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WORKING OF OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM.

Good judges declare that the New Brunswick common school system is one of the best in the world. But, for all that, it does not produce all the results desirable or necessary. In the first place, it does not draw into the schools all the young people of school age, whose education is not otherwise secured. Mr. Superintendent Crockett, calculated that, at least, one-quarter of New Brunswick's children find their way into no school. The estimate is probably largely based on guesswork. We fancy it exaggerates the facts. But there is no doubt that some thousands of young people in this Province are growing up unable to write and read. This is a lamentable fact.

Then, it seems from the revelations of school registers that the attendance of enrolled pupils is extremely irregular, little more than half of them being present in their places on any one day. This fact is only less lamentable than the non-attendance of so many noted before. Both facts are operating detrimentally to a large portion of the rising generation, and are creditable to the parents responsible for their occurrence. The also show that the heavy school expenditure of the day, fails to a deplorable extent in accomplishing its purpose.

This state of things ought to be changed for the better. It seems intolerable that at this time and in this highly favored land, thousands of our future citizens should be growing up in a state of utter illiteracy. The effective remedy, no doubt, lies in a faithfully enforced system of compulsory attendance. Sooner or later such a system will have to be set in motion in this Province. It is sad to be shut up to such a conviction—sad to be compelled to believe that many New Brunswick heads of families are utterly indifferent as to the education of their children.

We think it possible that the condition of things might be improved by energetic efforts on the part of the superintendent of education in perambulating the Province, and delivering racy, pointed addresses on the educational question in all the chief centres of settlement. By such means, reckless or careless heads of families may be stirred up to take the action necessary. Creation of the right kind of sentiment on both the points noted would be preferable to the application of force to minds grossly ignorant.

ABOLITION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

It is a long time now since our people heard the first mutterings against the existence of the Legislative Council. Opinion and feeling on the subject have steadily spread. The conviction that the council ought to be abolished has now become general. Almost everybody has come to believe that the affairs of the Province could be safely and judiciously managed through the medium of a one-chambered legislature, thus a saving of many thousands of dollars a year to the Province could be effected.

Our local politicians have been profuse in promises on this matter; but as yet nothing has been effected, and nothing of much practical value has even been attempted. At last, it seems probable that an effective movement is about to be made to secure the much needed abolition. It was mentioned the other day in Sir Leonard's speech, opening the Provincial Legislature, and it is said, that the appointments just made to fill vacancies in the council, have been made with a view to secure the abolition. The council has done some good work in its day. But having outlived its hour, the people would be delighted to see it perform on itself the happy dispatch and disappear from the stage of action.

NEW BRUNSWICK'S FLOATING DEBT.

Some uneasiness prevails in Provincial political circles on the subject of the Province's floating debt. Some of the opposition leaders in the Assembly, in dealing with the matter, have spoken in an alarming manner. Possibly the fears expressed are not well founded. But as the returns bearing on the state of affairs have been asked for the precise facts will presently be shown. It is desirable that the question should be fully illuminated, so that all parties may clearly understand the true condition of the Provincial finances. On the one side no hiding or disguising the facts should be attempted; and on the other, no exaggeration should be resorted to. Let the simple truth be ascertained.

A GROWING MAJORITY.

Day after day, since, polling day, the Macdonald government majority has been steadily growing. At the outset its opponents declared it had not a working majority at all. Then, the figure was placed at 10. Later, 19 was the record. Farther on 28 was the utmost that could be allowed. But still more recently 32 was the number clung to. Now, the most sanguine of the government figure men have set their hearts on 45. We shall not be surprised if, when the courts have ended their work on the returns, and the vacancies declared are fresh-filled, the majority should really reach a round half a hundred. Majorities under the Macdonald regime have always shown a tendency towards enlargement.

Some politicians, and newspapers, too, we regret to say, are dropping into the habit of speaking of the Liberals as disloyal and charge them with not having the best interests of their country at heart, ignoring the fact that the party were deceived by their leaders who assured them there was nothing disloyal with the question of U. R., concealing from the public as much as possible that the question where it was most thoroughly discussed and understood had "utterly annihilated" the old Liberal party by driving out its leaders and best men. There are many Liberals while sorrowfully admitting that their party is not what it used to be yet feel sure that there is enough good and true men in it to keep the others from doing any great harm even should a Liberal government get into power. It is preposterous for any paper or man to say that all who voted against the government in the last election did so feeling that they were voting against the best interests of their country.

The Senator must feel rather chagrined over the result of his journey to Gloucester. It ended about as miserably as the Hon. Michael's labors in Kent. By the way, our honorable friend, if he can spare the time, might take a trip to the scene of his former triumph and wave his magic hand once more.

The Daily Graphic says that Mr. Chamberlain has consented to act as British Commissioner in the event of the United States government agreeing to discuss trade reciprocity with Canada, and that his colleagues will be Sir Charles Tupper and Sir Wm. V. Whiteway, Premier of Newfoundland.

To the Editor of The Review

Please allow me a small space in your valuable paper to correct a few statements published in THE REVIEW signed George Jardine dated Feb. 23, in which as usual the cry is post office and liquor made up of falsehoods from first to last. He refers to a party of Mr. Adams' friends or followers being the cause of dismissing the old postmaster and made the present postmaster sign an agreement to keep the P. O. in the bar room of the Brunswick House where Her Majesty's mails and liquors are distributed under the same roof. Now this is false. As the part of my house I leased for the P. O. is separate altogether from my hotel and I have not sold liquor in it for the last year still you have the audacity to write publicly you have proof it was sold on Mardi Gras. I defy you to bring one man to swear I sold him liquor on Mardi Gras. Mr. Adams' party did not cause the change of postmastership, they got a petition out to have it remain with Mr. Fontaine, the man who has kept it for the last nine or ten years and kept it properly. But you and some others through malice and enmity for the paltry sum paid for the post office thinking you could monopolise and rule Rogersville got up a cry of insult to the pastor of Rogersville and used it as an election canvas. Now I think you ought to keep mum on that, and not bring him in in your writings; leave that to himself or one of his own flock.

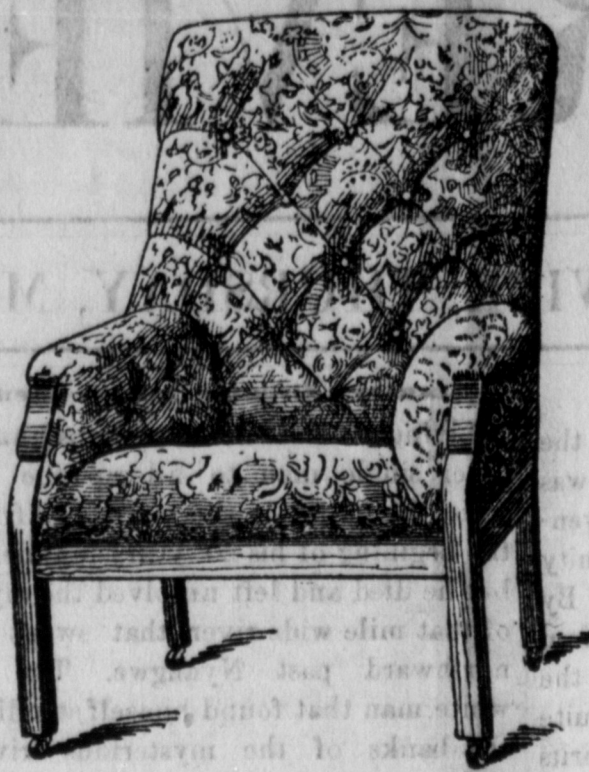
You may well sit back and write falsehoods about your neighbors and live on the interest of what you owe.

Thanking you for the valuable space, M. O'BRIEN, Hotel-keeper.

A receipt for making soup: Take a pail of water and wash it clean, then boil it till it is brown on both sides; pour in one bean; when the bean begins to worry prepare to simmer. If soup won't simmer, it's too rich. Pour in more water. Dry the water with a towel before you put it in; the dryer the water the sooner it browns. Serve hot.

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