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THE SCHOOL QUESTION.

So much falsehood and misrepresentation concerning this matter has been put forth by the Tory press and from Tory spouters, especially during the recent election campaign in London and North Oxford, that it is worth while to calmly review the subject. In doing so the fairness and clearness of the Liberal position will become evident to the most prejudiced mind.

In the first place, by the British North America Act, a province joining the Confederation, is entitled to have, as to their denominational character, the same kind of schools as they had at the union, and the Parliament of Canada is charged with the duty of seeing that the provisions of the Act are carried out.

In reference to Ontario and Quebec the question was settled by the British North America Act itself. The Province of Ontario, in exchange for a separate school system for the Protestant minority of Quebec, conceded separate schools to the Roman Catholic minority in Ontario. The question first arose in reference to New Brunswick in 1873, upon the application to Parliament of the Roman Catholic minority for separate schools.

It was shown that no denominational or separate schools existed in the province at the time of the union and therefore the principle laid down in the B. N. A. Act was applied and denominational schools refused. However, the result was that a compromise was effected by which the Roman Catholic minority in the province was granted certain privileges, and the same were confirmed by an order in council.

The course adopted by parliament to secure the rights of minorities in case of provinces joining after confederation was by incorporating in the act of union provisions of the B. N. A. act. This was done in the case of Manitoba in 1870. That province enjoyed separate schools until 1890, when the legislative assembly passed an act abolishing separate schools. Against this act the Roman Catholic minority appealed to the then Conservative government of Canada, and asked that the machinery provided by the B. N. A. act be put in motion, and a remedial order passed restoring to them their separate schools taken away from them by the provincial act. As is well known, the matter went to the privy council of Great Britain, which decided that the Roman Catholic minority had been deprived of their rights, and that they must be restored to them. To carry out this judgment of the privy council the Tory government of 1896 introduced into parliament the famous remedial bill. It was at this time, and at this point that the policy of two parties in Canada became distinct and clear cut on the school question. The Tory party took the ground that the privy council of Canada having decided in favor of separate schools they must proceed to enforce that judgment as a sheriff would in the case of ejectment. The Liberal party said, "we admit your right to do as you propose, but is it wise to do so? Canada is a country divided in race and creed, and it is of the utmost importance that these questions of an irritating character should be settled amicably and without force." Upon this ground Sir Wilfrid Laurier fought the remedial bill until parliament was dissolved by the efflux of time. The Tory party was defeated at the polls and the school question that threatened the peace of the Dominion was settled in very short time by Sir Wilfrid. But remember, it was settled by the Roman Catholic minority surrendering for the sake of peace, a large part of the rights given to them by the highest tribunal in the British empire.

Now in reference to the autonomy bill now before parliament. In 1875 the Northwest Territories were brought into the confederation as territories. By the act separate schools were secured to the territories by section 11, and this was concurred in by both parties at the time.

When the autonomy was drafted by the minister of justice he very properly put into it the same clause, in effect, as section 11 in the original act, because in accordance with the B. N. A. Act the minority of the new province was entitled to the same denominational privileges as when they were brought into the union. It

was so decided by the Privy Council in the case of Manitoba.

When the autonomy bill was introduced the Liberal members from the northwest represented that since 1875 the Northwest Assembly had passed ordinances which very much modified section 11 of the Act of 1875, and that they had during the last thirty years built up a national school system, which was satisfactory to them and which they desired should be continued.

Now, there is not a question of doubt that the Roman Catholic or any other minority, is entitled to separate schools as provided by section 11 of the Act of 1875 and that the Privy Council would so decide as it did in reference to Manitoba. But what course does Sir Wilfrid Laurier take?

He applies the same principle to this case as he applied to the Manitoba case in 1896. He says while the minorities are entitled to separate schools, as provided by section 11 of the Act of 1875, and could enforce it by law, yet the system now being so satisfactory, for the sake of peace and harmony, we will make the ordinance of the Northwest Assembly in practice and built up under law, the basis of the school clause of the Autonomy Bill instead of section 11, as it would be right to do. That is the whole matter in a nut shell. And who surrenders their rights again? Why the Roman Catholic minority, for the sake of peace, and to remove from the arena any ground for sectarian strife, which is calculated at all times to obstruct the progress of the country.

But where is the great Tory party that in 1896 was bound to force separate schools on Manitoba? Surely they will now as then be found fighting to preserve the rights of the minority under the law of 1875. Where are the worthies who galloped from one end of York county to the other in support of Foster and coercion?

They are trying to stir up and fan into a flame the embers of sectarian strife. But the country is overwhelmingly against them, and for the good of their country they are doomed to a long, long sojourn in the cold shades of the opposition.

WHAT COMPETITION DOES.

The conditions under which life insurance policies are issued are undergoing extensive changes every day, and these are decidedly more noticeable when we compare the conditions of today with those of fifty or sixty years ago.

Life insurance was more of a gamble in those days, but competition has brought it down to a legitimate basis, merely a contract where a man pays for what he gets and gets what he pays for.

In 1850 the New York Life required that the insured must not allow any premium to go unpaid on the date when due, or the policy would become null and void, all previous payments being forfeited to the company.

Must not, without consent of company, visit portions of the United States south of Virginia and Kentucky between July 1 and Nov. 1.

Must not die upon the seas.

Must not, without consent of the company, pass beyond the settled limits of the United States, excepting into the settled limits of the British provinces, the two Canadas, Nova Scotia or New Brunswick.

Must not die by his own hand, or in consequence of a duel or by the hands of justice.

Must not without company permit, enter into military service.

Must not make misstatement or error in the application.

Just think of it, no grace in payment, no reinstatement privileges, no allowance for a slight error, not to mention the right to be a soldier, fight a duel or commit suicide.

ROYAL ARCANUM ADJUSTMENT.

It looks as if a great injustice is being done its members by the Royal Arcanum in increasing its rates.

The supreme council in making the change claim that they have been running on a false basis and that they have now hit upon the only honest method of assessment.

An examination of the new schedule shows it to be pretty hard on the older members, so hard that of the 8,000 Canadians over sixty-four years of age few will be able to continue their membership. They will be crowded out and will derive no benefit from the funds into which they have been paying for years. This in itself is a swindle, but in another respect they have been unjustly treated. Years ago when they desired to put on an insurance they had their choice of scores of companies and societies. They did not anticipate any such change in the Royal Arcanum and connected themselves with this society. Crowded out at the age of sixty-four, they are too old to insure elsewhere and are decidedly in the cold.

A Fredericton gentleman who is a

member of the Royal Arcanum has been paying on a \$3,000 policy \$49.68 per annum. After the new schedule goes into effect next October his assessment will be \$193.50.

Surely the supreme council should not be allowed to commit this injustice. The members affected should have redress in the courts.

There is now a chance for the early prorogation of Parliament. The hot season has set in at Ottawa and the M. P.'s find it wearisome work waggling their jaws with the thermometer cavorting around the nineties. What a pity the hot wave did not put in an appearance earlier in the season.

Premier Tweedie was among those who wired congratulations to Hon. C. S. Hyman on his great political victory at London, Ont. An expressive message from an Ontario Liberal association read: "What's the matter with Charlie? He's all right. Poor Billy Gray, they have taken him away."

Mr. Monk and Mr. Bergeron, two leading Tories in Parliament, want the autonomy bill amended to give the dual language system force in the new provinces and to compel the legislature to establish separate schools.

Norfolk, Ont., Reformer.—Gamey and Willison have had their names attached to new townships in Northern Ontario and it is to be hoped that Judas Iscariot will not be passed over much longer.

Hon. G. E. Foster has gone to Digby to cool off after the late unpleasantness and Tory disappointment in London and North Oxford.

C. F. Rogers and Charles L. Smith of Woodstock, have purchased the valuable black stallion owned by Andrew Dunlop of Upper Hainville, York County.

TO LET.

Summer Cottages.

Seaside Cottages, partly furnished, at Duck Cove. Fine beach, beautiful grounds, sea bathing, etc. Short walk from Street Railway. Season's rent \$50 to \$100.

D. R. JACK,
St. John, N. B.
June 10—d61

MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

The semi-annual meeting of the County Council of the Municipality of York will be held at the council chamber on the 4th day of July, next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

FRED ST. JOHN BLISS,
Secretary-Treasurer.
JOHN SCOTT,
Warden.
June 16, 1905, dwtf.

LOG SALE.

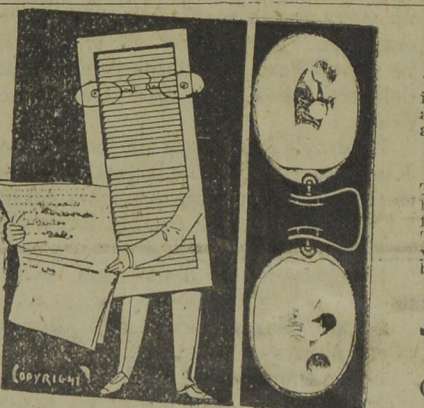
The Fredericton Boom Company will sell by public auction at the office of A. F. Randolph & Sons, Fredericton, N. B., on WEDNESDAY MORNING, June 28th, 1905, at 10:30 o'clock, all the unmarked logs and timber rafted at the booms during the rafting season of 1905.

E. L. JEWETT,
Secretary.
St. John, N. B., June 7, 1905.
June 14, dwtf. 6-7 181.

For Sale.

Building lot on Brunswick street, next below Mrs. Lounsbury's residence. 68 feet front, 125 feet deep. Apply to L. C. MACNUTT, Herald Office.

Fredericton, May 3—dtt



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Hats, Bonnets, Toques, Tourist Hats, and Veils, Linen and Duck Hats.

Children's Headwear

Miss Morgan,

Millinery Parlors, York Street.
Wedding Hats and Mourning a specialty.

NOTICE

TO

Water Consumers.

Consumers of City Water who have not yet taken out their Permits for the present term, are hereby reminded that the rate on all Water Rent is increased twenty per cent.

That Consumers who take out Permits before the first of July and January in each year, will be allowed a rebate equal to the increase.

It is desirable that you take out Permits at once, as it postponed until the 1st of the month, it will be impossible then to attend to all.

ALEX. BURCHILL,

Superintendent

Fredericton, June 15, 1905—dtt



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Then come and have us examine them to learn how they should be treated in the future. Our examination costs you nothing. The Glasses we supply, if necessary, will cost you as little as honest lenses and frames can be sold for.

Jas. D. Fowler,

The Optician and Jeweler,
Opp. Post Office - Fredericton

JUNE 14th

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Taffetas

We opened to-day another lot of Chiffon Taffetas, in all the latest shades. This light weave of Silk is the correct thing for a Summer Suit, and is guaranteed not to cut.

July Designer and Fashion Sheets already for delivery

JOHN J. WEDDALL & SON

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This is by all odds the finest thing yet introduced for the comfort of Anglers and Campers. It is clean and has a pleasant odor. Try a box on your next trip, and see the Mosquitos and Black Flies give you the go by. 25 cents a box.

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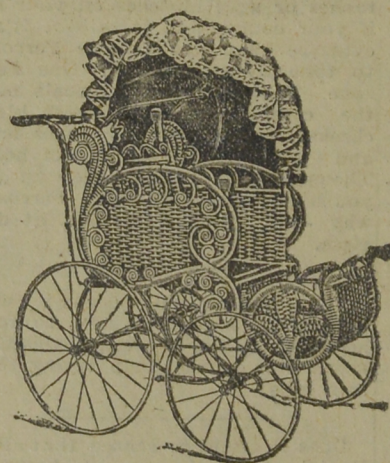
Hypodermic Syringes,

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Just received at the CENTRAL PHARMACY. We would particularly call your attention to the ease with which our Thermometers shake down.

ARTHUR J. RYAN

Corner Queen and Carleton street, Fredericton, N. B.



Bargains worth

Looking After

We have decided to sell our full stock of Children's Carriages, and Go-Carts and Folding Go-Carts at from 10 to 15 per cent. discount. This will enable the mothers to take the children out in the open air during the hot days.

Sale will continue to July 1st.

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