

to the details of the programme. It is expected that the financial interests of the association will be provided for in part by grants from the Dominion and Provincial governments. The membership fee will be one dollar, payable at the point of departure as part of the price of the reduced railroad ticket. Subsequent announcement will be made, giving full particulars to those intending to be present.

—About thirty-five years ago a school principal in Elbing, Prussia, was pensioned with one-third of his salary, and he still draws that pension. His successor retired on the 1st of October, 1891, also, but according to the present pension law, with three-fourths of his salary. Hence the position costs the government not only the salary of the present incumbent, but also $\frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{3} = 1\frac{1}{4}$ of the salary in form of pensions. In other words, one-twelfth more is paid for pensions than for salary. But then, such a case is one in a hundred thousand, perhaps.

—Such scenes as those which disgraced the meeting of the Merthyr School Board (says the *Western Mail*) have a tendency to weaken one's faith in the representative system. Men are elected on a public board to represent a faction, and woe betide the member who is bold enough, or weak enough, to obey the behests of others than those who placed him in power. One man is returned by the Baptists, and his sole duty is to look after the interests of the adherents of that denomination. If there is a lucrative position vacant, then he has to work like a nigger to get it for the Baptist applicant. Methodists and Independents have the same great aim—the serving of a party. In this way the true interests of the community as a whole are allowed to go by the board, and public representation has developed into nothing else than a series of faction fights. The discreditable proceedings of the Merthyr School Board were entirely due to the circumstances that one of these denominational factions was beaten in its attempt to get a member of its own body elected to a head-mastership. Much bitterness was introduced into the heated discussion that ensued, and the unseemly wrangling and insulting retorts in which the members indulged were more in keeping with Irish politics than with Welsh educational affairs.

—The Highland fling and the strathspey of Tullochgerum, together with other less exciting forms of dancing, are in future to be taught in the board schools of Dundee. All that the Board is pledged to do is to throw open the schools at certain hours of the evening, when not otherwise engaged, to provide properly qualified teachers, and to fix a uniform scale of fees.