

LOCAL LEGISLATURE.
THE BATHURST SCHOOL QUESTION BEFORE THE HOUSE.
A Resolution Moved by Mr. Pitts to Refer the Matter to a Committee for Investigation.
 The Attorney General delivers an able address on the subject, and objects to side-tracking the question, but suggests that the grievances be boldly brought before the House and redressed.

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 Under the arrangement entered into by the government, largely composing the board of education, and the representative of the Roman Catholic vote, it was agreed that the certificates of any teacher should render the holder eligible for examination, and under that operation for a long period of years many have submitted themselves for examination and having successfully passed it become entitled to receive licence qualifying them to teach. I am not aware that any person of reasonable judgment can find fault if a teacher examined and qualified to teach should happen to belong to an order of any denomination.
 Following this regulation there was an application made to the government in 1878 to allow the Sisters of Charity to be examined separate and apart from other applicants, and if any of them desired to come up for examination that they should not be compelled to attend with the general applicants but having regard to the nature of their sisterhood and its obligations that they might be allowed to submit themselves to examination in a less public way. As early as 1878 in St. John an application of that kind was made, and while it was not acceded to, and specific rules of the board made that the separate examination should be allowed yet the board of education at that time realizing it was not a fundamental difficulty, that it did not strike at the roots of the system in any way, thought they might allow such an examination, and by communication from the chief superintendent notified the person holding the examination or ordinary applicants to be admitted to the examination for a period of a month to allow the sisters to come up and stand their examination. This was done in 1879. The following year a separate examination was authorized at St. Malachi's hall, and I believe such examinations have continued to take place from year to year whenever applications came up. In 1884 the present board of education made an order granting permission to have these examinations separate. I cannot see why anybody should feel any serious objection to such an arrangement. It does not detract from the non-sectarian character of the school law, nor extended any privilege that would not be readily extended to any body in the land. If there were such an organization connected with any other church the same privilege would be extended to such as were granted by the regulation in 1884.
 The honorable member who has promoted this motion asked: "How is the attorney general going to wash his hands of this business?" I do not propose to do so. I do not pretend to disclaim the responsibility for it as far as it goes. We found a state of things existing that had not appeared to create any discontent, and we simply put upon record in plain terms what had been permitted for several years preceding. Many would say that the Sisters of Charity of the Roman Catholic Church ought not to be allowed to teach, but sisters or brothers closely identified with any other denomination ought to be allowed to do so. These schools are successfully taught, and the inspectors have found them well conducted, orderly and effective. If there is any district in this province where religious instruction is imparted by any of these teachers it is done after school hours. I gather from what has been put forth in this discussion that this house will be asked to pass a regulation that teachers belonging to the Catholic Church or Sisters of Charity should not be allowed to hold licence. What does that mean? As the law stands a very considerable number of those connected with the Sisters of Charity received their instruction in the Normal school before they became members of that order. The teachers in St. John, Chatham, and I am informed Moncton did receive instructions in the Normal school, and such is the case largely throughout the province. Now what is the proposition that these reformers are going to propose to the legislature, under their cry of equal rights to all? That these young women, educated in the Normal school and qualified by law to teach, the moment they become members of an order connected with the Catholic church, are to be disqualified to continue as teachers? If that is the proposition, I want to hear somebody calmly suggest to this legislature that after these young women have acquired the right to teach, because they have taken the veil, they are therefore to be disqualified.
 Mr. Pitts—That was not the proposition made. It was that they ought to come to the Normal school.
 Mr. Blair—Well, if the argument is that after they come to the Normal school and receive their licences, the moment they go into the church, what becomes of the argument advanced here; what becomes of the dis-putable means that have been resorted to to inflame the people of the country? You cannot say a teacher should be allowed to take training in Normal school, receive qualification as one of the religious orders and then be allowed to teach without withdrawing from your position and saying it is no objection to a person teaching that she is a Sister of Charity. It simply narrows itself down to this that you should not allow anybody to attend examination who has not gone to the Normal school. Every graduate of the U. N. B. of St. Joseph's college, Kings' colleges, Mount Allison, or other college of recognized standing is entitled to make application for examination without attending the Normal school. The Normal school is an institution established by the government of the province for the purpose of training untrained teachers; fitting them for their duties. Instead of grant-

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 ing equal rights to all it would absolutely prescribe a particular class of our people and cause serious dissatisfaction. Individuals actually and prominently connected with different churches have been examined and received licences. I have a few names: Rev. John Home, a Presbyterian minister, never attended Normal school; received license and taught school for years, and I am informed is now teaching; Rev. Mr. Parsons (Episcopal), and Rev. David White another Presbyterian are other names. It is because they do not happen to be connected with the Roman Catholic church—that it is all right I suppose. Suppose there was not any regulation about it; suppose those persons came up in the way they did and our Catholic friends should make an ado about it and seek to stir up an agitation and have somebody move a resolution to refer the matter to a select committee of seven, as in the present case, would it not be felt on all sides of the house that it was an intolerant spirit that dictated such a course?
 But while he has drawn the attention of the house to the arrangement entered into in 1875, he thought it desirable that he should get down to the actual state of affairs as they exist to-day. He stated that on page 83 of the school law, under regulation 31, would be found the only regulation now in force relating to this subject.
 Mr. Phinney—It has been changed lately.
 Hon. Mr. Blair—Only in phraseology. Mr. Phinney—No, in sense.
 Hon. Mr. Blair said there had not been any intention to make a change in the sense. In 1892 the government thought it advisable to put everything in the manual that had any relation to this question and therefore embodied regulation 31 as follows:—
PERSONS ELIGIBLE FOR EXAMINATION.
 If the applicant has obtained professional classification at the provincial Normal school, or has received a certificate of qualification from some other normal or training school after attendance thereof of not less than one school year.
 Mr. Stockton—That is not the same as the old one.
 Hon. Mr. Blair—The law as it exists to-day and incorporated in the school law manual of 1892.
 Hon. Mr. Blair then referred to what was called the "military regulation," which prohibited any teacher wearing in school while engaged in teaching, symbols or insignia connected with any religious order. The framers of the law, however, became so ashamed of the regulation that they passed an order in 1872 to the effect that nothing in such regulation should prevent the wearing of the cross as ordinarily worn by certain Christian denominations. Was it proposed by gentlemen opposite to revive that military regulation? The order of 1872 was published and when the elections of 1874 took place they resulted in the return of the most Protestant house that ever sat in this province, with a government that did not contain one Roman Catholic member. These gentlemen ratified, confirmed and carried out the regulation of 1872 abolishing the military regulation. Complaints were constantly being received of misconduct of various kinds on the part of teachers, and were examined into; but no complaints of religious instruction had ever been received. If the parents of the children during all these years had had no reason to complain in this regard surely it must be that the law had been well and faithfully carried out. He could not see that the fact that a school was taught by a Presbyterian minister or Catholic sister established that the school was sectarian. What constituted a sectarian school? It must be the fact that denominational teaching was given in the school. Neither was a school sectarian because it was taught in a building which had been in whole or in part occupied by any religious denomination. Here in Fredericton when the law came into operation the trustees had secured the Baptist seminary. Would anybody be so childish as to claim that that made the school sectarian?
 Never since I have been a member of the board of education has there been a solitary complaint that anything like sectarian or denominational teaching had been carried on in any of the schools. The whole basis of the present complaint was that the sisters were allowed to teach in St. John, Fredericton and Bathurst, and to teach in buildings rented by the trustees that were formerly convent schools. Could any cry be more contemptible than that with which to set this country in a flame. He would have thought that any member of this house would have been ashamed to voice such a charge.
 Mr. Blair, having dealt with every aspect of the question, showing clearly that the government had carried out the school law in every particular as far as lay in their power thought it better to have the whole matter openly discussed before the whole house. He said:
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Our next issue will contain some very interesting articles relating to school matters with which every teacher should be acquainted, also communications from some of our leading teachers. We devote the column this week to a most interesting letter from the pen of the Chief Supt. of Education.
New Regulations.
A Letter from Chief Superintendent Ingham Setting Forth the Advantages of the New Regulations Regarding Admission to the Normal School.
 Fredericton, March 30.—Teachers should find much to interest them in perusing the new regulations regarding the admission to the Normal school and the examination and licensing of teachers. The changes made will, we think, commend themselves to the judgment of teachers generally. The country teachers especially, and those young men and women throughout the country who desire to prepare themselves for teaching, will find in the new arrangements a great deal to encourage and stimulate them. Applicants for admission to the Normal school will, hereafter, enter for either a first, second or third class examination as they may elect, in the subjects required for entrance. These subjects are enumerated in Regulation 33. They include reading, writing, spelling, English grammar and composition, geography, history, arithmetic (including the keeping of accounts), and elementary natural history. The paper "will be graded as to extent and difficulty according to the class of license applied for." Male candidates for first and second class are also required to pass an examination on the first book of geometry (Hambin Smith's) and on algebra, including the elementary rules and simple equations of one unknown quantity. This will afford earnest and skillful teachers an opportunity of winning due credit for good work. It is to be presumed that the papers will be set by the faculty of the Normal school, that no amount of mere cramming will enable a student to pass well. Teachers will, therefore, find scope for a worthy ambition in aiming to prepare their pupils to pass in as high class and in as high a rank in each class, as circumstances will permit. Students, too, who may not have the advantage of a school will see that all the subjects required for the entrance examination may be prepared with very little assistance, by private study.
 These entrance examinations not only lead to admission to the Normal school, but really form a part of the examination for license. Candidates will not, hereafter be required to pass, at the close of their course at the Normal school, in the subjects upon which they were examined for entrance, but only upon Professional subjects and the additional Academic subjects included in the Normal school course and laid down in the Syllabus for the closing examinations. Of course should any student fail to pass in as high a class in the closing examinations as in the entrance or should he be permitted to pass in a higher class than the one in which he entered, he will only be entitled to a license of the lower class passed in until he has passed in the higher class at both examinations. He may come up at any of the subsequent entrance or closing examination to write for the higher class.
 The new plan will have the effect of making the students course at the Normal school much more pleasant and profitable, and will rob the closing examinations of some of their terrors. The student will now be able to devote his time to a much fewer number of subjects and will therefore, be able to make far greater progress in each, and instead of being compelled to write papers on sixteen or eighteen different subjects, in the course of three or four days, at the close of a hard term's work, he will only have to write on the subjects which he has been studying at the Normal school.
 Intending candidates for the entrance examinations will take notice that their applications must be sent to the Inspector in whose district they wish to write, not later than the 24th of May. The application must state the class of license for which the candidate wishes to enter, and must be accompanied by a fee of \$1. The candidate will be furnished the necessary writing paper without charge.
 The entrance examinations will be held on the first Tuesday of July, beginning at 9 o'clock in the afternoon.
 The following places have been designated as stations for the entrance examinations: Fredericton, St. John Moncton St. Stephen, Chatham, Bathurst, Campbellton, Woodstock, Andover. Candidates may select whichever of these is the most convenient of access or which may be reached with least expense. They will be notified of the result of their examination in due time. The provincial Normal school will open on the first teaching day in September, and every successful candidate should be present in the hall of the Normal school at 9 o'clock in the forenoon of that day.
 Candidates for third class license will only be required to attend the Normal school during the first term which ends on the last teaching day in December.
 At the end of that term they will be admitted to the closing examination for third class license, upon passing which they will receive a license of that class good for three years. Upon passing the entrance examination for second and first class, these third class teachers will be admitted to the Normal school, at any session subsequent to the one they first attended, at the beginning of the second term on the first teaching day in January. They cannot be admitted for advance of class, to the closing examinations, until they have completed the attendance of a full session at the Normal school which ends on the Friday next preceding the second Tuesday in June.
 Candidates for first and second class license will be required to attend the Normal school during the whole session as at present. Licenses of these classes will not be subject to any limitation as to time. The closing examinations for these two classes will be held annually at Fredericton, St. John and Chatham, beginning at 9 o'clock a. m. on the second Tuesday in June. Those who have just completed their Normal School course

will stand the examination before leaving Fredericton.
 Teachers now holding licenses of the third or second class will be required to pass the entrance examination for that class before entering the Normal School to prepare for advance of class. They may enter the school at the beginning of either term of the annual session.
 A system of Grammar School examination and University matriculation examination has also been arranged. The details will be found in regulation 45. These examinations will be held at the Normal School entrance examination. Each candidate is required to notify not later than the 24th of May, the Inspector in whose district the station at which he wishes to write is located, of his intention to attend the examination, stating which of the examinations he wishes to take and which of the optional subjects he has selected. A fee of \$2 must accompany the application.
 Those who pass either of these examinations will be entitled to admission to the Normal School without being required to pass the usual entrance examination. Grammar and High School teachers should encourage as many of their pupils as possible to win a certificate at one of these examinations.
 High school students should be able to pass the junior leaving examination at the end of the second year of their high school course, or the junior matriculation examination at the end of their third year.
 The senior matriculation examination is intended to come at the end of the fourth year at high school. A certificate of having passed this examination entitles the holder to admission to the second year at the University. Advanced students from schools other than high schools, and private students, will be welcomed to the work and the honours of these examinations.
 J. R. ISCH, L. L. D.
 Chief Superintendent of Education.

EVENTS AND GOING.
Coming and Going.
 Inspector Meagher is in the city.
 John McCoy, of St. John is in the city.
 Ald. Vincent of St. John, was in the city Thursday.
 Mr. A. O. Hastings registered at the Barker Wednesday.
 Ald. Christie of St. John, registered at the Barker Wednesday.
 Mr. D. J. Purdy, of St. John registered at the Barker Wednesday.
 Mr. Geo. Treaswell of Manguerville, was in the city this week.
 Mr. Enoch Lunt, of Lower French village was in town this week.
 Mr. Harry McLellan of St. John, registered at the Barker this week.
 Police Magistrate Ritchie of St. John, was in the city during the week.
 Mr. J. F. B. McCready of the St. John Sun, registered at the Queen this week.
 Messrs. Shaw and Smith, M. P. P.'s of St. John went home for the Easter holidays.
 Mr. Geo. W. Adams left Wednesday for New York. He will be absent about six weeks.
 Grand Master Fowler, of the Orange order and Deputy Grand master Kelly were among the visitors here this week.
 Mr. R. C. Elkin, president of the Groder Dyspepsia Cure Co. of St. John, was in the city on business, Thursday last.
K. of P. Bazaar.
 At the regular meeting of Fredericton Lodge No. 6, K. of P., held Tuesday evening, it was decided to postpone the holding of the grand bazaar until about the middle of June next, when it will take place in either the Masonic or Church of England hall. The idea is a good one as it will give the different committees ample time to complete their arrangements and it will also allow it to be properly advertised and brought before the public.
Held Over.
 The advertisement of Mr. Geo. F. Wilkes advertising fresh maple sugar, maple candy, fruits, fresh roasted peanuts etc., which should have appeared in this issue was unavoidably held over. Watch for it next week.
Very Sad.
 The many friends of Mr. Cateb Evans of Royal Road, York Co., will learn with deep regret of the death of his eldest son, John, on Monday last. This makes the fourth death in Mr. Evans' family in four years. Last year a son 18 years of age was called away, and the year before the wife and mother of the family, and a daughter in her 22nd year in the year previous.
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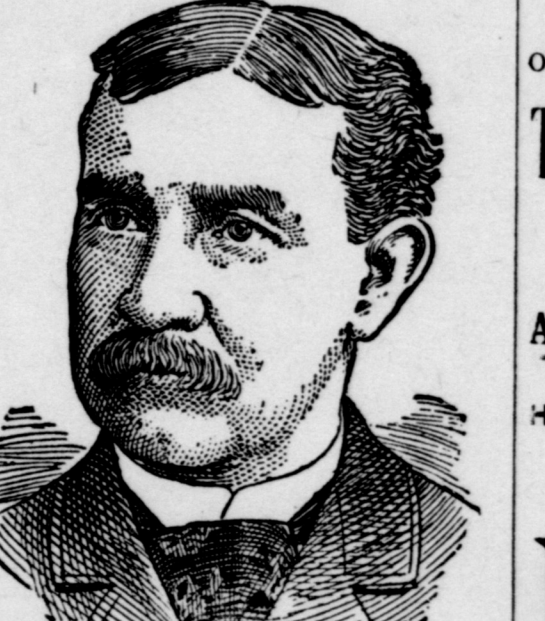
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