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HAD HUMBLE BEGINNINGS

Grover Cleveland was the son of a Presbyterian clergyman, who died when his son, the future president of the United States, was only sixteen years old, and the latter started life as clerk in a country store. His career was one long series of triumphs until he reached the highest position in the gift of his countrymen, and died honored and esteemed by all classes of the people.

Abraham Lincoln was born in a log hut, and in his early life was considered anything but promising, but he became a great lawyer and statesman, was elected president of the United States, and was the great force in abolishing slavery. He is ranked among the greatest men who have occupied the White House.

Horace Greeley failed of election to the presidency, but he was one of the country's greatest journalists, and left a deep impression on his country. The New York Tribune, which he founded under great difficulties, lives to perpetuate his memory. Mr. Greeley was born in a modest cabin on a stony farm in Vermont, had very little opportunity for securing an education, learned the printing trade, and became one of the greatest journalists of his time.

These simple facts are not new to the public, but they are repeated to inspire boys of the present day to high ideals. Given good health, plenty of ambition and industry, lots of it, and there is no position in the United States or Canada, however exalted, that is not open to the lowliest born boy in those countries.

HALF A NEW BRUNSWICKER

Prof. Locke of the Macdonald College, Montreal, who has contributed some valuable addresses at the Teachers' Institute, is half a New Brunswicker. His mother was a former Chatham lady, and perhaps that branch of his family is responsible for the very generous physical, as well as mental proportions to which Prof. Locke has attained. Anyhow when these upper province people want a man strong and good in the educational line, they look to the Maritime Provinces for the material, and generally get what they want. At Macdonald College Prof. Brittain, one of the best men, is a thorough New Brunswicker, a son of the soil, and Prof. Locke rather glories in the fact that although he is not a native of this province his mother was.

Prof. Locke had the honor of meeting the Governor in the Herald office yesterday, and when Principal Bridges presented the visitor to His Honor, he observed that the professor's mother hailed from Chatham. "I knew her when she was in pinafores," promptly responded His Honor, "and I'm glad to meet her son."

IN WESTMORLAND

Hon. Mr. Emmerson is to speak at the Moncton Liberal club meeting Monday evening.

Mr. Sumner, who was recently nominated by the Conservatives of Westmorland, to oppose Mr. Emmerson, has not yet announced his acceptance, although it seems to be pretty well understood that he will be the candidate. Possibly Mr. Sumner hesitates with a view to arranging some kind of "deal," or it may be he has been shown his Moncton speeches made immediately after the machine shops were burned, in which he very strongly hinted that Mr. Emmerson should not be opposed, because he had so promptly arranged for the rebuilding of the shops, when it looked rather blue for the railway city.

However, it will not matter very much whether Mr. Sumner is in the field or not, Mr. Emmerson is going to be re-elected by a record majority. The Moncton Times, Tory organ, observes, "that Westmorland is a hard ground for any opposition candidate, it would be useless to deny."

CURRENT COMMENT.

Mr. Whitehead seems to be busy at Ottawa looking after York county interests.

Pictou Conservatives are to meet July 9, to select a candidate in place of Sir Hibbert Tupper, who has given them the throw down.

The Solicitor General did not secure a conviction in that Sunbury county case, and so can sympathize with the Attorney General's failure in the same line in Albert.

When the local government has paid all their social commissioners and their expensive special auditors, Mr. Fleming's estimated surplus will be more than dissipated.

Mr. Hazen's Agricultural commission, when meeting at Woodstock was thrown into rather an unpleasant frame of mind by one Mr. George Gartley, who declared that he "had spent a whole day trying to drum up a delegation from his section, but the farmers looked upon the whole scheme as one designed to secure data upon which to base an increase in their taxes, and would not take any interest in it."

Mr. Hazen's Central Railway commission is likely to prove an expensive luxury to the country. This is how an expert figures up the daily cost of the distinguished tribunal:

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Mr. McDougall, \$25 per day.
Mr. Teed, \$25 per day.
Mr. Powell, \$50 per day.
Secretary Ketchum, \$10 per day.
Add expenses of each gentleman at \$5 per day, and you have a total of \$185 a day. Then we presume that witnesses will be entitled to fees.

THE INSTITUTE.

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The report of the audit committee that the books and accounts were correct was received and adopted.

After other routine business the session adjourned until Saturday.

At this morning's session of the Teachers' Institute, Mr. W. J. S. Myles, principal of the St. John High School, moved a resolution in favor of granting pensions to teachers. He spoke eloquently in support of the resolution and discussed the different schemes for providing pensions and annuities in vogue in other countries. He said that in Germany and France the state provided the pension, and that was the plan he favored for New Brunswick. If this plan was put in operation now the cost at the end of ten years would not exceed \$12,000 annually. Thirty years service on the part of the teacher might reasonably be demanded by the state and public. An old age limit might be established allowing lady teachers to retire at fifty-five and male teachers at sixty. He told of a delegation of which he was a member, waiting upon the old government prior to the election. They presented the scheme fully to the executive, and three weeks later received a communication from the Attorney General promising that asked for legislation would be introduced at the next session. After the change of government, the matter was laid before Premier Hazen, and he expressed himself as being in hearty sympathy with it. A promise had been given that the matter would be dealt with at the next session of the legislature.

The resolution, which was here read by Mr. Myles, recommended that male teachers of sixty years of age and female teachers of 55, after thirty years service, be allowed to retire on a pension. Also that a pension be allowed teachers of twenty years service who have become incapacitated from illness. It was strongly recommended that the government at the next session pass an act providing a pension for teachers. Mr. Myles, in reply to a question by Miss Ella Thorne, a veteran teacher, said that to avoid discussion, the amount of the pension was not stated in the resolution. It had been suggested, however, that lady teachers should have \$250 and male teachers \$400 per year.

Miss Thorne could see no reason why female teachers should be discriminated against. It cost them just as much to live as it did men and they did not have the opportunities to earn money during vacations than men have. Miss Thorne's remarks were heartily applauded. The question was briefly discussed by Mr. Myles, Dr. Bridges, Inspector O'Blenc and chairman Incl. The view taken was that the resolution was non-committal and should be passed. A committee could be named to advise with the government in regard to the proposed legislation. The resolution was put and unanimously adopted.

Principal Page presented the report of the scrutineers showing that the following had been elected as an executive for the ensuing year:

Dr. H. S. Bridges, St. John.
A. B. Maggs, Moncton.
Principal Foster, Fredericton.
H. H. Hagerman, Fredericton.
C. D. Richards, Woodstock.
Miss Davis, Moncton.
John E. DeLong, Milltown.
H. G. Perry, Hampton.
Miss Thorne, Fredericton.
Miss Phoebe Robertson, Hampton.

The report was unanimously adopted.

Inspector Steeves read a well considered paper on "A Course of Instruction for Rural Schools." Mr. Steeves who is one of the veterans in the teaching profession and was able to give out a lot of valuable information based on practical experience. He handled his facts very skillfully and made out a strong case

in favor of more generous treatment and greater efficiency for rural schools. He approved of the Consolidated school idea but thought that the experience of this province thus far showed them to be a little expensive to ensure popularity among the ratepayers. The rural schools were doing a great deal of good in the country and provided a field of ever widening activity to do good to the tens of thousands of people. City people should be induced to take a greater interest in the welfare of country schools.

What the country schools need today is more money, and they provide

a useful field for philanthropy for our wealthy people. The money need not be wasted, but should be spent wisely. He did not think the time had arrived for any radical change in the course of instruction. He had no fault to find with the present methods in force, but the child should be taught to gather information from his environment and should be given an education that would fit him for the affairs of life.

On the absence of Mr. G. I. True-man the discussion on the paper was opened by Mr. Peacock, who is a member of the staff of the Riverside Con-

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