

STUDENTS OF THE NORMAL SCHOOL

Enjoyed a Call and Pleasant Speeches from

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

Lieut. Governor, Premier and Solicitor General Talked Interestingly.

Mr. TWEEDIE CONFESSES TO SLIGHT EMBARRASSMENT

In the Presence of So Many Young Ladies.

Lieutenant Governor Snowball and the members of the Government and Board of Education paid an official visit to the Normal School this morning and witnessed the opening exercises. Those composing the party in addition to His Honor, were Premier Tweedie, Hon. Messrs. LaBillicois, Dunn, McKeown, Farris, Sweeney and Dr. J. R. Inch, Chief Superintendent of Education.

At the conclusion of the exercises, which consisted of a scriptural lesson and prayer and several selections rendered in chorus by the students, Principal Crockett spoke briefly, extending a cordial welcome to the distinguished visitors. He then introduced

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, who responded with a brief address which was very heartily applauded by the students.

His Honor said he was very much pleased to be present and have an opportunity of addressing the students, but as they had listened to some remarks from him not very long ago, he would not take up their time on this occasion as he knew they were anxious to hear from some of his constitutional advisers.

Hon. Premier Tweedie

who was next introduced, responded with a witty address, which was very heartily applauded by the students. He said it was always a pleasure for him to visit the Normal school, although he was sorry to say that some time had elapsed since his last visit. He was rather bashful in the presence of so many pretty young ladies, but thought that possibly he might acquit himself better if he could see them one at a time. (Laughter.) He wished to congratulate the Normal School on having for a principal one of the finest educationalists in the Dominion of Canada, one who has not made education a means to an end, but has made it his life study. Being an old student of his, he felt safe in saying that among all the teachers in New Brunswick the Principal of the Normal School stands at the head. He wished to congratulate the Board of Education on being able to secure the services of such an experienced educationalist as Dr. Crockett.

He (Tweedie) regretted that the state of the finances of the province would not permit the Board of Education doing what they would like very much to do—make the salaries of teachers so large that all will make teaching their life work. He did not think that one of the girls before him intended to follow teaching, as they all intended getting married sooner or later. With regard to the boys they intended to follow teaching until such time as they would be in a position to take up some other occupation. He was well aware of the fact that the teachers' salaries are now too small, but in his opinion the time would come when they would be increased to such an extent that young men and women will come to the Normal School with the intention of making teaching their life work.

He thought the province of New Brunswick was to be congratulated on the excellence of its educational system. They all remembered the recent visit of the Director of Education for the Transvaal to this province, and how he had taken away with him to that country the principal of our Normal school and several of our young lady teachers. The young ladies are there yet, and several of them are either married or will be very soon.

The Premier next referred to the benefit derived from teaching manual training in the schools, and to the beneficence of Sir

William Macdonald, and expressed the hope that in the near future consolidated schools would be established in every county of the province. To the students he would say, no matter how long or how short their time would be as members of the teaching profession, he hoped they would always try and do their best.

Whatever you may put your hands to always try and do better than your predecessor. As I intend to be present at your closing exercises in a few weeks I will not say anything farther to you at this stage, but will give way to my friend and colleague, Mr. McKeown. He is younger than I am, with no grey hairs, and I know he is very anxious to speak to you. I thank you for the hearty reception you have extended to me. (Applause.)

Hon. H. A. McKeown,

who was heartily applauded on coming forward to address the gathering in response to a call from the chair, remarked that the young men before him, when they came to fill representative positions, would find that the time would come when those over them would take them by the neck and make them do something, whether they wanted to or not. That was the position in which he had been placed by the closing remarks of the Premier. (Laughter.) As a member of the Board of Education he felt a large degree of interest in the work of the Normal School and teaching profession. He had been struck by the enormous preponderance of young ladies over young men in the gathering before him. We hear a great deal about young ladies crowding out our sex, and it looked to him as if that would be the case in the teaching profession. We had a Premier a short time ago who wanted to give women the right to vote. He (McKeown) was rather opposed to that proposition, knowing that when ladies get the entering wedge they show so much superiority that the males are apt to be crowded out. He was afraid that something of that kind would happen in the Legislature if the late premier's ideas were carried out. He believed that ladies had more patience than men, and boys being more easily subjected to their will, they make better teachers. It was a splendid thing that girls brought up in this country can, by attending the Normal School, put themselves in touch with the world and secure a position of semi-independence. He held that the members of the Board of Education had always done their best with the means at their disposal, not only for the children of the country, but for those who occupy the responsible position of teachers. Everything possible is being done to make the life of the teacher easier. Too many young men take up teaching as a stepping stone to other professions. It is true that if he applies himself and makes up his mind to it, a young man can attain to any profession he chooses in this country, but he cannot slight his work as he goes along. In his opinion a young man who is a failure as a teacher will be a failure at everything else. If you show excellence in your work here, you are certain to show it in the larger field.

In conclusion the Hon. gentleman returned thanks for the kindly reception extended to him, and promised to be present at the closing exercises in June.

Principal Crockett in a brief speech, thanked His Honor and the members of the Board for their presence, and expressed the hope that they would repeat the visit on some future occasion.

After leaving the assembly hall, where the exercises and speech making took place, the visitors repaired to the Sloyd school, and made an inspection of the work of the pupils, and afterwards warmly complimented Principal McCready on the efficiency shown.

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC.

St. John Board of Trade Sends Telegram to Mr. Blair.

The council of the St. John Board of Trade yesterday took further steps to urge on the government the safeguarding of the interests of maritime province ports in connection with the Grand Trunk Pacific railway scheme. A meeting of the council was held in the morning. Among those present were W. M. Jarvis (president), D. J. McLaughlin, T. H. Estabrooks and Mayor White.

The whole matter was threshed out and a committee was appointed to draw up a telegram to be sent to Hon. A. G. Blair. This was done and the telegram was then taken to prominent men for signatures and in the early evening was sent to Hon. Mr. Blair. The telegram reads:—

St. John, N. B., May 19th, 1903.

Hon. A. G. Blair, Ottawa:

Unless the Grand Trunk Pacific build their line through to some maritime province port we believe the export business will continue to go through an American port as in the past.

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