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Coercion.

The word "bull-doing," which has been given a rest of late, has been again pressed into service, and is generally applied to the methods adopted by the Quebec hierarchy to force Separate Schools upon Manitoba. The certainty that the Catholic clergy believe it to be their duty to do everything in their power to secure the passage of the Remedial Bill somewhat lessens the indignation of Protestants at the means employed; but the threat that the whole power of the Church will be used to crush Mr. Laurier politically if he oppose the measure, and that it is to be declared a matter of conscience with all good Catholics to support it, has, to speak in the mildest manner, excited a good deal of unfavorable comment. At Toronto on Saturday night there was what may be called an anti-coercion meeting in the Massey hall, and the whole of the vast number of persons present—between five and six thousand—were, though of both sides in politics, as one man in their determination to oppose the Remedial Bill. Among the speakers were D'Alton McCarthy and Clarke Wallace, the latter of whom, having thrown off his allegiance to everybody but King William, expressed his sentiments with the utmost freedom, and declared that "in the history of Canada there has never been such a barefaced attempt to bull-doze the Parliament as there has been within the last few weeks." Mr. Wallace objects to the proposed commission, and says that Separate Schools are an unmitigated nuisance in this country, and unnecessary. With regard to the last point, on which, of course, the hierarchy hold an opinion diametrically opposed to Mr. Wallace's, we may remark that, in places where—as in Fenelon Falls, for instance—there are no Separate Schools, Protestant and Catholic children are taught side by side out of the same books by the same teachers, and we have never heard a hint that the Catholics were not satisfactorily educated, or were believed to be at any spiritual disadvantage in consequence of the schools being purely secular. What effect the threatening attitude of the priesthood will have as far as the Remedial Bill is concerned we do not pretend to predict, but we look upon it as a great mistake, calculated to promote useless discord, for nothing can be much more certain than that Separate Schools will not be re-established in Manitoba. The influence of the Catholic clergy over their flocks is still very great, but it is not what it was in old times when the spiritual powers were backed up by the temporal, and it is a very poor compliment to a man of Mr. Laurier's calibre, and to the thousands of his intelligent, educated co-religionists who think as he does respecting the school muddle, to attempt to scare them into voting contrary to their honest convictions. The *News* says:

"Toronto gave no uncertain sound on the Remedial Bill on Saturday night. Nearly six thousand of the flower of the city's electorate gathered in the Massey Hall to give force to the protest that is being made all over Ontario against the measure. The cheers with which the speakers were received and the groans that greeted the telegrams from the city members showed that in the coming election there will be no quarter given to those who follow the Government and vote for the bill. It is beyond the comprehension of the average man why the Conservatives stick so determinedly to the unwise measure that is charged with such fatal consequences to the party. The members of the party who have voted straight during a lifetime

find it impossible to continue to support their old political friends, and these are overthrown apparently without compunction in order to secure the favor and assistance of the bishops of Quebec. There must surely be some reason for this action that does not appear on the surface—some quid pro quo from the bishops that cannot be discerned from the outside. Whatever it is that leads the Government to persevere in such a course as that which it is pursuing at present is certainly destructive of the Conservative party."

"Our System is Wrong."

The article on our first page from the *Toronto Telegram*, entitled "The Graduate of Arts," is so closely in accord with the views we have repeatedly expressed relative to the school system of the Province, that if we had printed it under the editorial heading of the *Gazette* very few of our readers would have suspected that it was not original; and we are pleased to see so influential a journal as the *Telegram* seconding our humble efforts to bring about a much needed reform. It may not be known to either the Minister of Education or to the heads of universities, high schools or colleges, but the *Telegram's* assertion that the "system is wrong" will be endorsed throughout the length and breadth of the land by the parents and guardians of the rising generation. The system is the result of a mistaken idea as to what constitutes a "first-class" education, and of an apparent determination to make every boy a mental Jack-of-all-trades and master of none. Experienced educationists need not be told, one would think, that it is a most reprehensible waste of time to compel a pupil to pursue studies for which he has not the slightest ability or inclination, and an act of wanton tyranny to prevent him from following those at which he could distinguish himself; yet that is what is persistently done, and the defence set up is that it cannot be helped, as "the system" demands it. There are surprising differences in memories, some easily acquiring and retaining words; others, facts; and others, figures; yet the system persistently (and stupidly) ignores these differences, and pours the same kinds of information into all kinds of memories without the slightest regard to the absorbent qualities of each. The *Telegram* says that reform is needed in our universities, but it is even more necessary in our public and high schools on account of the much larger attendance thereat. No one wishes to abolish state schools or compulsory attendance, as the right of every child to a good, plain education, useful in any station of life, is admitted; but such an education is no longer given, and new subjects have one after another been added until there is now such a fearful waste of time and money on almost useless studies and the books they render necessary that a complete remodeling of our school system is beginning to be demanded.

Death of Mr. Massey.

Mr. Hart A. Massey, the senior Member of the Massey-Harris Co., died in Toronto on the evening of the 25th inst., in the 73rd year of his age. Mr. Massey was a man of great energy and business ability, but it was mainly a favorable trade policy that enabled him to amass his fortune of \$3,000,000, and he was one of the few who could give an affirmative answer to the *Globe's* question "Has the National Policy made you rich?" He was religious and very benevolent, but, like the great majority of millionaires, failed to make the best use of his surplus wealth. It was no doubt praiseworthy to give the city of Toronto a magnificent music hall, and to bestow large sums upon universities and colleges; but it would have been more meritorious to have spent the same amount of money in relieving the unfortunate wretches whom an adverse fate condemns to a life of squalid wretchedness. No doubt Mr. Massey gave away a good deal in small charities; but, if we had heaps of money to dispose of in benevolences, neither halls, nor missionaries, nor churches, nor schools would get more than an occasional trifle of it, while there were hungry people to feed or naked ones to clothe.

An Old Acquaintance Gone.

The *Evening Post* of Monday last contained a long obituary, from the pen of its Oakwood correspondent, of Mr. A. A. McLaughlin, who died very suddenly on the evening of the 10th at the residence of his brother, Mr. Wm. H. McLaughlin, at that village. He was born near Cornwall, Ont., in 1818, of U. E. Loyalist parents, and moved to Oakwood fifty-three years ago, engaging first in tanning and then in farming. Being a man of ability and energy, a deadly opponent of the liquor traffic, and an earnest advocate of both

secular and religious education, he soon became one of the best known residents of the country, was for many years reeve of Mariposa, and in 1857 was the Reform candidate in a Parliamentary election against the late John Cameron, by whom, however, he was defeated. Some years ago he went from Oakwood to the village of Norland, in this county, where he built a mill, but did not remain very long. His next move was to Oxbow, Assiniboia, N. W. T., where he formed a company and built a large grist mill, and where he has since resided. About the middle of December he and his aged partner, to whom he was married in 1845, left their home at Oxbow for a visit to their friends and relatives in the States and Canada, and reached Oakwood on the 8th inst. Two days later he walked down to one of the village stores in the evening, and, upon returning to his brother's house, sat down in a chair and died as his wife, to whom he had spoken quite cheerfully, approached him from the other side of the room. Deceased left ten children, four sons and six daughters, some in Canada, some in the States, add one in London, England.

Personals.

Miss Bonnell of Bobcaygeon is visiting her friend Miss Dickson at the Falls. Mr. Richard Moore of Morganston, Ont., has been visiting friends and relatives in the Falls and its vicinity since Tuesday last.

Rev. Wm. Farncomb left yesterday (Thursday) morning to attend the quarterly Rural Deaconal meeting at Newcastle, and will be home to-day.

Miss Elizabeth Ellis left on Thursday morning for her home at Parry Harbor, after a visit of two or three weeks to her sister and grandmother at Fenelon Falls.

Miss Kate King, whose parents moved from the Township of Ops to North Dakota several years ago, is visiting her relatives in Canada, and was at the Falls on Monday last.

Miss Clark, who has had charge of the Pavilion at the Toronto General Hospital for the past nine months, has been home since Saturday, and leaves this week to take the position of Lady Superintendent of the Lakeside Private Hospital at Chicago.

MOVED.—Mrs. Blott has moved from the premises she lately occupied in the McArthur block to her own house on Clifton street, where her dressmaking business will in future be carried on.

FENELON COUNCIL.—The Fenelon council met on Monday last, but the report of their proceedings did not reach us in time for publication in this issue. It will appear next week.

A SECOND WINTER.—We appear to be having the second winter which is said to come when Candlemas day (the 2nd of February) is bright and clear. The coldest weather of the season has been during the present month, and the roads are in danger of being again blockaded with snow, large consignments of which are constantly arriving.

HELP FOR THE FARMERS.—The Rev. Robert and Mrs. Wallace expect to arrive from England about the first week in April with a large party of boys of various ages, suitable to assist farmers or to be adopted by those who have no little ones of their own to brighten their homes. They are healthy, bright boys and soon learn to make themselves useful. Some will be accompanied by their sisters, hoping to get homes in the same family. Applications are being received at the Marchmont Home, Belleville.

FANCY SKATING.—Mr. E. J. Hartley, of Peterboro', gave an exhibition of his skill on skates in the rink here on Wednesday evening last to a fair sized audience. He executed a variety of movements, comprising changes of edges (inside and outside), serpentine, cross cuts, double eights on one and two feet, combination eights, vines, single foot spin, double foot whirl, lock foot spin, waltz steps, and others. His toe movements were particularly fine. Mr. Hartley is considered to be the best fancy skater in Canada, and in his performances here fully sustained the high reputation he has secured.

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