

Since our last issue we have given this matter some consideration and have about decided that at present it gives very little scope for discussion. As far as we can learn its work in this section would amount to nothing if carried out. All the children at present known as not attending school would, under the provisions of the act, be excused from any penalty. This virtually makes the act a dead letter here and it will do neither good nor harm. In Halifax the resolution, after discussion, was lost. In remarks made by Alderman Stephen he says—"It would be ridiculous for the council to pass a resolution that could not be carried out after it was passed. The city was not ready for the change, and the matter should be deferred."

This is our view of the case exactly. Probably it is a good law to have on our books, but it looks like child's play to get expensive machinery, which, after put in operation, will be of no effect.

However clearly it may sound to some of our ratepayers we are going to venture the opinion and defy contradiction that the act has not been legally adopted in Wolfville Section. The act says—"It shall be the duty of the chairman of each annual school meeting held under the provisions of this chapter to call upon the qualified voters present at such meetings, to vote yes or nay on the resolution embraced in Schedule A."—Sec. 75.

To take a ye and may vote as we understand it a roll of all present must be called and each answer individually "yea" or "nay" which must be recorded opposite his name. This was not done and on that we claim the vote to be illegal. Then supposing the vote was taken correctly (?) we are of opinion that less than "two thirds of the qualified voters present" voted in favor. If we are right, and we think we are, the ratepayers will have another year to think the matter over before accepting the act.

It has probably been a source of wonder to some why those informal afternoon entertainments, so prevalent in this county for the last few years, are known as kettledrums.

The name originated in the British Army in India, where it sometimes happened in the emergencies of camp life that in an entertainment given by the officers and their wives, where there was a lack of requisite furniture, and the heads of kettledrums were made to serve in the place of tables to hold the cups of tea. The name has come to mean an informal afternoon party with every day dresses for ladies and business suits for gentlemen, and simple side table refreshments. This style of entertainment was introduced into the United States at the time of general financial depression for economic reasons, and has since become very popular both there and in Canada.

One of our Wolfville Boys in the "far west."

We notice the following interesting item in the *Daily Colonist* published in Victoria, British Columbia, Sept. 23d:

"BAPTIST CHURCH."

"Rev. Mr. Bars conducted his first service in Victoria on Sunday morning when a large number of the scattered flock of Baptists who had hitherto been without a leader in this city gathered to hear him and to organize themselves into a church. The regular services were gone through with, Mr. Bars preaching a strong and feeling sermon, after which he invited all who wished to unite themselves with the church to remain that they might become acquainted with each other. We sincerely hope that this branch of the church may succeed in establishing itself here."

Rev. Walter Bars (son of John W. Bars, Esq. of this village,) completed his course of study at The Baptist Theological Institute in Rochester, N. Y. in May last. He passed a few weeks of his vacation here in the past summer, during which time he preached with acceptance for the Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian bodies.

We congratulate his friends on his

safe arrival at his far off home; and feel sure that the earnestness and enthusiasm he has manifested in a good cause will be followed by a large measure of success.

THE SCHURMAN-MUNRO WEDDING.

The New York Morning Journal says:—Miss Barbara F. Munro, daughter of George Munro, the publisher, was married last evening to Dr. J. G. Schurman, professor of metaphysics in Dalhousie college, Halifax. The wedding took place in the handsome brownstone mansion of the family, at No 15 West Fifty-seventh street. The drawing-rooms, furnished in pale-blue and gray, were prettily trimmed with flowers. The Rev. Dr. John Hall performed the ceremony. There were no bridesmaids or ushers. The bride wore a trailing robe of white satin which well became her dark beauty, and carried a bouquet of roses. After the ceremony a reception was held at which there was music and a collation by Pinard. During the evening the bride and groom left on a wedding tour. They will reside in Halifax, N. S. Many handsome presents were received.

"Truth's" account is as follows:

The residence of George Munro, the publisher, at 15 West Fifty-seventh Street, was handsomely decorated with flowers yesterday evening, and was thronged by a brilliant assemblage, the occasion being the marriage of his daughter, Miss Barbara F. Munro, to Dr. J. G. Schurman, professor of Metaphysics in Dalhousie College, Halifax, N. S. The Rev. Dr. John Hall, rector of St Thomas', officiated. There were no ushers or bridesmaids. The bride and groom stood under an elaborate floral wedding bell during the ceremony and while receiving the congratulations of their friends. The bride was attired in a costume of white satin, trimmed with point lace, court train, point lace veil with a bunch of orange blossoms and a diamond pin. The supper was furnished by Pinard. Nearly 500 guests were presents.

FOR THE ACADIAN. NEUTRALITY AND INDEPENDENCE IN JOURNALISM.

Some newspapers, when they make their debut into the world, very virtuously declare themselves to be neutral in politics; others taking exception to the word neutral, more virtuously and more valiantly inform the reading public, and the public that does not read, that they are independent. Now independence is a fine word, and to be independent in the right way is a fine thing; but to be independent in politics, and especially for a newspaper to be so, is not exactly so easy as some fledglings imagine. The first number of the paper may say a few nice things, that sound very well—the editor intends to form an unbiased, independent opinion upon all questions of public interest, and without fear or favor designs and promises to avow and maintain them.

But by the time that the paper has seen the light of a second issue; his lofty words are considerably toned down the term independence is not once used and the thing so denominated is conspicuously absent. The third time is said to be the trying time, and to give complexion to the whole future, and with the third number of the paper all independence and the very semblance have skeddled and the poor editor has found himself reduced to the necessity of eating humble pie and of echoing most slavishly the stupid and dishonest watch-words of the party to which, perhaps from bread and butter considerations he has given in his adhesion. His boasted independence has vanished into thin air, and his independent paper is shown to be nothing but the "humble follower" of some great little Halifax or Toronto organ, and the cat's paw of some little great monkey, that the party to which he now belongs, and to which perhaps he slavishly belonged all the time, worships and obeys. But although this is the fortune of most papers, that start under professedly independent colors, there is really no valid and worthy reason why papers should not be independent.

NON-NEUTRAL.

Wolfville, Oct. 6th '84.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.]

Disclaimer.

To the Editor of the *Acadian*.
SIR,—Your editorial remarks appended to my communication in your issue of the 12th ult. entitled "A New War-Cry," were very judicious, as far as they were just. A professionally independent journal like the *ACADIAN*, could not well avoid putting in a mild caveat in such a case; unless indeed it was sufficient that the article was placed, as it was, under the finger post with its ominous announcement, "We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents."

But I think I too, on my part, will be excused, if I offer a similar caveat. It will be seen by referring to my article, that I did not "attribute the style of action," complained of, "to the Liberals alone." Indeed I did not attribute it to the Liberals at all, but to "the *mismamed* Liberal party." And what is more, I said nothing that would exculpate their opponents, the Conservatives, or Liberal Conservatives, or Tories, as they are opprobriously termed by a class of so-called Liberals, for a like fault. *Not to charge* an individual or a party with an offence is surely not tantamount to the pronouncing him or it innocent.

It is true I objected to the course pursued by those so-called Liberals, who advocate one-sided Free Trade; but in this I will scarcely be blamed by that party, for so far are they from abjuring such species of trade, that they extol and glory in it, and are never weary of recommending the policy as a panacea for all the ills attendant upon the present depression in business—a depression which, by the way, we as a province, are suffering to a very limited extent, compared with Free Trade countries.

As I said before, I hope the proposal to admit Jamaica as a province into the Dominion will not end in talk, and that politicians for private, party reasons will not oppose the matter, or, if they do, which we have already seen is possible, that they may be effectually checkmated and defeated in their endeavor by such unpatriotic measures to acquire place and power—to which they are not entitled and of which they are eminently unworthy.

Please place this under the appropriate disclaimer of non-complicity, etc., etc., and oblige, yours,

Oct. 8th, '84. NOTA BENE.

Joshua Kinsman, Lakeville, has a gravenstein apple tree that bore 17 bbls. this season; 19 bbls. two years ago, and 21 bbls. four years ago—57 bbls. in 6 years. At \$2.25 per bbl., \$128.00, figuring the interest at 6 per cent., would make the value of this tree \$350.00. Who will say that 20 acres of such trees, 1000, worth \$350,000.00 the annual income of which would be \$21,000.00, is not better than 20 acres of potatoes, or even 100 acres?

Kentville, N. S. L. W. KIMBALL.

BULLS AND BLUNDERS.

At the end of last term the warden of — college resolved to preach in the college chapel. Having, presumably, but a slender stock of sermons, he chose one which had evidently been prepared for a small parish church. All went along smoothly enough though somewhat tediously, until, warming up in his application the preacher began—"Those of you who are mothers"—Not unnaturally the congregation, being all of the male sex, and mostly all young men, evinced some surprise, as the newspapers say, and the preacher dimly conscious that he had committed some blunder, hastily added, "that is, those of you who will be"—What happened next, deponeth say'th not.

It would appear that confusion in the case of figurative language is not confined to Irish orators. From a German paper we learn that a professor in one of the German Universities was on a certain occasion lecturing upon Robespierre, when he expressed himself in these terms—"The man of terror left no children when he died, except a brother, who was executed a quarter of an hour before him." We have heard a good deal of "Irish Bulls," but we do not remember of ever having encountered a more formidable one than our acquaintance above.

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