

The Colonist.

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THE BURNING QUESTION.

The Manitoba school question will, no doubt, for some time to come be the principal topic of political discussion in every province of the Dominion.

It will no doubt be asserted that the action of the Government is an invasion of Provincial rights. But it is no such thing.

Now, when the Province of Manitoba entered the Dominion it made an agreement with the Dominion.

In and for the province the said Legislature may exclusively make laws in relation to education, subject and according to the following provisions:

(1) Nothing in any such law shall prejudicially affect any right or privilege with respect to denominational schools which any class of persons have by law or practice in the province at the Union.

These provisions were made by the Constitution Act of the Province of Manitoba.

This was agreed to by the representatives of the people and became part of the law of the Province.

The first school law of the Province established separate schools. It was enacted in 1871 and remained in operation until 1890.

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A PRACTICAL TEST.

If the political economists could only make up their minds to lay down their axes for a little while, and study the problem given them by the Nelson Tribune, their time would be well spent.

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It is impossible in these days to take up a British periodical without finding in it the most depressing and desponding statements as to the state of the business of the country.

An article on the "Meaning and Measure of Unemployment," in the Contemporary Review, contains much information, and that not of the most cheerful kind.

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A MERRY-ANDREW.

SOME literary buffoon was permitted to play his antics in the editorial column of yesterday's Times.

Although the Times permits its contributor to crack jokes on such a pitiful subject as the present condition of the English people there are thousands of able men in Great Britain who discuss the matter most seriously and who are at their wits' end to find some way of rescuing the people of the country out of the slough in which they are floundering.

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THE ARMENIAN TROUBLES.

The reports which during the last few months have reached us from time to time with regard to outrages alleged to have been committed by the Turks in Armenia are of such a nature as to shock every person who has placed any reliance upon them.

The intelligent citizen who examines the report of Messrs. Haskins and Keating carefully must, we think, regret that the City Council did not last year engage the services of a first-class engineer to look into and report upon the whole matter of the water supply.

There are heaven-born engineers in the city who will no doubt pronounce these thoughtful remarks of professional men a piece of nonsense, and the two thousand odd that feed Elk Lake can easily supply a city of a hundred thousand inhabitants with all the water they need.

While we have not been called upon to consider the question of the capacity of the works, we deem it our duty to suggest that before incurring any large expenditure, which appears now to be contemplated, it would seem advisable to investigate the possibility of raising the lakes so as to impound all the water that the drainage area will yield.

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THE LATE EXODUS.

This is what the Toronto Telegram says about "the late exodus": "Get out of the United States in the past have tended to drive out of Canada the people who might have helped the Opposition into office if they had stayed at home."

The annual reports, the list of subscribers and the financial statements were ordered printed and distributed in the usual way, and the president reported verbally that orders had been given for the printing of the four children of Mr. Varty to the Home.

Mrs. Walker, the matron, reported that there is a shortage of beds and bedding, and the committee expressed the hope and belief that the generous public could be asked to be informed of this need of the institution.

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SPOITS AND PASTIMES.

VICTORIA LACROSSE CLUB.

The Victoria Lacrosse Club held their annual meeting last night in the Y.M.C.A. rooms, the president, Mr. W. H. Ellis, in the chair.

The teams selected for the return match between the above, which is to be played at Beacon Hill this afternoon, are as follows: The Second Fifteen—Fall back, E. Brown; three-quarter backs, P. Flanagan, E. Scholefield, J. Bryn and C. Moore; half backs, H. Beaman and P. Daniels; forwards, C. J. Wintour, F. Macrae, J. H. Austin, A. Green, H. F. Hanson, J. Egan, A. J. O'Reilly and F. Daniels; reserve, J. O'Neil.

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WINNERS.

Radical this evening received a letter from the government which would not be in the interest of the Dominion.

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