

he who is the most conspicuous in all the Board's transactions, to be really responsible and blameable for the present unsatisfactory state of affairs.

The following correspondence shows how the Trustees finally effected their purpose of getting rid of Misses McLean and Lawson. It also proves that the Board of Education was either powerless to assist those ladies, or else that the Chief Superintendent lent himself to assist the Trustees in their unworthy work.

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NEWCASTLE, 23rd April, 1885.

To Miss Annie McLean, Teacher, Newcastle.

By letter bearing date 10th March, 1885, you were informed of our intention to terminate your contract on the 30th April, 1885. We have now to inform you that not only shall your agreement *terminate* on the date so specified, but you shall on that aforesaid date leave us under *dismissal* for gross neglect of duty. The grounds of this dismissal are as follows:—On the 16th *ultimo* you left your post of duty, without seeking or obtaining our permission; you remained away during not less than seven teaching days, during which time your department was closed (except during the two days in which it was occupied by an unauthorized substitute).

[Signed]	P. HENNESSY,	} The Trustees of School District No. 7, Parish of Newcastle, County of Northumberland.
"	JAS. FALCONER,	
"	A. C. SMITH,	

NEWCASTLE, April 23rd, 1885.

The Chief Superintendent of Education.

DEAR SIR: This morning I received a notice from the School Trustees, of which you have by this time received a copy, to the effect that I am dismissed on the charge of "gross neglect of duty," the grounds being that "on the 16th ult. I left my school without their permission and remained away seven days."

True, I did so, but as the Doctor [Smith] well knows I was called home on account of sickness and provided a substitute holding a 2nd Class License (I notified them of the fact through their Secretary), who taught two and a half days, and the Trustees themselves know best why she did not remain all the time. However, I received my *dismissal* on the 10th ult. Enclosed you will find the telegram which called me home. I do this simply to justify myself.

Yours, etc.,

[Signed] A. M. McLEAN.

REPLY.

FREDERICTON, N. B., April 27th, 1885.

Miss Annie McLean, Teacher, Newcastle, N. B.

DEAR MADAM: I beg to inform you that your School Trustees have fer-