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SIXTEENTH YEAR

THE SCHOOL APPEAL CLOSED

POSSIBLE LINE OF ACTION BY THE GOVERNMENT MAY TAKE

In Municipalities Where Catholics Pre- dominate They May Be Allowed to Have Their Own Schools. Summary of the Proceedings of the Special Committee on the School Question.

Ottawa, March 7.—After four days devoted to the hearing of the Manitoba school appeal, the case was concluded at 1 o'clock this afternoon, when the Privy Council adjourned. It is expected that to-morrow the Government will be reached by the Government of the request of the Roman Catholic minority of Manitoba that the Government should take steps to meet the demand for a separate school system in the course which the Government may take, and that the Government should be allowed to have their own schools. A gentleman high up in official circles said to your correspondent that the Government's line of action would be somewhat as follows:

A communication to the Manitoba Government will be sent out that by the judgment of the Judicial Committee a grievance exists. This Mr. D'Alton McCarthy has admitted, and it will therefore be suggested that steps be taken to provide a remedy.

The form of the Manitoba Government's amendment to the Act of 1890 by allowing Roman Catholics in those municipalities where they are in a majority to have their own schools, and that their own taxes be utilized for the support of these schools, receiving in addition a moiety of the legislative grants to education, based upon the school attendance or population, and a legitimate ground of complaint on the part of the majority will be removed. It is expected also that the Government will not be taken at the present session of the Legislature to regulate the great lakes and their connecting and tributary waters. The amendment in the statute, Sir Julian says that Mr. Secretary Graham hopes to see the Government disposed to adopt legislative regulations for government of Canadian vessels on great lakes.

FIVE HOURS GETTING A JURY

THE HENDERSON MURDER TRIAL OPENED AT ST. THOMAS

The Double Panel Examined Before Twelve Jurors Were Secured—Prisoners' Counsel Challenge Part of a Possible 40-New and Important Evidence To Be Produced by the Crown.

St. Thomas, March 7.—At 6.30 to-night the twelve jurors who are to pronounce upon the guilt or innocence of John Henderson and W. D. Weller, charged with murdering W. H. Henderson, were chosen and sworn in. But this was not accomplished until the jury list had been exhausted, notwithstanding that a double panel of 40 jurors had been summoned. The prisoners' counsel exercised their privilege of challenging to the fullest extent, peremptorily challenging no less than 37 out of a possible 40, while the Crown caused to stand aside 13 of the number who it does not desire to be called for cause by the defence, but the prisoners' counsel failed to establish that they were biased or prejudiced, however, to allow them to stand aside. These figures are interesting.

Number of jurors answering to their names, 41.

Challenged on Weller's behalf, 19.

Challenged on Henderson's behalf, 18.

Excused on illness, 3.

Told to stand aside by Crown, 38.

A Jury of Farmers.

With a single exception, the jury, as finally selected, is composed of farmers. There were no less than 14 St. Thomas citizens on the jury list. The last, a merchant, was satisfactory to both sides, and was sworn. Of the remaining 36, 12 were farmers, 12 were mechanics, 12 were tradesmen, and 2 were clerks. The jury was sworn at 10.15, and the trial opened at 11.15.

HOWAT'S FIRST MAJORITY 38

PATRONS VOTE SOLID AGAINST AN AMENDMENT

Agriculture and Arts Association Billed—Bill to Tax Gas Mains, Electric Wires and Street Car Rails—No Change To Be Made in the Liquor License Law This Session.

The most important feature of yesterday's session of the Local Legislature was the introduction of a bill by Mr. German that will, if passed, settle the very vexed question of the assessment of gas mains. But Mr. German's bill goes farther than gas mains, for it also taxes telegraph, electric light and telephone wires, and also street railway rails, as personal property. The member for Welland holds to the idea that since the wires and mains of the companies are protected by law, they should be taxed. The bill was seconded by Mr. Haycock, so that there is every possibility of the Patrons giving it their support. The measure was read a first time.

The Brewers' Plea.

There was considerable legislation introduced by the Ontario Government this session. That was the reply that the Premier gave to a deputation representing the Brewers' Association who waited upon the Government yesterday for the purpose of representing the Brewers for the deputation and his request was that the Government should grant, and fix the number for a term of five years, the right to the brewers to do as they please in closing their breweries in different municipalities, to be made uniform, suggesting the hours be 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturdays.

FRIDAY MORNING MARCH 8 1895.

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person to induce any child to leave the home, or any service of apprenticeship or any place where the said child may be placed, or to break any articles of agreement which may be entered into by the managers of the Home, respecting such child, or to harbor or conceal any such child after the same shall have been admitted. A telegram from Dalton McCarthy was read and the bill for the purpose of advising the Government in the matter of granting small sums annually for show purposes.

At the annual meeting of the Agriculture and Arts Association the Minister of Agriculture gave the members to understand that in future the Government would not recognize the association, and requested them to formulate some plan by which a small board could be constituted for the purpose of advising the Government in the matter of granting small sums annually for show purposes.

A LENTEN SACRIFICE.

A PARTIAL LIST OF CHOICE EPITHETS USED BY MARCH 27 AT SARINIA MARCH 27

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DICKS PLEADS NOT GUILTY.

THE ALLEGED WIFE MURDERER ARRAIGNED IN POLICE COURT.

Mr. Dicks' Brother States That the Woman Was Constantly Ill-served by Her Husband. The Substantive Theory Advanced, Relatives Recognizing the Corpse.

Arthur A. Dicks was arraigned at the Police Court yesterday on the charge of murdering his wife, and pleaded not guilty. At the request of his counsel, Mr. Dicks, a remand was granted until Friday, when he will be arraigned.

Dicks is a thin, pale man, with pale eyes, pale hair and pale skin, and an inconspicuous mustache. The prisoner was exceedingly nervous when he appeared in court, and he was evidently relieved when the adjournment was granted and he could escape from the gaze of the court.

The Crown's theory is that Dicks killed his wife after the evening meal, on Saturday, at least, before the discovery of the fire. Falling direct from the top of the stairs, the direct evidence, thus comprising his wife's death.

WELL-LAID PLAN.

THE FIRST UPPER STORY OF THE HOUSE, IN WHICH THE TRAGEDY OCCURRED, CONSISTS OF A SMALL PARLOR, A BATH, AND SEVERAL SMALL BEDROOMS.

The first upper story of the house, in which the tragedy occurred, consists of a small parlor, a bath, and several small bedrooms. Dicks, his wife and young child are said to have been sleeping in the bedroom adjoining the parlor. A circumstance, which the Crown claims, indicates that Dicks expected the fire, was that he had previously stood, into the room, on the stairs, when the fire broke out. This apartment is an exceedingly small one, and would be unaccountably cramped by the beds, which were laid on the floor, and were all packed together in the one room to ensure their escape.

THE POSITION OF THE DOOR.

FROM THE FIRST TO THE SECOND FLOOR, AND WHICH DICKS SAID HIS WIFE DESCENDED, LAMP IN HAND, AND FELL INTO THE STORE.

From the first to the second floor, and which Dicks said his wife descended, lamp in hand, and fell into the store. The door of the dining-room, another into the parlor, a third into the cellar, and the fourth into the store. The door of the dining-room door is the first Mrs. Dicks would have used to escape, as she crossed the floor.

It was learned yesterday that Dicks was a man subject to fits of unaccountable anger, and that he was not always coincident with him in his behavior, according to the statements of his family. Dicks was an English Protestant and his wife was a Roman Catholic.

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