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The School Book Question.

On our fourth page we publish a comparative statement of prices paid for school books in Ontario and New Brunswick, under Liberal and Conservative Governments. As we have already pointed out, the Liberal Governments in Ontario and New Brunswick, for years played into the hands of the monopolists in the matter of school-books; so that parents were paying two prices, and in some cases more than two prices for the books required for their children attending school. In Ontario the Liberals appointed a commission which made a pretence of investigating the hardship under which the people were laboring; but nothing resulted. When the Whitney Government assumed power, and started to remedy the evil, they looked for the records of the commission to see what had been done; but they could find no records, they had been destroyed. The Liberals had been simply humbugging the people; they did not want to remedy the evil, they were in league with the ring that was robbing the people. The same condition of affairs obtained in New Brunswick. The Liberals were in close alliance with the monopolists and assisted in perpetuating the wrong and in robbing the people. It took the Whitney Government but a very short time to remedy this crying evil and obtain relief for the people. The tabulated statement printed in this issue, on our fourth page, shows what that Government has done for the parents of Ontario. The Hazen Government in New Brunswick were equally alert in grappling with this monopoly and removing a huge incubus from the shoulders of the school children of that Province. Referring to the action of the Whitney Government in this connection the Ottawa Citizen has this to say:

Again the Whitney government has made good, even beyond the promises which its Liberal critics had formerly laughed to scorn. It had promised to break up the school book ring which had existed for many years under a Liberal government and to supply better and far cheaper text books for the school children. A contract has now been entered into with the Eaton company to supply reading books for the public schools at a net cost of 39 cents for the four readers, which prior to 1905 cost the parents of Ontario children \$1.15. What this means to the people of Ontario may be concisely summed up in the statement that the saving to the purchasers of these school books will be \$125,000 per year, or at a conservative estimate not taking into account the increase in population, \$1,250,000 during the ten years that the contract will be in force.
"The school book graft has been one of the meanest in connection with any government, and it was not confined to the Liberal government of Ontario. The fact that a responsible firm has undertaken to supply these readers for ten years at less than one-third of the price charged by the school book ring, speaks for itself. Not only is the price reduced nearly 70 per cent but the readers which will now be issued are new and brought up to date; they are printed on superior paper

with modern illustrations, durably bound and of much higher literary standard than the old books. It may be incidentally mentioned that in the provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta the school children are being charged \$1.22 for the four readers of the old form, whereas the new readers will be furnished to the children of Ontario at 39 cents.

"The contract which was in force under the Ross government did not expire until December 1906, and the Whitney government thereupon made a short contract for a year and a half at 49 cents for the set, while the preparation of the new set of reading books was at once begun. At that time Sir James Whitney pledged himself that if the new books were not as cheap as those secured under the short term contract the government would print the books themselves. At that time the Liberal press ridiculed this promise, and declared that the price of 49 cents had only been possible because it was a job lot of old books. In this connection Mr. J. A. Cooper of Toronto who was a member of the text book commission, appointed by the government to inquire into the text book question, contributed an article to the press in which he predicted that the price of the new text books would go back "to the old figure, if not higher." This was seized upon by the opposition press which jeered at what they called the government's "fake reduction." Now the government has been more than amply justified. The net price of these readers is 10 cents lower than the short term contract which embodied the alleged fake reduction.

"The parents of Ontario irrespective of politics, will appreciate this widespread advantage which will mean to every family having children going to school a large annual saving in the cost of school books. Not the least interesting phase of it is that the contract has been awarded to a prominent Liberal. It is hoped that the Whitney government will continue its good work by applying the same business principles to the other lines of text books in our public schools. Many of them besides being very dear, are out of date, poorly bound and printed."

While the Whitney Government in Ontario, and the Hazen Government in New Brunswick have taken hold of this matter in practical business way, what have the Government of Prince Edward Island been doing? They are doing what the Liberal Government in Ontario did; they have appointed a commission; they are sustaining the monopolists; they are in with the ring. Three years ago, when Mr. Mathieson brought up this matter in the Legislature, the Liberals were still in power in New Brunswick, and for a year after, in March 1908 the Conservatives came into power in that Province, and in a few months thereafter the people had the prices of their school books reduced by forty per cent. This relief, the parents of New Brunswick have been enjoying for over a year; but the Government of Prince Edward Island have not got beyond the commission stage; the parents are still paying two prices for school books for their children. The Conservative Governments of Ontario and New Brunswick have taken up this question in a practical manner; they have done business in a business way. While these Governments have acted, our Government have talked, have delayed, have played into the hands of the monopolists; have appointed a

commission; but the people are still paying the two prices. When the Leader of the Opposition, and his supporters in the Legislature, referred last session to what Premier Whitney had done in this matter, Mr. Hazzard and his friends jeered at the statement and endeavored to make believe the reductions introduced in Ontario were bogus. But now, Premier Hazzard goes about the first district of Queen's telling the people what a splendid bargain Whitney has made for the people of Ontario and that he (Mr. Hazzard) has the assurance of the Premier of Ontario that we can have the books used there, for our schools at these reduced prices. A good bargain Sir James Whitney surely has made; but let no one place any dependence in Premier Hazzard's statements about securing such advantages for our people. Such a proceeding is quite contrary to the traditions of the Liberal party and the Liberal Government of this Province. They have broken all the promises they ever made to the people of this Province, and should not now be trusted. Let the people of the first district of Queen's bear these facts in mind when Premier Hazzard comes before them and makes promises of any kind.

This is nomination day for the first district of Queen's.

The argument has been all on the side of the Opposition speakers throughout the campaign in the first district.

That venerable chestnut, the \$200,000 has again been trotted out for duty in the campaign in the first district. What a pity our Liberal friends could not get it set to music, so they could sing it!

The election campaign is in full swing in the first district of Queen's. Seven largely attended and warmly fought public meetings have already been held, and more are to come. Great enthusiasm reigns in the Conservative ranks, and the prospects of redeeming the seat are of the very brightest.

The Liberal candidate, Premier Hazzard and other Government speakers, at the public meeting in the first district have nothing new to tell the electors. They rehash the thread-bare story of political happenings of a quarter of a century ago. They forget to tell their audiences that the Liberal Government clamored into power on the cry that revenue and expenditure were therefore to meet; that the era of deficits was to come to an end and that the day of taxation was far off. They forget all this, and they forget to inform the people that everyone of these promises and pledges has been flagrantly, shamefully and scandalously violated. But the people remember these facts.

In their campaign in the first district. Mr. Hazzard, Mr. Crosby and their friends take good care to conceal from the electors that in 1891 only \$128,000 of a Public debt existed, or \$171,000 debt and liabilities, according to the report of their own commissioners; that \$188,000 worth of debentures were issued by them to meet these liabilities, and that from that time forward revenue and expenditures were to meet, and we were to have a clean sheet. They do not tell the people this promise has been kept by increasing the debt and liabilities to over \$1,000,000; that the annual interest charge has increased from \$2,600 to over \$38,000; that deficits have ranged from \$12,000 to \$120,000 a year, or an aggregate of over \$900,000; that while this debt, these deficits and this interest burden were rolling up, the people were bled in taxation to the tune of another \$900,000. These are pertinent facts; these are living issues in which the electors are much more interested than in the dead issues of a quarter of a century ago.

Throughout the campaign in the first district, Mr. Myers, the Conservative candidate, Mr. Mathieson, Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Alex. Martin and other Conservative speakers have been well received by the people and attentively listened to. They have told a straight story, bristling with facts and have invariably driven the Government speakers into a corner. In fact they have not left them a leg to stand on

The Government's ruinous financial administration; their failure to keep faith with the people on public matters of the most vital importance to this Province; their failure to press our claims in a vigorous manner against the Federal authorities and their playing into the hands of the school-book ring, rather than relieve the people of an obnoxious burden of prices have been plainly and vigorously presented at the meetings. These and numerous other short-comings of the Government have been presented in an unanswerable manner; and the Government speakers had to grin and bear the charges brought against them. They had no answer. Surely the electors of the first district are sitting up and taking notice.

Local Transcontinental Bills.

Much suffering and loss has been reported along the line of the Transcontinental through the failure of final sub-contractors to pay their bills. In some cases it is said that their contract prices were so low that they could not pay their way. These low contracts have no relation to the prices paid by the Government. Take for example, the cases mentioned at the Stanley meeting. First there was the G. T. P. Construction Co. contract. This company let a sub contract to a Toronto firm. The Toronto concern sub-let to several contractors of the third degree. Under these came a fourth series of sub-contractors. These latter are said to be receiving in some cases about half what the Government pays. Even then they might pull through with a slight margin if they were not crowded and pressed by creditors before they got their own pay. But a number have abandoned their job to the great advantage of the contractor over them, and to heavy loss of the merchants, farmers and others from whom they have obtained supplies. The original contractors and the Government refuse to be responsible to the local creditors, many of whom are great sufferers. —St. John Standard.

Thrilling Fall.

Varying only a fraction of a degree from the record of heat in Montreal during several days, the torrid wave continues unabated, carrying much discomfort in its train to those who are exposed. A remarkable case of sunstroke was reported on the 24th, with a corresponding remarkable escape from death. Joseph Dureuil, Bell Telephone lineman, was working at the top of one of the highest poles, when he was overcome with excessive heat. Before a companion could reach him, he fell. A short distance below another line man caught him and broke the fall, but he could not hold him and Dureuil went on down until he struck some wires, which broke his fall again. Down further he fell until, reaching the ground another workman caught his head and prevented it from striking the earth and otherwise eased the contact. He was badly shaken up and had to be taken to the hospital.

Lost A Leg.

At Chipman N.B. the other day in Pharr and Holly's new saw mill George Crossman, son of David Crossman, of Chipman, had his left leg taken off just below the knee by coming in contact with a large rotary saw. Crossman went to work this morning in another man's place and was engaged on the rotary. Crossman, after a plank had gone through and was about to return, he then being opposite the saw, removed his hand from the lever to pass to William Morrison, a fellow workman, a chew of tobacco. While, doing so the carriage was reversed, causing him to lose his balance. It swung him around with his back to the saw. His left leg was thrown over the saw and was practically severed just below the knee. He was hurried to Dr. Hay's hospital but both Dr. Hay and Dr. Sutherland were away. Dr. Nugent was sent for at once. In the mean time Dr. Hay was overhauled near Coal Creek. Dr. Hay and Dr. Nugent dressed the wound. This is the second time inside of a year that Crossman has suffered from accidents in Pharr and Holly's mill. Last fall he lost two fingers in that establishment.

Five graduates of the Union Commercial College now hold good positions in Montreal city. Now is your time to prepare. Full particulars on application to Wm. Moran, Prin., Charlottetown.

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

Wild strawberries were selling in the market yesterday for ten cents a pound.

The Boston train on the C. P. R., when near Magadanaviation struck and killed a cow moose. The engineer saw the animal on the track, but not in time to slow up.

The Picnic and Tea Party season is now on. In this issue will be found advertisements for the gatherings at Seven Mile Bay, Bear River Station, Iona and Soria. Read the advertisements, note the dates and act accordingly.

After a period of fifty-two years engaged in seafaring life the last twelve years of which were spent in the employ of the said Newfoundland Company as commander of the steams: Bruce, plying between North Sydney and Port Annapolis, Captain F. D. Laney will shortly retire to take a position at St. John's as superintendent of shipping for the said Newfoundland Company.

Insufficient washing of lettuce purchased from a Chinese gardener, has been responsible for much Paris green poisoning that has greatly puzzled doctors and the police in Victoria, B. C. It was feared at one time that a monomaniacal poisoner was operating in the residential districts. Happily the small quantity adhering to the leaves was insufficient to cause death, although perhaps a score of victims have sought medical aid.

London advices state that the resignations of two members of the Asquith Government have been accepted. The members resigning are: Lord Fitzmaurice, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Thomas B. Buchanan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Indian office. Their places are filled respectively by Herbert Louis Samuel, under Secretary for Home Affairs and Alexander William Charles Oliphant Murray.

Schooner Stranded.

Libby Island, the graveyard of the eastern Maine coast probably became the last resting place on the 24th of the three-masted British schooner Phoenix, bound from Windsor, N. S., for New York with a cargo of 400,000 feet of lumber.

A Very Strange Phenomenon.

Great stretches of road are disappearing from the highway six miles from the town of Antigonish and people are greatly alarmed. The first case in occurred two weeks ago, when a section fifty feet long by twenty wide disappeared carrying telephone posts far out of sight. No sooner had this opening been filled with brick and stone than another cave-in took place, when a strip of road 100 feet long disappeared. The hole made on this occasion was forty feet deep and thirty feet wide. The cavity is now filled with water and is a great nuisance. A road commissioner went to the scene from Halifax, and while he was investigating another portion of the road fifteen feet long by ten in width disappeared, and next day still another 200 feet from the first cave-in sank from view. The international railway track is also affected, rails having settled over a foot in two places. The road commissioner says subterranean waters are discharging the earth far beneath the road and that the district will eventually become a large lake. It has been decided to build 200 feet of new highway to the rear of what people consider a death-trap and which is very dangerous.

The Market Prices.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Butter, Eggs, Chickens, Pork, etc.

Milburn's Sterling Headache Powder.

Milburn's Sterling Headache Powder gives women prompt relief from monthly pains and leave no bad after effects whatever. Be sure you get Milburn's. Price 20 and 25 cents.

Canadian Capital Abroad.

It is a promising feature in connection with government and municipal loan issues during the present year, that an increasing percentage has been taken up by Canadian investors. This is probably due to the experience of our investors during the panic of 1907. It is a matter difficult to explain that, in a country like this with such admirable opportunities for the judicious investment of capital, so much Canadian money seeks investment not only in the United States, but in Mexico, the West Indies and South America. A recently published statement shows that Canadians are more or less interested in eleven industries and railways in Mexico, Brazil and the West Indies, having a total stock issue of nearly \$63,000,000 and a bond issue of over \$55,000,000. Surely distant fields look green to the Canadian capitalist. Recently the largest of these companies came into the hands of a gang of exploiters, who faked up the work on a conveniently exposed dam built for hydro-electric purposes, and the dam a few weeks ago was carried away with an enormous resulting loss to the company. In addition to Canadian investments in these more distant fields, a relatively very large amount of Canadian money seeks investment in the United States railways and industries, many of which passed their dividends during the money stringency, and they have not since resumed. On the other hand Canadian investments suffered comparatively little by the money stringency, and it is estimated that during the next month our investors will draw \$10,000,000 of dividends, nine-tenths of which are paid by Canadian enterprises.—Ottawa Citizen.

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Political Meetings.

The undersigned will meet the electors of the First District of Queen's County at the following places: Irishtown Hall, Monday, June 21; French River, Tuesday, June 22; Clifton, Wednesday, June 23; Hope River, Thursday, June 24; Granville, Friday, June 25; Springton, Monday, June 28; Bradshaw, Tuesday, June 29; Fredericton, Wednesday, June 30; Emyvale, Thursday, July 1; Kelly's Cross, Friday, July 2; Bonshaw, Saturday, July 3; Crazeud, Monday, July 5. All meetings at 7:30 p. m. JOHN MYERS, C. W. CROSBY, June 19, 1909.

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Carriage Wraps.

65 cents each, Natural Covered Linen, with red and blue stripes and border, fringed ends, 45 x 68. 95 cents each, Light Weight Checked Denham, fringed ends, size 45 x 65. \$1.25 each, Heavy Checked Linen Duster, brown and fawn plaits, fringed ends, 45 x 68.

Stanley Bros.

Mortgage Sale.

To be sold by Public Auction in front of the Law Courts Building in Charlottetown on Tuesday the 27th day of July A. D. 1909 at the hour of twelve o'clock noon under and by virtue of a power of sale contained in an indenture of Mortgage bearing date the eighteenth day of March A. D. 1888 and made between James Gallant of Oyster Bed Bridge, Roxton, Que. and Township number twenty four in Queen's County, in Prince Edward Island, farmer, and Charlotte Gallant his wife of the one part and the undersigned of the other part:

All that tract piece or parcel of land situate lying and being on Lot or Township number twenty-four in Queen's County in the said Island bounded and described as follows that is to say: Commencing on the south side of Wheatley River in the north East Angle of land in possession of Andrew Peters, thence running south along Andrew Peters' land to the Wheatley River Road and thence East along the said Road to land in possession of Joseph Mathieson, thence north along Joseph Mathieson's land to the Wheatley River aforesaid and thence west along the course of said river to the place of commencement containing sixty acres of land a little more or less. Also all that other tract of land situate lying and being on Lot Twenty-four aforesaid, bounded as follows that is to say: Commencing at a stake fixed on the east side of the road leading from Rustico (Oyster Bed Bridge) to Charlottetown, in the northwest angle of land in possession of Andrew Peters, containing seventy-five acres of land a little more or less. If not sold at the time and place above mentioned the same will be sold by private sale.

For further particulars apply to the office of Mathieson, MacDonald & Stewart, 183 Richmond Street, Charlottetown. Dated this 17th day of June, A. D. 1909. EDWARD BAYFIELD, Mortgagee.

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