

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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THE COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

The report of the commissioners appointed by the Ontario Government to enquire into the condition of the Public Schools in the French districts of Prescott, Russell, Essex, Kent and Simcoe seems to have given good satisfaction to the general public. When they received their appointment in May last they set to work like men, and now that the result of their labors is before the people the most bigoted partizan cannot say it is anything but fair and impartial. The report shows that much has been done during the past few years in introducing the study of English in the French districts, but that it is absurd to think that all French can be excluded from such schools, and its place supplied by a system of instruction that is absolutely English. To show that the French are in the great majority in many districts we have only to say that the commissioners found in no less than thirty schools every child whose name was entered on the roll was of French-speaking parents. When it is shown then that many schools in the midst of a French population have since the year 1885 been Englished to a great extent, the change in the system speaks well, not only for the foresight of the Hon. G. W. Ross, but for the intelligence and liberality of the citizens themselves.

No doubt the state of affairs in some of the sections is worse than the Minister of Education was led to believe by the inspectors, but no fair man will doubt his honesty when from the reports of these inspectors he stated last winter that English was taught in most of the schools. The report of the Commissioners says plainly that English is taught well in many of the so-called French schools, taught more or less in the others, and taught in all of them as well as can be expected in the lack of a sufficiency of bi-lingual teachers.

How different was the mode of procedure in this case to that of the Tory leaders when an alleged grievance is brought before the people. In the present case, though a complaint was made by a political opposition, the Mowat Government were willing to appoint a Commission to investigate the matter, so anxious were they to ascertain the grievance, if one there were. On the other hand bear in mind the truckling and deceit of Sir John Macdonald previous to the late rebellion in the North West. When the halt-breeds were already in arms he said time and again there was no cause for alarm. Had he taken the manly steps of Hon. G. W. Ross and appointed a commission to enquire into the sad state of the starving natives, and applied the remedy, there would have been no rebellion, and Canada would have no cause to-day to mourn the loss of many of her noblest sons.

Returning to the work of the Commissioners, among the recommendations the following are of importance:—That a special school should be established for the training of French teachers in the English language; that this school shall be placed under teachers who can speak both English and French, and who are thoroughly competent to give instruction in these languages; and that special institutes be held for the immediate benefit of the teachers now employed in the French schools. It would be folly to think of giving credit to any party but Mr. Ross, and the Ontario Government for the reform already commenced, as no effort was made till they moved in the matter.

Nothing now remains to be done but to carry out the suggestions given by the Commissioners. The public and Hon. Mr. Ross will meet with public condemnation or approval just as their future course may tend in one direction or the other. Their duties are clear, yet the greatest caution must be used in order to satisfy the French settlers that they wish to deal fairly with them. By the report the French have so far accepted the changes cheerfully, and are anxious that their children should learn the English language as well as that of their mother tongue.

We have every confidence in Hon. Mr. Ross' future course. So far he has done everything that possibly could be expected of him, and far more than ever was attempted by any other person. This being the case it is only reasonable to suppose he will still improve the circumstances and endeavor to act the friend to all classes and creeds. As Mr. Meredith and his colleagues staked their all before the last election on the "Ross Bible," they are now doing the same in reference to the "French Usurpation," but, like the former, it will be seen that it is only a tempest in a tea-pot, merely got up for an election cry.

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Exhibition Programme.

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MONDAY, SEPT. 9th—PREPARATION DAY.

This day the grounds will be open only to exhibitors. All exhibits of the first week must be in their places the first day.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 10th—OPENING DAY.

Grounds and buildings open at 9 a. m. Opening ceremonies at 2 p. m., after which all departments will be open to visitors.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 11th—ATHLETIC DAY
Machinery in full operation. The special features commencing at 2 p. m. will be trotting races in the horse ring for farmers' driving horses to harness, &c. The trotting dog Doc against ponies; bicycle and foot races, &c. Lady dancers, contortion feats, &c.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 12th—STOCK BREEDERS' DAY.

Exhibit and judging of dog cart, and cob horses, stallions, &c. Trotting races in the ring for gentlemen's road horses, and open stallion races, best 5 in 5. A challenge trotting race between the dog "Doc" and "Jack," in harness to sulkies, half mile heats, best 2 in 3. Balloon ascension by Prof. King, of Philadelphia, between 3 and 5 p. m. Several bands will be in attendance.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 13th—SCHOOL CHILDREN'S DAY.

All departments of first week open at 8 o'clock. Special attractions for young and old. Calisthenic exercises and club swinging, bicycle and tricycle races. Running races in the horse ring. Special entertainment in front of grand stand. Grand display of fire works, &c., &c.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14th—SOCIETY DAY.

Horses and cattle entered for prizes will be on the grounds. In the afternoon hurdle races for the Toronto Hunt Club cup, Scotch bell ringers. Second balloon ascension. Grand illumination in the evening. Band concerts by all the bands, &c., &c.

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