

THE DAILY EXAMINER

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WOMEN AT THE SCHOOL BOARD.

WOMEN no longer discuss their rights: they proceed to assert them. A demand is now made that women shall be admitted to the Charlottetown School Board. How shall this demand be met? Women sit at the school boards of cities much larger than Charlottetown. We have not heard that their influence at these boards has been injurious. It, as the poet asserts, woman is "by nature made to temper man," it is but reasonable to conclude that co-operating with men they must exert a beneficial influence upon every power, within the sphere of their ability, that is brought to bear upon humanity. The education of children is certainly within their sphere. It is said, perhaps with truth, that young men should not too long hie on to their mother's apron strings. But in the education of children, mothers are "at home," while lady teachers have proved their usefulness in every school throughout the land. Men, as a rule, have large ideas about the importance of education, and they are, as a rule, willing to pay the cost of education, if it be reasonable. But the attention of women is directed particularly to the conditions under which education is imparted and the means by which it is accomplished. Women look more closely into the details of school management and take a livelier personal interest in the schools than men. This being so, is it not possible that if intelligent women were placed upon the school board, our schools—which are, even yet, admittedly imperfect,—might be improved? There are more women in the town than there are men; and the women, at least those whose families are grown up, as well as those who have no families, have more leisure than men to attend to matters outside the particular business or duty in which each is engaged. If the proposition involved the withdrawal of women from their higher and more important duties in their homes, or if it involved strife between men and women in their homes or at the school board, we should of course oppose it. But it involves neither. The request of the Women's Council is, simply and only that women shall be represented at the Charlottetown School Board. There is no aspiration on the part of the women for representation at the Board of Education. We are desired by Mrs. Anderson, the President of the Women's Council, to make this statement emphatically. The women of the Council have not for a moment entertained the ambitious project outlined by Judge Warburton. They merely ask that the law shall admit of the appointment of women to the Charlottetown School Board. We fail to see any very strong reason why their request should not be granted.

THE SPENDING POLICY.

Advices from Ottawa intimate that the policy of spending is being carried out in grand style by the gentlemen of our Liberal Government. The expenditures of 1897-98, out of the Consolidated Fund, were the largest on record. But those of 1898-9 will be still larger. In the seven months of the latter year there is, if we can believe the telegraphic report, an increase of all but \$3,000,000 on capital account, and an increase of \$234,000 upon Consolidated Fund account. It ought to be wisely known and fully understood, it ought to be impressed particularly upon the minds of the Liberal farmers of this Province, that the total expenditures of the Laurier-Tarte Administration are greater than they ever were in the history of Canada—except in two or three of the years during which the Canadian Pacific Railway was under construction—larger than they were when the Liberal Conservatives were building lighthouses around the coasts of the wide Dominion and public buildings in every town. In the past ten years the expenditures of the Government of Canada were:—

	Consolidated Fund.	Capital acc't	Total
1883-89	\$96,917,834	\$4,437,480	\$41,357,772
1889-90	35,994,031	4,420,213	40,414,244
1890-91	36,543,567	6,778,053	43,321,620
1891-92	36,763,894	3,415,880	39,881,774
1892-93	36,814,052	2,164,456	38,978,508
1893-94	37,385,025	2,088,317	40,673,342
1894-95	38,132,065	3,893,969	41,926,034
1895-96	39,949,112	30,979,522	70,928,634
1896-97	34,349,750	3,781,311	42,131,061
1897-98			45,384,281

It will be seen that last year's expenditures were upwards of \$2,000,000 greater than those of any other year within the decade, and larger by three, four, and five millions than they were in most of the years during which "those extravagant Tories" held office. The present year's expenditures are already upwards of three million dollars in excess of those of the same period of last year. The boast of Mr. Tarte, "wait till you see us next year," is being fulfilled more promptly and more completely, if not more satisfactorily, than any other promise of any other member of the Government.

CONSUMPTION.

We are indebted to The Patriot for the abstract of Dr. McLeod's paper on Consumption, published by THE EXAMINER today. This is a matter of vital importance to which THE EXAMINER has repeatedly directed attention. It is certain that the spread of consumption may be prevented by resort to the measures indicated by Dr. McLeod. But it remains for the people to adopt these measures. We shall see whether, with or without the aid of the Women's Council, anything will be done by our Board of Health, and our citizens individually, to curtail the number of deaths by this fell destroyer of human life. If we had mortality statistics we should know how large is the proportion of deaths resulting from this fatal, but preventable, disease.

AN OLD TRICK.

SHORTLY before the last general election in Nova Scotia, the Liberal Government appealed to the constituencies for support on the ground that the financial claim of that Province against the Dominion in respect to the Eastern Extension Railway was to be settled at once, that the Liberals were in power at Ottawa and that strong assurances had been given by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, etc. The appeal was successful. But the claim has not been settled!

Again, the people of Prince Edward Island were assured, just before the last general election, that the claims of their Province against the Dominion Government would be settled if only the Liberals were elected to co-operate with their fellow-Liberals in power at Ottawa. Two years have passed away. But our claims have not yet been satisfied.

Now, for the third time, the trick is again being played. The scene, now, is New Brunswick.

It remains to be seen whether, with the experience of Nova Scotia and P. E. Island before them, the people of New Brunswick will be beguiled into giving Mr. Emmerson a majority.

Preparations are being made in England for the 300th anniversary of the birth of Cromwell, which occurs on April 25th.

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JOHN NEWSON

WOMEN ON THE SCHOOL BOARD.

SIR,—THE EXAMINER of February 11th is before me and the report of the public meeting of the "Women's Council" as to the need of women on the School Board. I quote from the report of Mrs. Campbell's paper:

"Might it not be well to place some women on our School Board,—women of common-sense who would call a halt and use their influence to reduce the overtaxing studies which injure body and brain." There is no doubt that there are occasionally children who are hurt by over-study, but very few compared to the number injured by unwise feeding and late hours. When a child declines in health from mistaken treatment in one way or another the credit is often given to the public school. I know a family of children who all take high rank in their respective classes and they are remarkably healthy.

In the report of the same meeting Judge Warburton says:

"With ladies on our school board the tone of morality in the schools might be improved." This would lead one to suppose that the tone of morality at present was low. That is, I believe, not true. I speak as an old pupil of the public schools. It was not in school we learned evil, even from one another. The pupils in an ordinary well conducted school are too busy for immorality. In the case where public school girls have gone wrong invariably it is through no lack of school oversight. If the children were as strictly kept at home as they are in a well-conducted school, there would be no need "to raise the tone of the morality in the public schools."

The truth is, parents need to allow their young daughters much less freedom of the streets in the evening. It is outside the school the tone of morality needs raising, or rather the strictness of parents needs increasing.

The appointment of women on the school board may be a good thing. But, if by some means parents could be induced to send their children to bed early, feed them with non-stimulating food, and keep both boys and girls in of an evening, more would be done for the public welfare and "social purity" than anything the Women's Council have yet attempted.

OLD FOGIE.

SIR,—Let the women stay at home and take good care of their households and influence their husbands in regard to public matters in which they have an interest. A good woman will easily influence her husband to do anything that is good. I know that I can manage my husband pretty well; and I think that the idea of putting a woman upon the School Board among a lot of men is just horrid. Fancy me trying to talk down Dr. Taylor or to see matters in the same light as Mr. McLeod!

MARIA

SIR.—The admission of women to our school board would be only preparatory to their admission to the City Council and the Legislature. Then what would be come of the poor men—seeing that women have a large majority? "A word to the wise is sufficient." Women are already crowding us out of shops and offices. It is hoped that we shall not be such tools as to let them crowd us out of public positions.

ALARM.

SIR.—So we are now called upon to put a woman upon the school board. Remembering Soc's truthful description,—
"Oh! woman in our hours of ease
Uncertain, coy, and hard to please
And variable as the shade
By the light silken aspen made,"

would it not be well to consider the matter before accepting the gentle intimation that female influence upon the school board is essential to the perfection of our schools?

Remember, also, that if the women are given an inch, they'll take an ell.

BACHELOR.

TENDERS

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned until Saturday the 18th day of February next, for the erection of a brick wing (96x40) to St. Dunstan's College, Charlottetown, P. E. I. Plans and specification may be seen at the College or at the office of C. B. Crappell, Esq., Architect. Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque for \$200, which shall be forfeited by any tenderer who shall refuse to perform the work after his tender has been accepted.

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REV. A. P. McLELLAN,
Rector

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This is the first instance of admission to a Carnival in Charlottetown at the low price of 25c. Tickets for sale at A. W. H. Adams, C. D. Rankins and Johnsons & Johnsons (Keat Street) Drug Stores. Admission 20c. Reserved Seats 25c. Gallery 10c. Reserved Seats at C. D. Rankins & Johnsons. Doors open at 7.30. Galbraith's Band in attendance.

A. A. BARTLETT

Provincial Rifle Association

The Annual Business Meeting of the Provincial Rifle Association, will be held in the City Court Room at 7.30, on Tuesday evening, February 28th, 1899.

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