

of the Schools about 9 a. m., when they might almost imagine they had entered "an hotel where meals are served at all hours," owing to the continual dropping in of the pupils between that time and half-past nine. Let the School registers be examined, it will be found that, in many cases, the afternoon attendance is rapidly decreasing. I state the following as a fact—on having received any information from misinformed persons—that during an afternoon session of one of the schools last week, twenty notes, signed by the parents, were received by the teacher requesting the dismissal of their children at 3 o'clock. Who is to blame? The Trustees generally are considered to be the efficient ones, but they are rather the effect than the cause, as they have enforced this in obedience to the laws and regulations of the Board of Education.

Now, in accordance with the wishes of our worthy Chairman, who desires every teacher to be well posted in the school law, I have not only studied the Blue Book at unseasonable hours, but have slept with it under my pillow, and can see nothing therein relating to the opening of the schools at 9 a. m. and closing at 4 p. m. It may be that my powers of reasoning are obscure.

It is not my intention to assail either the schools or the Trustees; our system of public instruction, in its infancy, has proved singularly successful. Our Trustees, without exception, are men of sterling worth, eminently calculated to control the affairs of our public schools, even if, according to the Freeman, "they have not had the Classical Hall of the University," and their is a work in the right direction, for it encompasses the history and destiny of our Province; we can never hope for a well-balanced government until we have passed our whole population through the alembic of the public school.

A Teacher.

Merchants' Exchange.

The following despatches were received at the Exchange to-day:

London, Nov. 23rd.—Liverpool Breadstuffs market quiet. Prices unchanged. Flour 30s. 6d. Red Wheat 1s. 4d. a 12s. 8d. Corn 28s. 9d. a 30s.

Montreal, Nov. 23.

The ice is rapidly forming in the St. Lawrence river, and in the canal. In Beauharnois canal the ice is an inch thick causing much trouble and damage to steamers. The Royal Mail steamers are still running. The steamer for Quebec left last night on the last trip for the season.

Manchester, N. H., Nov. 23.

Frank B. Kimball, a carpenter by trade, aged 45, a married man with a family, committed suicide with poison on the morning of the 22nd inst. in the room of a young woman, the door of which he forced open, the woman taking refuge in another room. He left a note indicating disappointed love as the cause.

London, Nov. 23.

St. John Bowering former editor of the Westminster Review and member of Parliament, and British Minister to China, died yesterday.

Paris, Nov. 23.

It is known that President Thiers endorses the plan lately proposed by the committee of the Left Centre, for the formation of a second chamber of the National Legislature. He also favors some definite settlement of the relations between the Legislature and executive departments of the Government, as to questions of general policy in the internal affairs. Thiers addressed the conservative group taken in his recent message to the Assembly. There was no discussion of national questions in the Assembly yesterday. There is nothing known yet of the decision of the committee to draft a reply to the President's message.

Thiers stated his views very fully at the session yesterday. After his withdrawal, the committee held private conference for the consideration of the points of Thiers' statement.

London, Nov. 23.

Troops are arriving here to strengthen the local garrison. The municipal election is held today, and the additional force is necessary, trouble being apprehended.

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By Telegraph. British and Foreign. [By Telegraph to Associated Press.]

London, Nov. 23.

Mail advices from Madrid report slight disturbances in the capital last Monday on account of the drawings for military conscription. The lines of telegraph were cut.

Bulletins from the Royal Palace at Madrid last night announce the condition of the King gradually improving. Gales continue in the English channel. They have been very destructive in the vicinity of Davenport.

Her Majesty's steamer Himalaya arrived there with the loss of eight of her crew. A later dispatch from Davenport brings intelligence of additional loss of life among the crew of this Himalaya.

The City of Brooklyn, which sailed for the fifteenth for New York, lost the fans of her propeller and put back under sail, arriving last night. All on board are well, and will embark on another vessel. The Brooklyn returns to Liverpool.

Lewis, Conservative, is returned to Parliament from London.

The Radical Journal, La Resteration, has been suppressed.

The political situation in France remains unchanged. Every faction has a plan for solving the difficulty, but no two agree.

Committees of the Geographical Societies of Germany are forming for the purpose of carrying out a methodical exploration of Africa.

New York, Nov. 23.

The excitement caused by the corner in North Western Railway stock, and the arrest of Jay Gould, continues, and the financial operations of to-day are anticipated with intense interest.

A shoe factory at Utica, N. Y., was burned on Saturday; loss \$140,000. The Boston Collieries was auctioned on Saturday for \$10,500.

Chicago, No. 2 Spring Wheat \$1.10. Market regular. Receipts of wheat 54,000 bushels; shipments 23,000.

City Police Court.

William Kavanagh, 25, for having on board more "stagger juice" than he could conveniently carry, convincing him to act in a disorderly manner much to the annoyance of the neighborhood of Reed's Point, was requested to land over the usual Monday morning's fee, \$8.

James Quinn, 33, for being in a similar condition on Prince William street, was ordered to pay the same amount.

Alexander Campbell, 55, drunk and fighting on the Market Square was also fined \$8.

James O'Brien, 50, drunk and given in charge by James Sweeney for assaulting him in an alleyway of Germain street, fined for drunkenness \$8. No one appearing to prosecute on the other charge it was dismissed.

Catherine Conway, 30, and infant child who came to the station for protection was sent to the Almshouse.

Coyne Hoverson, a seaman, found wandering about Water street without hat or coat, was sent on board of his vessel.

Mary Coyle, 30, sitting drunk on Carmichael street, was fined \$8 or two months gaol.

George Parker, 30, for firing a pistol on Sheffield street, was fined \$20.

Joseph Doherty and William Lahey, charged with assaulting James Ryding; the case was dismissed.

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