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THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Teachers and pupils in the public schools were released today for the usual Christmas vacation, and no doubt all will enjoy the respite from work and worry for the next two weeks.

The past term, so far as the city schools are concerned at least, has been free from friction, and the work was proceeded with the usual excellent results.

Fredericton expends a large sum annually in sustaining its schools, but the city could make no better investment than in providing for the education of the children who are the coming men and women of the country—the intellect that will help mould and fashion the future of this country.

There may be weak spots here and there in the management and equipment of the schools, the curriculum may not be perfect—possibly in certain subjects of little practical value to the pupils in after life, and exclude other subjects which should be taught, but taken all in all, the public schools are doing a great work for the country, and great honor is due to the memory of the men who inaugurated the present system, and to those who are responsible for its administration.

To teachers and pupils the Herald wishes a most enjoyable vacation, coupled with the hope that they may return to their duties refreshed and invigorated for their future important duties.

A PLEASANT AFFAIR.

The Commercial Travellers' dinner at St. John last night was a great success, marked by the best of good fellowship, good music and sparkling speeches. Among the prominent guests were Lieut. Governor Tweedie, Judge McLeod and Premier Hazen, and two of our townsmen, Mr. A. E. Massie and Mr. J. A. Petrie, who are vice presidents of the Maritime Association, took a leading part in the proceedings. The former proposed the Lieut. Governor's health, and the latter offered the toast to the Mayor of St. John. Mr. F. L. Cooper, also of this city, was prominent in the musical program. Some excellent speeches were delivered, Governor Tweedie and Premier Hazen speaking particularly of the great natural resources of New Brunswick, and the bright outlook for its future. They of course, with other guests, had good words to say of the travellers who have so large a share in the development of trade throughout this country—the real ambassadors of commerce, who are ever ready to sell goods as they are to enliven a social gathering.

A pleasant feature of the banquet was the presence of a goodly contingent from Nova Scotia, among them Mr. George E. Faulkner, M. P. P., president of the Halifax Board of Trade, who with Mr. W. E. Foster, president of the St. John board seems to have discussed the relations of the rival cities of Halifax and St. John, without exciting any friction.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Westmorland has decided by an overwhelming majority that it wants the Scott Act continued for the restriction of the liquor traffic.

Mr. Hazen seems to have talked politics at the Commercial Travellers' dinner, but nary a word about the present internal troubles of his government. Mr. Pinder was not present.

Alarmist reports have been published about the condition of King Edward's health, but it appears that his trouble is an affection of the throat, which is not considered serious.

Although it was gleefully announced in local government circles early in the week that the embargo would soon be removed from the Kentucky racers, and that they would shortly arrive here, it is stated now by Mr. Clinch, who made the purchase, that no arrangement has yet been made for getting the animals past the quarantine regulations.

According to the St. John press there are an unusually large amount of destitutes in that city this winter, many of whom are foreigners, who land there from the ocean steamers, and are unable to find employment. To alleviate the distress the Sun, working in conjunction with the Salvation Army, has started a public subscription list, heading it a generous sum.

The public will greatly regret to learn that General Booth, the heroic

figure at the head of the Salvation Army, is suffering from partial blindness, induced by cataracts, which, however, have been removed by a surgical operation, with the expectation that the General will eventually recover complete possession of his vision. There is no larger figure in the religious world of today than the veteran, who directs the world-wide operations of the Salvation Army.

The Toronto News prints an open letter to Sir James Whitney from the pen of Rev. S. F. Dixon, of Tamworth, Ont., who is described as a Conservative, in the course of which that gentleman pays his respects to the leader of the opposition in the following terms: "Borden, kid-gloved and silk-hatted, professing to fight corruption, clericalism and corporatism, and promising to cleanse the Augean stable with a silk handkerchief has met with his deserved defeat."

WILL GIVE UP CUP.

Thistle Curlers Decided to play no more Challenges for McLellan Trophy.

After winning the McLellan cup in 1907 and successfully defending that trophy last season, it now seems that the Thistle Curling Club of St. John city, will forfeit the handsome trophy, instead of going ahead and playing the eleven teams that have challenged them. Although this course has not as yet been definitely decided upon, the Sun is informed that at a meeting of the Thistle club held last evening, it was practically decided that the club would forfeit the cup.

The conditions of the cup at the present time require that the team winning the trophy must defend it from any other club in the provinces, provided the latter sends in its challenge within the allotted time. This means that the Thistles would have to play every rink in the provinces that challenged. The conditions further state that by losing one game, the Thistles would also lose all hold on the trophy.

They asked the trustees of the cup early this month to have the conditions changed. It was proposed to have the challengers play between themselves, and then the victorious team play the Thistles. This would seem only fair. However, the other clubs in the provinces voted against a change, only about two agreeing with the Thistles. The trustees then decided to have this year's play in ten series under the same conditions as before. The Thistles, it is believed, will not play any games whatever in the series, but will forfeit to the first team challenging. Eleven challenges have already been received as follows: Moncton, Hampton, Westville and Mayflowers of Halifax, New Glasgow, St. Stephen, Truro, Halifax, Pictou Chatham and Amherst.

THE JEMSEG BRIDGE.

People of that Section much Dissatisfied over Unnecessary Delay.

Several complaints are heard from the Jemseg, in Queen's County regarding work on a bridge which the local government is constructing across that river in that county.

It appears that the government promised to have the work erected in time for use at the close of navigation. They sent a brother-in-law of Mr. Harry Woods, M. P. P., to look after the work and after expending about two hundred dollars on the job he pulled up stakes and left.

At this point the force of water from the Grand Lake keeps the ice from freezing sufficiently for crossing and as a large amount of hay is stored up awaiting a chance for transportation, the farmers are naturally put to a great deal of inconvenience.

A Queen's County man called at this office last evening, and expressed himself quite strongly on the subject. Incidentally he handed out a few bonnets to Messrs. Woods and Slipp, M. P. P.'s, remarking that they had proved themselves to be great promoters but poor performers.

THE WRECKING GAME.

Commodore Stewart takes another Shy at his Political Associates.

(Chatham World.)

A nasty personal attack on Messrs. MacLachlan, Pinder and Young, government supporters in the legislature, which goes so far as to use offensive nicknames, in a paper owned by a member of the government, the attack having evidently been written or dictated by the owner himself, is commended upon by the Telegraph as trading on dangerous ground. The Telegraph does not understand. This attack is in line with the author's course in the recent bye-election. It is intended to weaken the government in the legislature, just as his course in the election was intended to destroy the government party in this county. The gentleman is consistent in his course. When his inside and Mr. C. W. Robinson's outside efforts sufficiently weaken the government, this astute person expects to cross the floor of the House and get a portfolio in its all-Liberal successor.

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Parlour Lamp
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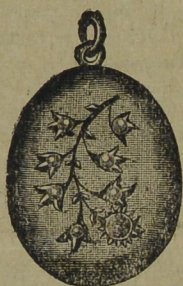
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