

Our Provincial School System.

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payers of the parish should meet at the annual meeting and decide upon the school expenditures for the whole parish. Consolidation of our country schools is needed wherever available. This method of consolidation has been tried in several parts of the province and has met with splendid success. The children of the parish are conveyed to a central school, one half of the cost of transportation being borne by the parish and the other by the Provincial Government. The cost of school support to the parish is lessened, better teachers are obtained and better school equipment can be afforded. At Florenceville in this county three schools have been consolidated and last year that district voted nearly nine thousand dollars for the erection of a brick building and the support of a school in which manual training and domestic economy shall be taught besides the subject of the regular common school course. The Inspector said that he considered that another improvement is needed. We should have compulsory education. In rising country districts, and town districts as well, children are often deprived of education through the wilfulness or carelessness of their parents. Compulsory education is the only remedy for this, and with compulsory education we want free text books. Let education be free in the true sense of the word.

The Act of 1871 marked a great change in our school system. The speaker was convinced that we were on the eve of another revolution that would tend toward further improvement. Though the reforms that he had mentioned might not be carried into effect at once, he felt convinced that they were comparatively near at hand, that throughout the length and breadth of this province there prevailed a strong public feeling in favour of public schools that would afford a thorough elementary training with equal privileges for all; but Legislation in need to quicken this universal feeling into more active life.

At the close of the lecture the chairman, H. Paxton Baird in a neat speech complemented the Inspector upon this interesting and educative address. The Reverend G. A. Ross also expressed his appreciation of the lecture. A unanimous vote of thanks was tendered Inspector Meagher by the audience, after which the national anthem was sung.

The lecture was one of a series which have been held during the winter under the auspices of the Epworth League. This society is to be congratulated upon having afforded such a rare treat to those in attendance.

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Mrs. Allie R. Holmes.

Mrs. Allie R. Holmes wife of Herbert Holmes died at her residence here, Thursday 30th ult., of bronchial and heart trouble, aged 33 years. The deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Brewer. She leaves a husband and three children, father and mother, three brothers, Ham, Willie and Frank, and two sisters, Mrs. E. N. Case, of Chicago, and Mrs. M. G. McLean, of this town. Mrs. Holmes was held in high esteem by all who knew her as was attested by the large gathering of friends and citizens who attended her funeral. Early in life she professed faith in Christ and was baptized by Rev. F. W. Blackmer and became a member of the Adventist church. She has always endeavored to maintain a life consistent with this profession. Funeral services were conducted at her home Sunday, 2 p. m., by Rev. A. H. Kearney assisted by Rev. G. D. Ireland. A choir composed of members of the Adventist and Presbyterian congregations sang in an impressive manner two selections, "And I Shall See Him Face to Face," and "There'll be no Dark Valley When Jesus Comes." Many floral tributes bespoke the preciousness of her memory. The interment was in the Broadway cemetery.—COM

More Reduction.

In referring to the concessions that Prince Edward Island is now demanding of Canada, the Ottawa Free Press remarks that a union with New Brunswick might well be substituted in room of secession as a remedy for the unfortunate difficulties that "The Island" seems to be met with as a province of our Dominion. This sets our older residents a thinking, and once more is called to mind the problem,—Have the Maritime Provinces benefited by confederation?

It seems apparent that the coming generation at least will see a parliament in which western influence will strongly predominate. Since the parliament of 1900 the Maritime representation at Ottawa has been reduced by four members and present indications seem to prophesy a still further reduction. It may not seem to be a patriotic expression of opinion, but the average mortal will conclude that decreased representation will mean less influence to say the least. A hide bound anti-confederationist will go further and see a future disregard for maritime rights. Some there are, and we may say their name is legion, who will today strenuously contend that New Brunswick walked with closed eyes into confederation, and that a plebiscite now taken would find a great majority of our inhabitants in favour of secession. Perhaps this is hardly true, but, like "the self-made merchant," we "will say in passing" that we have men, and they are not exactly of the Riley Grannan type either, who would be glad of an opportunity to place their long green on the secession end.

To conclude, we want to say that in these days of cruel dissensions we should feel that this world is not such a bad place to live in after all when we see both parties in our local legislature united in a firm stand against any further decrease in our representation at Bytown. Of course we will admit that there is some authority to support the view that eleven or twelve gods may make as good a representative batch as sixteen plain, ordinary mortals did in days gone by, but the men who are at present holding things down for us at the Dominion capital are just about the kind that we have been used to sending for some years back. There are only a few left and it is a good time to make up our minds that "what we have we'll hold."

BORN.

JONES.—At Woodstock, on April 3rd, to the wife of Hon. W. P. Jones, a daughter.

RANKIN.—At Woodstock, on the 31st March, to the wife of Dr. W. D. Rankin, a son.

DIED.

GEE.—At Presque Isle, on Monday, March 27th, of bronchial pneumonia, Emma Ellen, infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Zachariah Gee. The interment took place at Fort Fairfield.

HOLMES.—At her home, King St., Woodstock, March 30th, Allie R. Holmes, wife of Herbert Holmes aged 33 years.

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