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SOME FACTS FROM REPORTS OF SCHOOL INSPECTORS.

Supplementary to what was said yesterday in regard to the annual report on public schools, we subjoin some features today of the reports of inspectors. These officials are in close touch with the schools and their reports often contain much of value which escapes the public notice unless reprinted in the public press. Of the inspectors' reports this year that of Mr. McCormac, the zealous and energetic Inspector for Kings, is by far the most elaborate.

Inspector McCormac reports a satisfactory showing in regard to the improvement of school buildings, maps, blackboards and other necessary school apparatus. He cites a score of instances by name which come within this category. A beginning has been made towards establishing School Improvement Leagues, which have done a vast amount of good in other countries. A special effort is being made to secure more maps and blackboard space.

The decrease in school population within his inspectorate—one sixth in ten years—has induced the taking of a census of the several districts by the teachers with the result of finding an average of fifty persons from each district, or between 8,000 and 9,000 in all, have within that time removed from the Province. He also reports good results from the Eastern Teachers' Association, and he claims for it a government grant.

Mr. McCormac finds good indications of awakening interest in educational matters. He thinks the school system in need of a "money tonic" chiefly, with better pay for letter teachers, better trained, and also for inspectors. His free lending library has been well patronised, supplied as it is with the best literature treating on the teaching profession. During the year he had organized throughout his inspectorate subsidiary branches of the Anti Tuberculosis Association and delivered addresses on the subject in every village. The interest manifested at these meetings, he tells us, gives promise for such improvement in the sanitary condition of the schools.

Inspector Boulter of Prince County makes a less favorable report. He found people everywhere discussing anticipated educational changes, but still looking to the Government to do pretty much all. Some districts had improved the sanitary conditions of their schools, "but there are still

twenty-five districts where these conditions are most unhealthful, and even revolting." He found seven districts without out-houses. Ten or more districts are referred to as needing new school buildings or extensive repairs.

Inspector Boulter found the teachers conscientious and anxious to do all they could, though lacking a knowledge of educational principles and methods. During the year 100 of the 165 departments in his inspectorate made a change of teachers. Forty-five engaged new teachers without any experience. "Excellent work is being done in a few schools, fair work in others and very poor work in several." He found the teaching of agriculture much discussed, but thinks it cannot be taught by theory alone, and asks, "How can a girl sixteen or seventeen years old reasonably be expected to carry on this work?"

Inspector Kigly, of Queen's County presents a more cheering report. He notes by name a number of districts that have improved their schools, out-buildings and grounds during the year, and others that have been supplied with new blinds, blackboards and maps. Notwithstanding that many new teachers are at work, considerable advancement has been made. He found the teachers earnest and painstaking, and that they serve faithfully where they get the sympathy and support of the parents. He notes also a general awakening on the part of the rate-payers in the matter of voting supplements, looking after school buildings and in promptly securing teachers when vacancies occur.

Among the several favorable features of the Inspector's reports the one common to them all is that touching the awakening interest in school matters, which seems to prevail throughout the Province. The frequent changes of teachers, the number of inexperienced teachers, the large and rapid increase in the number of female teachers as compared with male teachers—more of the latter, than of the former nine years ago and now two women teachers to each man teacher, the bad condition of many schools, out-buildings and school grounds in one inspectorate—these show the darker side and the drift backward.

There are yet other features that will demand our future notice.

purchased at secondhand for two dollars a piece by those enthusiasts who were unable to get near the ticket window. Great is hockey when it can arouse such eager interest and enthusiasm among the youthful and middleaged masses. And yet it is quite possible to be a strong hockey player and good for very little besides. That of course, would be an exception to the general rule.

Pensions for school teachers are to be provided by a bill now before the legislature of New Brunswick.

An Ottawa despatch reports that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is suffering from a severe cold, that has kept him from his place in the House for several days. Men of all parties will join in the hope that the Premier may be speedily restored to his wonted health and vigor. He is especially needed in Parliament at the present time and no other can fully fill his place.

Troubles are thickening about the Asquith Government in Britain. His Nationalist and Laborite allies, upon whom the British Premier is dependent for his majority cannot agree among themselves or with him upon some vital points. Divided counsels in a party generally wanting in cohesion makes the outlook unpromising. There are indications that the political situation is fast becoming critical.

Reform of the election law in New Brunswick is thought to be called for and Premier Hazen proposes to meet the demand by appointing a commission of seven to prepare the needed amendments. This plan has some obvious advantages. The election law and the means of securing a fair and honest expression of popular opinion at the polls is a matter of concern to the best men in both parties and to the country generally. Mr Hazen proposes to appoint a commission of which both he and the leader of the opposition shall be members with five others chosen from both sides of the House.

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It was said that it was worth a dollar to hear the orchestra at the last School of Music recital. You can hear this Orchestra at the next recital on Tuesday, March 1st, for the small sum of 25c. Don't miss this opportunity. 2-23dl1.

If you want to spend a pleasant evening come to the recital at the School of Music on March 1st (Tuesday). This program is even better than the last and a large audience is expected. Tickets are now on sale at the school. Reserved seats 25c. 2-23dl1.

There will be a meeting of the King's County Temperance Alliance, held in Y. M. C. A. Building Charlottetown, on Tuesday March first, at the hour of 10 a. m. All Temperance workers are requested to attend as there are subjects of grave importance to be discussed. Wm C. McLeod, President. 2-23dl1.

MONTREAL GOING HOCKEY MAD THESE DAYS.

That is the way—the sedate Montreal Witness described it, just before the match between the Ottawa and the Wanderers on Saturday evening last. It seems that thousands more than could possibly be accommodated in the large rink were wildly anxious to see the battle and were ready to pay fancy prices even for standing room. Men and boys stood in line for eight or nine hours for the ticket office to open, that they might purchase tickets for reserved seats. Seventy-five cent tickets were eagerly

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FIRST PASSENGER ON C. P. R. DIED YESTERDAY.

MONTREAL, Feb. 21—S. O. Shorrey, who was the pioneer commercial traveller from Montreal to visit Winnipeg, died here today, aged sixty-two years. He was a clothing manufacturer until his retirement five years ago and in 1876 went from Montreal to Winnipeg in quest of orders for his father, who was then head of the firm. He was also the first passenger with a purchased ticket to travel on the Canadian Pacific. He had this distinction on December 5, 1878, going from St. Boniface to Emerson and his ticket, which he preserved until his death, is inscribed ticket No. 1, trip No. 1.