

THE MORNING GUARDIAN

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THE SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

The Summerside Journal, reviewing Mr. Horace Haszard's letter on legislative and political reform strongly opposes "the reduction in the cost of education" and "the weakening of the free school system", which the Journal appears to think Mr. Haszard's plan involves. We do not so understand Mr. Haszard, but he can speak for himself. But we wish it to be clearly and distinctly understood that so far as THE GUARDIAN is concerned we have not proposed to decrease the support or lessen the efficiency of the school system. It is to the mode of support and not the amount contributed that we have objected.

In any case the people pay for the schools. In other countries where education is general the larger portion of the money for school support is raised from the people of the school districts for the schools in their own localities. In Prince Edward Island more than three fourths of the cost of the schools is paid out of the Provincial treasury. We know of no other province or country in which the public treasury assumes so large a share of the cost of education, and there is certainly no other Province of Canada in which the Provincial treasury is so little able to contribute in this way. Nor are there, so far as we can find, any exceptional conditions existing here to account for the altogether excessive proportion of the cost of education that is paid by the Province.

In Provinces where the Provincial support is no more than one third of the total cost the people enjoy quite as good schools as we have here, where the Province pays three fourths of the cost. Doubtless it may be said that were the larger part of the school support thrown upon the districts, some districts would prefer to have no school in operation rather than pay the cost, and some would have open schools during a portion of the year only, where now the schools are open during the entire school year. But in such cases districts would lose a proportionate share of the amount contributed by the Province and this fact has been found in other Provinces to be a sufficient inducement and corrective.

We have said that in any case the people pay the cost of supporting the schools, just as they contribute all the moneys expended by the Government for whatever purpose. Nothing is gained by the people in regard to school support by first paying taxes to the Government and the Government supporting the schools. On the contrary something is always lost. It is a sound principle that as far as practicable the money expended for local purposes should be raised locally by voluntary taxation, rather than that such money should be raised by enforced taxation upon the Province at large. Thus cities and towns supply their local wants by local taxation. Thus in other Provinces and in the Mother Country, county and parish municipalities supply their local wants by local taxation.

In our case the demands upon the Provincial treasury are far too great for the very limited revenue and it has become imperative that the treasury shall be disencumbered of a part of its burden. The excessive contribution of the Province for education naturally suggests that the mode of support for schools should be changed, and that the plan which experience in other Provinces has demonstrated to be sound in principle and efficient in its operation should be adopted in Prince Edward Island.

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TENDERS

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April 20th.

It is announced that the Provincial Legislature will meet on Tuesday May 8.

The Patriot joins with the Examiner in expressing the belief that an union of the better elements of both parties to carry on the Provincial Government is not feasible but on the contrary is chimerical and ridiculous. Both the party organs naturally distrust the parties to which they are opposed, and both have an interest in maintaining the party system. That will not prevent the people thinking and acting for themselves, as the great interest taken in Mr. Haszard's letter and the endorsement it is every day receiving from prominent citizens show they are disposed to do.

It is now pretty clear that the inactivity of Gen. Buller since March 1st, when Ladysmith was relieved and of Lord Roberts at Bloemfontein for five weeks past, has been due to the disagreement between Roberts and Buller. So long ago as February 25th, Lord Roberts wrote his censure of Buller and Warren and transmitted it to Buller before reporting to the War Office. Buller returned the report without note or comment. It may be surmised that when Roberts sent his report to the War Office it was accompanied by certain recommendations, the nature of which is not known. The War Office doubtless took some time to consider it and within the past few days published the report in order to ascertain the views of the press and general public. While all this was going on behind the scenes it is easy to see that Roberts and Buller were in no mood to co-operate in the vigorous prosecution of advance movements.

Poets and War.

The dearth of good war poetry is accounted for, in a novel but plausible way by Mr. Austin M. Stevens, writing in the Westminster Review. The ancient military balladists, he reminds us, were as cunning with his sword as with the harp-string, and never thought of urging the hosts to battle unless ready to stand in the front rank themselves. The decadence of the latter-day warrior band may be due to the fact of his entire willingness to snuff the battle from afar—very far. Says Mr. Stevens.

"Not till comparatively modern times did poet dare to invoke the god of battle while he himself remained in the peaceful but inglorious security of his own home.

"In the palmy days of Athens such counsel would have been regarded with unutterable contempt, and if by any chance it should have been offered and accepted, with defeat as the result, an ignominious death would most surely have awaited the giver of it at the hands of his fellow citizens when the war ended. "But it would be entirely difficult to find a single instance in Greek history where either poet or orator counselled a resort to arms without being himself prepared to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with his fellow-countrymen."

The Century Question.

SIR,—I have read over carefully the letters of Mr. H. H. Osgood and W. F. H. Carvell on the above and it seems to me that these gentlemen are right, each in his own way of calculating. Where the doubt has always existed and where it exists is in this. Was the first year of the first century counted as 1 till it was completed or was it called the year 1 from the very first hour? This is where the dispute arises. It is contended by some very learned men that the first year of the first century was as a matter of fact the year 0 and was not counted as 1 till it was completed; if that is so then the moment we wrote 1900 that moment the year 1900 was completed and we were in the 20th century. It is very doubtful if the deepest research will ever resolve this doubt and for that reason it is now generally conceded that the first year of the first century was called 1 from the first hour and so the year 1900 will not be completed till midnight, Dec. 31st 1900.

Yours Truly,
A. E. ARSENAULT.

Summerside,
17th April.

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PROGRAMME.

- March Selected
- 1. Society Ode "Red White and Blue" Arne Solo by Bro. A. W. Mitchell. Chorus by members of the Society.
- 2. Patriotic Airs Selected. Orchestra
- 3. (a) Chorus—"Lois of the Waves We Are" Fanning (b) "Vale" Fanning
- 4. Verse Apotrophe to Colonials Mr. L. A. W. Lamont Verse apotrophe re Patriotic Fund Mrs. W. H. Watts
- 5. Song—"The Commercial Traveller" Mr. E. H. Norton. Piano—Mrs. F. Mitchell.
- 6. Recitation Storm Along Miss E. H. Norton
- 7. Song "After the sun Went Little Misses Fannie and Jean Gill.
- 8. Song "Fion" S.
- 9. Patriotic Song—"Who Carries the Cross" Mrs. W. H. Watts.
- 10. Sword Drill and Royal Salute Capt. (Miss) Fitzgerald and twelve Young Ladies.
- INTERMISSION.**
- Light Cavalry Overture by Von Suppe. O. Ch. Stra.
- PART II.**
- 1. Solo and Chorus—"The Recessionist" Mr. L. W. Cook and Chorus.
- 2. Gipsy Scene—Scene arranged by Miss H. McDonald. By the Ladies of the Sword Drill.
- 3. Song Selected Miss Earle. Piano, Professor Earle.
- 4. Recitation—"Our Bit of the Tain Red Line" Miss McKenzie
- 5. Tableau arranged by Lieut. A. G. Peake.
- 6. Song—"Change Front on Prooria" March Mr. W. F. Collins and Men's Chorus. Picture by Lieut. A. G. Peake.
- 7. (a)—Chorus Soldiers' Chorus. (b)—Patriotic Chorus—"Victoria GOD SAVE THE QUEEN." Accompanist Miss Amy Moore, Miss Stewart, Mr. W. McKie.
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