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THE REMEDIAL BILL.

The remedial bill is now before parliament and although the full text has not, at this writing reached us, the main purport of the measure is apparent. It will restore separate schools to the Catholic minority of Manitoba, under the management of the provincial government if the latter will loyally undertake to carry out the provisions of the bill. Otherwise that task will devolve upon the Ottawa government, in which case the work will be by no means free from difficulty. The experiment will be a new, and probably a troublesome one.

But first of all we have to look to the chances of the bill passing parliament. For a time its defeat was counted upon with confidence by those opposed to the principle involved. This feeling gave way to doubt some time since, and now we have sundry of the leading newspaper exponents of the government confidently predicting a majority of twenty-five to thirty in favor of the bill. The ordinary majority of the government in a full house would now be about 40 to 45. It is admitted that 20 to 25 of these will vote against the bill, or refrain from voting. But there appears to be increasing confidence in a considerable Liberal support from Quebec members. Mr. Laurier, it is said, will be unable to hold their support for his alternative proposition of a commission of inquiry, in face of the fact that so many dignitaries of the Catholic church have denounced the commission scheme. This remains to be seen.

There is certainly a strong feeling both in Ontario and Manitoba against federal interference in the internal affairs of a province, and prominent Conservative journals like the Hamilton Spectator and the Toronto World continue to warn the government against the course they are pursuing. It may turn out that the sentiment in favor of the bill is stronger in parliament than in the country, and if so, the country has in the end to be reckoned with and that before long.

The provincial legislature is called to meet very shortly, with apparently very little business to do beyond the annual accounting for the way in which our limited public income has been spent. Were it not that our system of responsible government seems to require annual sessions, all the necessary law making and money voting could easily be attended to by a legislature meeting each alternate year. More than three-fourths of the United States to the south of us, including populous communities of two or three millions each of people, like Illinois and Pennsylvania, hold only one session of their legislatures in two years. We have less than a third of a million people in New Brunswick and the necessity for annual sessions at large cost seems hardly imperative. Years ago a budding politician from Kings County promised to introduce a bill to provide for biennial sessions, but the promised measure never materialized. Possibly some other of our legislators may yet undertake the task, in which case he may fairly claim the assistance of the astute law clerk, Hon. Wm. Pugsley, in the preparation of this promising measure. As for losing the chance of annually testing the strength of the government by a want of confidence motion, the loss would be small, in the present legislature at least.

NORTHUMBERLAND.

The election of Mr. James Robinson to the commons in Northumberland by a handsome majority is a source of satisfaction to the government, which is, however in many minds coupled with regret that Hon. Peter Mitchell had placed himself in a position which made it necessary for former friends to aid in securing his defeat. Mr. Mitchell had in former years, rendered great service to his country and the province, which was, at the time gratefully remembered and appreciated. He was one of the prominent and active spirits in promoting the union of the provin-

inces; he was largely instrumental in securing the North Shore route for the Intercolonial and he rendered able service to the new dominion in the organization of the government at Ottawa. The department of marine and fisheries was almost his own creation and in the long succession of men who have held that portfolio it never had a more able or energetic head. It is quite apparent therefore that had he remained in close accord with the Conservative party, Mr. Mitchell might long since have had the honor of knighthood, and with it almost any official position within the gift of the Canadian Government that he desired. Or, he could easily have been to-day the elect of Northumberland. He chose to throw in his lot with the opposition, after a period of semi-independence, and this fact, together with his long absence from the province loosened his hold upon the electorate of which at one time he was the idol.

Mr. Robinson had many points in his favor, among which are his large business interests in the county, his recent return to the legislature at the head of the poll; his constant contact with the people; his square support of the government and its policy; and his own personal popularity. We have no doubt that he will make a useful county representative, looking well after its material interests of the country generally. If he should not speedily take the same high position in the national council, that Mr. Mitchell at one time held there is reason to hope that he will keep a consistent public course.

Possibly the triumphant return of Sir Charles Tupper in Cape Breton may have aided in some small measure to secure Mr. Robinson's return. Certainly the two events together will not be without their effect upon the public mind in Canada. For a time in the bye-elections the opposition were having it all their own way. The wave of government successes in Cape Breton and Northumberland will serve to obliterate this advantage and restore the balance, so that neither party can boast much over the other in that regard. The upper provinces will naturally see that there is no apparent loss of ground to the government in the maritime provinces. It makes an immense difference to the strength and prestige of the government that Cape Breton and Northumberland were won instead of lost.

Many will see in these events how greatly the return of Sir Charles Tupper to Canadian public life has revived the hopes of his party and strengthened the position of the government in the country. That the opposition leaders foresaw this result was made sufficiently apparent by the tremendous energy and activity they put forth, though all in vain, to bring about his defeat in the recent contest.

NORTHUMBERLAND.

CHATHAM, N. B., Feb. 6.—With all the returns in, Mr. Robinson majority is 438. The total poll was 3,910, being one vote less than in 1891, and Mitchell received 17 more votes than last time and Mr. Robertson 18 less than Adams. The complete details are given below.

	Robinson.	Mitchell.
Newcastle, No 1.	78	43
" " 2.	66	56
" " 3.	83	69
" " 4.	50	96
" " 5.	32	51
Chatham, " 6.	62	114
" " 7.	80	60
" " 7 1/2.	66	86
" " 8.	63	112
" " 9.	89	79
" " 10.	46	40
Ludlow, " 11.	48	59
Blissfield, " 12.	85	32
Blackfield " 13.	65	24
" " 14.	99	54
" " 14 1/2.	48	31
Derby, " 15.	103	43
Northesk " 16.	23	25
" " 17.	41	39
" " 18.	54	23
Nelson, " 19.	86	14
" " 20.	107	57
Glenelg " 21.	97	63
" " 22.	34	30
Hardwicke " 23.	83	136
Alawick, " 24.	22	36
" " 25.	63	83
" " 26.	53	45
" " 26 1/2.	97	25
Rogersville " 27.	191	50
Southesk " 28.	28	13
" " 29.	45	47
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Owing to the recent storms our ministers were unable to fulfil their appointments for the two past Sundays.

Our school opened the first of the month under charge of Miss Ella Warman, of Molus River.

Miss Trinnie Cail has gone to Moncton, owing to the serious illness of her sister, Mrs. G. Lampkie.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Wheten, of Marysville, are spending the winter at home.

Miss Belle Wheten, who returned home from Coatesville at Xmas, where she had been teaching for the past two years, has been seriously ill, but is now slowly recovering.

Owing to the absence of our young man on the north side of the river, the road in that locality is not very good.

Miss Ethel Leet, who has been confined to the house with a very sore throat is able to be out again.

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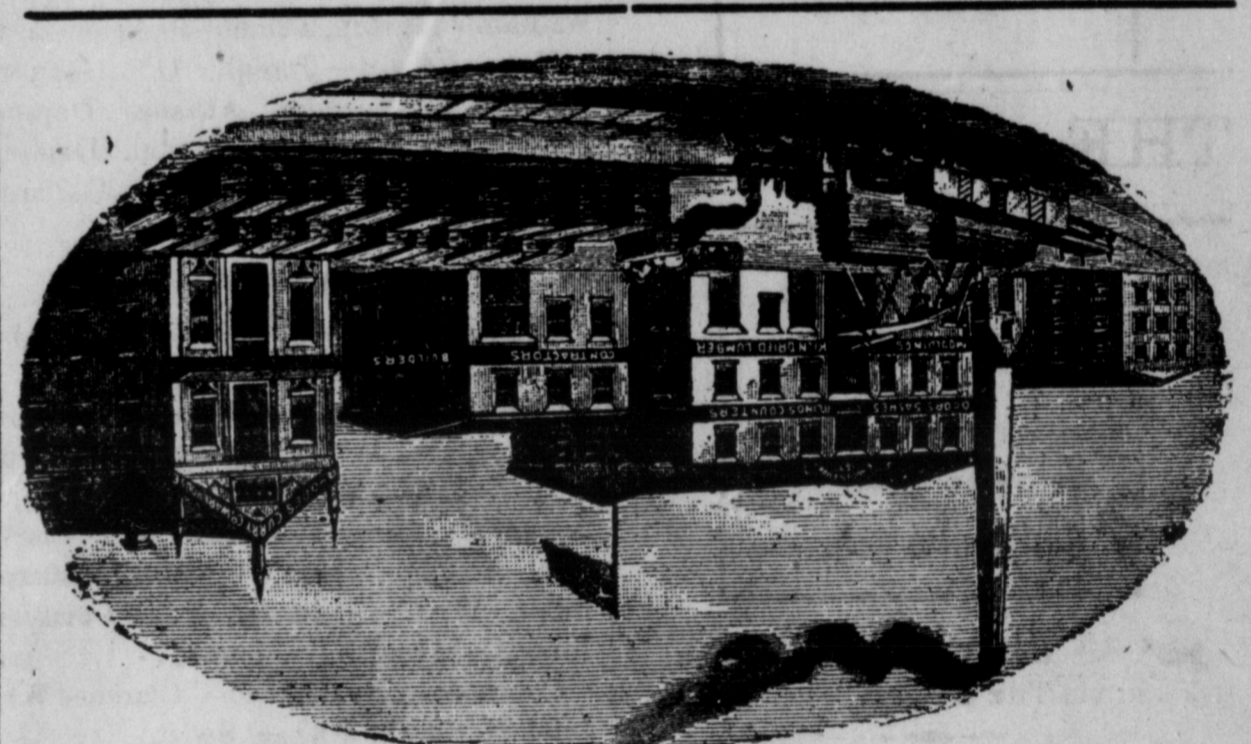
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