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## THE MANITOBA SCHOOL QUESTION AGAIN.

The Manitoba Government is moving to re-establish separate schools in a modified form. There will be only one school board in a district, and separate schools will not be divided into public and separate school supporters for purposes of assessment and taxation, but children of Roman Catholic parents may have a separate room and a teacher of their own faith, when they number forty in a school.

This legislation was part of the understanding between the Borden and Roblin Governments when the Manitoba boundary bill was framed. If the electors of Manitoba acquiesce in it, there is no ground for federal interference. Sir Wilfrid Laurier contended in 1896 that the Federal Government took a mistaken and futile course in attempting to coerce the Province of Manitoba, but the settlement he effected left the Manitoba Government free to make changes in the school law, providing the rights of the minority were not curtailed. The federal power could not have coerced Manitoba in any event, nor could it have forced Alberta and Saskatchewan to accept the school clauses in the autonomy bill of 1905 against their will. But the new province was favorable to the federal school legislation, and endorsed it overwhelmingly at the polls, while Manitoba declined to accept the Borden-Tupper dictation. It will be much easier for the Roblin Government to enlarge the privileges of the religious minority than it would be for a Liberal administration. The Orange Order will not make trouble for the Conservative party in Manitoba any more than in Ontario. It will line up at the polls for Roblin as it lined up for Tupper in 1896 in his electoral campaign, when he got four out of the six Manitoba seats.

## AS TO ECONOMIC MAXIMS.

The whole fabric of old country greatness rests upon the toll of English and Scottish miners. These men manfully endure discomfort and bravely face death as part of their daily work. The bloodless intellectualism of a John Morley may treasure an effete economic maxim as some-thing mightier and more merciful than a minimum wage law. Britishers who are not scholars, but human beings, are ready to curse the political economy that refuses a minimum of \$1.25 per day to men and 50 cents to boys who toil in the collieries.—Toronto Telegram.

Why pick on John Morley? With the other members of the Government, he at least favored the principle of the minimum wage in the mining industry. The Unionists almost to a man opposed even this concession. John Morley's economic maxims have been modified since he wrote "The Life of Cobden" but Mr. Balfour and his party stand where the leaders of the Manchester School stood sixty years ago, except in the one particular of free trade. In the name of "freedom of contract" such generous souls and humane employers as Cobden and Bright deplored even the slightest attempt on the part of the state to improve the conditions in which women and children labored in the mines or factories. Because in former times the state had meddled in every detail of industry with infinite mischief, these worthy men regarded all state legislation as bad. This view was early and mid-Victorian Whig orthodoxy, but British Liberalism has travelled far since then, while Balfour Conservatism takes a less sympathetic attitude toward the working classes than did Disraelian Toryism. Disraeli believed in the healing power of the state, but a state ruled by unselfish and high-minded aristocrats, who existed chiefly in his imagination and his novels.

The placing of the minimum wage principle on the statute book in the case of a great basic industry like coal mining is an enormous step in advance, described by Mr. Balfour as revolutionary. Those who denounced the Government for refusing to fix the minimum wage rate, a technical task which properly belongs to experts, are as extreme in their opinions as Mr. Balfour. It is only another instance of extremes meeting. If they had met in the division lobby, the Government would have been overthrown, but the Unionists in that event would have had the strike on their hands, a responsibility which was the last thing they wanted.

## SIR JAMES' MARVELLOUS SPEECH

The speech of Sir James Whitney on the bar question would be a credit to the most eloquent of Park orators. He would not think of attempting such a thing as to abolish the bar, but he believes that a law along the lines of his amendment will, "under the favor of Providence, in a short time kill and destroy the desire for the habit of treating." The confusion of language reflects the confusion of thought and logic. To argue that abolition of the bar is impracticable, but that an edict against treating will in a short time change human nature, is merely puerile. It is like leaving a hencoop

open and forbidding all nocturnal visitors to take more than one chicken apiece.

Here is some more of Sir James' reasoning: "I am merely attempting to show, in my crude way" (true enough) "that development is a matter of evolution, of growth." (Any high school undergraduate will concede this point.) "Those who think they can accelerate it are both utterly and entirely mistaken." The difference between "utterly" and "entirely" in their Whitleyian sense may not be quite obvious, but it is obvious enough that apart from some occult Whitleyian or Pickwickian sense, there is no easy harmonization of this brilliant but fatalistic utterance with the success of an anti-treating law as proposed in the amendment.

Such legislation, the Premier admits, to be "unusual and startling." To quote him again:

"It would be a very difficult law to enforce, but it is possible that it could be completely enforced, but how many of our laws are so enforced?"

Mr. Hanna must say that this is a still better joke than Mr. Rowell's, and indeed Sir James, "lost in wonderment" still, may just be trying in this elephantine tangle to go his rival one better. "It is possible that it could be enforced." No wonder Sir James takes the matter to Providence, trusting that a divinity will give shape to the rough-hewing of himself and his associates. But you would think he was arguing for Mr. Rowell's measure rather than for his own, when he sets forth the appalling difficulties of an anti-treating law.

He had held a hurried palaver with the liquor men. "Within the last forty-eight hours more than one man engaged in the wholesale manufacture of ardent spirits in this province, has communicated to me that they hope that legislation on the treating question will be undertaken, because they want to see the treating habit destroyed." One can imagine with amusement the panicky conferences between Mr. Whitney and these party friends, and their eagerness for a really effective temperance measure.

## WORTHY OF CONSIDERATION.

[Vancouver Province.]  
 Dr. Mary Walker's request that the publication of her obituary be postponed until after her death seems reasonable and is entitled to sympathetic consideration.

## ON THE WAITING LIST.

[Philadelphia Bulletin.]  
 "What you ought to do for your cold is to take quinine."

"I'm sorry, but there are one hundred and forty-seven cures in front of yours."

## HOPE IT WILL SOON BE ENDED.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]  
 Every dog has his day. The hound dog is having his.

## ONLY ONE OBSTACLE.

[Answers.]  
 Benevolent Person—You have been laid up for six months and unable to go to work. What was your complaint?  
 The Man from Prison (mournfully)—The walls were too high, kind lady.

## UNCOMBED COWS.

[Farmers' Advocate.]  
 How would a man feel or what appearance would he present if he dispensed with washing and combing his hair for four months? Something very like that happens to a good many cows during the winter months.

## DIFFERENCE IN VALUES.

[Memphis Commercial Appeal.]  
 A hat on the White House rack is worth two hats "in the ring."

## NOT IN A HURRY.

[Hamilton Times.]  
 No, the Borden Government's grant of \$200,000 for the Welland Canal work does not indicate any undue haste in carrying out the \$400,000 job. The board of trade must just have patience.

## THE NEW WEST.

Nelson, B. C. school board has decided that it does not want a school cadet corps because it is too military, and the same board has decided to hire a professor of elocution and exhortation at \$50 per day to lecture to and teach the school children how to read and talk. Let's see. Where are we at? Can this really be the wild and woolly west we have read about.

## NO FAIR-WEATHER PILOT.

[Toronto World.]  
 More than a hundred years ago George Canning, afterwards Prime Minister, and the originator of the Monroe doctrine, wrote a song in which he hailed William Pitt as "the which he hailed as the storm." This distinction may well be accorded Mr. Asquith, the present Prime Minister, long intervals, who during his comparatively brief tenure of office has proved a pilot that can weather the storms, and he has now, more than ever, established himself in his position. No one can deny that in the various and severe crises which have marked his tenure of the premiership, he has displayed all the qualities of successful leadership, both in the cabinet and in the House of Commons. And it is probable enough that the reconciliation of the different elements of a more difficult task than the holding together of his composite majority.

## NOTABLE EXCEPTIONS.

[Cleveland Plaindealer.]  
 "At the present rate," says the New York World, "everybody will be on strike by next June except the politicians."

The World forgets the sweet girl graduates and the brides.

## SAME OLD STORY.

[Cincinnati Enquirer.]  
 Gabe—Johnson is always broke.  
 Steve—He's always trying to get rich quick.

## THE DIFFERENCE.

[Cleveland Plaindealer.]  
 "Even if you borrow money of an optimist."

"No."

"An optimist always feels sure your luck will change and doesn't let you have it."

"How about a pessimist?"

"A pessimist feels sure you'll never return the money, and to prove his point lets you have it."

## FAVORITE FICTION.

[From the Chicago Tribune.]  
 "With Sentiments of the Highest Esteem, Yours Cordially,"  
 "Take a Seat, Mr. Smith, Miss Jones Will Be Down in a Moment."  
 "Save This Coupon: It Is Valuable."  
 "My friends, I Prize Your Confidence Much More Than I Do the Office I Hold."  
 "Land and Long-Continued Applause."  
 "I Had Not Noticed the Item, Sir, but Friends Called My Attention to It."  
 "What a Fright She Was in That Bonnet! I Felt So Sorry for Her!"  
 "I Beg Leave to Report to Your Honorable Body."

## COULD HAVE HAD HIM.

[Boston Transcript.]  
 Mrs. Youngwife (to tramp)—You always seem to enjoy eating my food, but my husband is never suited with it.  
 Tramp—Ah, mum, ain't it a pity you didn't meet me first?

## TWO OBJECTIONS.

[New York Sun.]  
 Kalkner—"What is your objection to the suburbs?"  
 Bocker—"You can't keep a secret or a cook."

## THE TROUBLE.

[Pole Mele.]  
 "That woman is much better dressed than I am, although I go to a better dressmaker."  
 "You would do better to have a less excellent cook."

## AUTOS.

[Satire.]  
 "I don't see how the market for automobiles is kept up."  
 "Why, everybody wants one."  
 "I know. But those who can afford to buy them are being killed in auto accidents."

## HE DOESN'T ALWAYS WEAR OVERALLS.

[Elgin Sun.]  
 Did you ever notice it's usually the fellows who wear out the extreme southern extremity of their overalls sitting hunched up around a fire, soaking in heat furnished by someone else's hard cash who do the most knocking?

## ESPRIIT DE CORPS.

[Judge.]  
 A flutist who joined a drum corps played his part out of time morps and morps.  
 Till the drum major said:  
 "Please remember, dumbhead, that the time is too-two, not forps-forps!"

## BOARD OF EDUCATION WILL PAY ITS SHARE

[Vancouver Province.]  
 Agreement Reached With City in Regard to Joint Officials.

At a conference on Thursday afternoon between the finance committee and the audit committee of the board of education the question of the salaries of the joint officials was dealt with, and the board will hereafter pay 25 per cent of the salaries of City Treasurer Bell and Assistant Treasurer W. S. J. Saunders, and 10 per cent of the salary of Janitor Merritt.

The matter of rent for the city hall was dealt with, and the board will pay 10 per cent of this year, and the salary of City Architect Nutt was not dealt with, the board being allowed to make whatever arrangements they desire with respect to an architect.

The finance committee was represented by Mayor Graham, and Ald. Richter, chairman of the committee. The first matter dealt with was the salaries of the board of education and his assistant. Richter showed that two officials were taken up with board of education matters, and he suggested that 25 per cent of these salaries should be paid. Mr. Bell received \$2,200 this year, and Mr. Saunders \$1,000. The former's maximum will run to \$2,500 and the latter's to \$1,300. The agreement will cover this period.

In dealing with the janitor's salary, which is at the present \$725, it was thought 10 per cent was the proper share for the board of education to pay, and this was agreed to.

Mayor Graham was of the opinion that the board of education should assume some of the burden of the rent for the hall. After some discussion it was decided that 10 per cent, or \$350, was about the proper percentage.

Mr. A. M. Hunt, chairman of the audit committee, presided at the meeting. Members of the board present were Trustworthy A. M. Hunt, M. E. Irwin, W. T. Strong, John M. Gunn, City Clerk Baker, James Auditor Jewell and Secretary McElroy. Members of the board, were also in attendance.

## IT PAYS ALWAYS TO DRAIN THE LAND

[Toronto World.]  
 Bigger Crops Are Insured If Seasons Are Very Dry.

Guelph, April 5.—During the exceptionally dry season of 1911 land that was underdrained produced on the average about \$15.50 more per acre than land that was not drained, according to data collected by the department of agriculture at the Ontario Agricultural College.

Reports were received from a large number of farmers, of whom 25 were able to give definite figures on yields on drained and undrained land. Three of the number said they saw no difference, but all the others reported increases. Eleven counties were represented in the reports, from Durham, in the East to Essex in the West. The value of increases, including straw, was figured at October, 1911, prices, and averaged \$15.50 per acre, and the average of \$15.50, the three who reported no increase were counted in obtaining the averages.

In wet seasons the results are even more marked, but even at \$15.50 per acre, drains more than pay for themselves in two years.

The O. A. C. is again renewing its offer of assistance to farmers in laying out their drainage systems. The department of physics has a special staff of drainage advisers for the service. There is no charge for the service, but the only outlay to the farmer being the travelling expenses, which are low. As the rainfall varies only one cent a mile for way fare is only one cent a mile for this work, and as several surveys are always made on one trip the expenses are divided among the several parties concerned. Anyone wishing to have a drainage survey made should drop a card to the department of physics, O. A. C. Guelph, whereupon regular application form will be sent, and later on the department's drainage advisers will make the survey.

## A Few Lines of Most Anything

"Suffering cats! No matter how hard I try to be good I have to wear the stripes."

"It's moist on the river. The good old River Thames sometimes Gets rather dry and musty; But now you will admit that it is winning but dusty."

The fish are flipping up their tails, Enjoying their ablution; For ordinarily the stream is A somewhat thick solution.

Mother's Easter hat is in the ring, Father is wringing his hands.

If a man devours two hot-cross buns he's certain to get the double cross.

Expressions That Will Be Obsolete After the Bar Has Been Banished.

"Name your pizen."  
 "Have another!"  
 "You look bad this morning, Bill."  
 "Your wife was looking for you."

"What'll you have at the top shelf, please?"  
 "Don't care if I do."  
 "No, I'm not working at present."  
 "Lend me \$2, Jim."

"Have another."  
 "No, this is mine."  
 "I'm awfully nervous today."  
 "Let me have the price, mister."  
 "Chuck him out!"

"Everybody have a drink!"  
 "The best you have in the house."  
 "Ease away from the lunch, bo."  
 "Be a good fellow."  
 "Fill 'em up again!"  
 "Wh! you cash this check, Mr. Bar-tender?"  
 "He had no insurance," and  
 "It's too bad he drinks."

It will also mean the passing of "The Face on the Barram Floor," the free lunch and the book beer sign.

How dry I am,  
 How dry I am,  
 No more they'll sing,  
 How dry I am.

A New York tailor gives it as his observation that automobiling increases chest expansion. The man on the road uncovers this wisdom long ago.

Staying in Ontario.  
 The Glendon Transcript prints the "Stay in Western Ontario" slogan on its front page, and scatters such significant paragraphs as the following through its issue:

J. A. McKay, of Dutton, after an experience in the west, has decided to remain in the east, and will go extensively into fruit-raising in Dutton.

A Dutton man contacted rheumatism while en route to the west with a load of horses and was glad to return home.

Stay in Western Ontario if you want a sure investment. If you want the other kind, go somewhere else.

Have you noticed how agriculturists from other parts, notably from Michigan, are stepping in quietly and snapping up some of the best farms in this fertile section? It all signifies something important to the welfare of Old Ontario.

You Doughn't Say!  
 [Hensall Observer.]

James Snell has been appointed a director of the Canadian Pure Bread Stock Association in the Leicester Class.—Clinton correspondence.

Oh, You Jude!  
 An address by P. B. Jones, an Ottawa tailor, is reproduced in the American Tailor and Cutter, and deserves Hon. R. L. Lardner's marvellous speaking. "The present Premier (said Mr. Jones) has not been, by any means, as particular as his opponent in the campaign against Sir Wilfrid last summer he has greatly changed his home. I asked him if he would like three buttons on the front of his rolling call one on the seat, as the rolling call was fairly low. He asked if it was any use to have the bottom one. I said no. It was only for show. Characteristically he replied, "Oh, well; cut out the frills." Thus does one come to realize the process by which statesmen are made. His wonderful capabilities in dress are made. But come, Mr. Borden, this tailor man is boasting of the very frills you have acquired (crowding Sir Wilfrid for first place among the fashion plates) even as he tells you have ordered them off.

## Lazy Literature.

[Thamesville Herald.]  
 The books of the Dresden public library have been boxed up for nearly three years and a correspondent is urging in the Times the revival of the library before the books are consigned by the education department.

## They've Won Their Spurs.

[Harriston Review.]  
 As it seems that the heads of Canadian transportation systems have the preference for imperial honors, such as knights, baronets, etc., it is timely to suggest that the driver of the stage coach from Erin Village to Guelph be made a K. C. M. G. at the next annual distribution of honors. The Arthur Ferguson stager would also be honorably draped in a pair of white silk breeches.

A Mix-Up in the Webster Family.  
 [Harriston Review.]

If the apparently crazy man who sent the Review an anonymous letter will furnish his name (not necessarily for publication, but as an evidence of good intentions), we will publish his

incoherent epistle, merely as a literary freak. He is certainly angry at "us about something, as he calls the Review a "Steam Kalliope," and a "Hot Shot Factory," and says we never read "Daniel Webster's Dictionary." Now, we will plead guilty to the latter crime, as the late lamented Dan'l, with all his faults, never inflicted no such book on a long-suffering but unforgiving public. It was Noah that made the dictionary, child, same man, possibly, as made the ark.

## PRIZES OF GOLD IN DIARY CONTEST

Awards Amounting to Over \$200 Sent Out for the Best Diaries Kept in Dr. Chase's Almanac.

LONDON LADY WINS \$25.00

From the Pacific coast in the far west to Newfoundland on the east, almanacs have been sent in for entry in this competition. The work of reading over these stacks of almanacs has been enormous, and now thousands of people are watching for this announcement, each one hoping that he may be successful in winning a prize.

Some are necessarily doomed to disappointment this year, but in the profit by experience and get in the winning row near the top next time. One thing sure, the time taken in keeping a diary is not wasted, for the year's records of events often prove worth its weight in gold for future reference.

The task of selecting the best diaries and awarding the prizes was entrusted to a committee of prominent newspapermen in Toronto, composed of Mr. Fred Dyer, of the Central Press Agency, Mr. George E. Scroggie, of the Mail and Empire, and Mr. Herb Somerville, of the World and the following awards have been made:

1. \$50.00 in gold—Miss Edith M. Russell, Dartmouth, N. S.

\$25.00 in gold—Miss Sarah J. Berry, 633 Waterloo street, London, Ont.

\$25.00 in gold—Mrs. Alex. Mills, Ormstown, Que.

\$25.00 in gold—Mr. H. F. Stokes, Tilston, Man.

\$15.00 in gold—Mrs. M. H. Pearce, Port Essington, B. C.

\$10.00 in gold—Mr. Robert Scales, Woodstock, Ont.

\$10.00 in gold—Mrs. J. S. Rankin, Bulsea, Sask.

\$10.00 in gold—Mrs. Sanford Hoar, Scott Road, N. B.

\$5.00 in gold—Rev. G. H. Murray, Danville, Que.

\$5.00 in gold—Miss Cora B. Ward, Parrsboro, N. S.

\$5.00 in gold—Mrs. C. Ashley Harrison, Mangerville, N. B.

\$5.00 in gold—Mrs. Henry Morrison, Crescent, Man.

\$5.00 in gold—Mrs. E. M. Pierce, Seven Persons, Alta.

\$5.00 in gold—Capt. A. Dunlop, 180 Clergy street, Kingston, Ont.

Dr. Chase's Recipe Book (leather), Mr. John Jacob, Broadhagen, Ont.

Dr. Chase's Recipe Book (olecloth), Rev. E. S. Weeks, Mount Stewart, P. E. I.

Dr. Chase's Recipe Book (olecloth), Mr. John Woodrow, Coldwater, Ont.

Dr. Chase's Medicines (\$25.00), P. E. I.

Dr. Chase's Medicines (\$25.00), Mrs. Edith Rollings, Rusticville, P. E. I.

Dr. Chase's Medicines (\$17.50), Mrs. Shepherd, Glavin, Sask.

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HOWARD PIONEER  
 Funeral of John Campbell Was Held to the Gosnell Cemetery.

[Special to The Advertiser.]  
 Ridgeway, April 4.—The funeral of John L. Campbell was held yesterday afternoon from the residence of his son-in-law, in Howard Township, to the Gosnell Cemetery, and was largely attended. Deceased was 76 years old and had been ill for several months. He came from Scotland many years ago and settled in this district. Mr. Campbell was a life-long Liberal.

DICTAGRAPH TO PLAY BIG PART IN TRIAL  
 Mechanical Detective To Be a Witness in the Darrow Case.

[Special to The Advertiser.]  
 New York, April 4.—With the return to the city of Secretary Walter Drew, of the National Erectors' Association, came a report that evidence incriminating a labor union official of national prominence with the McNamara dynamite case, had been obtained by the government prosecutors, but Mr. Drew would not admit the truth of the report.

"I can tell you this much, however," said Mr. Drew. "The dictagraph will play probably the chief part in the coming trial of Clarence Darrow, who was attorney for the McNamaras. We are prepared to have some very startling conversations between Darrow and Harrington, his detective in the bribery cases."

Two bribes, one of \$500 and one for \$200, figure in the conversation, which, it is said, will be laid before the jury in the approaching trials. The details of these conversations and other evidence are being carefully guarded.

## CHAPMAN'S

STORE CLOSED TODAY, "GOOD FRIDAY."

## Easter Suits \$15.00

FOR WOMEN AND MISSES we have a splendid range of Spring Tailored Suits at \$15.00. Serges, Venetians, Worsteds and Tweeds are the materials, in black, blue and gray mixtures. Made in the newest styles. Cutaway coats, lined with polonaise satin. Some are strictly tailored, others are finished with a touch of trimming. Smart new high-girdled skirts. Before you decide on your Easter Suit come and see these at \$15. You will be pleased and surprised at the value.

## Long Coats

New Long Coats for spring wear, including Plain Serges, Broadcloths, Novelty Mixtures and other light-weight materials. Prices range from \$7.50 to \$18.50.

## Silk Waists

Women's Paillette Silk Waists, in the popular plain tailored style, turn-back cuffs and turn-over collar. Black or navy. Special \$3.50

## Waists at Special Prices

Odd sizes in new Spring Waists to go at special prices. LOT I, includes Striped Percal Tailored Waists, in sizes 38, 40 and 42. Black Sateen Waists in size 34 only. Also White Linene Waists with short sleeves and square neck, trimmed with navy bands, size 40 and 42 only. 75c and \$1.00 values. Saturday at 57c

LOT II—18 only Women's White Lawn Waists, embroidered and tucked styles, kimono sleeves. Were \$1.25 and \$1.50. Saturday at 79c

## Children's Dresses

Two special bargains in Children's Wash Dresses, brand new styles, from New York. 98c Ages 6 to 14 years. Pretty Wash Dresses, made of percale and chambray. Square and round necks and short sleeves.

\$1.59 Several styles to choose from. These are the prettiest and least expensive dresses we have ever had for girls of 6 to 14 years.

BOYS' WASH SUITS—New spring lines are here for little boys 2½ to 7 years. Prices 75c to \$2.25

## Linens

Irish Linen Table Cloths, beautiful patterns, bordered all round, every thread is linen, size 2x2 yards... \$1.50 and \$2.00

Size 2x2½ yards. Prices... \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00

Size 2x3 yards. Prices... \$2.50 and \$3.00

BATH TOWELS—8 dozen full bleached Turkish Bath Towels, check weave, size 22x50. Usual 40c value. On sale Saturday, each... 29c

DIAPER TOWELS with red borders, fringed, extra large size, 27x40 inches. Saturday at... 2 for 25c

TEA TOWELLING—24-inch Plain Crash or Checked Glass Cloth. Note the width. At a yard... 10c

## Dress Goods

BLACK AND WHITE WORSTEDS—The popular spring and summer suiting, in a wide range, from, yd. 50c to \$1.50

MEN'S WORSTED SUITING for ladies' wear. In handsome black and white and gray mixtures, 59 inches wide. At a yard... \$2.50

CREAM SERGE SUITINGS—Full stock of spring's modish fabric, Cream Dress Goods, in both suiting and dress weight, at a yard... 75c to \$1.50

TAN BASKET CLOTH in the prevailing shade of tan, excellent suiting. A yard... \$1.50

SPECIAL—200 yards German Tartan Dress Goods; brown, light or dark blue, and red grounds, with