

The Weekly Monitor.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10th, 1895.

The announcement is now made that no legislation concerning the Manitoba schools will be passed at the present session of the Dominion parliament. It appears that a lengthy bill of 150 clauses has been prepared by the officers of the department of justice, dealing with the matter, but so great are the differences of opinion in regard to the details of such a measure that it has been deemed advisable to defer the matter till an autumn session, rather than to prolong the present session now that all other business is about finished. The difficulties in the way of such legislation appear to be greater than the more the subject is studied. For instance, it is now realized that while the Dominion parliament may pass the bill, it is not so certain that the provincial government will assent to any such enactment must rest largely with the local authorities. If, therefore, the provincial government and a vast majority of the people of Manitoba assume a position of hostility to such legislation, they can do much to render it a dead letter after the Dominion parliament has passed it. That they will take such a position is of course to be fully expected. Under these circumstances the question, altogether apart from any political considerations, becomes one which has to be treated with a very great deal of caution.

It is now reported that after parliament is prorogued a commission of judges may be appointed to make a careful investigation of all the facts in relation to the troublesome question, with a view of seeing if some compromise cannot be reached. Of late a good deal of sympathy has been manifested in influential quarters for the Manitoba side of the case. Nearly all the great gatherings of protestant bodies in the upper provinces have passed strong resolutions deprecating any interference with the educational affairs of Manitoba by the Dominion parliament, while it is currently reported that about forty conservative members of the House of Commons have announced their intention of opposing any remedial measure which the government may introduce. This of course would mean the defeat of the measure, as well as of the government, unless the entire Catholic membership of the House, on both sides, should support it. Feeling is running high upon this question in Ontario, and the twelfth of July will doubtless witness many fiery orations from the Orangemen of the Dominion against any attempt to force separate schools upon Manitoba.

This seems to be an age of civic reform. During the last year or two a reform wave has swept over most of the large cities of this continent and civic boosters and black-mailers have had rather an unpleasant time of it. This is especially true of the city of New York, where the law-abiding citizens, under the able leadership of Dr. Parkhurst, have completely routed the old gang of police officials and other boosters who had grown rich on the plunder exacted of violators of the law. But the most striking attempt at reform is that of the citizens of Denver, where on a recent occasion a large number of the most prominent citizens gathered in the council chamber and clamorously threatened to lynch the members of a certain deal were carried out. The dispatch states that for eight hours this indignant multitude of citizens, some of them with ropes in their hands, confronted the aldermen in the council chamber with threats of lynching in case the obnoxious measure was passed. This is certainly a new way to prevent undesirable legislation. We scarcely think, however, the method is likely to become popular, in the east at any rate, however it may suit the west and woolly west. Public men who have to be kept in the path of rectitude by threats of lynching are first-rate men not to elect to any position.

It seems now to be generally conceded that there is to be a general session of the Dominion parliament before the general election. This will make six sessions during the life-time of the present parliament which will be the first time in the history of the Dominion that such a thing has occurred. This sixth session, which must necessarily be short, will have to be called quite early in the autumn so as to finish its labors within the time when this parliament expires by law, before the number of sessions of a parliament is not fixed, the life time of it, and the general election cannot be delayed beyond a specified time. Of the seven parliaments elected since confederation two only before this one have lived out their full time. The first one, that elected in 1867, held five sessions; so also did the third, that during the time of the McKenna government. The second parliament held but two sessions when it was dissolved by the death of McKenna government and the accession of Mr. McKenna to power. The fourth, fifth and sixth parliaments were dissolved at the end of the fourth session. So the present parliament is the first one since the time of the McKenna government to hold five sessions, and should a sixth be held, as seems now probable, it will be a record-breaker in that respect in the history of the Dominion.

The Young Men's Christian Association of San Francisco has petitioned the city council of that city "to enact and enforce an ordinance prohibiting ladies from wearing bloomers, knickerbockers or other attire becoming the fair sex." The petition sets out that such wearing apparel "is a perpetual menace to the good morals of the city." The city council of Chicago has already enacted some such regulation and policemen there are required to arrest ladies in bloomers and others they see dressed in this way. The people of that city would the notorious immoralities of the Midway Plaisance and the many other peculiarities which have characterized that city for years, but they draw the line at bloomers or knickerbockers, and the young woman who has the hardihood of appearing upon the streets in such apparel is promptly run down by a policeman and locked up. This looks a good deal like straining at a gnat, etc., but we judge it is judicious legislation after all. Happily in this province we have no necessity for any such laws, for although we have many lady bicyclists, they appear to have too much modesty and good sense to appear in public in such apparel. And if they had not, their fathers, husbands, and brothers have too much sense to permit it.

The report that Dr. Buchanan's lawyers intend to prosecute the appeal they had taken to a higher court, notwithstanding his execution, borders too nearly upon the ridiculous to warrant belief. No one surely would want to spend time or money trying to clear a man who had already suffered the extreme penalty of the law. Still, the mysteries and uncertainties of the law are past finding out, and it may be that for the sake of the notoriety attached to the case these men will attempt what they say. But what if they should get him clear, as a result of the appeal? Somebody would be in a dilemma here, and it evidently would not be Dr. Buchanan.

The annual meeting of the Nova Scotia and Maritime Medical Association was held at Halifax on Wednesday, Dr. W. G. Parsons, of Yarmouth, was elected a member of the Committee on Medicine; Dr. C. A. Webster, on Surgery; and Dr. C. J. Fox, of Pictou, on Obstetrics. A very able paper by Dr. Fox, "Report of a case of Myxoma," was read and discussed.

Opening of the Driving Park.

The postponed races on the Bridgetown Driving park took place on Wednesday afternoon last at 2 p. m. Owing to there not being any special trains the crowd was not nearly as large as they were some off on July 1st, but the directors had no reason for being dissatisfied, as there were some twelve hundred present, all of whom expressed themselves as being delighted with the track and the arrangements.

The track was in splendid order, the day all that could be desired, and the horses in the picnic condition.

The music on the occasion was furnished by the 69th Batt. Band, under the leadership of Mr. Horace Bishop, and very favorable were the comments expressed by those that were present.

The ladies stand was occupied by Edwin Ruggles, president, and Fred R. Fay, secretary of the track, both of whom were present.

The first event on the programme was the 3-minute trotting race. The starters in this contest were Grace Bertram, King Bird, Colonel Robin Hood, Bridgetown Belle, General Sherman and Lakewood Girl.

Miss E. having been entered by Mr. L. S. Eaton, but was sold a couple of days previous to a gentleman from the United States. After considerable scoring the word was given by Mr. Felius, who acted as starter, and away they went in a bunch, Grace having the pole, which position he maintained and came in under the wire in the last time of 2:46. In the remaining heat General broke very badly and they were easily won by Lakewood Girl. Grace Bertram and King Bird were distanced in the first heat, and Colonel having thrown a shoe was allowed to be drawn after the third heat.

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Local and Special News.

Don't fail to see Mrs. Jarley and her famous Waxworks on Monday evening.

Preserving jars much cheaper than ever before, as W. B. is now selling them at 12 1/2 cents a dozen.

There will be a celebration of Mass in St. Alphonsus's church on Sunday next at 11 o'clock a. m.

Attention is directed to the advertisement of Geo. E. Corbett, Esq., announcing the arrival of hard coal.

W. E. Dalry is making a change in the interior of his new store. When this is done look out for bargains in dry goods.

Thursday last witnessed the arrival of the harmless issue belonging to Digby County at our institution on the Church road.

BROKEN ARM.—An accident, resulting in the fracture of the right fore arm, happened to little grandson in Mrs. Abraham Hunt's house, on Monday afternoon. Dr. Grant attended.

Ray Grunwald and Yellow Sugar at Shipley's.

The Flying Bluebonnet express trains, which commenced their trips on the 3rd, are in charge of conductors Ben and Margaret Williams and Herbert are on the regular express.

Jubilee Brigade of Songsters and Musicians, who were hosted by afternoon vacation Army on a tour through the Maritime Provinces, will be in Shipley's Hall, Bridgetown, Friday, July 13th, at 8 p. m.

It will please many of our residents to learn that Miss Tibbets, of Annapolis, who on a previous occasion gave an opportunity to enjoy her fine musical performance, will assist at the entertainment on Monday evening.

THE EXTENDED.—The Marine and Fisheries Department have issued an order that the possession and shipment of live lobsters up to July 15th, at 8 p. m., is prohibited, violation of the regulations on the part of the shipper.

A Boston woman has given \$250,000 to the Boston Hospital for the Deaf, and she has declared that her name shall remain unknown. That is something like true charity and she is a credit to her country.

The New England catch of mackerel this year to date has been only 6,188 barrels, as against 20,000 the same time last year. In Boston codfish is quiet and pickled herring continues dull. Lobsters are in good demand and prices are firm.

The Halifax Presbytery last year exceeded the previous year by \$2,000 in contributions to church services. The total amount raised \$3,000 last year for the scheme, the largest amount ever contributed by this conference.

The prizes offered by the International Exhibition, St. John, N. B., are in the Live Stock and Agricultural departments. They aggregate about \$12,000. They are offered for competition to all exhibitors, without reference to place of residence.

An ex-convict from Nova Scotia, Ernest Bishop, was arrested at Kingsport, Ontario, on Monday last. He confessed that he had set fire to barns of Mrs. Betts and O. G. Johnston, burned on Saturday and Sunday nights. He said he is in order to secure his return to his home in Kingsport.

The Vermont Steamship Company commenced running five trips a week between Yarmouth and Boston on Monday, leaving Boston on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and leaving Yarmouth on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The Methodist Camp Meeting, Aug. 1st, and continues one week. Rev. H. A. Brown of New York, Congregationalist, is the evangelist, and Mr. E. J. Conroy, of the Vermont M. E. Conference will be leading worship. Increased religious accommodation has been erected.

Excursion to DEER.—Rothay Lodge, Mr. A. J. F. and A. J. M., intend having an excursion to Digby and back on the 1st of August. The services of the tug "Deer," Capt. G. V. G. and crew, are engaged. The last excursion given by Rothay to Digby was one of a similar nature on his way home from town. The unfortunate man had his forehead terribly smashed, just above the eye, by coming in contact with the tire of the wheel. He was taken into the home of his son-in-law, Mr. G. J. G., and at a late hour last night was resting comfortably.

THE CONGRUOUS CONCERN.—This company gave one of their unique entertainments here on Monday evening. The audience was large and very appreciative, many members of the programme receiving hearty applause, particularly the comic entertainers, Douglas Pickett and Harvey. Miss Florence M. G. was also very successful in her singing. The company intend returning in a few months and they will probably meet again a full house.

CARRY BROS. & BENT began the construction of Mr. James Marshall's new house at Clarence Monday last. The building is to be a two-story house, and the building rapidly forwarded to completion. Although the new firm have been working for some time their establishment in this town, the building-house of Mr. Marshall will be their first one in this immediate vicinity. Doubtless the workmanship will give every satisfaction to the owner and reflect credit upon the contractor.

A Little son of Mr. Watson Bent, of Phipps' Cove, while playing with one or two companions in the yard, had rather a narrow escape from death on Monday last. While romping in the field they found a scythe, and in attempting to swing it over their heads, the sharp point of the blade was driven into the windpipe of the boy. The wound was attended by the father, but rather alarming, the lad's escape was somewhat miraculous.

ENTERTAINMENT.—The entertainment to be given at the summer school of the James church, in the Court House, on Monday evening next, will probably be one of the most successful ever given in this town. The other evening was a splendid success. Much thought and care have been expended in its preparation, and the entertainment is expected to be one of the best ever carried on for a number of weeks with energy and perseverance. The program will consist of music, drama, and other features. The children, consisting of four sons and two daughters, will be the principal performers. The entertainment will be held at 8 o'clock, and will be a most successful one.

STEAMER CITY OF MONTICELLO. The steamer will continue on her regular established route between St. John, Digby through the Maritime Provinces, to the island of Antioch and Bay Chaleur. The other vessels are stationed around Cape Edward Island, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

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Personal.

Mr. Davison, of Halifax, has been at the Bazaar House since Monday.

W. R. Campbell, general manager of the D. A. R. has returned to England.

Councillor McKay and Mr. Leonard Stoddard, of Springfield, were in town yesterday.

Miss Louisa Fisher, daughter of J. W. Fisher, who has been engaged in teaching at Millville, Hants county, is home enjoying her vacation.

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