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LONDON, FRIDAY, MARCH 17. Constitutional Cocksureness. There is a note of cocksureness in the majority of the speeches, interresolutions and newspaper articles on the school question that must be amusing, if not exasperating, to the constitutional lawyer, who appreciates the difficulties with which the British North America Act bristles from beginning to end. Unlike the mother country, we have a written mands it-and the great men who framed it. most of them lawyers, all of them parliamentarians, were reasonably sure that they had covered the ground. Within four years a supplementary act had to be passed to clear was one of the greatest constitutional up misunderstandings raised by the authorities in Canada, and his conadmission of Manitoba. Then came the ception of the intent of section 93 of great battles between the Province of the British North America Act is that Ontario and the Federal Government. which is held by many others whose Scarcely a year his passed that the legal opinion is entitled to respect. B. N. A. Act has not been before the If the agitation against the school had completed their work, but the supreme court has had as much to do with shaping the constitution as the authors of that instrument. Every written constitution is developed by a process of interpretation. The Northwest school question is one of interpretation, some taking one view of certain clauses, some another view. In this case, in the Manitoba school case,

preamble is as follows: Whereas, doubts have been enter- tion in the British Empire. ained respecting the powers of the Parliament of Canada to establish provinces in territories admitted, or to provide for the representation of vear is out. ment and it is expedient to remove such doubts, and to vest such powers in the said Parliament:

constructions upon the same words

and adducing arguments which have

terpreting the constitution for him-

self, but he should bear in mind that

motives to those who are not in agree-

ment with him. Take the Confedera-

ring Parliament was then contemplat- fuses to advance more money. That ing the future erection of provinces in would bring the war to an end sooner the Northwest Territories-the situa- than the Japs can end it. tion that has come to pass today. The intention of this amendment act being to clear up doubt arising out of the British preference repealed. He the B. N. A. Act, what did Parliament poses as a great imperialist, but he enact? It enacted this clause:

The Parliament of Canada may the pocket nerve. from time to time establish new provinces in any territories forming minion of Canada but not included any province thereof, and may, at the time of such establishment, has tried to degrade Russia's greatest make provision for the constitution general. and administration of any such province, and for the passing of laws for the peace, order and good government of such province and for its representation in the said Parlia-

clause, would say that it gave the Par- tor for the grain traffic. liament of Canada plenary power to frame a constitution for the new Northwest provinces on the lines which | Manitoba, is well known in this neigh-Parliament chose to lay down. Instead borhood, where he was visiting when of clearing up doubts this act of 1871 the voters' list scandal was fabricated appears to have multiplied them, In by the Tory press. Those who know 1886, another act to amend the British Mr. Leech will say that he is the soul North America Act was ratified by of honor. They were not surprised the Imperial Parliament in which it when the grand jury reported no bill. was declared that the act of 1871 and the original B. N. A. Act of 1867 must be "construed together." The B. N. A. Kuropatkin is utterly brutal in its Act of 1867 (section 93), says that for each province the Legislature thereof prodigies of valor and skill in other "may exclusively make laws in rela- campaigns. A man can do but his tion to education," but provides in sub- best, and there is every evidence that section 1 of section 93, that nothing in Kuropatkin has given his country his such laws "shall prejudicially affect best in Manchuria as elsewhere. Perany right or privilege with respect to haps no other general, even a Japandenominational schools, which any ese, could have done better than he class of persons have by law in the province at the union." Premier Haultain, of the Northwest Territories, in his open letter to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, takes the ground that sub-section 1 of section 93 refers only to school laws in established provinces which enter Confederation, and not to the Territories which had school laws imposed upon them by the Dominion Parliament in 1875. He says:

"It is an attempt to create a province retroactively. It declares Territorial school: laws passed under the restrictions imposed west Territories Act to be Provincial school laws. It clothes laws imposed by the Federal Parliament with all the attributes of laws voluntarily made by a free province."

Mr. Haultain's view was not that of George Brown, Edward Blake, Sir Alexander Mackenzie, Sir Alexander Camp- carriage to turn back and start over bell and virtually every member of the again. Dominion Parliament, who contributed to the debate on the Northwest Territories Act in 1875. Mr. Brown, who strongly opposed the separate school clause of that act, emphasized the statement that the act guaranteed the maintenance of separate schools in the Territories for all time. This opinion, affirmed by other speakers, was not controverted by a single member of either House. The late Dalton McCarthy, an opponent of separate schools, And still they kept arriving:

shared this view so late as 1894, when

House to a very important provision. By this legislation we are really riveting upon the people of the Northwest the separate school system for all time. * * * We insist by the clause of the act of 1875 that they shall have separate schools; and if we continue insisting that that system shall prevail up to the time we create provinces in the Northwest section of section 93 of the B. N. A. Act rivets for all time upon the new provinces the system of separate schools. Create a province there now, enact the usual clauses of the B. N. A. Act, and the result will be that in the new province those who have enjoyed what is spoken of as a right or privilege with respect to denominational schools would be able to say: The constitution given to this province by the Dominion Government does not permit any interfer-ence with any right or privilege which we enjoyed prior to the time of the creation of this province."

Dr. Sproule at the time dissented from this opinion, and Mr. McCarthy repeated that if Parliament did not repeal the law of 1875 before granting provincial autonomy to the Territories, the system of separate schools would be perpetuated. Mr. McCarthy

courts. The people of Canada are war- clauses of the autonomy bill is to be ring over it today. The last word based on constitutional grounds, let concerning it has not been said, per- the question be argued in a judicial haps never will be said. Human in- spirit, and let those who take opposgenuity never yet framed a contract ing views remember that in the past -the B. N. A. Act is one-into which able minds have differed over many human ingenuity could not read vari- questions arising out of the organic ous meanings. The United States has law of the Dominion. The present a written constitution and the men difficulty will not be solved by appeals who drafted it, the greatest minds of to prejudice or passion, but by an apthe republic, doubtless thought they peal to reason. Let it be viewed in the "dry light" of the law.

Linevitch is welcome to his job.

Poor old Kuropatkin!

This is Kuropatkin's birthday, and nice present the Czar gave him,

in the contests between Oliver Mowat Kuropatkin has found that fighting and Sir John Macdonald, we see states. Turks and fighting Japs are two difmen and lawvers, some of them constitutional experts, placing opposite ferent propositions.

Russia's rotten Government is blameven divided the courts. There is ing Kuropatkin for its own sins of

nothing presumptuous in a layman in- omission and commission. The Japs have no cavalry to speak there is room for honest difference of of, but the infantry seem to be

opinion, and he should not attribute mounted on fairly lively legs. By all means let's have Lord tion Amendment Act of 1871. The Roberts for the opening of the Western Fair. Little Bobs is the biggest attrac-

One of the Niagara power companies which may hereafter be admitted is preparing to do business in Western into the Dominion of Canada, and Ontario, and the power question may become a live one in London before the

France is Russia's ally and will show This preamble has a very promising herself Russia's best friend if she re-

> Cockshutt, M. P., of Brantford, wants doesn't like imperialism that affects

> If anything can add to Russia's degradation, it is the degrading manner in which a degraded bureaucracy

The Intercolonial Railway may get running powers over the Canada Atlantic Railway and thus reach out to the Georgian Bay. This would make The average man, reading this the Government road a lively competi-

Mr. Leech, the Liberal organizer in

The imperial decree which degrades wording. Kuropatkin has performed has with his moral and material re-

Wedding Superstitions. [Pittsburg Dispatch.]

The bridegroom who carries a miniature horseshoe in his pocket will al-The bride who dreams of fairies on the night before her wedding will be thrice blessed. Never give a telegram to a bride or

the Northwest Territories Act of bridegroom on the way to the church. It is a sure omen of evil. Marriages on board ship are considered unlucky. If you can't be mar-ried on dry land remain unwed. The finding of a spider on the wedding gown by the bride is considered a sure token of happiness to come.

If during the marriage ceremony the wedding ring should fall down, the bride's fate will not be an enviable

> If a bride should by chance se coffin as she starts off on her wedding tour she should order the driver of the

Wedding Presents.

[London Punch.] As soon as May had named the day She issued invitations
To all the crew our mothers knew were aware they all would swear In language far from pleasant, 'Confound it! I shall have to buy That blessed pair a present."

said in the House of Commons:

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Till all the terrace wondered.

And night and day they rang away—

Lord! how the knocker thundered!

We worked in shifts upon the gifts, We'd twenty score of folks and more But not a knife among them. And as we two had scarce a sou, There seemed to be a caret When silly mugs gave claret jugs. But not a drop of claret

We'd endless gongs and sugar tongs, Of every shape and fashion. As if sweet tea was bound to be Henceforth our ruling passi We'd sachets, too. of pink and blue.
With sickly perfumes scented. And Oh! the show of art nouveau With which we were presented

And by the time the church bells chime And Hymen ties the true knot. We find—too late—we've all we hate, And nothing that we do not

And, now we've got the little lot,

[New York Sun.] There's just one thing You must acquire If you would set The thing to do To make the world Run after you.

Secret of Greatness.

Happiness.

[London Daily News.] followed far o'er heath and desert land The fairly gleaming of a distant light; A shining lure, that beckoned as a hand, And with fair promises pierced the hos-

er rugged stones, and marsh, and slimy and shouting aloud what he will do to And clinging tanglings of the thorny brier; But still the dancing light shone far away, And at my feet lay stagnant waste and

And lo! athwart the trailing, ragged

Always.

[Fort Worth Record.] "When is the proper time to ask a

After you have go No Doubt.

[Toronto Star.] working a free grant of 160 acres in New Ontario.

Will He?

[Brantford Expositor.] Will Premier Whitney repeal the succession dues, the tax on corporalicenses to the municipalities' Well, hardly. These are good enough things to talk about while in Opposition, but are not likely to be attempted by onyone who is intrusted with the responsibility of office.

The Head of the House.

[Smart Set.] "Do you think she will make a good

"More likely she will make him a

INTERESTING LETTER WRITTENBYANOTABLEWOMAN

Mrs. Sarah Kellogg of Denver, Color Bearer of the Woman's Relief Corps, Sends Thanks to Mrs. Pinkham.



The following letter was written

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BABBLING CAUSE

Czar's Army Acts Like a Blustering Yokel.

OF RUSS DEFEATS

COULDN'T GAUGE JAP PLANS

Russian Writer at the Front Says Stupidity and Incompetence Brought on Disaster.

St. Petersburg, March 17. - M. Kiriloff, one of the Associated Press Russian correspondents with Kuropatkin's army, discussing the cause of the Russian defeats, draws a powerful picture of the complete, criminal lack of knowledge on the part of the Russians of the country and the enemy's movements and of the utterly imprudent gossip and babbling which acquaints the Japanese with every movement and plan before they are inaugurated.

He compares the Russian army to a powerful yokel moving forward blindfolded, wildly brandishing his arms the enemy when he catches him. He cannot see his path nor his enemy. Here he stumbles up a hill. There he falls into a valley. The keen-eyed enemy easily avoids his waving arms and mighty fists and pours in a succession of blows which send the Rus-Weary I paused, and turning in the track Glanced where the long, bleak, barren hills declined,

M. Kiriloff adds that the blame for the successive defeats is not Kurowizard beacon glimmered far be- patkin's. It is simply due to the fact that the machine is out of order. A good workman was given, had helpers, and miserable tools. The elements of misfortune were in the army itself. Be

The mishaps at first were attributed to the defensive position of Kuropatkin, and it was said that when the Russians assumed the initiative would be well. This was not realized. ecause every movement was preor Probably Nicholas of Russia would dained to failure by the premature be a happier man today if he were publication or dilatory execution of the

The merest stripling sub-lieutenant chatters recklessly and informedly of dispositions and movements which should be known only to a few chiefs. he declares. The dispositions and plans of the battle of the Shakhe River, for example, were discussed openly several days in advance in the railroad restaurant at Mukden in the hearing of many Chinese, civilians and

camp followers. The general staff gives information to whomsoever asks for it. "Babbling is the bane of our military bureaucracy," says M. Kiriloff, "and the sooner it is corrected the better." While thus opening the Japanese eves the Russians close theirs he insists. Not only company and battalion commanders, but even colonels and at times commanders of divisions enter into battle ignorant of the very maneuvers they are expected to execute. For instance, Gen. Orloff, on Sept. 2 crockery store and swept a 50-foot intrusted with the movement on which the battle of Liao Yang hinged, and he blindly led 15,000 men in action, ignorant of why, wherefore or whither. Naturally there was a disaster instead of the destruction of Gen.

Kuroki's forces and a victory. The general staff is inattentive to the all-important duty of mapping. Even now the Russians have unsatisfactory maps, and units in the hilly country are unable to keep in touch with each by Mrs. Kellogg, other. The Russian intelligence depart-1628 Lincoln ment is defective. It knows nothing of Ave., Denver, the Japanese numbers, positions or Colo., to Mrs. Pink- movements, not only in the unsettled mountainous regions, but even on the populated plains of Manchuria. Instead of easily securing the symwas troubled with a pathy of the Chinese, the Russians tumor, which kept alienated them, and they now side with the Japanese. The Russians drove and away the Chinese bandits, who are now

the eyes of the Japanese army, and who destroy bridges and communications as well. Kuropatkin is also hampered by fantastic reports from ner-vous generals, particularly those of Rennenkampff, who sends "poems instead of reports." The late Lieut.-Gen. was also at fault. Kuropatkin was obliged to reprimand him sharply a short while before his death. These causes existed and still exist. army has been defeated in the past and present, and will be in the future uness they are remedied, he concludes.

THE CHURCH CENSUS

The Preparatory Work Being Pushed Along-Success Assured. Mr. D. A. McDermid, secretary of

the church census movement, was asked this morning how the work was rogressing, and he said:
"Everything is moving along splen-idly. Names of visitors who volundidly. teer their services, are coming in by every mail. Committees are looking after the details of the work assigned to them, and everything indicates that we will be in good shape for taking the

census on April 7." "Do you anticipate any difficulty in getting the information asked for?" "Not at all. In an intelligent community of English-speaking people like this, it would be very strange if information was refused. Where there is a large foreign population I can quite understand that it might be otherwise, but not here. Then the in-

formation sought is so reasonable that no one will object to giving it. The re-sults are sure to be beneficial." Among the churches which have sent in lists of enumerators for taking the religious census on April 7 are: New St. James' Presbyterian, 21; Knox Presbyterian, 12; Maitland Street Baptist. 6; Egerton Street Baptist. 15; Col-borne Street Methodist. 16; Richmond Street Methodist, 11; Kensington Meth-odist, 4; Southern Congregational, 8;

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