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TEACHERS' SALARIES.

New Brunswick is not the only place in which there is an outcry at the small salaries paid to teachers in the public schools.

At the American Institute of Instruction which held its annual meeting last week at New Haven, Supt. Kendall of Indianapolis, took the ground that the quality of instruction in the public schools is suffering on account of the inadequate pay of teachers. For this reason largely the supply of capable male teachers is inadequate, men of superior talent refusing to enter the profession because its rewards are so meagre. In a few of the larger cities a limited number of male teachers obtain a fair, living salary, but with little opportunity of increasing it.

It seems also, according to his observation and report, that the pay of women teachers is much less than it should be, in consideration of the preparation now demanded and the responsibility they undertake. The better rewarded vocations now opening to women are so many, that it is to be expected that the mere competent will decline to become teachers, and, as a consequence, the character of the education given in the public schools will deteriorate.

This about covers the situation in New Brunswick. Poor salaries, driving men from the profession of teaching, young women leaving it as quickly as possible when they can secure large emolument in other lines of activity.

And yet we are always ready to dwell on the great mission of the public school teachers, the splendid service they render to society, but when they come around for their salaries, we pay them little better than we do the man who labors with pick and shovel.

MR. SHEARER'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT

It is clearly due to the action of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues that Canada has a general law to secure the better observance of the Sabbath, and the secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, Rev. J. G. Shearer, who is well known in Fredericton, is not slow to acknowledge the valuable service rendered in that respect by the federal cabinet. In a note to the press, setting forth the scope of the new law, Mr. Shearer says:

"I desire for myself and for my colleague, R. U. McPherson, LL. B., and for all the members of the L.D.A. to express our grateful appreciation of the personal kindness shown and the practical aid given us by our public men in general at Ottawa. This applies with few exceptions to the members of parliament, and to many members of the senate on both sides of politics, and it applies especially to the members of the government, with whom naturally and necessarily we had much more to do than with leaders of the opposition. It is highly probable that such a law could not have been passed had it been other than a government measure, and it is doubtful if the government would or could have successfully carried it through parliament under any but a French-Canadian premier, and that therefore those who appreciate the Lord's Day Act, and the country in general, are put under a lasting debt of gratitude to Sir Wilfrid Laurier."

CURRENT COMMENT

The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company are rushing the construction of their line through the west and will soon have 20,000 men at work.

This is Canada's growing time. The crops all over the country are looking fine, and promise an abundant harvest.

Everybody who appreciates beauty and comeliness in a city, gravitates towards Fredericton, and today our visitors include the members of the New Brunswick Medical Association and the St. John yachtsmen. And we are giving them a warm welcome too. No enervating fog to clog their throats and wet their skins, but good clear, charming weather.

"The prosperity of Canada is simply marvellous, I have never witnessed anything like it since I came to this country." These are the words of Mr. Wainwright, assistant

general manager of the Grand Trunk railway, who has splendid opportunity for judging in the matter.

Hon. Mr. Oliver, minister of the interior, is going to England to investigate immigration business, and will probably look into the quarrels that have arisen among the Canadian officials there. These skeletons were uncovered during the recent parliamentary investigation and it may be necessary for the minister to recommend drastic measures.

The personal sketch of Mr. B. F. Pearson, M. P. P. in another column, merely touches the eminent career of that gentleman as a lawyer politician and promoter. Mr. Pearson has many friends in New Brunswick, especially among Liberals, who have reason to appreciate the valuable service he rendered their party when he secured control of the St. John Sun, and changed its politics from orthodox Tory to straight Liberal.

Senator Vidal, who is reported dying at his home in Sarnia, Ontario, has long been one of the leaders in the temperance movement in Canada, taking an active interest in the Dominion Alliance. He sat in the parliament of old Canada (Ontario and Quebec) from 1863 to 1867, when he was appointed to the senate. He took an active interest in military affairs and served with the loyal forces in the rebellion of 1837. He is a Conservative and is 87 years old.

BITS OF NEWS.

Conductor J. R. Fisher of the I.C.R., Truro, one of the curlers from that town who played here winter before last, is mourning the death of his 17 year old daughter.

Gordon Byrne, a lad of ten years of age, son of John Byrne, of the trade and commerce department, Ottawa, was drowned in Rideau river Monday afternoon while bathing.

Daniel Fountain, a lad of ten years, lies dead at Orillia, Ont., as a result of drinking whiskey. He was brought home on Thursday in a paralyzed condition, and after suffering from convulsions, died Sunday night. It is said he found a flask of liquor in a lumber pile.

Dr. H. C. Mersereau of Richibucto, who has been offered the position of assistant house physician in the St. John public hospital, states that he has no intention of accepting the position, and in fact he had not applied for the one offered him. He will locate in Richibucto.

It is understood that Rhodes, Curry & Co. of Amherst, N. S., have secured a large contract for rolling stock for the Transcontinental railway. The amount involved will run up into the millions and the contract will extend over period of five years.

It is reported that a company backed by Sir Thomas Lipton, will establish an immense meat packing plant at Winnipeg, in the effort to capture the trade with Great Britain which American scandals have killed. Sir Thomas Lipton had intended starting a concern in Chicago on a scale to rival the largest American companies, but this is now impossible, and the plant will be located at Winnipeg.

A canoe containing four persons, was overturned in rough water in the Penobscot River, about a mile from Oldtown late Monday, and one of its occupants, Miss Eva Vachon of Waterville, aged twenty years, was drowned. Her companions, Miss Amy Bolduc of Waterville, and Messrs. Frank Briolly and Frank Lavoy, managed to reach shore after a hard struggle on the part of the men to rescue the girls.

A meeting of the Presbytery of Mitchell, was held on Wednesday at Newcastle, to consider the resignation of Rev. H. Arnott of Newcastle, who is returning to the old country. His resignation was accepted and regret expressed at his departure from the Presbytery. Douglastown extended a call to Rev. A. B. McLeod of Nova Scotia. Doaktown and Boiestown were raised from the status of mission stations to augmented charges.

The picnic given at Morice's Lake, on Saturday by the C. M. B. A. 392, of Middle Sackville, says the Moncton Transcript, was a great success in every way. The day was fine and upwards of a thousand people were present. Dancing and boating were the chief amusements and refreshments were on sale. Hon. F. J. Sweeney made a capital speech in the afternoon. The Sackville cornet band rendered a good program in the evening. The proceeds amounted to over \$200.

British Columbian Chiefs, Joe Capitano of Squamish; Charlie Tsilpamit, of Cowichan, and Basil, of Nanaimo tribe, who are on their way to see the King, called on Minister Oliver at Ottawa, Monday. The thermometer was ninety, but they wore furs and feathers. Mr. Oliver gave them letters to Lord Strathcona, and they left for Quebec this afternoon to take the steamer. Capitano says the British Columbia Indians have no bad but much good in their hearts for the King. They have been chosen to give the King many fine things from hearts of British Columbia Indians.

Countryman—Return ticket please.
Booking clerk—Where to?
Countryman—Why, here, of course.
Where else could I return?

HOMEMADE FILTER.

A Reliable and Inexpensive Device For Purifying Water.

Here is a piece of information that may be valuable, and that is how to make an inexpensive but entirely reliable filter. For this purpose one had better take a stone jar, though for that matter most any receptacle will do. A hole sufficiently large for the stream of water one desires to enter the filter should be bored in the bottom, and after this is accomplished the receptacle must be filled with a layer of sand several inches deep, then a layer of bits of sponge and on this to a level with the top of the jar plenty of small gravel or pebbles.

When the receptacle has been so filled a piece of wire screen is to be fastened over the top, made secure with bands of wire. The homemade filter must then be inverted over another receptacle into which the filtered water is to drop, the little orifice attached to the hydrant by means of a small hose, and it is ready for business—ready to purify the water and render it as clear as the proverbial crystal. Except for the original cost of the jar and hose, which may be used indefinitely, the entire cost of the thing will not be more than a couple of cents, and the filtering ingredients may be cleaned each day with hot water without very much trouble, or new sand and gravel used frequently, just as one may elect.

YOUR MENTAL WINDOWS.

Open Them Wide and Let In All the Light You Can.

Elizabeth Knight Tompkins in a recent magazine article urges her sisters to cultivate an interest in the affairs which most interest the men with a view to promoting mutual attachment. "There is no art that requires more practice than that of getting into touch with men's minds, and often the finer, the more truly feminine a woman is the longer it takes her to become proficient. How few men and women past their youth have anything in common! It would become a Quaker meeting, with the men on one side, the women on the other. It seems sometimes as if the average man and woman had but one mutual interest. I am afraid it is hopeless to expect men to take part in our feminine pursuits, so, apparently, the only way out is for us to interest ourselves in theirs—and a very good thing it would be for us if we did. A healthy interest in bigger things than our own personal concerns would do much to take from us all the well deserved reproach of small mindedness."

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

A cheese should be cut with a piece of wire, never with a knife.

The white substance that accumulates in the tops of fruit jars can be removed by boiling the tops in strong soda water.

Carpets and rugs should be beaten with the side that has been next the floor on top. In this way the dust that has worked into the pile is loosened.

Common white potato, grated and scattered over a carpet, then swept off, is said to brighten the faded colors better than anything else. Women who have used it say it will not hurt the most delicate shades.

A mixture of equal quantities of yolk of egg and glycerin is most useful for removing stains from white flannel and other white woolen fabrics. Spread the compound on the stain, leave it to soak in for half an hour, then wash the garment as usual.

A Story of Disraeli.

Among the stories told of Benjamin Disraeli (Lord Beaconsfield) is the following: The statesman was in love with a widow, Mrs. Lyndham Lewis. One day he went to call, the lady, sitting by the window, saw him approaching, and ordered the servant to say that she was not at home. When the maid reached the hall the statesman was hanging up his overcoat. "Mrs. Lewis, sir, is not at home," said the flurried maid. "I did not ask for Mrs. Lewis," was the calm, statesmanlike reply. "But I don't know when she will be back," urged the maid. "Neither do I," philosophically replied Disraeli, "but I am going to wait till she comes back, so please make me a cup of tea." He did wait, he got his tea and he married the widow.

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