the steamship shed. Several car loads of the potatoes in bulk were put in the siding railroad system, that a tew far-seeing offi-cials, when building houses, would regulate the size of their window sashes to suit the

> to the railway and sent down to a years on the long railway whart, and had been stored in the shed for some time. The metal was supplemented by a quantity of railway scrap, and sent to the junk store as above stated in charge of two boys. The boss of the job did not therefore did not accompany the boat. The venture was not a success for the city detective got his eye on the suspicious craft and took possesion of boat and cargo and made prisoners of the crew. The railway officials were promptly notified of what had taken place, but nothing was done to punish the guilty parties. The boys gave fictitious names when taken to the police station and though every circumstance pointed to the fact that a bold steal had taken place no attempt was made to have the affair investigated. The man who bossed the piracy was retained in the swain, and in order to make the public believe that there was nothing dishonest in the transaction employ as a messenger a few weeks after his experience at the police court. It is a scripture injunction to be a father to the fatherless, and as the boy was a son of a

on regular requisitions, under the pretence that it was required when cattle shipments were taking place. As the lumber would be useless for building purposes wit nails, several kegs of the latter were to out of the railway store room on the wharf and shipped with the lumber. The officials at Dartmouth retused to deliver the lumber until they received a regular waybill for it.

until they received a regular waybill for it. After a few days' delay the necessary sheat was received, which aboved a charge of \$2 for moving car from Richmond to Dartmouth, the date given was April 2ad, 1886, and the number of the waybill 80.

The stealing was not done by poor men who worked for small pay, but by individual's who drew large pay and for a considerable time enjoyed the confidence of Station-Ageats and Superintendents. One of the gang was dismissed from the saviers saveral years ago, but not for anything in the stealing line. A second was dismissed for appropriating railway property and other acts of dishonesty. In justice to the memory of those individuals it can be truly said that they never pretended to he saints, they never took part in railway men's conventions, nor did they ever learn the habit of talking intentions.