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The North Star.

CHATHAM, NB, April 13, 1881

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COMMUNICATIONS.

MR. WAYMAN A. SMYTHE AND THE SCHOOL LAW.

To the Editor of the NORTH STAR, Chatham.

SIR,—

THE INSPECTORS.

In looking over the Annual School Report of 1880, (which I hope every one interested in education will take the pains to examine, especially the last few pages containing Dr. Bennetts report). I find that the Inspectors are all agreed upon one thing, i. e. that great dissatisfaction at first prevailed relative to the course of instruction; but they all report it is now received with general favor.

Now, Sir, I question the correctness of this statement, especially as regards Carleton Co. I do not think the Inspectors misrepresented the case intentionally; but in their zeal for carrying out their instructions, have overridden the many unfavorable opinions expressed by the people as well as by the teachers. I now have several letters in my possession from highly respected and talented teachers expressing their dissatisfaction with the present complicated machinery of the School Law.

Inspector Gaunce says he found pupils reading in the 5th Reader, who had not learned the tables of weights and measures. No, he says, not reading, but merely saying the words!

One would reasonably expect these children to be better readers than if they had spent much of their time in studying the tables. Now Sir, either Mr. Gaunce expected too much of the pupils or else the fault lay with the teacher in his method of teaching reading; for the mere fact that these children had not studied the tables is not evident proof, he seems to think that they could not read, instead of saying the words.

Inspector Cox says he found much dissatisfaction throughout his Inspectorial district in regard to the system of Inspection and rank of schools; but when he came to explain that this system protected the people and children in certain drawbacks, the ratepayers came to regard the innovation with a great deal of favor! Inspectors are but humane. We all endeavor to satisfy those by whom we are placed in power.

THE EXPENSE OF THE SYSTEM.

No one doubts the correctness of the principle of the law. The

State should educate her children; but it may be possible that we pay too high for the whistle.

Now for a few figures taken from the last Annual School Report.—Registers, Circulars, Stationery, \$1,584; Extra Travelling Expenses, special visits, postage, \$2,548; Dr. Rand's salary \$1,600, his extra expenses \$300, (the average teacher's salary); Four assistants in and about the office No. 1, \$1,200, No. 2 \$450, No. 3 \$275, No. 4 \$48, showing nearly \$4,000 for work done in and about the office. Add to this \$4,984 for 14 grammar schools returning an average of 25 not counting St. John and Fredericton, while that of Victoria returns an average of only 7 pupils! \$3,234 for 50 superior schools and only \$116,159 (a small amount compared to the number over 1300) to the common parish schools. This shows a Government grant of \$356 to each Grammar and about \$82 to each Common school. Add to these figures \$8,000 Inspector's salaries, extra cost of Normal School, cost of revising districts, school house sites and the many eteteras and eteteras, not mentioning the cost of school buildings, furniture, apparatus, books, etc., and we have \$150,000 from 800. Now add local assessment and the figures run to some thousand, over one-quarter of a million dollars for education. No not to educate, but to cram our little one with what? let any one look at the course of instruction, and answer.

Now I come back to the question of weights and measures. I ask the parents of the scholars to examine these tables in our elementary arithmetic. Look at cloth measure Will the terms used ever be made use of by the pupil after he leaves the precincts of the school room and enters the public arena of life. I answer No. Glance at land measure: are rods used in buying and selling lands? are not children often perplexed by the terms rods and rods? Look again at cubic or solid measure. Do 128 cubic feet make a cord with us? Are 28 lbs the quarter of one hundred lbs. If not is 1 cwt. of butter equal to 100 lbs. of butter? Is it right to confuse children by such contradictory statements? Is one quarter as explained in Long measure ever used in daily transaction? Is it necessary that those who read in the 3rd Reader should spend their precious moments and vex their little brains by learning the table of sterling money, i. e. £ S. D. How many will ever have occasion to use this table? Examine the words used in these tables. Are they not more difficult of pronunciation than those of the 5th Reader? Should not the pupil be able to pronounce the words correctly before committing them to memory? And yet Mr Gaunce complains he found pupils reading contrary to the instructions of the course!! I say, emphatically, that Mulholland's elementary arithmetic is not suited to the wants of our schools. It is behind the present age and ought to be banished from our school rooms.

THE ARITHMETIC.

Let any one examine the merits of Greenleaf's (American) and Mulholland Arithmetic, and say with which can a teacher best fit a boy for actual business. This brings to mind another case. A young Lady teacher from Maine was attending one of our Province schools preparatory to teaching in her native State. She wished to study from Greenleaf's Arithmetic, as that was the book to be used by her. Her teacher asked permission from the Board of Education. The request was not granted. Was not this an arbitrary decision?

A SUGGESTION.

I now suggest that the public get an expression from our 1300 or more teachers upon the present school system, but at the same time I am well aware, Sir, they are prohibited from expressing their views upon the subject at the county Institutes, but why not hold a meeting at the close of each Institute and have the subject fully discussed unfettered by any Regulations of the Board of Education; and I would further suggest that the resolutions passed at such meeting be sent to our papers for publication. Now, I trust that teachers will awaken up to this work, consider well these suggestions and if thought advisable act accordingly and express their views independently, for I believe the time has arrived when experienced teachers, many of whom are men of ability, must either grapple with this subject earnestly and independently, or else quit the profession and engage in some more lucrative calling.

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wants. We, as a people, have more to do socially (and I might add commercially) with the people of the United States, than those of any other country. Then why, I ask, is it necessary for our little ones to learn the details of Great Britain, as set forth in our school geography to the exclusion of more important matter. Very few have friends across the Atlantic, while a great many have acquaintances and relatives in Uncle Sam's territory. This brings to mind a circumstance which happened not long since. A teacher who received a license two years ago, was asked the following question. "In what State and on what river is the City of St. Louis?" The answer was, "Don't know of such a place, Sir." I believe we need a revised set of school books and that a committee of teachers should be appointed to make the selection; for, surely, the workman should be a fit judge of the implements with which he works.

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