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VERY GOOD REASONS.

The speech of Mr. Sinclair, the Liberal member for Guysboro, N. S., in the House of Commons on the autonomy bill very succinctly and effectively shows why the educational clauses of that measure should commend themselves to the people of Canada.

Without any effort at oratorical effect, Mr. Sinclair gave his reasons for supporting the bill, and there are such as will appeal forcibly to the sense of fairness of all classes of people. They were these:

"First, Because it is an honorable and fair compromise of a very difficult and delicate question, and while it satisfies, to some extent the religious convictions of forty-one per cent. of the people of Canada, it contains nothing that should be in any sense offensive to the religious views of the remaining fifty-nine per cent."

"Second, Because the school system that we are now perpetuating is a school system that was adopted about thirteen years ago by the people of the Territories themselves; that system has worked satisfactorily ever since; and it may be fairly said to be an expression of the will of the people of the Territories."

"Third, I am opposed to the amendment of the leader of the opposition because the effect of it is to leave the whole matter in a state of uncertainty, to give rise to disputes and litigation; and to destroy the peace and retard the progress of the new provinces."

"Fourth, I am opposed to the amendment of the leader of the opposition because it is a sheer evasion of the question at issue. If the words 'at the union' are to be held to mean 1905, then, by passing this amendment we should be hastening on the new provinces, the system of clerical schools that the people abolished in 1892, a system to which I am determinedly opposed."

"Fifth, I am in favor of the educational clauses of this bill because they give an opportunity to both Protestants and Catholics who hold religious convictions on this question to give religious instruction to their children for half an hour at the close of each school day without interfering with the national character of the school."

"Sixth—I support the bill because it definitely settles this question once for all, and prevents the introduction of those painful racial and religious quarrels that have disturbed the peace of the older provinces."

"Seventh, I support the bill because the schools to be established under this regulation must of necessity be free public schools, using only the authorized text-books, taught by regularly licensed teachers, inspected by the public school inspector, and in every respect under complete public control."

"Eighth, I support this bill because it preserves existing rights, and prevents a feeling of injustice on the part of those who enjoyed this system for the past thirty years."

"Ninth, I support the bill because the policy of the Liberal party today is consistent with the policy of the Liberals in 1896. In 1896 the Liberal party stood for schools established by the people of Manitoba, and today they stand for schools established by the people of the North-west."

"Tenth, Because we ought to have the courage of our convictions on a question of this kind, and not like the leader of the opposition, (Mr. R. L. Borden), take refuge behind legal technicalities. What do you think of the spectacle of the leader of the great party declaring that he has nothing to say in favour of separate schools, and that he has nothing to say against separate schools, who is absolutely a baby on a great question of this kind, and who contents himself with moving a resolution that bewilders everybody, and that he has not yet ventured to explain."

"Eleventh, I am in favor of this measure because it secures to every child in Alberta and Saskatchewan for all time to come a good common school education."

"Twelfth, Because every other province that has come into confederation has carried in with it the educational system that existed in the province at the time it came in, and there is no good reason why a different course should be adopted with Saskatchewan and Alberta."

PREACHING DISCORD.

The Sun is very feverish over the suggestion that a compromise might be arranged in London, Ont., whereby Mr. Hyman, who is to be the new minister of public works and Mr. Beek a prospective Ontario cabinet minister, would both be re-elected by acclamation. The Sun is very anxious for a fight, and it wants the school question made an issue in London. Some weeks ago the Sun was very glad to secure Mr. Borden's prompt election in Carleton, Ontario, by acclamation, the federal government helping the opposition leader to a seat in parliament from which he had been driven by his own constituency in Halifax, and more recently the Tory organ had the humiliation of Mr. Oliver's unopposed return in Edmonton.

The Sun takes the trouble to announce that London is a Protestant city, and desires the inference to be drawn that the autonomy bill should be condemned in a constituency of that kind, giving evidence that the Tory organ is most desirous of keeping the Tory sectarian agitation alive. The Sun also quotes from French-Canadian newspapers anything likely to arouse sectarian bitterness, and generally is showing itself a mischief-making, bigoted sectarian sheet, unrepresentative of the broad tolerance of the New Brunswick public.

A MISSIONARY'S EXPERIENCE.

At the recent meeting of the British Columbia Presbyterian Synod, Rev. Mr. Grant of Rossland, formerly roving bishop of Pincher Creek, and adjoining localities and the foothills, told of his unique experiences. Given the right man, opposition and discouragements simply became great opportunities, he said. Entering for the first time Pincher Creek, which he described in rare frontier language, Mr. Grant interfered to prevent a little man got a thrashing, and the bigger man, who was attending to the particular business, desisted, and, shaking the parson by the hand, said: Why, I am a Presbyterian myself, and became one of the interloper's best friends. The little manse, all furnished, home-made, became a clubhouse for the homeless and lonely broncho busters.

The report that the Faculty of the University of New Brunswick have recommended Dr. G. R. Parkin for the position of professor of colonial history at Oxford University is denied on the authority of one of the members of that body, who says the matter has never been considered by the Faculty, much less a recommendation of Dr. Parkin agreed upon. It is not known here that Dr. Parkin is an applicant for the position. Dr. Hannay, however, has sent in his application and certainly no Canadian is better fitted for the position than New Brunswick's distinguished historian and journalist.

Mr. Joseph Walker, who is a candidate for the city council in St. Ann's ward, was a member of that body when it saw stirring times some fifteen years ago. There were a couple of factions in the council at that time, and scarcely a meeting passed without a lively collision. If Mr. Walker returns to the council he will find it a very tame sort of body compare with a decade and a half ago.

It is nearly a week since a respectable young woman was brutally assaulted on a Fredericton thoroughfare, yet there is no sign that her assailant is likely to be brought to justice. Are the police willing to confess that they are unable to ferret out the beast who perpetrated the crime?

Serious crimes are becoming altogether too frequent in Fredericton. Perhaps if we followed Moncton's example and engaged a mounted policeman to patrol the less frequented portions of the city, there might be an improvement.

GIBSON NEWS.

May 15.—There was a large congregation at the Anglican Church last evening, on which occasion Rev. Dr. Duffy preached a very interesting and instructive sermon from the first chapter of John, 13 and 46 verses. "Follow me," "Come and see." At the conclusion of the sermon ten young men were admitted to the Guild of the Rector's Aid, as Sons of St. Philip, and it was a very impressive, beautiful and solemn ceremony. The candidates were addressed to some length by the clergyman and the right hand of fellowship was extended while the choir and congregation sang favorite hymns.

The pulpit of the Baptist Church was occupied by Rev. W. R. Robinson yesterday while Rev. James Crisp held forth at the Methodist, and Rev. J. C. Wilson preached at the Free Baptist.

A fixed idea is like the iron rod which sculpts in their statues. It impales and sustains.

AN IRISH ISLAND BATILE.

Two Hundred Police Evict an Aged Peasant.

An Extraordinary Conflict, Recalling the Stormiest Days of the Irish Land Agitation.

London, May 10.—The Daily Express publishes the following: An eviction battle recalling the stormiest days of the Irish land agitation has taken place between 200 picked men of the Royal Irish Constabulary and the entire population of Dursley Island, a bleak speck in the Atlantic, sixteen miles from Castletown, Berehaven, County Cork.

The two hundred policemen were sent to evict Daniel Healy, an aged peasant. They only did so after a desperate encounter with the other occupants of the island—some thirty-five families—who met them on landing with a fusillade of stones, and then fought a hand-to-hand conflict, in which fixed bayonets and the butt-ends of rifles were freely used.

Healy, the peasant who was the cause of the extraordinary conflict, owns a patch of land on which he keeps four cows, his only source of livelihood. His rent is £5, 15s. a year, but he has paid none for four years.

The evicting force of 200 men, in charge of the county inspector, three district inspectors, and accompanied by a resident magistrate, left Bahtry at 9 o'clock on Tuesday night on board the government steam tug, Gamecock.

In the early hours of Wednesday morning the tug stole down on the island. The police were expected, and the islanders had prepared for their coming by fortifying the east landing-place, one of the two accessible places on the island.

LANDED BY STEALTH.

There is, however, another landing-place on the west side of the island, which is only practicable in the calmest weather. Here thirty policemen, under the charge of Inspector Armstrong, put off in boats and landed unknown to the islanders. It was a clever tactical movement, for the force covered the landing of the main body at the east side stage.

The islanders were completely taken by surprise. They had not expected that the police knew their cove, and their powers of effective resistance were considerably neutralized. They concentrated at the east stage—men, women and children. Every able-bodied person in the island had a missile of some sort.

As the boat loads of police approached they were met by a fusillade of stones and rocks from the human batteries on the shore. Then Inspector Armstrong's covering party attacked the islanders from behind. They shoved, buffeted, and jostled the defenders, anxious at first to hurt as few as possible. Very quickly the fight became vicious. The parties fell on one another, and the wildest excitement followed. The men in the boats sounded and blew their whistles, and it seemed as if their comrades would have a bad time before they could land.

WOMEN AS DEFENDERS.

The men fought the police on shore with their fists, while the women and children kept up a running fire of stones on the men in the boats. The police fought at first with their batons, and laid about them vigorously. Some of them fixed bayonets and used them, while others used the butt ends of their rifles.

One man jumped into the sea and swam along the shore to escape the batons of the police. Another attempted to grapple with a policeman and received a terrific blow from a baton on the temple. After this his assailant lunged about him with his bayonet, and the half-stunned man, in attempting to ward off a thrust with his bare hand, received a terrific gash.

At last sheer weight of numbers told. The islanders were overcome, and they were allowed to disperse, with aching limbs and heads. Then the rest of the force landed, and the conquering 200, having vanquished the islanders, advanced to evict Daniel Healy.

EVICTED FROM THEIR CABIN.

The actual eviction was a pitiful affair, unrelieved by a touch of color. Healy is an old man living with his wife, his son and daughter-in-law and their two children. The house, which is the only home they have ever known, and they cling to with aching limbs and heads. Then the rest of the force landed, and the conquering 200, having vanquished the islanders, advanced to evict Daniel Healy.

The 200 police halted outside the house. The agents of the landlord were the first to enter. Healy approached them and pleaded for a settlement. His proposition was flouted.

ed. "The law must take its course" said the agent. "Clear out everything." Then the sheriff's men began to remove the furniture.

To add to the pathos of the scene, a steady downpour of rain had set in. The young mother gathered her infant from the cradle, while a kindly neighbor took charge of the other child—an ailing mite of three, who had been ill for some time. The melancholy party dragged out of the house crying bitterly, while one by one their few goods were thrown after them and scattered in the rain round about the house.

Then the police, having accomplished their work, departed. They left a force of thirty men in charge of the island.

HERE'S A WAY TO SAVE DOCTOR BILLS.

Physicians Give Free Advice by which Parents May Profit.

It's a matter of general interest just now how one's physical condition can be got into shape to best receive the benefits of the summer season. Especially is this true of the children. They have become run down by a winter of unnatural manner of living because of ill-considered food and much time spent indoors. Spring comes with its sunshine, its fresh vegetables and all else invigorating, but the children are in no condition to receive nature's remedies.

Many parents call in the family physician. Many other parents take advantage of what the physician told them when he was first called in consultation. All good family physicians say: "Give the children Castoria."

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Medical journals are reluctant to discuss proprietary medicines. Hall's Journal of Health, however, says: "Our duty is to expose danger and record the means of advancing health and the day for poisoning innocent children through greed or ignorance ought to end. To our knowledge Castoria is the remedy which produces composure and health by regulating the system, not by stupefying it. Our readers are entitled to the information."

TOO MUCH FOR THE BEARS.

New York, May 10.—The Herald publishes the following cable from London: A curious discovery which is creating considerable speculation, among those who are interested in polar exploration, has been made in the den of the polar bears, now performing at the London Hippodrome.

The other day an attempt was made to take a photograph of these performing bears, some of which were captured in the wild state, the others being bred by the owners of the troupe, but they were too restless, and, therefore, another attempt was made the next day.

A strong charge of powder was used for the flashlight, and immediately after the flash every bear was discovered lying prone on the side as if dead. In reality they were only terrified and out of their senses. It was a long time before they recovered from the excitement.

Next morning in cleaning out the den the attendant found on the floor a fine gold ring, such as sailors used to wear in their ears. Inscribed inside were the initials "J. D. F. N.," with the date 1835, and the supposition is that the ring has been carried about between the teeth or claws of one of the bears until the episode of unusual excitement thus brought it to light.

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