

Editorial Notes.

We fancy it must be more than a coincidence that the aboriginal agitation and a local election again make such good connection. It was so in 1906 and may be likewise in 1915.

During the discussion on the proposed amendment to the Temperance Act in the assembly last week Mr. Wickwire is reported as having said that it was not in the best interests of the province to have prohibition in Halifax at this time! We would like to hear what our readers think of this.

We notice in a Montreal paper of recent date the following curious paragraph: 'Though there are no prospects of any hangings in the near future, Sheriff Lemieux received, this morning, two applications for the position of hangman. Both came from Nova Scotia.' Wonder if either of these was from Kings county.

The town council of Pictou has placed in the estimates for the current year the sum of \$15,000 to be devoted to advertising the advantages and attractions of that town. Other Nova Scotia towns are spending money for similar work every year. The Wolfville Board of Trade, some years ago raised an amount by private subscription which was devoted to the publication of a booklet which did a great deal to make our town better known, but of late years nothing has been done. If Wolfville's attractions were advertised as are some towns' her citizens would see something doing.

Considerable is being said these days about the valuable amendments that are being secured to the Temperance Act. It should be distinctly understood that only in one direction can the act be amended in order to make it effective. While liquor is sold freely in Halifax and furnished to the people of other counties without restraint the Nova Scotia Temperance Act will accomplish little, however amended, in the direction of promoting sobriety among the people. All the talk about penalties, appeals and other provisions amounts to very little so long as the act does not apply to Halifax, the fountain head from which the flow of the intoxicating and debasing stuff is increasing and not diminishing. Temperance people will not surely allow themselves to be hampered by such palpable attempts at disguising the real issue.

Considerable interest has been manifested in the new road-making machine which arrived on Saturday last. It comprises a 10-ton Bradford Pitts double-cylinder steam road-roller from the Watrous Engine Works Co., of Bradford, Ont., and a No. 1 Champion steel rock-crusher with elevator and revolving screen complete. The crusher is mounted upon wheels which makes it portable. It was made by the American Road Machine Co., of Goderich, Ont., and is claimed to have capacity for crushing from twelve to eighteen tons per hour. The engine in connection with the roller develops an actual capacity of from 25 to 30 h. p. The roller will be used for drawing the crusher, hauling the road-grader, rolling the streets, as well as rolling the crushed rock when making new streets. It will probably be some time in May before the street department will be able to begin laying the new streets, owing to so much work being required upon the underground system. New water-boxes will be required for all service pipes on the street, as well as new valves to all the hydrants, and every property must be connected with the sewer before the work of laying permanent streets can be begun.

Boxing and Good Manners.

It will be gratifying to the many admirers of Sir Frederick Borden, Minister of Militia and Defence, to learn that he and the famous Empress Catherine of Russia had not a few traits in common, chief among them being an aversion to the vulgarities and unmanliness of the so-called sport, boxing. Some months ago, Sir Frederick learned with sorrow as well as annoyance that the young men we are training at Kingston in the gentle art of making war were becoming more or less addicted to the habit of striking at one another. The seriousness of the offence was somewhat mitigated by the fact that, on the majority of these occasions, the participants were large, muscular, gloved, padded with hair or some other soft material, but the vulgarities appear to have remained, for the Minister immediately intimated that he did not consider boxing a gentlemanly or appropriate diversion for young men who might sooner or later be connected with the Department of Militia and Defence. We now learn with interest that views very similar to those of Sir Frederick are held by the Russian authorities. Boxing exhibitions of any kind are strongly deprecated in the realm of the Czar, and boxing itself is regarded with grave disfavor. The Empress Catherine of glorious memory was strongly opposed to the 'exchange of blows' among the common people, especially in public, which she held to be uncivilized and a thing to be frowned down upon. Kingston exhibits are scarcely to be regarded as in the category of 'common people,' but the fact that the exhibition has been extended to them only shows the advances in good morals between the period of the Empress Catherine and the time of Sir Frederick Borden. Montreal Star.

Our Public Schools.

The annual report of the Superintendent of Education for the year ended July 31st, 1910, has been received. The usual interesting information is contained therein. Dr. MacKay makes the following reference to the report and work of Mr. Roscoe, which will be read with pleasure by readers of THE ACADIAN: The report of C. W. Roscoe, M. A., is especially interesting on account of his graphic summary of the educational progress made in the counties of Kings and Hants since he became inspector in 1873. On account of failing health, after thirty-seven years of unremittent and highly successful service, he tendered his resignation at the close of the school year. He worked up to his extreme physical limit with a courtesy of demeanor, a coolness of judgment, a firmness of purpose, and a tact which can hardly be expected to be excelled.

The following paragraph from the report of Mr. Roscoe will also be of interest: Now that my term of office has expired, it is but natural that I should refer to the progress and some of the changes made during my incumbency. In 1873, A. D., when I became inspector for Kings county, there were 93 schools taught by 92 teachers in the county. For the past term there have been 135 schools taught by 144 teachers. The increase in number of schools has been 42, teachers 45. In 1873 there were but 9 graded schools, 8 of which had two departments, and one three departments, total 19 classrooms. At the close of the school year 1910, Kings county had 18 graded schools, 11 two-department schools, one three, one four, one six and one eleven, total 52 classrooms. This shows that the graded school-houses have just doubled in number and the classrooms nearly trebled. The efficiency of these schools also shows an immense advancement in both the quality and quantity of work done.

Almost all the school buildings have been built or undergone very extensive repairs during the last thirty-seven years. Most of the buildings are now new. New furniture, new blackboards, new school maps, apparatus, etc., have been supplied, until the schools are now pretty well equipped. About all the graded schools and some of the miscellaneous ones have supplied scientific apparatus and are prepared to teach chemistry and physics. There is still room for improvement, but the advancement made, to one who has spent thirty-seven years connected with the work, is notably marked. I may cite two or three cases to indicate the improvement made. Kentville, in 1873, had its school in an old tumbled-down building, inferior to some of the horse stables now in town, and it was taught by one class 'B' and one class 'C' teacher. Now the school is in a house that has been built and enlarged two or three times to meet the demands. And at length the time has come when a new brick school is needed and must be built to retain the academic grant. The school now employs 11 teachers, four of class 'A', three of class 'B', two of class 'C', one of Domestic Science and one of Mechanical Science. A good library has been procured and several hundred dollars' worth of physical and chemical apparatus provided; so that the school is in a position to do superior work and does it. An excellent building has been erected on the school grounds for the departments of Domestic Science and Mechanical Science. The schools in Wolfville, Berwick, Canning, Canard (Upper and Lower) measure up well beside Kentville, and, in fact, some of these schools in some respects excel.

Allow me to make note of the following: In 1873 there were 71 male teachers employed in the counties of Kings and Hants. During the term just closed there were only 16. In 1873 there was but one teacher of the academic class in these two counties. During the last term there were 10 'A' teachers, five male and five female. The 'A' grant was received by E. E. Fairweather, R. W. Ford, May, Foster, Josiah B. Campbell, John A. Smith and George W. Hill. The 'A' grant was received by Winifred Webster, Bertha Orner and Laura Kaulbach. The 'A3' grant by Beagle Parrel. I cannot make a comparison of the 'B' teachers, as in 1873 class 'C' female was styled 'First Class', and class 'C' male 'Second Class'. There were, however, in 1910, 65 class 'B' teachers, only one of whom was male. I believe there were no class 'B' female teachers previous to 1873.

Of the very many teachers whose schools I have visited during the past thirty-seven years I wish to testify that all have treated me with the utmost frankness and courtesy, and have been willing to give attention to and carry out any suggestion that I have made, so far as they were able, and have thus made it a pleasure to be connected with such a noble body of workers. I have also been connected with three boards of district school commissioners, of which I have acted as clerk. I wish to bear testimony to the valuable work done by these commissioners and to their readiness in all cases to co-operate with me in dealing with all matters pertaining to the well being of the schools. It has always been a great pleasure to meet these boards, and I regard it as one of the many pleasant memories of my life that I have succeeded in retaining their confidence for so long a period without interruption. During my incumbency there have been three Superintendents of Education for the Province, viz: Rev. A. S. Hunt (deceased), Dr. David Allison, and Dr. A. H. MacKay. From all of these and from the clerks in the Education Office I have received the utmost courtesy and consideration. The kindness received has certainly been in excess of my deserts, and, I believe, arose more from their goodness of heart than from any merit of my own. I regard it as one of the great privileges of my life to have been associated with three such excellent men for so long a period. In contrasting the schools of to-day with those of thirty-seven years ago, I can see a vast improvement in almost every phase of school work, and in my estimation the credit is due most entirely to the three gentlemen who, as superintendents, have been leaders in the advancement made.

In closing this, my last annual report, I feel it due to my many friends to express my sincere thanks for kindness received while visiting the schools, to the boards of school commissioners for their attendance and co-operation at the board meetings, and to yourself and official staff for very great promptness and consideration in answering all my communications with your Office.

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Holocaust in New York. A cigarette lit by a cutter and thrown into a heap of clippings started a fire in a New York factory last Saturday afternoon which proved to be the worst disaster that city has known since the steamship General Slocum was burned to the water's edge off North Brother's Island in '04. One hundred and fifty persons, ninety of whom were Jewish and Italian girls, were crushed to death on the pavements or smothered, and others were shrivelled to a crisp in the awful holocaust. The tragedy took place in the factory of the Triangle Waist Co. on the eighth, ninth and tenth floors of a ten story building where seven hundred hands, 500 of these women, were employed. The fire occurred about five minutes before quitting time. The exits of the building proved almost useless. Practically all who escaped either climbed to the roof and scrambled thence to the roof of the adjoining building or led at the first rush for safety before the smoke grew too thick.

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It is Time For a Change. That it is high time for a change of government in Nova Scotia is clearly suggested by the remarkable statement of Premier Murray at Yarmouth, September 7th, 1909. On that occasion, which he said was memorable because it was the first opportunity he has had to address the electors of that stalwart liberal county, he said: 'We have administered the affairs of this province practically since confederation, forty-two years, except for a period of four years between 1878 and 1882.' Most casual observers of Nova Scotia history had the impression that the liberal regime in this province lasted only twenty-eight years. Evidently they were mistaken. Twenty-eight years had enough, the Lord knows, but forty-two years of graft and corruption is a greater punishment for the people of Nova Scotia than the present Liberal administration could spend in the wilderness. The coal tyrons and the lumber kings and the other special interests which have fattened on the public domain in this province, by the favor and countenance of Mr. Murray and his predecessors, should be relegated to a back seat and the plain, every day, honest mechanic, or farmer, or laborer, given a decent chance to rule. The opportunity to effect this change will be at the provincial election in May. Every voter who believes in fair play should poll his vote and help to overthrow the present sordid corporative government at Halifax.

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