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THE QUEBEC SCHOOLS AGAIN

SIR,—May I ask you to kindly publish the following letter from Hon. Boucher de La Bruere, superintendent of education for Quebec, bearing directly upon the very matter in dispute between the editor of the Guardian and myself last spring. It would seem that certain zealots up in Toronto have been firing off the same old stale calumnies against Quebec with more zeal than prudence; and certainly they have been brought most completely to task. Boucher de La Bruere's figures, is also his reasons for the higher percentage of illiteracy among the generation now passing away, will be seen to be identical with my own. And since the discussion is carried on in Ontario which is put into comparison with Quebec, all will recognize that the French official has every confidence in the sources of his information—sources which some editors who dislike dogma very exceedingly can dogmatize on with a degree of assurance quite astounding. Dear only knows, we have quite enough to do to render our own school system efficient without unjustly decrying that of another province which could give us many practical ideas on popular education. This letter was written to a reverend gentleman in Toronto, on the 11th of November last, and will refresh the general memory on the subject of which it treats.

A. E. BURKE.
Alberton, Dec. 5th.
REV. AND DEAR SIR:—Absence for several days has prevented an earlier reply to your esteemed favour which was received on the fifth inst. I cannot thank you too heartily for the interest you manifest in our Province and for your desire to reply to the insulting statement that certain fanatics have made against us on account of the recent plebiscite.

I send you by this mail a copy of my official report for 1896-7, as well as a copy of a paper I read last summer before the Dominion Education Association at Halifax. If you will glance through these documents you will observe what progress education is making in Quebec, a progress not less than that of Ontario or any other Province. For instance you will see that the average attendance of pupils in our schools in 1896-7 was seventy-six per cent of the enrollment, whilst in Ontario the average was only fifty-six per cent according to the report of the Honourable Mr. Ross.

It is true that the census of 1891 is very unfavourable to our Province in certain respects, but it does not do us justice and is certainly erroneous. Unfortunately, our provincial statistics are not sufficiently complete or general to permit me to contradict those of the census in detail. In any event it is not just to describe the actual state of affairs by reference to an alleged inferiority in the past, an inferiority due perhaps to misfortunes in public matters and to national trials. Our actual system dates back not further than fifty years, during which time we have made substantial progress. Comparing, for example, the census of 1871 with that of 1891 our province has outstripped Ontario by 5.44 per cent in point of progress actually realized.

If education is less widespread among those of our generation that is passing away, than amongst the older people of Ontario, it has, nevertheless, made more progress amongst our youth than amongst the youth of that province. Bulletin 17 of the last census which, however invoked against us, confirms this fact on page 46 where it says: "The population of Quebec between ten and twenty years of age has made much more rapid progress than the adult population. As a matter of fact the progress of this group has been much more considerable than of any other similar group in any of the other provinces. Indeed, Quebec, as regards education, shows the most satisfactory state that the study of the census can give us in regard to the group from ten to twenty years." (Translated from the French version which I have before me.)

Moreover, a people must be judged somewhat by its superior education. Now, the census of 1891, volume 4, shows that the number of pupils in colleges and universities in Ontario was 8,077 for every 10,000 of population, and in Quebec, 37.61. I am aware that this difference may be largely due to a difference in nomenclature, but even so the main fact so creditable to our province, remains.

I will not imitate the members of the W. C. T. U. by making irritating comparisons between the Anglo-Saxons and the French-Canadians.

I believe that the two populations have their peculiar merits in many directions; but I console myself after the imitations of the ladies of the W. C. T. U. by observing that in 1893 (Report of the Royal Commission concerning Liquors,) the admissions per thousand to the insane asylums of Ontario was 0.34, and of Quebec 0.26, and by the reflection that after all we are not more mentally afflicted than the prohibitionists of our sister province.

I account for the zeal displayed in Ontario by the fact that the arrests for drunkenness in 1893 in the City of Toronto represented eighteen per hundred of population, while in the City of Quebec the arrests were only six per hundred.

For illiterates like ourselves the comparison is not bad.

I remain, Rev. and dear sir,
Your's faithfully,
BOUCHER DE LA BRUERE.

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Restore full, regular, action of the bowels, do not irritate or inflame, but leave all the delicate digestive organs in perfect condition. Try them. 25 cents. Prepared only by C. L. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

PERSONAL

Mr B D McLellan, M P, Tignish, was in the city this afternoon.

D. E W Gahan has returned from his trip to New York and Boston.

Hon J W Richards, of Bideford, is in town. He is registered at the Hotel Davies.

Miss Vere Hyndman was a passenger by the Princess this morning on a visit to Halifax.

Mr Louis DesBrisay left this morning on a visit to Halifax. He crossed to Pictou by the Princess.

His Lordship Bishop Courtney will leave in the Princess tomorrow morning to return to Nova Scotia.

Mr W M McPhail was a passenger by the Princess this morning returning from Windsor, N S. He is registered at the Queen Hotel.

Mr Henry Batty, of Wallace, N S, is here on a business trip. He crossed from Pictou by the Princess this morning and registered at the Queen Hotel.

Mr J H Byrne, of Georgeown, was at the Hotel Davies over night returning from Moncton where he had been attending a meeting of telegraphers.

Miss Adele Mitchell, the little granddaughter of Mr Thomas Wakeling, of this city, presented President McKinley with a handsome bouquet of roses at the reception tendered him upon the occasion of his visit to Terra Haute, Ind., a short time ago.

LOCAL NOTICES.

See our job lines of boots to be cleared at greatly reduced prices—R K Jost.

Winter Gloves—Gentlemen's gloves, fleece lined kid 50c and 60c. A nicer grade still, 75c. Finer kid, fleece lined 95c. Mocha glove, fleece lined, 2 clasps \$1.15. Fine Mocha "pique sewn" fleece lined long wrists, \$1.35.—Jas Paton & Co.

Things to Make a Note of

I. O. O. F.—Nomination of officers tonight in Alpha Rebekah Lodge. A full attendance is requested.

CHARLOTTETOWN HOSPITAL.—Dr R Bruce Shaw has been appointed a member of the medical staff of the Charlottetown Hospital.

POLICE COURT.—Four drunks were on the judicial rack this morning. James Hennessey was fined \$90 or 90 days, Daniel Chapman, \$4 or 20 days, and Daniel McCarthy and James Clarke, \$2 or 10 days each.

THE JACQUES CARTIER.—The steamer Jacques Cartier arrived from Vernon River about noon to day. She got to Vernon River about four o'clock yesterday afternoon and left for this port at daybreak this morning.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.—The fraternal visit of Orient Division to Victoria Division last evening was a most enjoyable one. Songs, recitations and addresses interlarded with fruit and confectionery, served to pass the time pleasantly. Other Divisions besides Orient were also represented.

THE DEEPLY CASE.—There was an interesting discussion on this topic in the schoolroom of the First Methodist Church last evening. Mr. H. R. Boswell opened the proceedings with an interesting paper, and the discussion which followed was participated in by Messrs. McCready, Newson, Doull and others.

The United States Congress met yesterday.

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"They must have been the original yellow journalists," said the cheerful idiot—Indianapolis Journal.

Administration Notice

The undersigned administrators of the estate of Peter Kelly late of Charlottetown in Queens County, Merchant deceased intestate, hereby notify all persons indebted to the said estate to make immediate payment to them, at the store lately occupied by the said Peter Kelly in Charlottetown aforesaid, and all persons having claims against the said estate, are hereby required to present the same, duly attested to the undersigned at the store aforesaid within one year from the date hereof.

Dated this 3rd. day of December A. D. 1898.

PATRICK KELLY
CHARLES KELLY

202 6 weeks. Administrators

Local and Other items.

ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT.—Don't miss the social tonight.

THE WEATHER.—Briek westerly winds, clearing, stationary, or a little lower temperature.

MISSIONS.—Miss Bird's address, in St. Paul's schoolroom last evening, was instructive, and deeply interesting and impressive. The mission work carried on in Asia and Africa was illustrated by stereoscopic views under the management of H. J. Cundall, Esq.

MISS ETTICOOTE.—Everyone has heard of Little Miss Etticoote, in a white petticoat, see her red nose, the longer she stands the shorter she grows she grows". She will be at Mother Goose's Market in St. Peter's Hall next Tuesday selling candles, lamps, candlesticks and shades at very low figures.

BROOKFIELD LITERARY SOCIETY.—The members of Brookfield Literary Society and Debating Club are requested to meet in the Brookfield Hall, on the evening of Friday Dec. 9th, for the purpose of considering the advisability of re-organizing the society for the coming year. The monthly paper will be read by N. A. Campbell.

CHILD'S SAD DEATH.—The Guardian reports that the three year old son of Mrs J A Gordon, of Brundell, died recently under exceptionally sad circumstances. It seems that while playing in the house on Thursday morning the child accidentally fell from a chair into a pot of boiling water which had been left on the floor and was so severely scalded that he died on Saturday morning.

THE LECTURE TONIGHT.—Mr. T. C. James, who lectures tonight in St James' Hall, has chosen a most fascinating subject: "Queen Elizabeth and the Rise of the British Navy." In other hands we might be doubtful of this subject receiving justice but on this occasion our readers may feel confident that the lecture will be interesting and well prepared. That it will be well delivered goes without saying.

CITY SCHOOL BOARD.—The regular monthly meeting was held last evening. The teachers reports showed the enrollment for the month of November to be 1,400, namely: Prince Street school, 586; Queen Square school, 346; West Kent, 468. The percentage of attendance made during the month was 89. A petition was received from about fifty parents asking that the Christmas holidays be extended. It was ordered that the schools close for the Christmas holidays on Friday, the 23rd inst., and reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 3rd.

TELEGRAPH OPERATORS.—The Moncton Times reports that the executive committee, representing the I C R operators, and consisting of Messrs Thomas Spencer, D O Lepage, S C Charters, H H Bray, R A Blais, W M McLean, Mr Burns, P E Island, and G O Forbes, met the Minister of Railways here Saturday and presented their claims for an increase of pay. The operators presented a schedule in which they asked that they be placed on the same footing as other employees; that is that they be paid according to the length of time in the service and also that the rate of wages be increased. The committee report having been courteously received by Mr Blair who promised to give very favorable consideration to the operator's representations.

LOBSTER COMMISSION.—The lobster commission held two sessions in Ludlow Hall, Summerside, on Saturday, when Messrs W A Leard, Sea Cow Head; A C Rogers and David Rogers, Summerside; Gilbert DesRoche, Miscouche; Francis Gallant, 15 Point; Pascal Gallant, Summerside; Calvin Howatt, Tryon; and Amos Gallant, 15 Point gave evidence. According to the Guardian's correspondent the trend of the evidence was to the effect that as lobsters spawn in May and east their shell in June, fishing in May should be prohibited in order to preserve the industry for all time to come. All agreed that spawn lobsters should be returned to the sea, but it was thought that it would be a difficult matter to legislate effectively along this line. Mr W A Leard stated that if the season were prolonged to Aug. 10th, he would be willing to pay his fishermen for all spawn lobsters caught and returned to the water. The session that would meet the approval of all concerned would be from May 25, or June 1st, to Aug. 10th.

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We always have on hand a good assortment of Rubber Bulb Syringes, Fountain Syringes, Combination Fountain Syringes and Hot Water Bottles. We sell only those kinds which so far as we know, are well made in every way, and will give our customers good satisfaction. Then we mark the price as low down as we can.

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LOT 3.—100 yards fancy shot broche, and moire silks in 75c navy, brown and fawn, regular 90c to \$1.55 per yd, now per yd

LOT 4.—100 yards fancy stripes and checks, 22 inch wide, latest colors and very nobby goods, worth 65 to 95 cents now 50c per yd

LOT 5.—25 or 30 blouse lengths in all the very newest to checks and colorings 65c \$1.35

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