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THE COUNCIL'S DUTY.

Shortly before the late Mr. Edward Wilmot purchased the grounds that now compose Wilmot Park from the Odell estate, Mr. Pitts had bought a lot on the lower corner fronting on government lane for building purposes, and it was not available to be included to Mr. Wilmot's gift to the city as he intended.

Mr. Pitts, however, never built as he proposed, and having removed from the city, offers his land for sale. No doubt he will have plenty of offers, but it is to be hoped that the city council will not stand by and see the land fall into the hands of a private party. The lot is needed to round off the park, the beauty of which will be largely marred if the Pitts lot is built on. There is a possibility of the erection of a house or houses and out-houses on the Pitts lot if the purchase is made by a private party, and with this prospect it is certainly the duty of the council to step in and make an offer for the lot, and secure it, if it is for sale at a reasonable price. Who wants to see buildings, perhaps several unattractive tenements, erected almost at the very entrance to the park, when for a small consideration the land offered for sale can be procured by the city and perpetuated as a part of the public park.

Will the mayor and aldermen give the matter prompt consideration and prevent future regrets, which are certain if the Pitts' lot is permitted to pass into private hands?

NO SUMMER PICNIC.

When Mr. Foster accepted the Tory nomination in North Ontario, he admitted that the campaign would be no summer picnic for him, and the developments in the constituency bear out the ex-finance minister's forecast. Mr. Foster is to be given the battle of his life, and his defeat is highly probable. It is announced that Sir William Mulock, an effective campaigner is to have charge of the Liberal campaign in the constituency, and the party has a popular candidate in Mr. Grant, a local barrister.

Mr. Foster is already at work stumping the constituency, and is uttering many of his old campaign sophistries against the Liberals, but has been called down pretty sharply for some of his observations. In one of his speeches he is reported to have said that "the Conservatives in opposition had the consolation of knowing that their relinquishing of power gave their opponents, after 18 years of outer darkness, a chance to be fed at the public trough, thereby transferring them into living, breathing, ardent, patriotic Canadians."

This was great insolence coming from a man with Mr. Foster's record, and it is hotly resented by the Hamilton Times which observes:

"The Liberals of Canada, do not see themselves as Mr. Foster sees them. They know that they were living, breathing, ardent, patriotic Canadians when Mr. Foster and the other occupants of the Nest of Traitors (as Sir Mackenzie Bowell called them) were feeding at the public trough; they were good average Canadians when Mr. Foster was studying the laws of Illinois, and if they ever had 'moments of weakness,' Mr. Foster should be the last man to reproach them."

This is pretty hot stuff, and shows that Mr. Foster's career is not unknown in the upper provinces.

CHARGES PROVED.

Commissioner Barry's Report to the Government

IN THE DEAF AND DUMB SCHOOL ENQUIRY

Shows Shocking Condition of Affairs.

The report of Commissioner Barry on his investigation into the charges of immorality, cruelty and financial mismanagement against Principal Woodbridge, G. E. Powers, and Norman Woodbridge of the Deaf and Dumb school, preferred by the St. John Telegraph, is given to the press, and is an exhaustive resume of the evidence taken and the Commissioner's conclusions drawn therefrom.

The Commissioner finds among other things as follows:

"The evidence of many of the deaf female witnesses, if true, shows a shocking state of affairs. Not only were the grossest immoralities practised in the school by the principal, Mr. Powers and Norman Woodbridge, but the principal and Mr. Powers appeared to keep in touch with several of the pupils after they had left the school, and continued the evil practices began in the school itself.

As the whole of the evidence will be submitted, it would serve no useful purpose to give here in detail the evidence of the witnesses produced on this branch of the inquiry. I feel it my duty, however, in view of the vast amount of testimony taken, that I should give a resume of the most important parts of it. This I shall endeavor to do as succinctly and fairly as I can, dealing first with Mr. Powers, who seems to have been the chief offender in this respect."

Here follows copious extracts from the evidence.

In conclusion, the commissioner says, "I beg to say, if it be necessary, in view of the foregoing remarks, that anything further should be said, that in my opinion, the charges of financial mismanagement, cruel treatment and immorality—I say nothing as to the educational features, leaving the evidence on that branch of the inquiry to speak for itself—preferred by The Telegraph Publishing Company against the management and staff of the Fredericton Institution for the education of the Deaf and Dumb, have been fully sustained; that its financial management might, from a public point of view, be more correctly described as an entire absence of anything approaching correct financial management; that the female pupils of the school have been harshly and cruelly treated; and that the grossest immoralities have been practised in the institution from almost the time of its establishment down to the present time, and that in my opinion, the interests of morality, the interests of public decency, and the interests of the deaf of the province demand that the institution be no longer allowed to be continued under its present management and staff."

"I very much regret that there has been the great and almost inexcusable delay in the presentation of this report; the inquiry closed on the 13th of October last, but it was not until yesterday that the last instalment of the transcript of the stenographers' notes of the evidence was placed in my hand. The whole of the evidence will be transmitted to your honor just as soon as it can be put in proper form for the purpose.

I have the honor to be,
Your obedient servant,
J. H. BARRY,
Commissioner.
Fredericton, Jan. 6th, 1903.

MAKES US BLUSH.

Wesleyan's Hearty Compliment to the Herald.

Says the Wesleyan of Halifax, official organ of the Methodist church in the maritime provinces: "The Fredericton Daily Herald has given a splendid account of the Methodist Jubilee in that city. The services on Sunday and Monday were ably reported, occupying nearly three pages. In pleasing diction and with a liberal spirit the Herald has given a historical resume of the proceedings, which not only places the Methodist

Church under obligations, but is a credit to the editorial management. The portraits of the ministers of the church add special attractions to the interesting record. The issues of the paper are worthy of preservation, and ought to find a place among the archives of the denomination.

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