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Calendar for Next Week.

OCTOBER

8-Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost. The Maternity of the Blessed Virgin.

- 9---Monday-St. Denis and Companions, Martyrs. - Tuesday - St. Francis Borgia
- third General of the Society of Jesus.
- 11-Wednesday-Votive office of St. Joseph.
- 12-Thursday-Votive office of the Blessed Sacrament.
- 13-Friday-St. Edward, King.
- 14-Saturday-St. Callixtus, Pope, Martyr.

#### THE FOSBERRY SCHOOL

The Free Press of Sept. 28 had a long leading article based upon an editorial of the Neepawa Press, complaining that the Fosberry School, near Ste. schools is faithfully given in the Fos- payment) will bring in \$24.30; but as year is ninety-one and three-tenths Rose du Lac, was inspected by Mr. Roger Goulet, who levied exorbitant taxes upon the ratepayers. The argument which our city contemporary deduces from the alleged facts loses all its force as soon as those alleged facts are proved to be fictitious. This we purpose doing.

Quoth the Neepawa Press:

"A school question has developed in the rural municipality of Rosedale, to which we wish to draw the attention of the Provincial Government and all those advocates and supporters of National Schools who have manifested berry school and demands taxes from such deep concern over the educational Rosedale ratepayers to support it is clauses in the Saskatchewan \* and Al- named Roger Goulet, of St. Boniface. berta constitutions.'

is conducted strictly along the lines of all bi-lingual schools, this question has developed nowhere but in the brain of the jaundiced writer.

"The school district of Fosberry comprises parts of Rosedale and Ochre latter.'

acres in Ste. Rose du Lac, 1760 acres flat. The bi-lingual schools were or- with too many pupils for one teacher? hates to inferior educational conditions,

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schools in this district."

tries to make out.

"Protestant children attending this Fosberry school have not received the spector Goulet, of St. Boniface made instruction prescribed for national his demands on Rosedale municipality schools.'

If they have not, that is their own or their parent's fault. The instruction prescribed for national bi-lingual berry school.

"Some of them have been required to travel a greater distance to attend Rosedale council has levied a rate of and neighbors pay.

The children who have thus to travel are those whose parents cannot abide able to those who do not know the the sound of the French language. It facts, especially when accompanied by is national prejudice, not a thirst for the iteration of the title, "Inspector learning, that actuates these haters of everything French.

"The gentleman who inspects Fos-The regular school inspector for this Considering that the Fosberry school part of the Province is T. M. Maguire."

> Quite true for once, The regular small for its 53 pupils, and that a inspector of bi-lingual schools is Mr. second teacher was needed if the child- can be carried out by process of law Roger Goulet, of St. Boniface, appointed ren were to be properly trained. The in this country, is a shame and a disby the Provincial Government to suc- trustees agreed with him and accordceed Mr. Rochon, who was the first ingly determined to engage another inspector of these schools. Mr. T. M. teacher and to enlarge the school.

"A majority of the residents speak Polish and German children may take the French language and belong to the advantage of this excellent system; aggravating is the manner in which Roman Catholic Church. The school and in their case the inspectors must Fosberry school district was organized. is nominally "national," but is con-know their language. For the Fos- It was not done by petition, but hy ducted quite differently from other berry school the inspector must be some hocus-pocus proceedings which schools for which taxes are collected familiar with French as well as English. were subsequently 'legalized' by the from the ratepayers of Rosedale and Mr. Goulet, one of the most distinguish- Provincial Government in the year it is not inspected and reported on by ed graduates of Manitoba University, 1900 or 1901. At any rate the first the same man that supervises other meets these requirements perfectly.

"Where Fosberry school differs most This, being a bi-lingual school, can- from other schools to the maintenance not be inspected by the regular district of which Rosedale ratepayers contriinspector, Mr. Maguire, because he is bute, is in the matter of expense. The not sufficiently familiar with the French average annual cost of schools in Roselanguage. Fosberry school is conduct- dale is about \$600; the amount asked ed in strict accordance with clauses by Inspector Goulet for Fosberry suppression of inconvenient facts, says 215-224 of the Public School Act as school this year is \$1,557.00. The sum nothing of the original organizer of amended by the Laurier-Greenway required from Rosedale ratepayers, that school district, who was none regulations of 1897. It is a bi-lingual whose total assessments amount to public and neutral school, and not a \$3,600, is \$264.88, of which \$81.66 is alone he bestows the title of "regular Catholic school, as the Neepawa Press rated as a general school tax, and school inspector," Mr. T. M. Maguire. \$182.22 as a special school tax.

> "Now, it so happens that before Infor this \$264.88, the council had levied

rates for the year. The general school the 10 per cent. discount for prompt general funds of the municipality. \$183.22.'

This array of figures appears formid-Goulet, of St. Boniface," in order to excite race prejudice. The writer strives to create an impression that this special tax for the present year is intended to meet the current, ordinary expenses of an ordinary year. But the fact is quite otherwise. On his latest inspection tour Mr. Goulet found that the Fosberry school room was too

"What makes the situation more thing the Rosedale ratepayers knew of their predicament was when a bailiff appeared in 1901 and seized their goods and chattels to compel payment of the moneys required by the school board."

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The Neepawa Press writer, who, as we have shown, is an adept in the other than the gentleman on whom The Provincial Government was obliged to pass a special law to regularize what had been badly done. What else could the Government do?

"This condition of things is an unbearable imposition on the Rosedale rate is 7½ mills, which (after allowing ratepayers included in Fosberry school district. Their total taxation for this Mr. Goulet asks for \$81.66, the balance, mills on the dollar-we might say ten \$57.36, must be paid over out of the per cent .- on the assessed value of their property. They cannot stand such taxation and redress must come. Canadaville school, in order to secure 60 mills on the dollar as a special school They must be liberated from Fosberry the education for which their parents tax in Fosberry district to raise the school district; else they must abandon their places and go where no such ruinous taxation can be imposed." This amounts to saying that the district is too poor to pay the special tax called for by necessary school improvements. And this poverty cry is raised in a particularly prosperous dis-

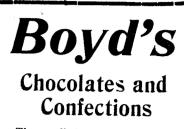
trict in a remarkably prosperous year. We may be sure there would have been no complaint, but on the contrary cheerful contribution to the sacred cause of education, had fanaticism not blinded some of the ratepayers.

"That such imposition, robbery, persecution, or whatever it may be called, grace to the Government upon whom the responsibility rests."

These final words of the Neepawa municipalities and is situated in the Maguire is not competent to judge of Hence a special high tax for the special Press article, which we have reproduced the use made by the pupils of the bi- needs of this special year. To please entire, as it appeared in the Free Press The Neepawa Press writer cannot lingual authorized text books. With the fanatics who refuse to send their of this city, reveal the animus of a even state this simple fact correctly. the explanation of these plain and ob- children to the Fosberry school, should fanatical writer. He brands as perse-The school district of Fosberry com- vious facts the covert insinuation that Inspector Goulet tolerate an overcrowd- cutors those who prevent him and his prises 1280 acres in Rosedale, 4484 there is some irregularity falls very ed and therefore badly ventilated school from condemning people of a race he

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trampled under foot by him and his.

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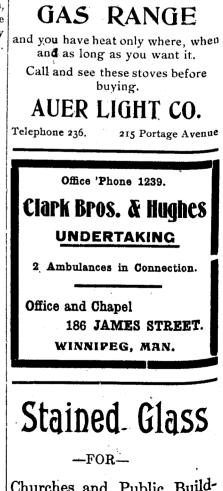
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