

THE WOODSTOCK DISPATCH.

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MANITOBA SCHOOL QUESTION.

You are probably puzzling quite a bit over this Manitoba School Question, and no wonder. It is a question which is puzzling everybody who takes the trouble to think,—the only parties who want the sore to fester and become chronic, are the devil and party hacks,—the devil, because it all means grist to his mill, and the party hacks because they hope to gain party advantage. What does it matter to them, if a religious and racial political warfare does set in, so they get their offices and their boodle?

The decent men, grit and tory, wish to see the matter settled, and settled for all time.

The DISPATCH is an independant newspaper. You needn't turn up your nose and sneer, and prate about being "on the fence." If ever independant journals were needed in Canada, now is the day and time. Thinking people who want to form intelligent views, do not look to party papers for information. They look to the independant organs of public opinion. As to "being on the fence," it would be a good deal better if some of our county politicians would take a day to themselves, go out into the fields, sit awhile on some line fence, and scratch their heads to see if there is any think in them. Instead of that they are content with the knowledge that their grandfathers did the thinking for them, and that they were predestined to be grits or tories. They must stick by the party though the heavens fall. This is not freedom; it is slavery,—slavery of the intellect.

Now, the facts of this Manitoba School Question in a nutshell, are as follows. In 1870 the North West territories, including Manitoba were acquired by the Dominion of Canada. The next year Manitoba became a province and formed its own provincial ministry. Shortly afterwards a school act for the province was passed. It gave protestant schools for the protestants, and separate schools for the Roman Catholics. Before Manitoba entered the confederation, each denomination had its own schools. That is there were Anglican, Presbyterian, Methodist, Roman Catholic, Baptist etc. schools. But under the act, just referred to, all the protestants agreed to public schools, the Roman Catholics, having their separate schools, as they now have in Ontario.

There is a clause in the Manitoba Act, under which that province becomes part of the Dominion, setting forth that, while the province has control of education, nothing shall be done to prejudicially affect any rights which the minority had before or after the union. If any thing like this was done the Ottawa government could step in. The minority are now Roman Catholics. In 1890 Mr. Greenway passed a public school act, establishing public schools for the entire province, and doing away with the separate schools. The minority resorted to the courts, to find out as to the legality of this 1890 act. The courts said it was all right, but on another form of appeal, based on the ground that the Dominion government had a right to grant remedial legislation to the minority, since by abolishing separate schools, the local government had prejudicially affected the right of the minority, acquired after the union,—that is by the first school act—made to the courts, a decision was given in favor of the minority by the judicial committee of the Privy Council, which is the last court of resort in the Empire. It then lay with the Dominion government to say, whether or not the appeal was well founded,—whether or not it was a case which demanded interference. They have decided that it is such a case, and this remedial bill, now exciting the country from one end to the other, is for the purpose of giving the Roman Catholics, their schools, which were abolished in 1890.

A general election was held within a few months past, in Manitoba, the school question being the main issue. A preponderating majority of those elected, are against any interference with the present school law. They think that the question should be settled by the province, and that, while the Dominion Parliament has the constitutional right to interfere in extreme cases, such a case has not been made out, with regard to Manitoba. That is the whole matter in brief.

If you are a tory,—that is a real, unadulterated, unswerving tory, it is your bounded duty to think that the government is right, and say that you believe in the remedial bill. If you are a grit, a pure, determined, smash-up-the-government-at-all-costs-grit, you must go against remedial legislation. In either case,

"Yours not to reason why
Yours but to go and—vote"

Those who aspire to independence and are not ashamed to sit on the fence and think, will find the question one worthy of considerable thought. It involves the whole question of religion in the schools, and this is too serious a question to be settled with a lofty wave of the hand.

Put on your thinking cap and get to work.

STATUTE LABOR SYSTEM.

We are as much interested in good roads as they are in Ontario, and the following extract from the Brockville, Ont., Times will

be read with profit.—The agitation for Good Roads is being energetically carried on in various parts of the province, especially in the western district. Mr. Thomas Brooks, who is a recognized authority on the subject, used the following language on a recent occasion, in speaking of the present system, or rather lack of system, in roadmaking:

"The statute labor system has become one of the most elastic, pliable, flexible, flimsy, defective, disappointing, inefficient, unsatisfactory old systems to be found on the statute books of our country today."

There is practical unanimity of opinion as to the wisdom of improving present methods of road making, but the great difficulty is the providing of the large expenditure that would be necessary for the building and maintenance of good permanent roads. The whole matter must be looked at in the same way as any other business enterprise. Money should not be invested unless the future benefits will justify the investment. The Good Roads Association has recommended the adoption of a country road system, by which all the leading roads would be maintained by the county and other roads by the local municipalities, with the assistance of government grants.

Isn't it about time the Athletic Club got a move on. Spring has nominally made its appearance, and it will soon be here, in reality. There are a good many matters to be attended to, including the rather important question of a ground.

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Women to Saw 250 Cords of Wood.

PORT JERVIS, N. Y., Mar. 2.—In and about Equinuk and little Equinuk, Wayne County, Pa., the men are hardy, big-hearted mountaineers, and tradesmen. The women are good looking, healthy and intelligent.

The members of the Methodist Church are endeavoring to raise funds to build a new church and have a peculiar contract with the Equinuk Chemical Company, which owns one of the largest wood-acid factories in this country.

The women of the church have agreed to cut and pile 250 cords of wood for the company at \$1 per cord, the contract to be filled the last week in February.

The idea is attracting attention throughout the section and promises to provide a fete week for Equinuk people.

The invitation was sent out by Minnie Sherwood, June Southwell and May Butterfield. It asks the women to bring an axe, saw, two wedges and a good-sized maul, the job to be done in a workmanlike manner. Already many women have decided to take part and are sharpening their axes.

Tore His Flesh in Agony.

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The Dominion Artillery.

OTTAWA, Feb. 25.—(special)—The annual meeting of the Dominion Artillery Association took place this afternoon, there being a large attendance of members. Col. Prior, president, occupied the chair, and among those present were His Excellency the Governor-General, Senators Desjardins, Gen Gascoigne, Lieut.-Cols. Irwin, Aylmer and MacPherson of the Militia Department, Col. MacDonald, Major Davidson, Guelph, and Capt. McNaughton of Cobourg. The annual report was adopted on motion of the president seconded by Col. Cole of Montreal.

Col. Prior, in the course of his remarks, advocated more liberal treatment and better pay for the artillerymen. He hoped a team would be sent to Shoeburyness this year.

His Excellency made a brief speech, in which he congratulated the association on its excellent work. He spoke in high terms of the president and of the late Adjutant-General.

Mr. Desjardins, Minister of Militia, also addressed the meeting and referred to the important proposals for the rearming of the militia which the government had under consideration. President Cleveland had rendered good service to the militia of Canada by arousing a feeling in favor of better arms and equipments here.

General Gascoigne said that since it had been announced that the government intended to ask parliament to vote an appropriation for strengthening the defences and rearming the militia he had received many recommendations and suggestions. While not prepared to state exactly what the government's intentions were, it might be taken as a settled fact that the very best equipment and arms would be procured.

Col. Prior was re-elected president and Major Donaldson of Ottawa, secretary.

William S. Brewer was fatally shot at Lexington, Ky. by the jealous husband of an unknown woman he was visiting.

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Dated the 28th day of December A. D. 1895. STEPHEN B. APPELBY, Referee in Equity.

FISHER & A. B. CONNELL, Plaintiff's Solicitor.

The Trouble in The Army.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Ballington Booth was offered the leadership of an independent American Salvation Army yesterday. The officers he had raised up, whom he had created in all parts of the country, besought him to become their general.

Ballington Booth retired for a short time to his private quarters, accompanied by his wife, who had been by his side during all the exciting scenes. They locked the door. They knelt down and prayed for strength. The emissaries came again with their tempting offer. He met them calmly and firmly. "It cannot be," he said. "I thank you, dear friends, for the honor you have tendered me, but I must decline."

In the immense meeting which took place later, both man and wife spoke, asserting absolutely that they had been dismissed. Mrs. Booth was particularly passionate in denouncing their fears.

"Bitter words have been said against me," exclaimed Mrs. Booth. "Men have declared that I am to blame for taking the Commander out of the Army. They have said that even the cadets will rise up to curse me, and that I and my children will starve in the streets."

For half an hour the little woman spoke. Half the audience was in tears, and the sobs of the women of the slum corps, who fairly worship her, rose into half-suppressed wails of sorrow. Still Mrs. Booth kept on, her eyes dry and her voice more harsh in tone than it ever was heard before.

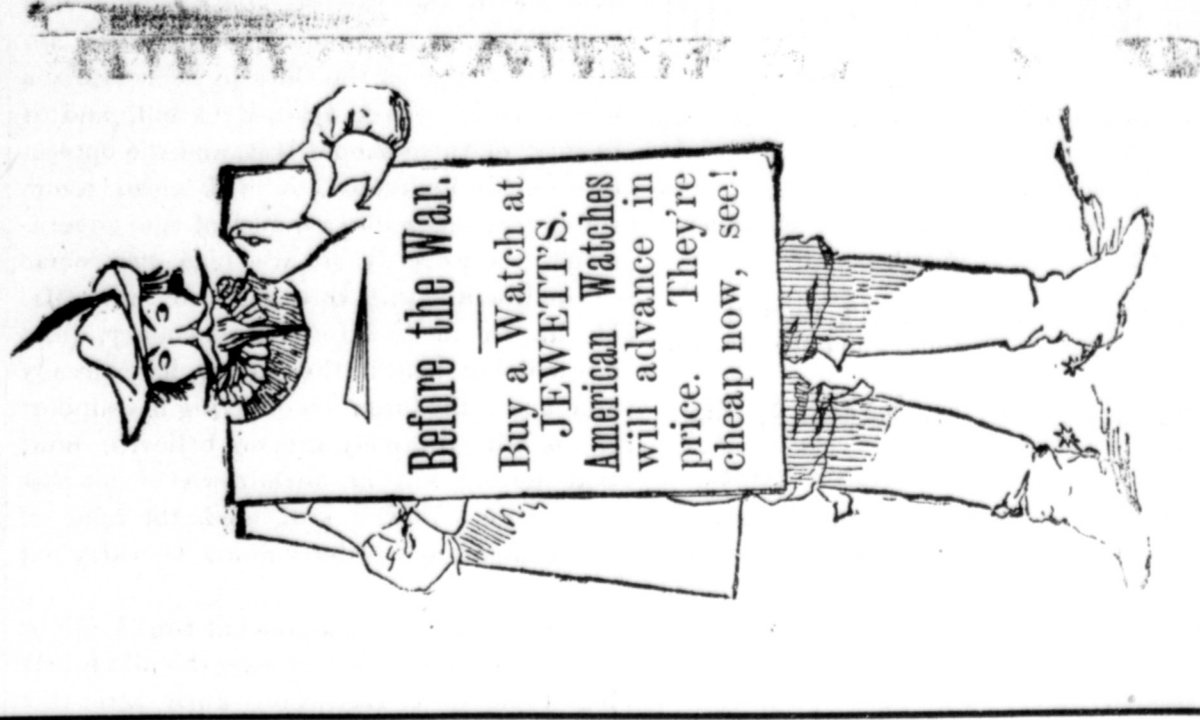
Then Eva Booth, who had been watching the dramatic scenes, could listen no longer, and at some bitter words against the lack of tender affection in the Booth family, she rushed from the room with her eyes full of tears of anger. The newly appointed commander of the American Army ran upstairs to a room that had been set apart for her. The door was locked, and no one gained admission for hours.

Ballington, in his speech, was particularly moved when alluding to his brother Herbert. Speaking for the demand for his keys, he said: "Like a flash there came over me the astonishing revelation, the saddest I ever had, striking me dumb, that my youngest brother had been empowered to depose me, to dismiss me from my position."

Ballington Booth's voice choked as he said it, and his head sank before his attentive listeners. Close by him his wife had sat, weak and exhausted, in a chair by an open window, hoping that the cool air would revive her. Her eyes were closed and her face was ashen pale. She heard the faltering words of her husband, and sprang to his side. An arm stole around his neck and a hand sought his. She looked up into his face.

"You may be dismissed," she said, tenderly, "but you are still my beloved husband." The tall, strong man, unmindful of the men around him, reached down and took the sweet face between his hands. "And you are still my queen," he replied.

Charles N. Drehr, who killed his sweetheart, Bertha Waricke, at St. Louis, Mo., has been found guilty of murder in the first degree.



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