

ABOUT HALF A CENTURY.

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I thought a bond I sent for the town clerk and we put on the back of the bond what we said for it, the source whence it came and I signed my name and he signed his. Then if anything had happened me the information was on hand. How many poor souls in a penitentiary today would have saved themselves if they had so acted with trust funds. How many men now in positions of trust do that? Do they not often use money in trust, hoping to return it, but when the time comes they have not the money, and what is the result? Disgrace and disaster. If a sinking fund had been in existence, from the time I retired from office to the present day the difference between 4 and 6 per cent. would have extinguished the debt of the town in 25 or 30 years. It was said that England was going to loan Chile \$80,000,000 at 4 per cent., borrowing on her own consols at 2 1/2, and the difference would extinguish the debt in a comparatively short time. We have now a debt of the town of nearly \$130,000, it will be quite that when the new school house is built. I would like to ask this question. What provision have you made to pay it? The whole bonds payable in 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10 years.

In reference to the schools you may think I have had no compensation. I have had compensation for the work in the schools, from the little children, and the kindly manner in which they always received me. I never went into the schools, but the children received me with the ready wave of the handkerchief. The little children would come and take me by the hand and walk along with me. I believe that no man should accept an office for which he is not qualified, and everyone living in this community owes something to the people among whom he is, by the way of public duty. I do not believe in change, always. If you get a good man in office, and he is willing to remain in office, keep him there. Some people say it is not well to have a man in office too long. I have not such a bad opinion of mankind. You may find men which you may keep in office till the day of their death against whom you could never bring a fair honest criticism. Of course I have made mistakes, but I never made a mistake on purpose. They were errors in judgment. No man in public life need ever fear honest criticism. When malice is connected with the criticism the critic is to be pitied. The man who does his work honestly has the conscientious knowledge, that he is doing right. In the case of a man willing to publish a communication in a paper, using unfair criticism, you must put it down to mistake or malice.

The very existence of the town depends on the schools. Our political existence, for God defend us from the parties, depends upon our schools. What have we? Our schools are weakened today, simply because the people who established the curriculum of the schools seemed to be of the opinion that every child taken in, has the same disposition and capacity as another. They would take one child and stereotype that for every child. I have gone over the schools and visited them, and looked upon the children. There are a great many children who suffer like slaves, for learning lessons they cannot learn, and if they can learn they cannot assimilate. The curriculum is linked with the university. What was intended by the school law? It was never intended to give a classical education at all. As it is the children of the rich man are sent to school and get a free training for the university, and the poor man's children have to stop at the school for they have not the money to send them to the university. Every man has not the same faculties, and the same of the child. Enquiry should be made to ascertain for what each child is fitted. It is for the good of the child and the good of the country, that the children should be trained for some occupation in life to which they are suited.

Continuing Mr. Fisher referred to the excellent system of technical education in Germany, whereby the very best mechanics, machinists, electricians etc. were turned out in that country. Such a policy for Canada would lead to a similar beneficial result. Regarding the University he said: It seems to me if we are to pay \$8,000 or 10,000 a year in order to give an advantage to the rich at the expense of the poor, it would be well to inquire whether this thing ought to continue or not. Concluding his interesting remarks he said:—I am very much obliged to you all. Some men who were students in my office are here today. I am glad to see them. I never had a severe word to say to a student in any office.

Dr. Hand, you are chairman of the board of school trustees. Your success depends a great deal on you. If you cannot visit the schools you will find something will be going wrong. The trustees deserve thanks of the community in their work which has been done, freely, and gratuitously.

The free schools were established in 1871. I was for 26 years chairman of the board. The first board was made up of these others:—B. Lynch, D. Munro, Jas. Grover, G. W. Vanwart, Jas. Drysdale, Saml. Watts. I was chairman of the board when the present chairman, Dr. Hand, was a scholar in the grammar school. In regard to the Sabbath schools it was a great pleasure to me to meet many of my old pupils who spoke of my work as teacher. It is a pleasure to me that everybody seems to be satisfied. The time has come when I am looking towards the westward, and the shadows are gathering around. I again thank you for your kind words.

Mr. Fisher then invited his visitors to a delicious repast. At the conclusion Mr. Stephen B. Appleby made a few appropriate remarks concerning the relation of the members of the bar to Mr. Fisher, and after toasting the health of Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, the National Anthem brought a very pleasant affair to a close.

BORN.

BEVERIDGE.—At Andover, on February 9th., to the wife of Harry W. Beveridge, a daughter.

MARRIED.

McKENZIE-GANS.—At Sprague's Mills, Maine, May 17th., 1897, by C. W. Sprague, Charlie McKenzie, of Argyle, N. B., to Miss Lillie Gans, of Upper Woodstock.

Too Many Motions.

At a meeting of the town council on Friday evening last Coun. Lindsay proposed a by-law to prevent children being out on the streets after nine o'clock. It was copied from a Montreal by-law and provided that it shall be unlawful for anyone under the age of 16 to be on the streets after the hour of 9 o'clock unless accompanied by parent or guardian, with a penalty of \$5.00 attached to a violation. Coun. Lindsay moved the adoption of such a by-law.

Coun. Ketchum—I think we have had a good deal of legislation, that amounts to nothing. There are more motions and resolutions passed here, than we have any use for. No attention is paid to them and there will be no attention paid to this if it passes. Is it possible that a by-law shall be passed by which I, or any other citizen, am forbidden to send my boy to the post office after nine o'clock, unless I go with him. This is absurd.

It was then agreed to change the age of an offending child from 16 to 12, and the by-law passed.

The Scott Act committee said they would report at the next meeting of the board.

Get Out the Lanterns.

Sunday night was dark and rainy. There was not a sign of an electric light. It was actually dangerous walking, and many people who came out of church in a prayerful mood, did some "cussin'" at the council as they floundered in the snow, water, and dark. Lanterns will be used after this on dark nights. Are the hardware men well supplied with them?

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Votes Against Both.

The first division of the session occurred at Ottawa early on Friday morning last. It was on the question of the road to the Yukon via Wrangel. An amendment to the second reading of the bill had been made by Mr. Borden of Halifax, which reads: That this house, while recognizing the necessity for providing adequate facilities for transportation into the Canadian Yukon gold fields, regards as indefensible the terms and conditions of the proposed contract, but will cordially support a grant of substantial assistance in aid of the immediate construction of a railway by the best available route under such conditions and safeguards as will prevent the creation of any railway or mining monopoly.

The question was on amendment which was defeated on the following vote: Yeas 65, nays 119, a government majority of 54.

Every Liberal voted with the government, but five opposition voted against their party as follows: Costigan, Hughes, Hale, Blanchard, Bethune. Otherwise it was a straight party vote.

On the main motion that the bill be read a second time the opposition called for another

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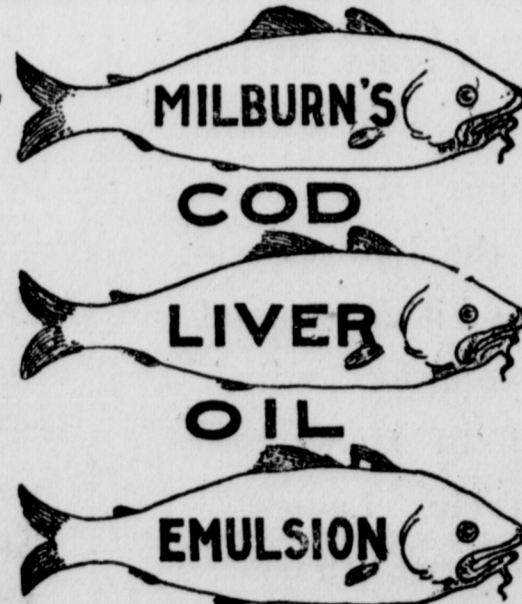
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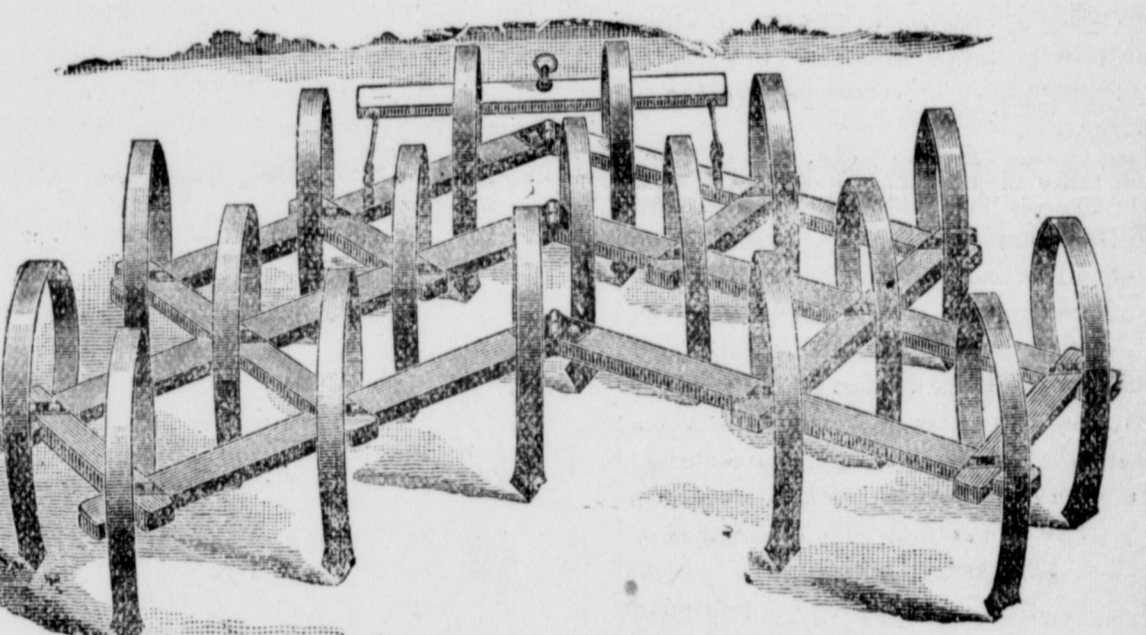
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FLORENCEVILLE, N. B., Dec. 15th., 1897. MR. W. B. LEWETT, Woodstock, N. B.

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