

TEE CROWN LAND POLICY.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie, in an excellent speech in the house the other night, ably defended the crown land policy of the government, and we only regret that the space at our command today will not permit the reproduction of his address in full. The government, he said, had been criticised as to the crown land sales, and the claim was made that they should have received \$120,000 on the basis of the last year's sales of 1893. That was an absurd proposition. It would be about as sensible to say that if you sold goods at three months' credit for \$100, at six months' credit you should get \$200. It did not follow that the last sold ten years ago should be as good now as then. The fact was that the policy of the government had not been controlled by the idea of getting as much money as they possibly could out of those timber lands. If they had fixed the stumpage at \$1 for the twenty-five years, and if they had made no regulations with respect to cutting, for very much larger amount could have been realized. The government had been animated by a desire to encourage the industries of the country and not kill them out. They did not wish to shut up the lands in the hands of monopolists, but in the interest of the poor man and the small operator had required that the lands must be operated upon. He was prepared to stand or fall by the crown land policy of the government. Under the new system the lessees would keep their lands in order and protect them from fire; they would clear the streams and build roads, and twenty-five years from now the crown timber lands would be in better condition and have more lumber upon them than at the present time. It did not injure the lands to lumber over them provided the work was properly done. As far back as fifty years ago the question of long leases had been considered by the government of this province, and the surveyor general of that day expressed the opinion that long leases would be preferable. The average received per acre at the sale was \$17, which he thought a very good showing, especially in view of the uncertainty of the trade. The lands which had been sold after the public sale averaged \$12.5 a mile.

He spoke of the vast tract of land taken up in Restigouche county by the Muskoka land and lumber company that had never been taken before. Was it not better that these lands should be operated upon rather than allowed to lie unworked and unearned for as in the past? Was it not better that these large milling establishments that were being projected should be erected for the employment of the people. The beneficial results that were flowing and would continue to flow from the government's timber land policy were recognized and appreciated by the people, and would be still further recognized and appreciated by the people, and would be still further recognized in future years.

Mr. Tweedie has proved himself a careful, judicious and entirely capable administrator of the crown land department, and his selection as surveyor general has been more than justified by his prudent management of his department.

CONFESSION.

WHEN Pitts first made his charges against the attorney general in the Quinn matter, he alleged he could produce the original correspondence which had passed between the parties in the transaction, and the Gleaser asserted the same thing. Mr. Blair challenged him to do it, but up to the present time Pitts has failed to come to time. Indeed the confession was dragged from him in the house, that he could not produce the originals. Pitts, as will be seen from our report to-day, again asserted that "the originals are available when the right time comes," but in this, besides his own subsequent confession, he is contradicted by the editor of the Gleaser. This person, after Mr. Blair's exposure of the tool plot, like Davy Crockett's gun, has also come down, and in his paper last night, says: "We are not now in a position to say just who is the custodian of these important papers and also of the copy of the receipt to Mr. Quinn."

The public will readily reach the conclusion that either Pitts or the Gleaser editor is lying. No doubt every unprejudiced person, in the light of the exposure and the slanders' confessions, will have no difficulty in arriving at the conclusion that both these persons have been convicted of the most malicious falsehoods.

The prohibitionists have nothing to expect from Sir John Thompson; they interwined him on Tuesday and asked for the passage through parliament of a prohibitory law, but he told them plainly that he would do nothing for them this session, and, indeed, would make no pledge of any kind on the subject. As a prominent prohibitionist expressed it after the meeting, "he left us not a ray of hope."

It was noticeable that Mr. Foster, once the great prohibition leader, was not present at the interview.

The Sun, which hates Mr. Blair and his government as the d— hates holy water, is constrained to admit that Judge Fraser's speech in the Bathurst investigation clears the Board of Education, and that no one will doubt the commissioner reached his conclusions by conscientious reasoning, and that great respect will be paid to them as the result of diligent investigation.

The opposition, on the average, move a want-of-confidence resolution once a day, and in the vote that follows stand up to the extent of eleven men. Mr. Gogain has evidently tired of his old company and votes with the government.

The legislature is practically through with supply, and last night passed quite a number of bills. The committees are fully organized, and work has commenced in earnest.

A RECOUNT of the votes cast in the Colchester local election has given one of the supporters for Mr. Lawrence, a seat for that county to Mr. Fielding.

THE HERALD will publish in its next issue, Hon. Mr. Emmerson's speech on the department of public works' operations during the past year.

A GREAT moral spectacle—Mr. Pinder talking about the misappropriation of public money.

A Nursery Rhyme.
(Continued.)
Old Mother Hubbard
Went to the provincial cupboard
To get poor "Jimmie" a bone,
It was minus his share,
And poor wee "Jimmie" got none.
So old Mother Hubbard,
Looking wistfully at the cupboard,
And for better success sent Her-man;
And with one eye on hungry Pinder,
Ebe sat at the window
Watching wistfully at the cupboard,
Her-man came back
With an empty sack,
While "Jimmie" growled like fit;
For he saw a glance,
While he barked and he pranced
All it contained was "Pitts."

EXONERATED.

The Charges Against the Government and Board of Education Unfounded.

Hon. Mr. Mitchell, in the legislature Thursday morning, tabling the report of Hon. John J. Fraser in the Bathurst school question, which comprises a pamphlet of seventy-five pages. His honor concludes as follows:

I think as a general result of the evidence I may state my opinion, formed thereon, as to some of the questions in brief, as follows:

1st.—That no conventional schools have been established in Bathurst town or village in the direction indicated in the complaint; that is, schools which it was sought to have under the control of the Roman Catholic church, but on the contrary that the trustees of both town and village in securing for school purposes certain school rooms in the town convent buildings and certain rooms in the village convent building, intended for the schools, carried on in such buildings should be bona fide and conducted in all respects in accordance with the common schools act and regulations of the board of education.

2d.—That the law does not establish that there has been any Roman Catholic priestly or clerical interference with the schools in the town or village, or in any of the school districts of the county of Gloucester.

3d.—That the trustees in the town and village districts had not, up to the time of my holding the investigation in the town of Bathurst in May and June last, discharged their duties as trustees as efficiently as they might have done in regard to having a satisfactory grading of the schools of the town and village, notwithstanding the constant efforts and directions of the chief superintendent of the board of education looking to that end.

4th.—That there has been a tendency on the part of the trustees of the town and village to grant permits to Roman Catholic children to attend the school rooms in the convent building in which the Sisters of Charity are teachers, to a larger extent than is consistent with the satisfactory grading of the schools in both the public buildings and the rooms in the convent school buildings, taken as a whole school district, and this I consider largely attributable to the desire of Roman Catholic parents to have their children placed as pupils in schools in which the Sisters of Charity are teachers.

The directions and requirements of the chief superintendent of the board of education in his letters of the 24th of December, 1892, to the trustees of both districts, if fully carried out would appear under all the circumstances, of population, religion and nationality to reasonably meet the requirements of the case, and be likely to produce a reasonably satisfactory system of grading in both town and village.

5th.—The evidence establishes that several of the teachers in Bathurst town and village have during the recreation hour at noon taught the Roman Catholic catechism and given religious instruction during such hour, after the dismissal of the pupils at noon and before the hour for reassembling in the afternoon, under the full belief that such hour was not a part of the teaching day. While this was an infringement of the law, according to the regulation, as I have interpreted it, it was not, in my opinion, a willful infringement of it, inasmuch as the teachers who so taught the catechism honestly believed that the recreation hour was no part of the teaching day.

6th.—That Roman Catholic prayers have been used at the opening and closing of the schools, but that they have been so used with the permission of the school trustees under the wording of school regulation 22, which permits the use of prayers approved by the school trustees, and Roman Catholic prayers have also been used in a few of the schools at the close of the morning session of the school and at the opening of the afternoon session, the teacher who so used such prayers being under the impression that he or she was to open, close each session, forenoon and afternoon, with prayer, and not with any intention in so doing of violating the school law or school regulation.

7th.—That in a few, but in perhaps not more than three or four schools in Gloucester county, which are all situated outside the town and village, the Roman Catholic catechism may have been taught by the teachers in the morning session of the school, and at the opening of the afternoon session, the teacher who so used such prayers being under the impression that he or she was to open, close each session, forenoon and afternoon, with prayer, and not with any intention in so doing of violating the school law or school regulation.

8th.—That no Protestant child or pupil has been forced by any teacher to kneel or cross himself or herself in school.

9th.—That no Protestant pupil was ordered by the teacher of any school to leave the same because he would not kneel in the school at the close of the morning session, nor did he leave the school under and by reason of such order.

10th.—That some of the Protestants of the town and village object to the licensing of the Sisters of Charity as teachers, and refuse to send their children to any department in which the teacher is a Sister of Charity.

LOCAL NEWS.

AN AT HOME.—Lieut. Governor and Mrs. Fraser will give an at home on Thursday next.

CITY COUNCIL.—The regular monthly meeting of the city council will be held next Tuesday evening.

MARRIED.—In this city, on the 29th inst., by Rev. Geo. B. Pypson, Sherman Scott and Sarah McKenna, both of this city.

FOUR SCORE.—W. E. Perley, M. P. for Sunbury, was eighty years old last Sunday and was first elected to the legislature forty years ago.

CUT DOWN.—The trustees asked the city council to assess \$10,500 for schools and interest this year, but the council cut the amount down to \$10,000.

FIRE.—The house and barn owned by P. D. Evans, at Waas station, were completely destroyed by fire Tuesday afternoon. The loss was about \$1,000.

RETIRED.—George F. Gregory has retired from the drug business, and on the 1st of May, R. T. Mack will open up at the old stand of Davis, Mack & Co.

CLOSED UP.—The measles have become so prevalent, especially in the lower end of the city, that the Charlotte street school has been closed until April 11th.

THE DATE FIXED.—The opera "Trial by Jury" is to be given by amateurs in the City Hall Tuesday evening April 10th, and the public are promised a rare treat.

ASSIGNED.—The news that George C. Hunt, the well known druggist, had assigned was heard with general regret. The trustees of the estate are E. B. Winslow and T. Carleton Allen.

A GOOD SHOW.—The R. R. C. I. minstrels had a good house and gave an excellent show in the city hall Monday evening. The singing was especially good and the jokes fresh and clean.

ECONOMY.—To further reduce the school expenses of the city the board of trustees yesterday reduced the salary of James Hamilton, janitor of the Charlotte street school, from \$300 to \$200.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES.—The annual educational services will be held in the Methodist church tomorrow evening, sermon by Rev. Dr. Lathern, Mrs. Harrison will sing a solo during the service.

FIRE.—The firemen were called out shortly after one o'clock this afternoon by an alarm from Capt. Sypher's residence, the roof of which was slightly damaged before the flames were extinguished.

LOWER KEWICHT RIDGE.—The lady party in connection with Star of the Morning lodge was held in their hall on Tuesday evening. The hall was entirely filled, many coming from Kingsclear and the surrounding districts. Games and dancing were kept up till after midnight, when the crowd separated.

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PHUL-NANA.

This is the name of a new Japanese Perfume. We have other kinds at all prices; also a choice variety of reasonable goods in our line. We like to show our stock.

C. FRED. CHESTNUT,
Apothecary,
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Dec. 4th, 1893.

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On Thursday last Sanford Sewell, of Sorrel Ridge paid a visit to his cousin, Mr. Jas. Davis, who is in very poor health. Mrs. Mary Gould gave the young people a "very quipped" on the 24th.

Easter Goods

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—ANOTHER LOT RECEIVED—
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