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WILL IT PASS?

The much talked of remedial bill will, ere this reaches the public, be before the House at Ottawa. From a forecast of its nature in both the World and Mail we would simply infer that the minority is given everything it asked for and probably more than it expected. It grants separate schools to Manitoba. It provides for the appointment of a Catholic board of education for the province, all to be Roman Catholic, which will be all powerful in the selection of text books, issuing of certificates, and many other things; a superintendent of separate schools must be appointed. Power is given to the board to enforce the collection of taxes. In the event of the province neglecting to appoint a board the federal government will do so. In the face of all these things the despatch (which, by the way, bears the stamp of authorization, and does not appear to have come as an ordinary reportorial despatch) says that the bill will "in no manner or form be found to encroach upon the cherished principle of provincial autonomy or contain any provision bearing the semblance of coercion."

We would like to ask in all seriousness if the framers of that bill consider that the people of this country are unable to understand what they read! There is nothing in this proposed measure so ambiguous that the people cannot clearly see coercion sticking out of every line of it. The same despatch gives us the not too joyful intelligence that "the bill will become law. It will carry in the House of Commons by a majority ranging between 20 and 30." It claims that sufficient Quebec Liberals will vote for the bill to counterbalance the defections on the Conservative side. Will it actually do so? is the very important question agitating all minds. This paper protests loudly against it as a form of iniquity which should not be tolerated, and we have the satisfaction of knowing that there are able men at Ottawa who will fight to the last breath to prevent its passage. If obstruction were ever justifiable it will be in this case.

No semblance of coercion, indeed! This is what the Globe thinks about it:

"The Manitoba Catholic is, in short, to be handed over body and bones to an irresponsible oligarchy, who will establish schools for him, appoint the teachers, choose the text-books, map out the course of study, collect the taxes, and, we suppose, if the taxes are not forthcoming, send its bailiffs to seize his household gear by way of enforcing obedience. And this is called, Heaven save the mark! 'redressing the grievances of the minority.'"

In an excellent article from the Toronto World we find these words: "The present moment, not the future, is the time for the government to realize that the direct sequence of coercive legislation is revolution and civil war." The Hamilton Spectator asks: "Could coercion go farther than that? Could anybody devise a more unjust law than that? We think not." In the face of all these serious expressions of opinion and the warnings that have from time to time been given, the Conservative government at Ottawa has blindly rushed on

in the teeth of the storm and are today as determined as ever to enact their unjust law. If this government is not smashed to atoms over this question it will be a sad day for Canada. Trade and revenue are side issues compared with the importance of this question: Will it pass?

Without waiting for the slow processes of Turkish official action, Miss Clara Barton, president of the American National Red Cross Society, with several assistants, started for Constantinople January 22. Her confidence that the sultan would relax his opposition to relief work among the Armenians was justified in a measure by a cablegram from Minister Terrell, received after her departure, announcing that while the Turkish government would not officially recognize the Red Cross, it would permit any persons named and approved by Mr. Terrell to distribute relief in the interior of Turkey. Unless the sultan again changes his mind, therefore, the Red Cross officials, as individuals, will be permitted to enter upon their humane work. Congress has adopted resolutions assuring the administration of its support in all efforts to protect American citizens in Turkey; and appealing to the signatory powers to protect the Armenians from further massacre.—Youth's Companion.

Bull vs. Eagle Again

[The following communication has been sent us by Fritz as a reply to the article quoted last week by Dot and written by a Toronto journalist. While Dot has dropped out of the fracas with honor and is, as she expresses it, "up a tree," we feel that Fritz deserves an opportunity to tilt his lance against the gentleman quoted if he so wishes, and we will therefore hold these columns open on the question until further notice, and think we can promise our readers something warm in the way of debate.—Ed. ADVANCE]

To the Editor of The Advance.

DEAR SIR—Dot's "mascot" in yours of the 30th says, referring to my previous letter, that the superficial makes him mad. He's like the goat that ate the oyster can, his own worst enemy. "Most brilliant young journalist in the province," as Dot describes him. Now in all kindness I would suggest that Dot and her newly discovered Artemesia-polished Kohinoor go find a dictionary and look up the meaning of "superficial"—their pet word—and compare the answer with their joint John Bull inspired contribution on the question at issue. It may then be as clear to them why that jewel was not appreciated in the U. S. as it now is to the other readers of the Advance. Of course any newspaper men who are anything more than a pair of scissors and a paste pot know that nowhere in the world are newspaper men and all teachers as well paid as in the U. S. They pay their school teachers a little over one-third more than we do in Canada. Of course in the U. S. knights of the scissors and paste pot do not, as here, come under the head of journalists. I presume Dot and the Kohinoor make the following statement just as a sample of their boasted solid English information: "The people of the U. S. are characterized by a very deep detestation of things British and a very shallow quality of reason for it." Now if that rising young journalist will lay down his scissors long enough to read an authentic account of the Trent affair, the cause of the Alabama claims, England's sympathy and assistance to the South and slavery in 1862, that knight may yet learn something. In '62 the London Times proclaimed that there must be two confederations. On no other footing will peace be made. "In our opinion the forcible subjugation of the South will prove a hopeless task." Mr. Gladstone said that "Mr. Jefferson Davis has made of the South a nation, and separation is as certain as any event yet future and contingent can be." For proof see Chittenden's history of Abe Lincoln and the United States.

The following are a few of the very humane and quite English laws which John Bull made for the government of Ireland, and millions of Americans were Irish:

1. No Protestant to marry a Catholic.
2. No Catholic to marry a Protestant.
3. Any priest celebrating such to be hanged.

3. Papists keeping school to be prosecuted as criminals.
4. Papist priests who are converted (to the English church, of course) to receive £30 per annum.
5. No Papist to be in a line of entail, but the estate to pass on to the next Protestant heir as if the Papist were dead; if a Papist dies intestate and no Protestant heir can be found, property to be equally divided among the sons; if no sons, then equally among the daughters.

This latter clause our friends Dot and the Kohinoor will at once recognize as thoroughly and exclusively English. See Punell's history of the Irish popery laws for further light. And for the sake of honorable womanhood don't allow any self-respecting, well-informed daughter of Eve talk of England's chivalry, for when did John Bull change the law allowing a woman to collect the wages she earned with hand and brain? Or when did he give her the right to inherit under the common law? No women in any part of the world were more ignominiously treated by so-called men than were the women of Great Britain by your Johnnies. For proof read "Woman," by the English historian Saladin. Then, as to the Americans not knowing anything, as the Kohinoor remarks, surely their sizing up and getting rid of him in such short order was a palpable indication of their intelligence. Perhaps it is on account of their ignorance that they have for years run the best railway trains in the world! Or because within the past short year they have won 20 out of 25 international competitions from the English! This, of course, makes it clear to the average Johnnie Bull that Uncle Sam is superficial. What a lot of stale beer-befuddled old doughheads your Johnnies must be!

Now, if the Kohinoor is still troubled with the superficial making him mad, as he says, I would advise a dark room where he cannot possibly get a reflection of himself. FRITZ.

Artemesia Council

The Council of Artemesia met in the town hall, Flesherton, on Monday Feb. 10, 1896. There were present: Mr. Boland Reeve; Councilors McMillan, Kells, Best and Thompson. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. John Whittaker, jr., waited upon the council in reference to seizure for taxes by collector of ward No. 1, 1895. The Trustees of S. S. Nos. 6, 7, and 10 were present in regard to changing the boundaries of said school sections as per petition presented at last session. A. Wilson and Geo. Binie presented a joint petition from the townships of Proton and Artemesia asking that a union school be formed, the school house to be at or near Proton station.

Kells—Best—That lots 23 to 27 inclusive in con 3 U. D. R. be taken from S. S. No. 6 and placed in S. S. No. 10, and that a bylaw be introduced and passed for that purpose. Carried.

McMillan—Kells—That the remaining lots asked by the Trustees of S. S. No. 10 to be taken from S. S. Nos. 6 and 7 and placed in S. S. No. 10, viz 144, con. 3 S. W., and 21, 22 3 con. N. D. R. and 24 to 28 inclusive in 2 con. N. D. R. remain in their respective sections and that the petition of said trustees so far as these lots are concerned be not entertained and this without prejudice. Carried.

Thompson—Best—An amendment, that lots 26, 27 and 28 in con. 2 N. D. R. be taken from S. S. No. 7 and placed in S. S. No. 10, and that a bylaw for that purpose be introduced. Lost.

Kells—Thompson—That the joint petition of A. Neilson and other ratepayers of the townships of Artemesia and Proton, asking to have a union school formed at or near Proton Station to be composed of parts of the townships of Artemesia and Proton, be entertained, and that this council hereby appoint John McArthur of Priceville arbitrator on behalf of this municipality, all expenses in connection with forming said union school section to be paid by the parties interested. Carried.

McMillan—Kells—That Jane Thompson, baker, be paid \$4.50 for bread furnished Mrs. Hanley, an indigent. Carried.

Best—Kells—That W. H. Thurston be paid the following: assessors' rolls, \$5 25; assessors' schedules, \$5; printing notices, 75c, and expens. 65c. Carried.

Thompson—Best—That J. B. Sloan, collector, No. 4, be paid his salary, \$25 and \$1 for postage, he having duly returned his collector's roll for 1895. Carried.

Kells—Best—That the account of Hart & Riddle for minute book, \$2.25, be paid. Carried.

Kells—McMillan—That the clerk's

OUR WINTER SALE..

January and February are always considered the dull months of the year. But we are going to reverse this order of things and this is the way we do it.

30 day sale

From the 15th of January to 15th of February we will offer special inducements in every department.

We have put in the knife and when we cut we cut deep.

Space will not allow us to mention all the bargains in store for those who attend this great sale, but we will endeavor to give you a few hints of how things will go.

Boots & Shoes

This department is well worthy of special attention and sales have been exceptionally good this fall but we want to keep the ball rolling. Here she goes:

	former price	now
Children's shoes	50c	39c
Girls' Buff shoes	75c	59c
Boys' do	\$1.00	76c
Women's G. G. kid	1.40	\$1.19
Men's heavy boots	1.25	99c
Men's long boots	\$1.90 and upwards.	
Men's gum rubbers	\$1 boys' rubbers	
90c. Men's overshoes, \$1.25, women's overshoes, \$1.15. Overcoats, boys', \$2.50, \$4.25 and \$5. Overcoats, Men's ulsters, \$1.90, \$5.75, \$7, clearing prices.		
Men's all wool shirts and drawers,		75c per suit.
Men's union shirts and drawers,		50c per suit.
Men's heavy braces		10c per pair.
Men's astrachan caps,		25c each.

Dry Goods

28in. Flanneletts at 5c per yard. All linen table damask 19c per yard. All linen towelling 6c per yard. 8/4 bleached sheeting 19c per yard. Double fold all wool dress serges 21c per yard.

Groceries

Get our prices on these goods. We have them down. Now is your time to hit them.

Good accommodation for horses in our new shed.

B. McDonald

postage account, \$2.05, being postage since August, 1895, be paid. Carried.

Kells—Thompson—That the clerk notify Messrs. J. & W. J. Boyd to remove all obstructions placed by them on the highway at or near their saw mill and to place no further obstructions thereon, also to notify Mr. Morgau to remove all poles placed or allowed to be placed by him on road at Proton Station. Carried.

Kells—Thompson—That each member of this council visit the indigents in their respective wards with a view of ascertaining whether or not it is necessary to continue the grants heretofore made to such and find out as to the application of such grants and whether any further assistance is required. Carried.

The Council then adjourned to meet the first Monday in March.

The following motion was omitted from the minutes of council of last month:

McMillan—Thompson—That the printing for this township for 1896 be let by tender, the clerk to receive said tenders up to Feb. 15, the lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Carried.

County Lodge.

The Co. Secretary of the L. O. L. neglected to supply us last week with a report of the late county meeting held in Shelburne on the 4th inst. The following facts we clip from the Dundalk Herald: Every District and nearly every Lodge was represented, about 110 in all. County Master's and Sec's reports showed the order to be in a flourishing condition with the membership increasing. A strong resolution was passed endorsing the action of N. C. Wallace. It was decided to have the County Procession in Shelburne on July 13th next. A committee to arrange for special trains and rates was appointed. The following officers were appointed:—County Master, Bro. J. Elliot, Markdale; Deputy County Master, Simon Jelly, Shelburne; Co. Chaplain, Rev. W. A. Graham, Shelburne; Co. Secretary, J. Corbett, Dundalk; Fin. Sec., Jos Stinson, Singhampton; Treas., John Agnew, Dundalk; Director of Ceremonies, T. Canning; Lecturers, Wm. Collingburne and James Brodie. The next annual meeting will be held at Markdale and the semi-annual meeting at Maxwell.

Collingwood township has decided to repeal its dog tax bylaw.

M. RICHARDSON & CO.

Just received a case of 27-inch English Flannellettes

at 6 1/2 cents

Full sized Men's Flannellette shirts

15 cents each.

Men's Heavy Wool mitts

15 cents pair.

Men's Heavy Wool Socks

15 cents pair.

Job lot of 50 cent Tweeds for

32 cents yd.

Lot of 70 cent Tweeds

55 cents yd.

24 in. Grey Flannels at

10 cents yd.

20 lb. original package fine Japan Tea

\$3.50.

28 lb. Box Raisins

\$1.00.

A lot of Dress lengths in Cashmiers, Serges, Melton, Tweeds and other

Dress Goods

at auction prices—what you like.

Women's \$1.50 Winter Boots at

\$1.00 pair.

Men's Heavy Winter Boots at

\$1.00 pair

Winter Millinery, Felt Hats

10 cents each.

Furs at half prices

Overcoats & Mantles

at cut prices.

BARGAINS in every DEPARTMENT

Hardware Dept.

STOCK - TAKING

BARGAINS

- 2 doz. cups and saucers, shell pattern, at 78c doz.
- 1 1/2 doz. 9 inch plates, brown pattern, at 72c doz.
- 2 1/2 doz. 10 inch plates, brown pattern, at 84c doz.
- 1 1/2 doz. 9 inch plates, moss rose pattern, at \$1.20 doz.
- 5/6 doz. 10 inch plates, moss rose pattern, at \$1.30.
- 1 1/2 doz. soup plates, brown pattern, at 80c doz.
- 5 doz. soup plates, acorn pattern, at 75c doz.
- 2 doz. cov'd vegetable dishes from 35 to 50c each.
- 1 only 97-pieced dinner sett, moss rose pattern, for \$9.65, regular price, \$13.
- 1 only 120 pieced dinner sett, Bredalane pattern, for \$11.85, regular price \$15.
- Granite tea steepers, 1 quart, at 25c each.
- Granite tea pots, 2 quarts, at 50c each.
- Granite pie plates, 10 inch, at 13c each.
- 1 only 42 inch ba'y's tin bath at \$1.45.
- A snap.
- Boston Climax axes at 55c, regular price 75c.
- Shanty King axes at 70c, regular price 90c.
- Improved Champion saws at 35c foot.
- Keen Edge X cut saws at 55c foot.
- A 25 inch Florence box stove with swing top for \$4.20.
- A splendid cooking stove with 26 inch fire box and 24 pieces of furniture for \$22.60.

M. Richardson & Co.