

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

DECEMBER 4, 1895.

CONGRESS.

It is not likely that the Congress just convened will meddle much with the existing tariff of the United States. The people of the States have had an experience of the effect of tariff tinkering the lesson of which they will not soon forget.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Corn is being generally used as fuel in Central Iowa, the farmers claiming that the prevailing price would not repay the cost of husking and marketing.

THE MANITOBA SCHOOL QUESTION.

The Separate Schools of Manitoba were abolished by the Education Act of 1890. In their stead "Public Schools" were substituted, under the control of a Superintendent and a Board composed of the Executive Council for the time being.

It is in fact, a religious school system contrasting strongly with the secular school system in force in the United States. There, religion in the schools is strictly prohibited.

and in a further appeal to the Governor-General in Council of Canada. Both parties have had ample opportunities to present their case. The present arrangements impose a financial burden on the minority heavier than they can bear, and they claim it should not continue a day longer than may be necessary to find a remedy.

Such are the chief arguments, almost the only ones deserving notice. Many things of course are said which have no real bearing on the question. Much prejudice has been excited in the Red River region, and feeling runs high.

Second. It would place the 30,000 Protestant school children of Quebec at the mercy of the Roman Catholic majority for the continuance or their sch. of privileges.

Third. It would leave the provinces at the mercy of the federal power. Thus Prince Edward Island, if she insisted on the fulfilment of the terms of union regarding winter communication, might be told that the constitution of Canada was to be obeyed only when convenient.

When I introduced the school bill of 1890, I pointed out that in so far as it provided for religious exercises in the school, it was, in my opinion, defective.

I said then, and I still think that the clause of the 1890 Act which provides for certain religious exercises is most unjust to the Roman Catholics. If the state is to recognize religion in its school legislation, such a recognition is acceptable to Protestants only, and is in fact only a majority of Protestants, it is to my mind a "rank tyranny."

Now Mr. Martin asserts that the school system of Manitoba as at present is "most unjust to the Roman Catholics" and amounts to "rank tyranny." He states a local concern, but shall we have the copy of the Manitoba Legislature refusing to restore the rights of the minority. This strain of circumstances lifts the question to the plane of federal politics and makes it a subject for legislation by the Dominion Parliament.

1st. Expediency.—The advocates of expediency say to the Dominion Government: You are required by the constitution to interfere, it is true, but there is no power to compel you to interfere. It is more convenient and easy to let matters take their course. To interfere will be to make trouble therefore do not interfere. This argument is so unsound, if not immoral, that in justice it must be said that very few have made use of it.

2nd. Provincial Rights.—Education is a local concern. It should be free to establish what system she pleases. But the constitution by which alone we can measure Provincial Rights provides that in certain cases education shall not be a merely local concern, but shall be subject to the supervision of the general Parliament. Under this head also it is claimed that the 150,000 inhabitants of Manitoba should not be bound by the agreement made by the 12,000 in 1870. If that is the case, why not the same for the 100,000 in 1870? And it imposes disabilities and checks far heavier than the constitution of Canada. Thus an amendment to it cannot be submitted unless on a vote of two to one in each of the Houses. If the amendment is carried it must receive a vote of three in its favor of three to one of the states before it becomes law. Then there is a perpetual guarantee for the continuance in its present form of the United States Senate, which can never be changed so long as a single state protests. This provision made for the protection of minorities bears a striking analogy to our school guarantees. Besides, the United States steps in and regulates the conditions of the state franchises in the several states—a very local concern. Yet no American statesman is found to say: minorities must be absolute; half a continent and 60,000,000 must be fettered by disabilities imposed at the beginning by a comparative handful scattered over a strip of the Atlantic seaboard. In the United States such language is used only by anarchists.

It might also be answered that everyone who since 1870 sought a home in Manitoba, knew at the time he received from Canada his free grant of land that he and his children should observe the laws of Canada, and that those laws guaranteed to the minority the continuance of their schools.

3rd. Some persons object on general principles—such as that the schools should be national, or that there should be only one class of schools for all, or that it is desirable that the majorities in the various provinces should settle the matter for themselves. This trouble with these theories is that they clash with the constitution. They are made to order by one party to the dispute, to apply retrospectively, the constitution was the work of the whole nation, at a calm moment, to meet a case that might arise in the future. Even if the latter were not law, while the former is only opinion, there could be little question as to which would be the better guide.

It is said that separate schools would cause a large increase in expenditure. This is denied on the ground that "with the exception of urban localities (where there are both Catholics and Protestants enough to make two schools) the Catholic population is geographically separated geographically from the Protestant. Unnecessary duplication of schools could be easily avoided."

5th. It is said that the Catholic separate school, prior to 1890, were not efficient. This charge has been met by the majority and refuted, satisfactorily, I think, but the controversy occupies too much ground to be more than notice here. If you think I may take up that point later. Even if the charge were true, which is not admitted, the minority holds it would not justify abolition, and does not now justify a refusal to restore, since it was and is quite within the Government's power to ensure and compel efficiency in these schools, as in other cases. Besides, the Catholics profess their willingness to work up to any required government standard of proficiency in secular subjects.

6th. It is asked that time be allowed for a better test of the question. This is answered that the question has been in agitation for five years, and has been discussed in all its bearings in two appeals to the Privy Council of England,

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TELEGRAPHIC.

SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO THE EXAMINER.

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

A Libel Suit — Sir Charles Coming Out. OTTAWA, Dec. 4. Hon. W. B. Ives and Sanford Fleming are spoken of as delegates to the Colonial Conference in respect to the Pacific cable.

An action has been taken by Father Whelan, of St. Patrick's Church, against the publishers of the Owl, the official organ of Ottawa University, claiming \$10,000 damages for alleged libelous publications concerning him in connection with the controversy regarding the establishment of a Roman Catholic High School in St. Patrick's parish.

Sir C. H. Tupper and Hon. Mr. Dickey leave for Antigonish to-day to attend a Conservative nomination convention to be held there on Friday next. Sir Charles Tupper will sail for Canada in a few days to consult with the Ottawa Government on the East Atlantic and Pacific cable questions.

ATHLETICS IN THE COLLEGES.

Fast Going by the Boys. LONDON, Dec. 4. Cambridge beat Oxford in the inter-university cross country race by nine points. Whitlaw, of Oxford, who was first, ran seven miles across ploughed land in 40 minutes and 6 seconds; Gibbons, of Cambridge, was second in 49 minutes and 33 seconds.

The Manitoba School Question. WINNIPEG, Dec. 2.—Premier Greenway says there is no truth in the story of negotiations for a school compromise. He says the Premier's statement that the declaration is "the unalterable policy of the Government."

Mere Cardinals Created. ROME, Dec. 1.—The Pope yesterday presided at the secret consistory and created nine cardinals, viz., the Archbishops of Louvain, Salzburg, Valladolid, and Bourges; Mgr. Sattoli, the papal delegate to the Roman Catholic Church in the United States; Mgr. Gotti, the nuncio to Brazil; and the Bishops of Astum, Urral and Anchoa. He then pronounced twenty-four Italian bishops.

The American Missionary's Want Money. NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Rev. O. B. Dwight, missionary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, who is in Philadelphia, Turkey, to the Christian Herald, New York: "Remit funds telegraphically; Harport missionaries telegraph starvation imminent." (Signed) DWIGHT.

This message from Dr. Dwight has a peculiar significance, as it discloses the fact that the missionaries at Harport (whose mission buildings were totally destroyed during the recent massacre there) are themselves suffering the pangs of hunger and cold, probably as severely as the Armenians. The Christian Herald has agreed to forward to the missionaries by cable, free of expense, all sums contributed for the relief of the sufferers in Armenia.

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