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THE TEACHERS AND THE GOVERNMENT.

The Teachers' Association came dangerously near to getting on political ground in dealing with the matter of the withdrawal of the supplements. A resolution of censure, coupled with a demand for a commission of inquiry, is very high ground to take, and the latter, on the terms proposed was one which no self-respecting government could very well comply with. What the teachers seem to have failed to give due weight to is that while our provincial finances are very much straightened and come far short of what is required to carry on the ordinary affairs of the country in good shape the provincial treasury is charged with the payment of a relatively larger sum for the support of education than in any other of the older provinces of Canada. It is not a question of starving the schools and lowering the standard of education in the province. It is rather a question of whether the school districts are prepared to pay their fair share of the cost of educating their children. We think it a part of the duty of the teachers to assist in educating the people of the country up to a proper sense of their duty in the premises, rather than dictating to the government what the latter shall do in a matter of public policy. For the course they have pursued, or may pursue in such matters, the Executive are responsible to the entire province, and not to the teachers alone. And nothing could be more harmful to the cause of education than the arraying of the teachers on one side or the other of our party-political affairs—a condition of things the action of certain of the teachers seems designed and intended to bring about.

The Friars in the Philippines have six brotherhoods which draw a government allowance of \$800,000 a year, paid as a preferred claim out of the customs receipts. Besides an education grant of \$250,000, and a hospital grant of \$50,000 are paid over to the church. In addition the brotherhoods own vast quantities of estate, both real and personal, all of which is exempt from taxation and the members are exempt from personal taxes, which constitute one third of the state revenue. The Friars have also a monopoly of religious books, all other books being prohibited. Their wealth is enormous, and they are said to own one fifth of the cultivated land, beside other property and vast sums of money in deposit in banks of China.

Joaquin Miller, the eccentric poet of the Sierras, has made elaborate preparation for his cremation, although he still lives. On the top of a high barren hill on his property at Oakland he has had erected a big pile of masonry in the form of a huge furnace with a hollow in the top to receive his body, when the time of his death comes around. Then the furnace will be filled with wood and the fire lighted. "I shall be cremated here on the surroundings I loved when life is over. I want no burial," he says.

The completion of the railway around the rapids in the Congo river is of the utmost importance, not only to commerce, but to the missionary societies working in the immense upper basin of the river. Above Stanley Pool, at the upper side of the rapids, steamers can traverse a distance of 3,000 miles, inhabited by 30,000,000 people.

The Dominion revenue continues its remarkable boom. For the month of September the receipts were nearly a million dollars in excess of the same month last year, while both the expenditure and debt statements show a decrease.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Inspector McCormac furnishes the Educational Review with a concise and well-written sketch of the history of education in P. E. Island, which embodies in brief space many interesting facts.

The rank of Admiral, which had fallen out of use in the United States, is now to be revived in order that Dewey may be promoted to a higher distinction than that of Rear Admiral. Thus he will take his rightful place as the most honored commander of the war.

The city of Hankow, or Hangchow, as it is more commonly called, where a great fire has destroyed 10,000 houses, in one of the larger Chinese emporiums, and has a population of about 800,000 people. It has long been noted for the silk trade and manufacture, and also as a Chinese literary centre.

The Cuban general Calixto Garcia has accepted office under the United States government. He is to receive \$500 per month and all expenses, his duties being to go through the country and conduct negotiation with the Cuban army, with a view to its disbanding. Some of the insurgents are saying that he has been purchased.

It is now known that the United States commissioners at Paris have claimed that all the Philippine Islands shall be transferred to the Republic. This demand astonished the Spaniards and they refused to admit the claim until they had first consulted the government at Madrid. But, of course, the demand must be conceded in the end.

In the civil war of thirty odd years ago the ratio of deaths in the army from disease was a little less than two to one of the number caused by wounds received in the battle. In the late war with Spain the number killed in battle, or dying of wounds was on the American side 346, while the deaths from disease were 2,225, or almost seven to one—a frightful contrast.

Blueberry wine recently began to attract attention in the Scott Act town of Moncton because of its effects. The source of supply was traced to the house of one Heber Chambers, who lived some thirteen miles from town and there a large quantity of the wine was found. On being tested it was found to contain 23 per cent of alcohol. The fame of the blueberry wine and its popularity were thus accounted for.

After all the controversy on the subject, Miss Leiter christened the new battleship Illinois with champagne and not with water. "As the bottle struck the bow squarely and broke," says the Chicago Tribune, "spattering the hull with wine, pandemonium broke. Every ship in the harbor tied down its whistles, all the great factories whistled, and the thousands of people who were looking on danced up and down and cheered."

The Montreal Herald seems to think that the Senate would not sanction a prohibitory bill even if it were passed through the Commons. That might be so, but we shall not be sure of the matter until the Senate has a chance to put itself on record. It is upon the popular branch of the parliament that the responsibility will rest in the first instance, and the members of that house will have to answer to their constituents for how they vote on the question.

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Victoria Lodge in Masonic Temple, first Monday in month. J. R. Davison, Sec'y.
Alexandria Chapter, Royal Arch Masons in Masonic Temple, first Thursday in month except June, July and August. J. J. Weldon, Sec'y.
Prince Edward Preceptory, K. T. in Masonic Temple, third Wednesday in month. H. W. Anderson, Registrar.

ODDFELLOWS
Port La Jolie Encampment no. 4 second Wednesday in each month.—D. R. McLENNAN, Sec'y.
St. Lawrence Lodge every Monday evening. W. A. Martin, Sec'y.
Wilsey Lodge every Friday evening; both in their hall in Victoria Row. W. R. Boreham, Sec'y.
Alpha Rebekah Lodge, No 10, meets first and third Tuesday of every month.—Ida Riggs Secretary.

SONS OF ENGLAND.
Every Thursday evening in their hall in Victoria Row. Andrew Nicolson, Sec'y.

FORESTERS.
Court Avondale I. O. F. second and fourth Tuesdays. J. D. Taylor, Sec'y.
Court Mount Stephen I. O. F. third Tuesday, both in Foresters' hall, Queen Street. J. F. MacMillan, Sec'y.
Court Charlottetown C. O. F. second and last Friday, Wright's Hall. W. G. Gillespie, Sec'y.
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GOOD TEMPLARS.
Charlottetown Lodge, No 68, every Thursday evening in Wright's hall, corner Kent and Prince Streets. B. F. Messervey, Sec'y.

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