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Our Montreal Letter.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

May 15th.—The lever of unity, smoothness, co-operation, common courtesy, and "a square deal" is sadly missing in some of the educational circles here. The dismissal of Superintendent and Principal Ernest Smith of the Verdun Protestant Schools brought to light some interesting facts and revealed "the inner workings of School Commissioners," both past and present. The report that the teachers of the Protestant Schools of Verdun had held a meeting and were in sympathy with the Commissioners in dismissing the late Superintendent and Principal "on short notice" was indignantly denied by all the teachers. To show that they were sincere in their attachment to their former superior they assisted in a body at the "Farewell Reception" tendered Ernest Smith, organized by the High School pupils, and presented him with gifts. But the climax was reached when at the closing exercises of the Bannantyne School, a riot was narrowly averted. The proceedings would have done justice to some of your stormy political meetings held in the recent election campaign. Things are in bad shape in the Verdun district, and the School Commissioners are up against a stone wall in the shape of indignant and determined parents and tax payers to have their rights, and "a square deal" for those who educate their children. The Montreal Daily Star, speaking of the trouble, gives the following report:

Proud parents who gathered in the Bannantyne School, Verdun, last night to watch their kiddies execute the dances, speeches and drills which are traditional in school closing exercises, found that the entertainment featuring the children was completely obliterated by the show put on by the adults who occupied the platform when members of the present school board attempted to explain their motives, amid more hoots, jeers and hisses than ever greeted a tent-show villain. In dismissing Principal Ernest Smith and four other members of the staff.

Indications were for a time that it might be well to send the children home and call in an added supply of representatives of the law in order that the meeting might proceed. The half dozen police on duty succeeded in averting a riot by standing in front of the platform and acting as a sort of bulwark while the present school board and the ex-school board exchanged charges, apologies, demands for apologies and refusals of apologies. The meeting finally culminated in the retreat of three of the trustees from the field of action through an emergency door which was found behind the Union Jack draped at the back of the stage and the rather impromptu adjournment of the meeting, due, according to H. J. Garrity, chairman of the Board, to the "holiday mood" of the crowd present.

The first signal for indignation occurred when Rev. F. Williams, another member of the present board, read a statement to the effect that when the present board went into office they had to "take over a sinking ship, whose crew had taken to the boats of resignation." Rev. Williams continued that, re the dismissal of Principal Smith, the action of the Board was "purely a matter of administrative necessity." The relationship between the board and the superintendent had been strained from the beginning and this feeling was increased when the superintendent "indulged in" continued disagreements at board meetings, personal caricaturing and lampooning, threats of violence against certain members and other insults that any board would have answered with immediate dismissal.

Various other insulting statements were cited and Rev. Williams closed with the reference that "no teacher has been or is being dismissed from the staff. Certain things have been planned and in this connection there are four of the teachers whose contracts are not being renewed without any prejudice to the teachers concerned."

The outburst came when H. J. Garrity remarked that Mr. Smith, an old man who had given good service to Verdun for many years, reminded him of "a faithful old cow who had given a good bucket of milk and then put her foot in it." The statement evidently put Mr. Garrity's "foot in it" for cries of "Cut that out" and "We won't hear that" from the audience made it impossible for him to be heard. The combat was postponed temporarily when the children's pageant was continued.

Whispered conferences between Alderman Cohn and ex-Alderman Evelyn, during the performance indicated that "another country was to be heard from." As the last notes of the National Anthem sounded, from the piano, ex-Alderman Evelyn began to speak. He publicly took exception to the charges made against both the ex-board and the ex-principal and demanded to be allowed to speak. Rev. Williams suggested that the speakers reserve their opinions for a private meeting at a later date, and gave instructions for the children to withdraw, which they evidently did not care to follow, for they remained

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in the hall, enlivening the program with enthusiastic boos and cries of "we want Mr. Smith!"

"The first public insult I ever received was when the present board neglected to invite me to attend the closing exercises," said Alderman Cohn. "The statements made regarding the ex-members of the board have been added insults. For years I have been at the head of the financial affairs of Verdun, handling and worrying over millions and I have seen the city through many tight situations when there were millions of debt. Why would I, then, desert the school board over a few thousands of dollars?"

Ex-Alderman Evelyn was even less pleased by the statement of the board and demanded a retraction. A ten-minute period of booing and clapping, brought the police into action and managed to bring the excited audience to enough quietude so that Rev. Mr. Williams might be heard. He stated that he was sorry to see that the members of the last board had misconstrued the statements of the present Board, and that he personally apologized to the ex-trustees, shaking hands with both of those present and sitting down to further discuss the matter with them. The minister's attempt at peace-making, however, did not appeal to Mr. Garrity, who stood and, after attempting to be heard for ten minutes, managed to tell the people in the front rows that Mr. Williams' apology was not representative of the entire board, and that he stood for the statements made in the report. The meeting finally became so unmanageable that Mr. Garrity thought best to adjourn and the crowd quickly dispersed.

When interviewed this morning, Ernest Smith, the ex-principal denied the allegations made against him by the trustees at the hectic meet last night.

"I have never made any threat of violence against any member of the board," he said. "After having been insulted by Mr. Garrity at a meeting of the board in January I jokingly remarked to Mr. Barnwell, another member of the board, that it was a good thing we were not in a western town and that there were no guns on the tables as someone might have got shot. As to lampooning and caricaturing the members of the board, I have no recollection of having ever referred to them as incompetent a body of men I ever met. As to the charge of closing the board room against the regular meeting I was not at school on that day, and the room was closed by mistake and the matter satisfactorily explained afterwards."

The teaching profession in Montreal has little or no attraction for male or female teachers, if we are to judge by the large number leaving the ranks. The Protestant School Board, at its last meeting, received 113 resignations. Of these, 80 were regular teachers, and 33 were temporary assistants without provincial diplomas. No doubt, the poor salaries paid compel them to seek more lucrative positions.

Fell Into Forepeak.

Yesterday, whilst at work on S. S. Ozonian, Diver Squires accidentally slipped and fell into the forepeak of the ship. It was found that his back was somewhat badly injured and he was ordered home for treatment.

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From Cape St. Mary's.

There used to be a saying amongst the fishermen of the South Coast that "Cape St. Mary's will pay for all." It is to be hoped that this will be verified this year. The first of the fleet arrived from the Cape fishing grounds to Fox Harbor on Tuesday with small catches of from one to four quintals each boat for a day's fishing. It is regarded as a good beginning, however, and the next return is expected to show better results. The fishery opened late there as compared with other years, and fewer boats were out owing to not having supplies. This week quite a number of the fishermen of St. Mary's and Placentia Bay were in town on this business, and up to yesterday about half of them had succeeded in getting sufficient outfit to make a start. They are the reliable men who have always had a good reputation for paying their accounts. It is another case of where "honesty is the best policy."

"Two big Serials" for the Saturday matinee for children "Eddie Polo" in "The Secret Four" and the opening chapter in three reels of "Miracles of the Jungle." All at the Queen Theatre—may 26.31

Personal.

Mrs. Bertram Butler and others have been in England during the few months, returned by this morning. Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Hartley were on an extended visit to Europe arrived by the Digby this morning. Mr. L. O'Neill Conroy, who has been attending college at Montreal, is a passenger on the incoming steamer. His Grace Archbishop Routh has been unwell of late, is called away by the Rosalind today for York. Rev. Fr. O'Flaherty has returned from his company His Grace.

The many friends of Rev. Stenlake, one of our War veterans, will be sorry to learn that he has fallen ill. His medical aid has ordered him to take a year's rest and he left Montreal quite recently his home in Guernsey. It is hoped that his native air will bring a speedy recovery.

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