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MUSIC IN THE SCHOOLS

Well, after an insistent agitation, the school trustees have been induced to introduce the teaching of music in the public schools of the city.

While it is true the board has not gone to the full length to which they were urged, they have made a beginning by arranging for musical instruction for the pupils in the first and second grades, and the rest will come in good time.

Prof. Frank Harrison has been engaged for the new service, and his qualifications well fit him for his new duties which will be commenced next week.

Musical instruction in Moncton schools has proved a great success, and parents there would not consent to its abolition, and we have no doubt Fredericton will have the same experience.

The Board of Education, it is understood, is having prepared a text book on music, which will be used in the higher grades, but the instruction in the primaries will be oral.

Prof. Harrison, as a pioneer in the music department of our schools, has a great opportunity to render good service and no doubt he will be quite equal to the task he is undertaking.

He starts with the rather modest salary of \$200, but like his duties, it will grow when his work is extended to the higher grades.

DISCREDITED POLITICIANS

It is worth while recalling the Montreal Star's observations when warning Mr. Borden not to take Mr. Foster or Mr. Fowler with him on his stumping tour. "Two members," said the Star, "whom Mr. Borden should certainly leave at home are Hon. Mr. Foster, of Toronto, and Mr. Fowler of New Brunswick. In the former the people have lost confidence; and the latter has no business to go before a popular audience as the representative of a great party until he makes good his insinuations."

Yet Mr. Foster and Mr. Fowler have both spoken from the same platform with their leader within a week.

It may just be possible that the two land dealers forced themselves on their leader, or it may be that Mr. Borden was hypocritical enough to declare against graft and for clean politics in one breath, and in the next call a couple of the discredited politicians to his aid.

It is evident that the Tory party assumes responsibility for the acts of Foster and Fowler, acclaims these worthies, and must share the reproaches of their record as revealed by the Insurance Commission.

PERSONAL RESENTMENT

Mr. S. D. Scott, who writes political fiction for the Tory newspapers in the Maritime Provinces, has never quite forgiven Hon. B. F. Pearson of Halifax, for purchasing the St. John Sun for the Liberals, and thereby losing to Mr. Scott a profitable job as editor of that paper, and the latter makes a fierce attack on Mr. Pearson in the disreputable newspapers to which Mr. Scott has access.

The motive of the assault is entirely apparent, and will not seriously affect Mr. Pearson, who is known from one end of Canada to the other as an honest

orable, high-minded man, who has done more for the industrial development of Nova Scotia than all the Tories in that province.

Mr. Scott, since being relieved of his position on the Sun, has been engaged as a penny-a-liner at Ottawa in the employ of the Tory party and his chief business is evidently to traduce prominent Liberals, his sting being frequently applied to Mr. Pearson, who probably regards the Scott attacks as much as an ox would the feeble bite of a mosquito.

CURRENT COMMENT

A Montreal exchange suggests that the role of Mr. Bergeron seems to be to cheer the audiences up after Mr. Borden has got done with them.

The new Tory boss, who owns the St. John "Independent" newspapers, moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Borden at Newcastle.

Well, Sir Wilfrid, if you cannot give Dr. Pugsley the railway portfolio, let him have the best you've got. It's none too good for him, or for New Brunswick.

Lord Strathcona has returned to London after consultation with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and it may be taken for granted that there will soon be something doing with respect to the "All Red Line."

Montreal Herald: On the surface it looks as though, is the party has anything to say about it, Mr. Borden's much heralded campaign for cleaner politics would have to make way for a Fowler campaign of fouler politics.

Mr. Borden has come to New Brunswick and gone again without raising much of a ripple on the political sea. The people of this province are much more interested in the news from Ottawa that Hon. Dr. Pugsley has been given a seat in the cabinet and will redeem St. John. It will be a good many years before Mr. Borden will be able to secure a verdict either for himself or his resurrected Tory policy.

The editor of Mr. Fowler's Fredericton newspaper is evidently writing an autobiography and got some of his manuscript mixed up with his editorial copy. In yesterday's issue he says: "It has been said of him that he is absolutely without principle in political life, and the record would seem to show that it had ever been thus. He has supported all governments at all times; it mattered not what policy or policies they advocated, nor what principles were involved in the administration of affairs."

There was a gathering of notables at an Ottawa luncheon Wednesday, given by the Postmaster-General, in honor of his father-in-law, Sir Louis Jette, the Governor of Quebec. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. Dr. Pugsley and Hon. A. B. Aylesworth were present and it was recalled over the walnuts and wine that the day was the anniversary of a couple of old Liberal victories. Thirty-five years ago Governor Jette defeated the late Sir George E. Cartier in an election, and on the same date, Aug. 28, 1872, Hon. William Paterson, the present minister of customs, entered political life by defeating the late Sir Francis Hincks. Next year these distinguished diners will be able to meet and recall the triumphant election of one of their number in St. John in 1907.

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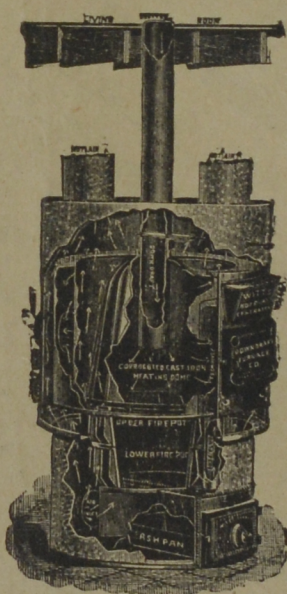
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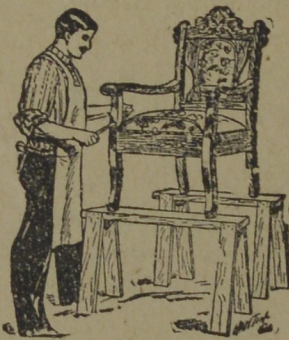
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