

THE ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETINGS

The annual school meetings will be held throughout the province next Tuesday, 15th instant. It is not necessary to remind our people of the present critical situation of our schools or of the means that must be adopted not only to maintain them but to bring them back to the position they occupied when we valued the education of our children more than we did their ability to make money or how they made it.

It is necessary, however, to remind ourselves of the fact that we have fallen under the modern curse of commercialism and greed; that we are paying more attention to our cattle and horses and hogs than we are to our children's future; that we are sending our children out into the world handicapped with ignorance because we begrudge the money and the time necessary to educate them. We are speaking generally; thank God, there are many exceptions, but the most optimistic among us will admit that very many of the children throughout the province enter upon manhood and womanhood so handicapped by want of early training that they are unfit, and will ever remain unfit, for the ordinary duties of intelligent citizenship. This may seem an exaggeration but we shall leave it to our readers to judge for themselves whether it applies to their school district or not.

What our schools need is not only intelligent well trained teachers but a more general interest on the part of the parents, sympathetic co-operation with and friendly help for the teacher. The teacher must be more than an instructor in reading, writing, arithmetic, etc. He or she must be an influence moulding the future life of the child, guiding it into intelligent, useful, wholesome manhood and womanhood. To be such an influence the teacher, young or old, will require all the assistance the parents can give.

And now as to engaging the teacher. A self respecting teacher, young or old, boy or girl, man or woman, must be paid. The teacher that will engage for a starvation wage is worth just that and nothing more and the school might just as well be closed. There will be a scarcity of good teachers, yet we are assured that if decent remuneration is offered there will be enough to go round. We are advised that if supplements are not increased beyond the minimum prescribed many of the schools will be vacant. Let the districts see to it that, forgetting everything else; forgetting the increased taxes, federal and provincial; forgetting political discontent, the future of the children is provided for by entrusting their training to worthy teachers adequately paid and properly supported in the duty entrusted to them, the most important duty that can devolve upon man or woman, the training of the children. We would not entrust out cattle to a cheap-jack veterinary to save money, let us not do it for our children.

IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS

No; neither Mr. Cox nor Mr. McIntyre has resigned yet. Nor have Messrs Duffy and Higgs.

Yes; Messrs Cox and McIntyre were asked to resign by a resolution adopted at a mass meeting of their constituents some weeks ago.

Yes; Messrs Higgs and Duffy of Charlottetown were asked to prevail upon the government to make certain concessions in taxation and if the government refused, to hand in their resignations as a protest. The government did not make the concessions but Messrs Higgs and Duffy have so far failed to resign.

Yes; Mr. Higgs announced at a mass meeting in Charlottetown on May 12, last that he had secured a promise from the government that the poll tax would be reduced to \$2 instead of \$3.00 as proposed by the new taxation Act.

No; the poll tax still stands at \$3.00.

No; we don't know whether the government made this promise or not; we didn't hear them make it. We heard Mr. Higgs.

Yes; Mr. Higgs stated at this same meeting that the land tax upon farmers was increased to two and a half times what it was before.

No; We don't know who is leader of the government; some say it is Mr. Bell; others say it is Mr. Johnston while still others contend that it is just going without any leader.

No; the Patriot has never mentioned the suppression of the minority report of the Public Accounts Committee or of the Auditor's report before that Committee.

No; we don't know how many new officials have been appointed since the government came into power. We know of only one new job so far in connection with the taxation measure, Mr. Benjamin Rogers.

No; his salary has not been announced but he is not meeting with any sympathy on that account and it is generally believed he will be able to live comfortably on it.

Yes, several officials were dismissed; they were all Conservatives and their places were filled immediately, some of them sooner, by Liberals.

Yes; it was claimed there were too many officials under the former government and that their salaries were extravagantly high.

No, none of them were reduced and all the former offices are filled and a few more added.

CURRENT COMMENT

Sad incidents are more liable to occur in homes for the insane than in almost any other place. This is an experience the world over. The wild act of one irresponsible may and has sent hundreds of fellow mortals to horrible deaths. These things have happened under the best of management and in spite of precaution, and no matter how circumspect we may be, they are liable to happen again. Our own Falconwood has had an exceptionally fortunate, although not a totally untouched record. When we compare its size, and its almost four hundred inmates with the very rare occasions of sad incident, we have cause for gratitude. But should this fact make us careless and less vigilant? With Dr. Goodwill and his staff in charge, the public, particularly those acquainted with its management, have an unbounded confidence that nothing which forethought can suggest will be left undone to ensure comfort, health and safety to those under their care. But despite all this, notwithstanding the most extraordinary precaution, if something unfortunate happens, what then?

We remarked a few days ago that politics was the worst enemy of this institution. Something unfortunate happens behind its doors calling for an exercise of judgment and common sense. Instead, the unscrupulous politician transforms it into a partisan scandal and rejoices that he has a new slander to hurl at his opponent. Thus the patient and the probably blameless staff of the institution must contend with anxiety and suffering while politicians bandy words and keep their ghoulish football in motion. This is the history of certain periods of the past.

We believe that this institution should be removed as far as possible from the political arena, that there may be no incentive to impair its usefulness by party adventures in search of vote-catching capital. It has been a practice when an accident happens to notify only the friends and to keep the facts from the general public. The politician has not always fallen in with this idea, and it reaches the public, but only in the form of an exaggerated scandal. We believe that even in the most trifling cases, where human life or limb is involved, there should be at least a semi-public investigation, not always necessarily for the purpose of placing blame, but to better guard against its repetition. And the public, kept well informed upon the doings and management, should be slow to criticize, remembering the importance and magnitude of the task and the responsibility on the shoulders of its management. It is one of the best institutions of its kind, and one of the best conducted in Canada. We should love it because of what it contains, and be proud of it for what it is.

Such weather as we have had this spring, and especially in the

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COURAGE

The greatest part of the courage that is needed in the world is not of a heroic kind. Courage may be displayed in every day life as well as on historic fields of action. The common need is for courage to be honest, courage to resist temptation, courage to be what we really are, and not to pretend to be what we are not, courage to live honestly within our means and not dishonestly upon the means of others.

It isn't the job we intend to do Or the labor we've just begun That puts us right on the ledger sheet;

It's the work we have really done.

Our credit is built upon things we do,

Our debt on things we shirk, The man who totals the biggest plus

Is the man who completes his work.

Good intentions do not pay bills;

It's easy enough to plan, To wish is the play of an office boy;

To do is the job of a man.

—Richard Lord, in the Curtis Fly-leaf.

CO-OPERATION IN FUR FARMING

Sir:—In a previous article I pointed out that the success of a co-operative system of marketing the Silver Fox pelts would depend on the entire support of the individual rancher. There will be a certain number of Ranchers who will be inclined to remain independent of the organization. These Ranchers, for many reasons, for the most part, either selfish or stubborn, will refuse their co-operation. In talking with a very large number of ranchers, I received a one hundred per cent endorsement of the Association movement. They unanimously agreed that through such an association only can we hope to develop and maintain the industry and the markets necessary to the absorption of the product in the years to come.

New some rancher who join because in the past he has secured what he considered a good price for his pelts. This is a very poor excuse. Good prices have prevailed owing to a limited production. Any one who is not blind, can see that we are arriving at the point when the production is more than doubling each year. How is the individual rancher going to create the market to take care of the increase, and what will become of the hitherto good prices if the demand does not correspondingly increase?

last few weeks, should inspire us with feelings like those of David, which found vent in that beautiful 23rd Psalm, commencing, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." Many enjoying the great benefits of sunshine and rain, in such form and time and quantity as we have had it, can faintly estimate its enormous value. The deep calculator with expert knowledge has a wider conception, but only the great Giver knows the fulness thereof. A fine warm month of May for ploughing and harrowing and seeding. Then rain, not in torrents or deluge but fine and continuous "that the land could drink in each drop as it descended. This followed by a day, lull and cool, in which the moisture disseminated through the soil, leaving no hard and baked surface. And now good old Sol with his gentle heat, playing upon the God prepared soil, generating the nitric acid and other chemical forces which compel nature to don her richest dress, is giving the promise of an abundant harvest.

And the trees, not as full blossom as in other years, but because of the fine weather, now in the blooming period, will be the better fertilized with needed pollen by bees and other insects, which in bleak, cold, rainy weather, could not have done this work; and the crop, although in an off fruit year, will be the better because of these ideal conditions. "Surely goodness and mercy," are following the people of our Island Province.

Our School meetings are due text week, at which there should be a fuller attendance than usual, and many questions, educational and incidental to education, which are called for by the changed circumstances in which we are placed. A poor teacher is a bad investment for any district. Get the best obtainable. This will cost a few dollars of extra pay, but it will be the best few dollars ever spent. Try and arrange to have clean and attractive school buildings. Your children will learn better in pleasant surroundings and it will add also the lesson of order, good taste and cleanliness.

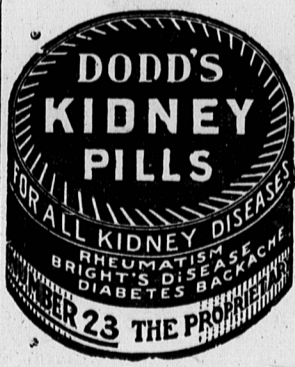
There will be ranchers inclined to hang back. They will instance the failure of the old association, even when the old association accomplished much good, handicapped as it was for want of funds and for want of support from those whose duty it was to give it support. Of course, some mistakes were probably made, but none than can interfere in any way with the success of the present undertaking, and even those mistakes will be of value, for they will be those that this organization will guard against. It must be remembered that this is purely a business proposition. The men who will be at the head of the organization will be there because they have been duly elected to such positions by the shareholders ballots, and should any of them prove incapable, the same ballot that elected them will elect others to replace them. There will be no room for local jealousy. The head office will be placed where the majority of the shareholders will elect. The policy pursued by the directors will be at all times subject to revision by the shareholders, and the directors and shareholders will at all times act as a restraining influence on the executive board.

For the most part the independent rancher will refuse his co-operation for the selfish reason that he can secure the price without co-operation—selfish for he knows full well that his ability to secure such price is the result of joint endeavors on the part of his neighbors. His membership is a matter of citizenship, a matter of the man admitting the good to himself of his neighbors work. What kind of a man and citizen is he who refuses to do his part?

Certain ranchers will admit their duty towards such an Association, but still refuse their financial assistance or their co-operation. Some will probably say that they do not like one or more of the directors. The excuse is a ridiculous one. As well say that they will not help in the administration of the law or in the carrying on of the affairs of the province, because they do not personally like one or more of the members of the Government.

No selfishness must make way to the general good of the industry. Individuals must not stand in the way of what we know to be the right step in the right direction. One rancher must not refuse his full quota of assistance because he knows of another rancher who will not do his share.

It behooves the ranchers as a whole to support organized efforts, for in normal times sure to come, at prices such as will surely result from greatly increased production without merchandizing efforts as producers we will suffer the inevitable results. Over-production



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is not "A bogey." It has always been the result of a production increased without business attention to the development of a market. In closing this fourth and second last article on this subject, let me appeal to the ranchers that they not remain without, and as neighbors and citizens interested in a legitimate and growing industry. Let them support, both with their money and with their influence, an organization that is about to enter in the struggle to maintain a high standard of production, as well as in the creation of a staple market for an ever increasing product. I am Sir, etc. A. E. ARSENAULT. 9647. Big 7-Mile Road Race here Dominion Day... See Examiner for particulars.

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