



The Morning Guardian

JUNE 30, 1891.

The Inspection of Schools.

We have already, in reviewing the School Report, referred to the recommendation of the Superintendent of Education that an additional School Inspector be appointed. Mr. Nicholson well says that "the work of school supervision is a fundamental condition to the success of any educational system, and every obstacle should be removed which stands in the way of its perfect operation." He further says, "What I have so far observed has led to the conviction that this important work cannot be satisfactorily performed under a law which provides only two inspectors for the whole Province, and exacts two visits a year." Of the two plans for overcoming the difficulty—an annual visit, or the appointment of a third inspector, he says, "I am inclined to favor the latter, as likely to produce the best results. I trust therefore, that the Legislature will see fit to amend the School Law, so as to provide for the appointment of an additional Inspector." Mr. Montgomery in his last report in a very clear and convincing manner showed that the time at the disposal of an Inspector for the visitation of a school under the present arrangement was altogether too limited to allow of more than a hasty examination of the pupils; it afforded no time for offering suggestions to teachers or trustees, or for arousing an interest in education in the district. It may be safely asserted that the cause of education is as much, perhaps more, benefited by the Inspector's intercourse with teachers, trustees and the people of the district, as by the routine work of examining the school. Under the present system this very important work must be almost wholly neglected. Three Inspectors were employed when the number of schools was very much less than at present, and the change, after a fair trial, has not, in the opinion of the present Superintendent and his predecessor—gentlemen well qualified to speak on the matter—proved itself to be in the interest of education. We are in hearty accord with the recommendation of Mr. Nicholson, that an additional Inspector be appointed. An annual inspection gives a very imperfect idea of what the character of the school is throughout the whole year. There is generally more difference in the condition of the same school in, say, the months of June and January, than between any two average schools in the province. Consequently by only one inspection in the year a very imperfect conclusion as to the standing of the school may be formed, one that may in some instances do grave injustice to a painstaking and earnest teacher. We trust that the Government will see the propriety of acting upon the suggestion made in the last School Report, endorsed as it is by the high authority of the previous report. It will undoubtedly advance the interests of education by stirring up more interest not only in the schools but especially among the people.

Representation by Population.

The new city bill is alike fortunate in its friends and its opponents. When the leaders of both political parties gave it their cordial support it was plainly evident that its opponents were few; when the leader of the selfish faction which has been the bane of this city denounced it as an outrage, the justice of the bill was affirmed in the most unmistakable way. Large property interests may be situated in Ward One, but the men who own most of it live in other Wards, and have never yet had a say in the election of its Councillors, but have been outvoted time and again by poll tax voters. If the principle were to hold good that a Ward should be represented in accordance with the value of its property, then why shouldn't those large property holders have more votes in the Ward than the mere poll tax voters many of whom haven't a dollar to their names? But everybody understands Councillor Morris.

The Man About Town.

New Department in Our Paper.—His Notes on our Schools Prize System, The Meanest Man Beaten.—His Peculiar Idea of our Amusements.—Our Boys.—City Bill.—Mr. Morris' Letter.

I have been requested to take up the subject suggested under the head of "The Man about Town." I suppose that means nothing more than special critic, special reporter, special correspondent with a few other things thrown in. But in doing so, I want to say at the outset that I am not to be confined to the town. I may want a holiday, I may want to go to the country and across the straits, and as the critical may grow upon me I may be permitted to indulge my fancy. Then I do not want to be bound down to gossip for however pleasant that may be, one soon tires of it. Granting me these things I may from time to time cause to pass in review the sayings and doing of our citizens.

At present, judging by our two evening dailies one would suppose that the most interesting piece of information that could be furnished would be about educational affairs. Sitting in the public room of one of our hotels the other evening, a stranger picked up a daily, his eye caught the prize list and his first remark was, "Hello, y u have an exhibition here." At first glance he thought it was a cattle show, flower show, roots and fruit, etc. What is the use of making such a parade of the children no good except to gratify their vanity. It is no good to the parents, and even the best of the teachers are in doubt whether prizes should be given at all, much less making such a parade in the papers. I believe the action of the GUARDIAN in this respect was the wisest.

Speaking of prizes there is a good story going the rounds just now, which I have heard over and over again, as true to the letter and which if really true gives Character to an unenviable position of carrying off the palm for having the meanest person on record.

It was always understood that the meanest man was the one who gave his child ten cents to go to bed at eight o'clock in the evening, and when the little one slept, he would slip up to the room and steal the money, and then in the morning would try to persuade the child that a mouse had stolen it. The present story runs thus:—A person presented a prize for something, (I have not heard what.) It was really handsome. It was handed to the teacher and the teacher handed it to the gentleman presiding, and he in turn presented it to the little fellow whose eyes fairly danced with delight at receiving such a reward of merit. But imagine if you can, the little fellow's disgust when at next morning the money was substituted a second hand copy, saying that the second hand one was the real prize, but the new one served better for public presentation. If any of the provinces at mid-summer examination can beat that I would like to hear from them.

Prince Street School still holds first place with the public; that is if we are to judge by the numbers attending the closing. The principal feature was the drill, which was well done; but it surprised me. If coming events cast their shadows before, we are to have an army of Amateurs. We heard that the coming woman was to be a lawyer, doctor, clergyman; but at the closing of Prince Street School I was astounded at my stupidity, and how far I had dropped in the wake of modern civilization. I never thought that the future woman was to be a soldier. Is this a foreshadowing of what is to come? Did the Salva ion Army create the taste, or the teacher, or was it born in the young woman? If it had been West Kent Street School I would have been delighted (and I was delighted with the girls.) I would have pictured myself these young boys as the defenders of their country; but with all the delight at seeing such marching and counter-marching, I still felt bewildered, and I returned home feeling—as well try to sweep back the tide with a broom as stop the advance of civilization. "The girls are to be women; the women are to be the men. Believe me things got so mixed up that I have not yet been able to straighten them out. As doctors, women have been a success. As lawyers they ought to be a success, at least as leaders. As clergymen—or clergy-women—I see no reason why they should be precluded. They were the first to commit sin, and they ought to be allowed the chief place in trying to get rid of it. As soldiers—I give it up. I don't know what kind of a figure men may cut at the housekeeping, but if we must war, and there's an end of it. Somebody must keep house, and if the women will not—then we men must.

In reading over the examination list of the Prince of Wales College, I was struck with the absence of scholars from Charlottetown. I know that we have young men and women there, but how does it come that so few of them appear in the published list. There seems to be something about our city life that is not something to the best interest of our boys. Among those who have made a name abroad very few hail from Charlottetown. Our city boys are not inferior to others, but there is something that prevents them from distinguishing themselves along educational lines, but later on I may have a word to say on "our boys."

But I must get away from this or I may be accused of "harping on one string." I look with pleasure on the passing of our city bill by our local house. It will give an opportunity to set at rest the question, "Do we want a change in our Ward system." I have no doubt, but what there will be a decided answer in the affirmative, that is if Wards Four and Five vote as they talk, and past experience ought to teach these advocating the change to wake up now and work else they may be caught napping, and their day of grace is gone. The other side is at work already and no stone is being left unturned. I see that Mr. Morris has challenged the community and I hope some one may be found to cross swords with him. I am not astonished at his throwing down the gauntlet, but what puzzles me is that he should make a fuss about Ward One only having one representative. Why the whole city are of opinion that for years Ward One has only had one representative; the sole business of the other one seemed to be the abuse of respectable women and clergymen. Perhaps Mr. Morris does not know of this but Ward One does, so also does Three Four and Five. All the same I hope Mr. Morris will get his answer.

Old Timer Again.

Your correspondent, "Liberal of the Old Time," seems not to comprehend my remarks in the GUARDIAN of June 19th. The main object was to show the unfairness of taxing the country heavily for the support of high class schools in good circumstances, may have their children prepared for college. It may sound fine to say that "a good education is placed within reach of all who choose to take advantage of it." If by "good education" your correspondent means the rudiments of classics and higher mathematics, I can tell him that the instances are rare in which children of the really poor can take such advantage. What is the object in beginning these advanced studies in common schools except to prepare students for college? But what per centage do you suppose of college students are from homes of the poor? I venture to say not one per cent. The luxury of college education is beyond their reach. If people of independent means choose to send their children to college very good; but we are not going to have the community charged with the expense of preparing them for entrance.

Let me instance a graded school that rises before my vision. The higher class teacher gets double as much salary as the assistant, with about one-third the number of pupils to teach; in the superior department in from what may be called a poor family. These are in the lower grade. No higher schools or college for them. They are kept home to work as soon as they are of any service—possibly to earn money to pay for educating their richer neighbors. This is not a fancy picture.

Again, if the rudiments of classics and higher mathematics are to be taught in our districts let them be taught in all, as all are similarly burdened for their maintenance, let there be some show of justice in the distribution—the present arrangement is manifestly unjust.

Your correspondent seems to rejoice over the fact that children of the poor, can have a good education if they wish it. Let me ask if it is in localities where the poor are most numerous, high schools are more frequently met with? Nay, but in the best of communities.

A good many like your correspondent, "Old Time Liberal" have selfish motives in wishing to see things move in the old ruts, and therefore scream—"Don't touch the school act!" But public good must take precedence of private interest, even though blatant obstructors be crushed under the wheels of progress.

so thinks, OLD TIMER.

The Methodist Conference.

St. STEPHEN, June 27.—Conference opened at two o'clock after which reports of Union church relief fund were read showing that \$100.49 had been remitted to General Treasurer, Rev. C. H. Paisley was elected treasurer of the fund this year. The report of the parsonage aid fund showed that \$281.47 had been received and \$235.00 disbursed. President Harrison was elected the representative of the conference on this committee. Rev. Jno. Read was elected Treasurer of the Centennial fund. The conference then entered upon consideration of memorial report, section by section. A memorial from the Sackville district was read calling attention to the fact that the ministers of the Methodist church are not permitted to engage in religious exercises in Dorchester penitentiary and requesting that remedy be sought. The discussion brought out the fact that a regular Protestant chaplain was employed there and no Methodist minister was refused admittance when he requested it. The memorial was not complied with. A memorial from P. E. Island asking to sell a small strip of land at Vernon River was complied with. The book room steward presented a report showing the proceeds as follows: Total receipts from sales, \$29,906.60; increase of \$4,901.85; net profits \$1488.39; subscriptions from Wesleyan \$4,008.28; advertisements \$190.48. The Wesleyan's accounts shows deficit of \$79.84. The conference by resolution expressed its appreciation of the management of Rev. C. H. Paisley for consideration on Monday morning. Resolved that the conference regrets that the general conference had not appointed on the board of governors of the Allison Institution the persons nominated by the conference.

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