

THE MORNING GUARDIAN

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS REPORT.

The excellent report of the Chief Superintendent of Education affords much food for thought to anyone concerned with the welfare of the Province. It contains the usual statistical reports of the schools, the report of the Charlottetown and Summerside school boards, the reports of Inspectors and of the Principal of Prince of Wales College and Provincial Normal School. The statistics show 572 teachers employed during the year, of whom 274 were men and 298 women, a net decrease of 16 teachers as compared with the previous year. The decrease in masculine teachers was 19 while there was an increase of three in feminine teachers. These 572 teachers received an average remuneration, including statutory allowance, bonus and supplements, amounting to \$211.35 each. Now there are 313 working days in the year and the average workman going out by the day is supposed to earn 70 cents and get table board to the extent of two meals a day thrown in. The pay of the wash lady in the year would amount to \$219.10 or something more than the pay of the average teacher who has to pay for his or her board and dress as a gentleman or lady. This is a homely illustration, but it may serve to show better than a more elegant one how very scant and meager is the remuneration we pay our teachers. It is true they have generous holidays, but how very few there are among our teachers who are able to find employment during the holiday period that will materially increase their incomes. We have spoken of the average salaries of teachers, including supplements and bonus. But there were last year 117 men and 136 women engaged in teaching in

this Island, a total of 253, or nearly one half of the total number of teachers, who received no supplements at all and were wholly dependent on their statutory allowance. Think of 13 men and 7 women teaching school in Queen's County who received, the men \$190 and the women \$180 each for the year's work. In Prince there were 10 men and 8 women, and in Kings 9 men and 16 women teachers paid at the same rate. These teachers had to pay their board and provide for clothing and incidentals out of salaries ranging from \$2.50 to \$3.45 per week. We submit to intelligent and self-respecting ratepayers of Prince Edward Island, a class in more comfortable circumstances than the rural population of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick or Quebec, that this rate of remuneration to the educated and zealous teachers of the Province is not creditable. The fruits of the system are faithfully pointed out by Dr. Anderson, who shows that there are 18 schools vacant where in nine years past the maximum number vacant was three. He tells us that these low salaries besides being unjust, are a fruitful source of trouble, and retard progress by leading to frequent change of teachers. "In not one school which I examined during the past year outside of Charlottetown did I find the same teachers as on my previous visit. . . . A good article can only be had, honestly by paying a good price. . . . So in regard to teachers' by and by, unless a great improvement takes place there will only be left to the Province which offers low salaries, teachers proportioned to them. And everybody ought to know where such interests are at stake, that such teachers are dear at any price, and ruinous to the districts they serve." Space will not permit today to deal with other topics of this valuable report as we would like to. But this matter of teachers' salaries is vital. The Government is doing its full share and more than it can afford with present revenues. It is for the ratepayers to wake up and do their obvious

duty. There was some improvement last year. If only for shame's sake let there be further improvement this year and for the future.

Now that this port is open, common sense and business interests would alike indicate the propriety of both winter steamers plying between Charlottetown and Pictou until the Steam Navigation Company's boat takes up the work.

April 10 was the Russian Easter when another Kishineff massacre of the Jews was feared. In fact a circular calling for "death to the Jews" on that date had been widely circulated in Russia. Both the British and United States Governments called the attention of the Russian ambassadors to the danger, and no massacre took place. But what a comment upon the social and political condition of Russia such an incident affords. Russia could not now afford the odium of another Kishineff, otherwise it might not have been prevented.

The Patriot altogether evades our question, why bounties are not granted to the fishermen of Ontario or British Columbia. We will answer for him. It is because those Provinces have no claim to the fishery award, on account of which the bounties are paid. The Patriot says we ought to know that "bounties were not given for inshore fisheries, but only for deep sea fishing." We beg respectfully to inquire whether no bounties are paid on fish caught within three miles of shore, or in what are known as the territorial waters of Prince Edward Island, or other Provinces? In other words is "deep sea fishing" only carried on outside the three mile limit?

ANGLO FRENCH TREATY.

(Continued from page 1). to sell bait to the French fishermen. Indemnities will be given to the owners and employes of the French establishments on the French shore in exchange for the abandoned fishing rights.

France obtains three concessions regarding territory in West Africa. Under the terms of the first there is to be a territorial readjustment on the Zambesi giving France access to the portion of the river navigable to ocean-going ships; under the second France secures six Los Islands, and under the third there is to be a readjustment of the frontier line between the river Niger and Lake Tchad, giving France a route through a fertile country. In the case of Siam the two countries confirm the declaration of 1896, determining its precise meaning with regard to pre-existing differences.

With regard to the New Hebrides, the British and French Governments agree to appoint a commission which will decide the land disputes between the inhabitants.

Concerning Madagascar, Great Britain withdraws the protests made at various periods against the French economic regime there.

TREATY GIVES GENERAL SATISFACTION.

LONDON April 9.—The government has long been a stranger to such a chorus of universal approval and congratulation as that exhibited editorially this morning in all the London newspapers because of the happy conclusion of the Anglo-French negotiations for a colonial treaty. This approval is none the less wholehearted because it is recognized that France has obtained substantial concessions while surrendering little of real value.

King Edward is again hailed as a successful diplomat and the greater portion of the thanks is accorded his majesty for having initiated the rapprochement, and President Loubet for having received the overtures in a corresponding spirit. Lord Lansdowne, the British foreign secretary, and M. Delcasse, the French foreign minister, are equally complimented for their notable services to the cause of peace between the two countries.

The Daily Telegraph says:—"It is most satisfactory to welcome a diplomatic incident which will be recorded for centuries. It is no exaggeration to assert that every barrier in the way of lasting peace and amity between France and Great Britain has been removed, and if either party had made infinitely greater sacrifices they would have been cheap, indeed, in view of the incalculable value of the accord obtained."

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