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SCHOOLS IN MANITOBA.

The Situation Keenly Contested—Sir Donald Smith Thinks There Will Be a Settlement.

Flint's Prohibition Resolution Shelved—Quebec Conservatives Uneasy—Starke to Command Team.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Feb. 24.—Although the date fixed for the discussion on the remedial bill in the House of Commons is a week away the fate of the measure and the contingencies were never more keenly canvassed since the Manitoba school question became an issue in federal politics than to-day. The general impression undoubtedly is that negotiations are in progress for some settlement of the question that will relieve parliament of the burden of its solution. One circumstance which gives license for this belief is the return of Sir Donald Smith, whose mission to Winnipeg was undoubtedly connected with the settlement of the school question. It is not quite so clear as those suggestion Sir Donald undertook the mission, and the ministers are reticent on the subject.

Speaking to your correspondent Sir Donald said: "I found an unquestionably better feeling prevailing in Winnipeg. People there realize the gravity of the situation, and I have every reason to believe that an entirely satisfactory solution of the school difficulty is possible. This question is one for the application of common sense, and viewed in this light there should be no difficulty in reaching a solution. Mr. Greenway is a man of shrewd common sense, and I believe is prepared to do what is right."

To the suggestion that it was unfortunate that this view had not prevailed at an earlier stage of the question, Sir Donald replied: "Indeed it is, but as I have already said, I see no reason why a satisfactory solution should not now be reached."

"The report was current here yesterday," said your correspondent, that Mr. Greenway would probably visit Ottawa soon; do you know if that is so?" "I have good reason to believe Mr. Greenway will be here shortly," Sir Donald answered.

Being pressed for information respecting Mr. Greenway's intentions, the Knight became as dumb as an oyster, and nothing definite is likely to be known until Mr. Greenway arrives here. A Western member says he believes Mr. Greenway will see the length of passing such amendments to the school act as would allow all denominations separate school privileges in the matter of religious instruction in schools, otherwise they would be under provincial control. This would be taken advantage of only by the Roman Catholics and should be satisfactory to them.

Some of the Quebec Conservatives appear to be a little apprehensive; they fear any compromise and want nothing but the remedial bill now that the hierarchy has approved of it. One minister remarked to me that it would be suicidal to withdraw the measure, but he believes the whole fight would have to be gone over again during the next two or three weeks. Meanwhile everybody is waiting the next turn of the political wheel.

Mr. Flint's prohibition resolution was discussed to-night. On motion of Hon. David Mills, of Bothwell, the debate was adjourned, on a vote of 56 to 47, thus shelving the question for the session. Col. Starke of the Victoria Rifles of Montreal, will be commandant this year of the Bisley team.

Hon. T. M. Daly left for Winnipeg to-day to attend the immigration convention.

TORONTO TOPICS.

TORONTO, Feb. 22.—(Special)—James Scott, who was one of the largest retail dry goods merchants here, and recently sold out to retire, jumped from the Rosedale bridge this afternoon and was killed. He had softened of the brain.

At a meeting of blanket manufacturers held here yesterday, it was decided to advance prices from 5 to 5 cents per pound. The object is to put an end to rate cutting.

The funeral of the late H. A. Massey took place this afternoon. The body was taken to the Centennial Methodist church, where the funeral services were conducted by Rev. James Allen, after which the remains were conveyed to the Mount Pleasant cemetery and there interred. Six hundred employees of the Massey-Harris works followed the body to the grave. Among those who attended the funeral was Sir Mackenzie Bowell.

TORONTO, Feb. 22.—An immense mass meeting was held to-night in the Massey music hall to protest against the passage of the remedial bill. Ex-Mayor Clark presided. Addresses were made by Messrs. Joseph Martin, M.P., of Winnipeg, Dalton McCarty, M.P., of Montreal, William Mulock, M.P., N. Clarke Wallace, M.P., A. McNeill, M.P., W. F. McLean, M.P., Dr. Sproule, M.P., Dr. Weldon, M.P., and Col. Tyrwhitt, M.P. Considerable enthusiasm was manifested, especially when Mr. Alexander Muir, the author of "The Maple Leaf for ever," sang the national song, accompanied by the grand organ of the hall, at which Mr. J. Lewis Browne presided.

CONSTIPATION CURED. GENTS.—I was in very poor health for over four years, the doctor said it was Constipation. Not wanting to spend too much cash, I got three bottles of Bardell Blood Bitters and took it regularly. I can testify that it has cured me of the best of health and feel very grateful to B.B.B.

ALFRED TEROUX, Montreal, Que.

YACHTING IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—The racing yacht which the Hendersons are building from the George L. Watson's designs for the Emperor William of Germany, modelled after the Prince of Wales' cutter Britannia, is being built secretly under the same shed as was used for the construction of the Valkyrie III. It will be nearly if not quite as large as the Dunraven syndicate boat. Preliminary work upon Watson's latest is already well advanced. Rumor has it that it will be completed in time to compete at the Cowes regatta. Emperor William, it has long been an open secret, is quite anxious to own a yacht capable of defeating his uncle's swift cutter, and Watson said he had been promised a stiff bonus if the Emperor's new yacht proves to be a better boat than the Britannia. It was in the hope of defeating the Britannia that the Emperor William purchased the British cutter, which was defeated in 1887 by the Yankee sloop Volunteer in that year's series of races for the America's cup. Besides, the Britannia holds the German Emperor's challenge shield, a very valuable yachting trophy, which was to be sailed for over a 120-mile course, around the Isle of Wight. If the Prince of Wales yacht wins it again this year the Emperor's shield will remain the property of the Prince. It has to be won three times, and the Britannia has already won it twice. This is the most interesting contest looked forward to during the Cowes week, when the regatta of the Royal Yacht Squadron takes place. On the other hand, it has been stated that the Prince of Wales, in view of the death of Prince Henry, will not race the Britannia during the season of 1896. It is reported that the German Emperor is so disgusted with the British upon his message to President Kruger congratulating the latter upon having suppressed Dr. Jameson and the raiders, that he has expressed his determination not to visit England this year under any circumstances.

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STARTLING SURPRISES.

Japan's Possible Course in the Event of China Repudiating Her Obligations.

Will Attempt to Dismember the Empire and Uproot the Existing Dynasty.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—Advices from Tokio state that China's enormous indebtedness to Japan bids fair to be the cause of awkward complication, in the near future. In three months the second instalment of 60,000,000 taels will fall due, yet, so far as can be discovered, no provision has been made for meeting the obligation. The Peking government pretends to be entirely at ease upon the subject, and apparently looks to Russia for protection against Japanese reprisals. Incensed of need the Taung-li-Yamen hopes to appeal successfully to the European league which held the conquering empire in check a year ago. It would, however, be a mistake to suppose that Japan will quietly submit to any denial of her pecuniary claim. For several weeks past her ministers of state have been carefully deliberating upon the course to be pursued if China attempts to repudiate the indemnity or even to alter the stipulated dates of payment. Many plans have been proposed, most of them pointing in a direction as yet wholly unsuspected by western governments. To reopen hostilities would be impracticable at the present time, and to threaten violent measures would probably be unavailing. But unless their just demands are satisfied, the Japanese have in view a line of action which they believe will precipitate the dismemberment of China and enable them to secure for themselves a substantial share of the partitioned territory.

What forces they propose to put in operation to execute this project can only be conjectured. It seems a big undertaking for a small nation—bigger than the reformation of Korea, in which the Japanese have sailed entirely, but its very magnitude captivates their imagination, and they are not without hope of co-operation from powerful sources. They have long been convinced that they possess the means of uprooting the existing Chinese dynasty, and many of their public men consider it easily possible to throw the huge empire into a state of anarchy from which it can be rescued only by an arrangement for its distribution among the various powers concerned. Without speculating as to details, it can be stated as a fact that if the Chinese attempt to shirk their financial responsibilities they will find their creditor States yet some startling surprises in store for them. It may be that the Japanese wholly overestimate their ability to reconstruct the map of Eastern Asia, but the leaders of the government have pretty nearly made up their minds as to what will be expedient in case they are defrauded, and if once they set about the task they will not lightly abandon it.

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THE SCHOOL QUESTION.

Hon. Mr. Sifton Gives Notice of an Exceedingly Important Resolution.

Said to Be in Connection With an Arrangement Made by Sir D. A. Smith.

(Special to the Colonist.)

WINNIPEG, Feb. 24.—(Special)—Attorney General Sifton gave the legislature another school question surprise this afternoon when he gave notice of motion of a long resolution for Wednesday. The notice is a protest against the passage of remedial legislation by the government at Ottawa. It is admitted that it is sincerely regretted that the repeated and earnest invitations for an inquiry have been absolutely ignored by the advisers of His Excellency, who propose, without complete information themselves to take coercive legislation from a parliament the great majority of whose members are necessarily without a full knowledge of the facts relative to the past and present school systems of Manitoba.

"That in amending the school law from time to time and in the administration of the school system of the province it is our earnest desire to remedy any well founded grievance and to remove any appearance of inequality or injustice that shall be brought to our notice, and to consider any complaint which may be made in a spirit of fairness and conciliation."

"That it is admitted by all competent authorities that a system of separate schools for the minority, established and carried on under Dominion legislation, cannot be made effective without the active and substantial co-operation and assistance of the provincial authorities."

"That since the order in council which set forth the policy of the advisers of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, the policy therein set forth has been submitted to the electors of the province, with the result that the people have, in the exercise of their franchise, approved of the policy thus set forth, by an overwhelming majority."

"That while the constitutional rights of the Dominion parliament to deal with the question in some way is not denied it is confidently maintained that the general authority ought not to interfere with a province except in a case of most urgent necessity, and only as a last resort and after the clearest possible case has been made out of flagrant wrong-doing on the part of the provincial authorities."

"That no case has ever been made out for interference with our school law by the Dominion parliament, which would justify the said Dominion government in the well recognized principle of provincial autonomy—a principle the maintenance of which is essential to the satisfactory operation of our constitution; and that the Dominion government, who solemnly protest against the passage of the remedial act which has been introduced into the House of Commons of Canada and doth hereby declare:

"That said act has been brought before the House of Commons without a proper investigation of the facts; that said act will not, nor will any legislation which is coercive in its character and directly opposed to the majority of the people of this province, bring about a harmonious and satisfactory solution of the questions in issue; that said act will confer no substantial or useful advantages upon the minority but, on the contrary, will prove to be deceptive and disappointing in its practical educational effect; that said act is an unnecessary and unjustifiable attack upon the constitutional rights of the legislature and people of Manitoba and indirectly upon the rights of the legislature and people of every province of the Dominion, and a violation of the principle of provincial autonomy which is at stake in the history of the Dominion."

There are many who believe that the introduction of the above resolution is merely the first part of the programme for the settlement of the question arranged by Sir Donald A. Smith during his visit here last week.

COMMERCIAL CABLE COMPANY.

An Interesting and Satisfactory Report of the Year's Operations.

New York, Feb. 24.—The annual report of the Commercial Cable Company for the year 1895 was published to-day. The gross earnings amounted to \$2,009,738.14, and the working and other expenses to \$794,340.53, leaving a balance of \$1,215,397.61. There was an increase in the earnings of \$296,304.10, and an increase in expenses of \$31,344.69, as compared with the previous year, resulting in an increase in the net earnings of \$204,962.91. A dividend of one per cent on the capital stock was paid for the year, amounting to \$700,000. The reserve fund has been augmented by the purchase of \$200,000 United States government bonds. The balance of the year's profits amounting to \$315,397.61, has been transferred to "profit and loss." Six sections of the company's cables were interrupted at different periods during the year, chiefly caused by contact with the anchors of fishing vessels. The repairs were, however, promptly effected. The whole system of the company is in excellent condition.

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Deficits in Accounts of the Diocese of Westminster A Contractor Missing.

Ore Shipments From Revelstoke—Among the Kootenay Mines—The Coal Loading Record.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER, Feb. 25.—H. W. Suckling died at the hospital on Sunday under sad circumstances. He was alone and without means. Though a man of education and culture, he was too feeble to care for himself. His wife and daughter were on a protracted visit to Winnipeg. He had been turned out of one boarding house after another owing to his inability to pay board. At last Mrs. Wick, wife of Steward Wick, of the Oriental line, heard of his pitiable plight and paid his immediate debts, and through the assistance of Dr. Brydome-Jack had him removed to the hospital, but it was too late. The late Mr. Suckling was highly connected in Eastern Canada and Birmingham.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Eliza Brown, wife of Charles H. Brown, took place to-day.

Angus McDonald, contractor, is said to be missing. Just before he disappeared he was known to have been paid \$450 by the South Vancouver municipality, with which he was going to work in connection with his contract. The firm of Braid & Kelly, wholesale and general dealers, has dissolved partnership. Mr. Braid continues the business.

Two letters and a petition containing 409 names have been received by the council praying that the Sunday observance by-law be amended so that those who wish to keep their stores open on Sunday may do so.

The creditors and sub-contractors of the reservoir are still agitating to have their claims paid by the city council. A Westminster contractor built the reservoir at too low a figure, and many of the creditors suffered. These creditors claim that the city should have safeguarded them, and now want a committee composed of the members of the Board of Trade, the Labor Council and the City Council to say whether or not they should be paid by the city. These creditors are backed up in their appeal by a petition over 20 feet long.

Rev. Mr. Clinton, Episcopal, Rev. Father Emmanuel, Roman Catholic, and Rev. E. D. McLean, Presbyterian, were a deputation to the council last night asking them to pay for destitute women at private hospitals, or to supply the local market with mutton.

The three men at work on the Consolation are getting out good pay. Over \$800 worth of the yellow metal was taken from the mine last month.

D. C. McGillivray is down from McCulloch creek. He says that from all he can learn of the McCulloch Creek Tunnel Co.'s mine he is satisfied it is a good property.

Beaton & Vandall have disposed of their mining property on French creek to the French Creek Mining Co. They will probably do some prospecting in the Bend with a view to acquiring a fresh location there. E. Mason returned this week from Carnes creek. Mason has secured an eighth interest in the Gold Yam.

E. McBean, who has been trapping at the head of Carnes creek, reports marvellous success this winter.

The following are the shipments of ore by the Nakusp & Slocan railway, the figures being supplied by C. E. Shaw, customs broker:

Feb. Mine.	Lbs.	Value.	Destination.
10—Beacon	1,200	\$14,220	French
11—Yanboe	40,000	1,400	Omaha
12—Slocan Star	120,000	4,844	00Argentine
13—Omaha	100,000	4,844	do
14—Alamo	80,000	4,844	do
15—Slocan Star	160,000	5,900	00Argentine

BOUNDARY CREEK.

(From the Spokane Spokesman-Review.)

Duncan McIntosh, owner of the Winnipeg mine, Boundary Creek district, says he is shipping eight tons to Bossburg, where it will be held until he gets a carload. The ore will, if his sampling and assays are correct, net \$25 to \$30 a ton. The Gold Drop mine, in the Greenwood camp, he says, is turning out to be an excellent property. In cross-cutting the ledge they have not reached the hanging wall, although they are eight feet in ore. Mr. McIntosh brought down a sample of Winnipeg ore, which he says will bear favorable comparison with anything from Trail creek.

ROSSLAND, Feb. 21.—C. D. Rand, of Vancouver, has reached here from London, England. With him came J. R. Callahan, an expert, who is known all over Western mining camps as the representative of the celebrated California syndicate—Hearst, Tevis and Haggin. Mr. Callahan is investigating in the interests of a large London syndicate, who intend, should his report of the camp prove favorable, making large investments in the camp. Local rumor says that the company are especially taken with the Centre Star, Le Roi and War Eagle mines, and that they have plenty of money to buy them. The mines just mentioned were examined yesterday, and to-day Messrs. Callahan and Rand visited the Cliff. The Iron Horse will be examined to-morrow.

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NANAIMO, Feb. 23.—Captain McLeod, of the barque Rufus E. Wood, not satisfied with his previous loading record, which, however, was subsequently beaten by the Ellwell, has again achieved distinction. The Rufus E. Wood sailed from Nanaimo on the 26th ultimo, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, reached San Francisco on the 4th instant, discharged her cargo, took on ballast and sailed again for Nanaimo at 1 p. m. on the 16th, arriving here at 10 o'clock on Sunday, or 27 days, 22 hours for the round trip.

DUNCAN, Feb. 24.—Bishop Perrin came up from Victoria on Saturday afternoon's train, and is a guest of Mr. W. H. Elkington, Quamichan lake. The Bishop officiated yesterday at St. Peter's church, Quamichan, South Cowichan, and at Duncan in the evening. To-day His Lordship will attend a Band of Hope meeting at Duncan.

A meeting of electors was held at the agricultural hall on Saturday evening last, Reeves T. A. Wood in the chair. Major Muter, M.P.P., addressed the meeting at considerable length, and was well received by the large audience.

KAMLOOPS.

(From the Sentinel.)

The first election of a board of overseers under the Cattle Ranges act for the Kamloops polling division, which includes the country between Savona, Rockford, Martin's Range on the South Thompson, and Heffley's Creek on the North Thompson, drew a large number of ranchers to the city on Thursday. The conflicting interests of the sheep and cattle men gave animation to the election and a very large vote was polled. The cattle men are especially fearful of the practice of driving in large flocks of sheep from the United States on the Kamloops range may be established, while they have no objection to sufficient sheep, if kept within the specified limits to be arranged, being reared to supply the local market with mutton.

The result was as follows: J. T. Edwards 51, Jas. Mellors 49, J. R. Hull 49, W. J. Roper 48, W. McLeod 44, Thomas Newman 43, J. Brien 42, I. Campbell 39, W. Livingston 35. The first five were elected.

REVELSTOKE.

(From the Kootenay Mail.)

The first load of ore from the Silver Cup, Trail Creek, arrived at Thompson's on Thursday. Andy Craig has gone in to put his team to work on this portion of the haul. They have eight horses rawnhiding on the trail.

Not many men are at work on Trout creek this winter, and those who are working are not supposed to be getting out a fortune.

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has just been in town from the Highland claim, situated four miles to the north of Rossland, and which he has been steadily opening up all winter. The Highland is said to be a mammoth proposition, having a well defined and heavily mineralized ledge nearly 300 feet wide. Mr. Thompson reports that he has a shaft down 30 feet with ore at the bottom, and that a cross-cut has been driven 16 feet and the ore is improving. He says that he has found the rock much harder than expected and that he will install a diamond drill for prospect boring in May.

NEW DENVER.

(From the Ledger.)

There are 26 carloads of ore ready for shipment at Cody creek.

A carload of piping for the Washington concentrator has arrived.

The Star is shipping two carloads of ore a day, one by the K. & S. and one by the C.P.R.

In a few days the Chambers group will ship a carload of ore. This mine is situated up Carpenter creek, near Cody.

The Noble Five, Goodenough, Last Chance, American Boy and Deadman are said to be taking out 24 carloads of ore per day between them.

No work has yet been done on the Arlington No. 2 and Burlington No. 2, but buildings will be erected and development begun as soon as it is possible to get to them.

The Enterprise, on Ten-Mile creek, is progressing favorably on the lower tunnel, while the upper tunnel has for the first time pinched-out, but work is continued on it with expectations of shortly striking ore again. There are all told about 11 men at this mine. This property is under bond to J. A. Finch, who is carrying on the present work.

The Ivanhoe mine, owned by the Minnesota Silver Company, have laid off all their men with the exception of five and cook and manager. The cause of the lay-off is attributed to the fact that the contract let last fall for a tunnel to tap the ledge at a lower point was not pushed forward rapidly enough by the contractor, and now the company will complete it themselves. The tunnel is in already about 300 feet, and will be run another 200 feet. This property is a good one and will soon be a steady shipper.

Considerable excitement has been aroused in the Slocan the past few days caused by some fourteen engineers arriving on Tuesday's train from Nakusp, who are now camped at the foot of Union street along the lake shore. They are here for the purpose of surveying a road from New Denver to Slocan City for the C.P.R., which will branch off at New Denver from the Nakusp and Slocan branch.

John W. Stewart, of Spokane, has bonded from L. Alexander, of Kaslo, the R. E. Lee, Shunika and Duluth for the sum of \$35,000, with payments as follows: \$1,750 at time of execution; \$5,000 1st of August, and the balance in two equal payments of \$14,125 on the 1st of February and 1st of May, 1897.

H. P. Haycock, of Spokane, and A. R. Tillman, of Montana, are at present in the Slocan looking up mining property with the intention of buying. They are thoroughly investigating different properties and no doubt will make some good deals. These gentlemen spent a few days in and about New Denver this week. Mr. Haycock, who represents Montana capital, will be remembered as being here some short time ago on a similar mission, while Mr. Tillman is on his first visit to the Slocan.

"Is your hatred of soap and water founded on any rational basis, or is it mere prejudice?" asked the sarcastic lady, surveying Perry Patetic with considerable interest.

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