

THE MORNING GUARDIAN

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THE TEACHERS AND THE BOARD.

The delegation of school principals made out a very strong case before the School Board on Monday evening, as appeared from the report in our yesterday's issue. Their demand for a fixed schedule of salaries for the city teachers is not only just and businesslike, but must commend itself to all reasoning minds. Indeed it will seem surprising to many that this plan, which is of almost universal acceptance, has not long since been adopted in this city. A fixed salary for each position is a principle based upon common sense and justice, and the system prevails in the civil service of all countries and in the school systems of all the Provinces except our own.

The adoption of such a schedule would also save the time of the Board, and it would remove the necessity for dealing with each individual case in the manner now prevalent. It would also remove the possible temptation to favoritism, and the suspicion, even if unfounded, that the Board is ever influenced by such a motive. We believe the Board to be composed of honorable men who desire to be entirely just in their dealings with the teachers and to further the efficiency of the teaching service in this city. And we believe that in adopting a fixed schedule of salaries they will have the support of almost all, if not all of the community. With fixed rates of pay the best teaching

ability willing to accept the salary set down can readily be obtained.

These teachers have also asked for an increase of the general scale of pay now allotted them, and we feel that we ought to support their petition in that regard also. Doubtless this is a more debatable proposition than the other. We may here state first of all what can be said on the other side. Teachers have shorter hours of labor in the schools than most persons engaged in other vocations; they have one holiday in the week and they have two months of vacation during the year. The argument based on shorter hours is however illusory. The faithful and efficient teacher's work is by no means limited to the short hours of the school sessions. There are examination papers to go over, and there is the preparation of the work for each day upon which so much depends. Many teachers spend twelve or more hours daily over their school duties. And teaching is arduous work, very exhaustive of the nervous force, apart from the care and responsibility inseparable from the control and government of a large class not all of whom are accustomed to strict order and discipline in their homes.

With regard to the vacations, it ought also to be observed that these are not of the teachers' seeking, however needful they may be for the restoration of exhausted powers. They are fixed by the law, as desirable and necessary for the pupils, partly also as a convenience to parents and not on the teachers' account. This time is largely lost to the teachers except as a season of recuperation and of preparation for greater usefulness in future work. Not in one case out of ten can it be turned to account for the earning of money. The time is too short, and situations or service for which the teacher might be adapted are found to be occupied by those permanently engaged in such positions or service. In fact the teacher must live by teaching, and if a fair living wage cannot be obtained in Prince Edward Island in the teaching profession it will be sought elsewhere. Herein lies the secret of the exodus of many of our brightest and most promising young men and women, who under a more rational system would be retained in our midst.

When it can be stated without the possibility of successful contradiction that the pay of our teachers is about 25 per cent less than in the adjoining Provinces, all must feel that the fact is not creditable to us as a people. Our teachers are an educated class, whose requirements have cost money, and they are expected to maintain something of the social status of ladies and gentlemen in our midst. It is unseemly that they should receive, as some of them do, only the pay of day laborers, or of women and girls engaged in domestic service. We hope to see an advance in the pay of our teachers, such as will afford a fair remuneration for their valuable services, such as will enable them to retain that measure of self-respect which befits their high and honorable calling, such as will bring additional respect and recognition from parents, and such as will stimulate their zeal to become more and more proficient in their work.

MR. MONK NOT RETIRED.

Referring to the Montreal Herald's statement that Mr. Monk, M. P. was about to retire from the leadership of the Quebec Conservatives as was also stated in a despatch to this paper some days ago, it ought now to be stated that the statement has been most emphatically and authoritatively denied. It has been denied in western Conservative journals, Senator Ferguson informs The Guardian that he is in receipt of a telegram from Dr. Borden, leader of the Opposition, in which the latter states that the report of Mr. Monk's retirement, or intention to retire is "absolutely unfounded." Mr. Monk is actively at work among the Quebec constituencies in his capacity as leader for that Province. The report seems to have been only another of the many delusive stories that are set afloat at election times, intended for political effect and which not infrequently do most damage to the party in whose interest they are conceived.

DEATH OF T. J. HARRIS.

The sudden death of T. J. Harris, who was yesterday morning called from life's activities, affords another forceful reminder of the brevity and uncertainty of our earthly existence. Such reminders have been frequently given of late in this city and other parts of the Island. Many persons shrink from the thought of instant departure, and yet it may have its compensations. From the wasting, the weakness, the prolonged suffering which fall to the lot of most persons in their last days, those summoned instantly are mercifully exempted. Doubtless the shock to those thus bereaved is the more intense and harder to be borne, and they feel the need at such a time of all the consolations and sympathies divine and human, which are available in so sad and terrible an emergency. One would like to say a farewell to those nearest and dearest, and they alike must feel an added sorrow from being deprived of sharing his last conscious moments.

And yet when a good man is called from a life well spent, from faithful service to his day and generation, to a higher sphere, more active more useful, more joyous, and free from the vicissitudes that are the common lot on earth, be the transition swift or lingering, who is there would recall the departed? Mr. Harris in his life won the respect and regard of all with whom he came in contact. He was an honest, upright man, a good citizen, a sincere Christian. Many who knew him will deeply regret his severance from amongst us and all will join in heartfelt sympathy for his sorely bereaved family and friends.

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To the Electors of the City of Charlottetown.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—On the tenth day of February you will again be called upon to elect Commissioners of Sewerage and Water Supply. I take this opportunity of announcing that I am again a candidate for a seat at this board. Thanking you for the assurance of your confidence, given by twice electing me to this position, I assure you that if elected, I will in the future as in the past do all in my power to advance the efficiency of this branch of the city service—and to safeguard the citizens' interests therein.

Very truly yours,
CHAS. McCREGOR.

CARD!

To the Electors of Ch'town

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—By the request of a large number of electors I have consented to contest the election of Commissioners of Sewerage and Water Supply at the forthcoming election. I take this opportunity of asking all my friends to come forward on Election day and vote for me, as it will be impossible for me to make a personal canvass of the whole city. By so doing you will confer a favor on yours truly.

2 d td THOMAS CAMPBELL.

CARD!

To the Electors of Ch'town.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—Having been solicited by a large number of the citizens of Charlottetown to allow myself to be put in nomination for the office of Commissioner of Sewerage and Water Supply I have consented, and as it will be impossible for me, owing to the short time before election day, to call upon you personally, I take this opportunity of soliciting your vote.

Yours Respectfully,
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