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NO INTEREST IN IT.

The parliamentary correspondent of the Toronto Star, writes that the separate school clause of the North-west autonomy bill, is regarded with indifference by both sides of the House. The western members have no objections to urge, and the average member of parliament is inclined to take the view that where there is no complaint there is no reason for redress. In short, parliament has had enough Manitoba school questions for a generation. The opposition will come chiefly from a little group of Ontario Orangemen, and Dr. Sproule seems to be having a hard time even to ginger them up.

So far the chief agitation to the school proposal has been in the Toronto Tory newspapers which expect to manufacture political capital out of the question.

Hon. G. H. V. Bulyea, of the North West Government has been at Ottawa in conference with the government, and is understood to have agreed that the school question in the new provinces should be left as it is at the present time, and as regulated when the Territories came into the Confederation. This is what the government measure proposes to do, but no doubt it will meet with opposition from a class of members who would not be in parliament if a religious issue did not occasionally arise in Canada.

Hon. Mr. Bulyea, has no hesitation in expressing his gratification at the terms accorded by the federal authorities to the new provinces. The grant in lieu of lands was generous enough to reconcile him to the course the Dominion has taken in retaining the public lands. The separate school clause he accepted. Mr. Bulyea pointed out that it simply continued the system now in vogue, which has yielded excellent results. As things stand today very few separate schools exist, but a prohibition would stir up the combativeness of the people interested, and lead most likely to an increase in their numbers.

DISAPPOINTED.

The Ontario temperance people who had a good deal to do with seating the Whitney government power, have been interviewing the premier and making demands on him for advanced temperance legislation. They want legislation to close the bars, to make treating illegal, etc., but Mr. Whitney goes slow. He would not promise anything but a better enforcement of the license law, and he told the delegation that there would be no temperance legislation this session. The government wanted more time for thought.

Perhaps the temperance people of Ontario will discover in time that they made a mistake in dismissing Mr. Ross, who is a practical temperance man, a total abstainer, and choosing Mr. Whitney, who never did anything for temperance individually, and who likes his glass of Scotch even during prohibited hours.

THE QUEBEC ARRANGEMENT.

About the only thing that Premier Parent appears to be getting out of the Quebec Liberal row is the opportunity of resigning at the end of a few weeks. After that the bolting ministers will be masters of the situation and Mr. Gouin will be premier. It is a triumph for the bolters, and it is hoped that the arrangement will hold the Liberal members of the legislature together.

In the meantime Mr. Parent will not likely be compelled to go to the almshouse, as there is a well-defined rumor that he will shortly join the Grand Trunk Pacific railway commission, with a generous salary.

Col. Sam Hughes says there is going to be war in the Northwest, open armed rebellion against separate schools. Col. Sam, like his famous prototype, Col. Gourley, is considerable of a firebrand and a false prophet.

The Sun's splurge about the alleged Carleton County election outrage is really too foolish to demand attention. Sheriff Hayward, who is a thoroughly reliable man, has stated positively that it was after the legal hour when Mr. Simms filed his nomination papers; he is corroborated by the deputy sheriff and solicitor general, and with such evidence as this the public simply laughs at the Sun's allegations of crooked work. Mr. Jones, who is charged with complicating in the outrage, even requested the sheriff to accept Simms' papers although they were offered after the legal time had expired.

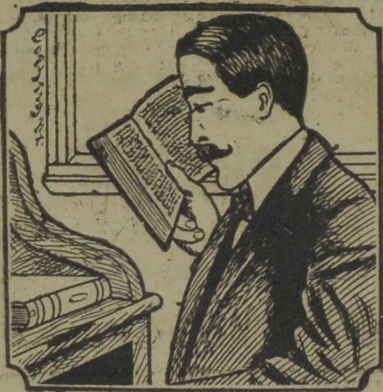
The position which Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his government take on the choice, for he is a gentleman of inches is the same as has obtained there for thirty years. When the North West Territories came into the Confederation they were guaranteed by act of parliament, a system of separate schools, and there has been no demand in all that time for a change. The Government justly proposes to continue the system which seems to have worked satisfactorily, and the rest of Canada need not kick if the people of the new provinces are satisfied with the present conditions.

Mr. Borden does not seem to know yet whether or not he is opposed to the separate school section of the North West autonomy bill. In his remarks on the introduction of the measure he made a plea for Christian charity in the discussion, but when he hears from his constituents in Carleton, Ontario, he may be more decisive. Mr. Borden is said to represent the most ultra Orange riding in Canada, not excepting even those of Toronto.

Hon. R. W. Scott, who last week celebrated the 80th anniversary of his birth, is a strict vegetarian, and takes only two meals a day. The midday meal is the one dispensed with. Mr. Scott does not touch the ordinary baker's bread. He has his bread prepared at home from gluten flour, and when he goes out of town he takes a supply with him. As becomes the father of the Scott Act, he is a firm believer in the efficacy of water-drinking.

The North Sea arbitration commission's award is not unfriendly to Great Britain. The commissioners virtually censure the Russian admiral for permitting his ships to fire on the helpless British fishermen. Russia will, of course, make compensation for the outrage which so nearly led to war.

There are still a few more days for the appearance of civic candidates, and it would please the public very much if a few more gentlemen of the standing of Mr. R. F. Randolph and C. Fred Chestnut could be announced as willing to serve their fellow citizens at the council board.



SUNDAY LEGISLATION.

Supreme Court of Canada Decides that it Rests with Federal Parliament.

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—The supreme court has decided that a provincial legislature has no power to regulate the hours of labor on Sunday.

The court yesterday morning with the exception of Judge Idington, who refused, answered three of the questions submitted to it by the Dominion and the province of Ontario in the negative.

The first asked was if the Ontario legislature had power to fix the Sunday statute which has been in controversy; the second if the provisions are beyond the jurisdiction of province in part only which of the sections are ultra vires and to what extent; third, it was asked if under consolidated statutes of Upper Canada, 104, the legislature could enact the bill or any part of it. The remaining questions the court did not answer.

Negative answers were given to a question if a province had power to prohibit or regulate labor or business other than works of mercy on Sunday; negative to the question if a province has power to restrict a company of its own incorporating to the six business days in the week; negative to a question if a province can forbid Sunday work by a Dominion corporation, banking, insurance or loan company, if it has power to prohibiting parks and pleasure grounds, Sunday hunting of game, electric railways, barbers, and bankers.

This judgment throws the responsibility for Sunday legislation on the Federal parliament.

News from the Far East is rather dull these days. There is no Port Arthur to fall, and the Chefoo liar has apparently reformed.

Toronto News.—Senator Wark just smiles indulgently when he hears a young fellow like Dr. Osler questioning the usefulness of old men.

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