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SERIOUS SCHOOL PROBLEM

There can be no clearer evidence of the development of the city than the call, through the school board, for more accommodation. Several classes are said to be crowded, having many over the normal number, (not the enrolled number), and if this crowding were done away with there would have to be nine new classes under the direction of as many new teachers.

It will be at once asked, What about this year's work? A new school was built and opened in Bidan ward, the Macdonald, the best, perhaps, in the city, with eight rooms, for ordinary school purposes, and one for manual training. All are fully occupied. These eight classes are not an addition to the rooms which were in use last year, because two of the older schools, in the remodeling and introduction of sanitary systems, were reduced in size. One, Louise, is all right, and in its present condition admirably suits the work for which it is intended. But

Catarqui school, in a ward where the population is growing, should not have been changed. That is now quite evident. The old building, so unsuited for a modern school, should have been sold, (the site not being ideal), or razed, and a new eight or twelve room school erected in its place. The committee having the matter in hand never dreamed of the jump in school population which has taken place, or it, too, would have had bigger plans, or plans which would have put the rebuilding of Catarqui school out of the question.

The demand for industrial classes, in conformity with the new School Act, presents problems of the gravest kind, and problems, financial and otherwise, with which the Board of Education must wrestle at once. The financial side is not the most serious. It is trying enough, but far more significant and more important is the side which deals with the rapidly growing educational needs of the city.

REVISION OF TARIFF DOWNWARD.

The democratic party will have to face a serious proposition when congress meets, as it will in special session soon after the inauguration of Mr. Wilson. He is off for a well-earned holiday in Bermuda, where the air is balmy and he may rest out-doors and rapidly recover the strength he lost in the last campaign. Before going away, however, he dropped a few thoughts for the purpose of giving some idea of what he hoped to do.

There is to be a revision of the tariff downward—the revision which Mr. Taft promised in the last election and did not insist upon—but it will not be hurried, and it will not, it is calculated, make a wreck of business. Mr. Wilson said the people voted for this revision, and it must be assumed that they did. It was part of the platform which the democratic party adopted with great deliberation, and the man who had most to do with the penning of it, Mr. Bryan, will be the secretary of state, or premier, in the Wilson cabinet. Then the House of Representatives and the Senate, being de-

mocratic, will have no difficulty in passing anything the president wants. Mr. Wilson assures the business men of America, and does it at once so as to allay all apprehension so far as he is concerned, that the tariff will not be suddenly amended, to the displacement or demoralization of commerce.

There will be a gradual elimination of the protection that has built up the trusts, so causing the high cost of living, without in any way helping or relieving the workingman. It is a kindly notice which Mr. Wilson hands out. Of course he will be only one of the many at work, but he will be all-powerful, and he can veto what he does not approve of.

The thing that interests Canadians is the evident rejoicing of the protectionists over the prospect of a lower tariff in the United States. If a high tariff is a good thing it should be defensible in the United States or any place else. The manufacturers of the republic were deeply concerned. They were busy in the election—it is probable that they bled freely for their cause—and yet they lost, by a large majority.

NEW LAW MAKES COMMOTION.

The law of the province, amended and improved at the last session of the legislature, with regard to the charities and the financial relief they be granted annually, is now in force. It has already created a commotion. Apparently it did not excite much remark when it was going through the house. New measures sometimes run the gauntlet without challenging much attention, and this act, so far-reaching in its effects, seems to have become effective before some of the public institutions were fully conscious of it.

In essence the act provides that hereafter the public aid will not be based, as heretofore, upon the number of persons which the charities receive or register, at so much per day, but upon the sum which the municipality grants to the support of its poor. So far as the city refuge is concerned—the Home for Aged, Infirm and Friendless People—there will not be much change. The property belongs to the city, and is largely, though not entirely, maintained by the city. This year the civic contribution will be \$1,000, and the government's aid will be \$1,000. Practically the situation remains the same. The House of Providence, on

the other hand, has been given very little aid from the city exchequer, but the government, on the basis of service rendered, to a given number of persons for a given length of time, has paid it between \$5,000 and \$6,000. That sum will be lost, and the institution will suffer, unless it is made up in some other way.

One illustration will be enough respecting the operation of the new law. The design is to make the municipalities more directly responsible for the support of their poor. Frontenac, and the adjoining counties of Lennox and Addington, are getting off cheaply in this respect. They have agreements with the city institutions which enable them to care for such of the poor as they send to the city at \$1.50 per week. The cost of living has gone up, and \$1.50 per week does not pay for the food which the inmate consumes. There would be no incentive, however, to adjust accounts so long as the government rendered assistance on the old plan. Now the municipalities have to meet expenses to a greater extent, and this result will be forced under the new law, and when its provisions have been more definitely understood.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Bonar Law does not disapprove of the rowdiness of his party. He applauds it. Mr. Balfour disapproves. There you have the difference between the men and their fitness for leadership.

Hon. Mr. Hanna is out for co-operation among the farmers. He thinks that by the co-operation farmers may be in receipt of the profits hitherto enjoyed by the middle-men. These are the parasites, eh?

The federal government has so far failed to appoint a time when the Saskatchewan government can discuss the transfer to the province of its land and natural resources. Mr. Borden is punishing the Saskatchewan people for repudiating him and Hon. "Bob" Rogers.

The Canadian Courier hails the Montreal Star as a convert on the navy question. The Star a while ago supported a heavy emergency grant, now it does not propose a cash gift.

the world moves, and here is the evidence of it.

Bonar Law, a Canadian, will treat Canadians better than foreigners, but he does not intend to treat them as well as his own people, the Britishers. Canadians can interpret this as they like, but it is not the remark of a friend or a favourite.

The conservative party is not in favour of paying members of parliament an indemnity. To stop the indemnity the labour element would not be represented. Only the rich—the autocratic rich—would be eligible to sit in parliament and legislate for the people.

The Ottawa Free Press says Mr. Hazen, of New York, is preparing plans for a mechanical filtration plant in Ottawa, involving the treatment of water with alum, while in Toronto he approves of the slow sand filtration. It is a case of Hazen vs. Hazen.

The oilman, a day or two ago, was

said to be willing to die in Constantinople in defence of his empire. Now he is willing to capitulate. He wants peace, and life at any cost. Perhaps there will be an end of Turkish atrocities, and if so, the world will cheer up a song of praise.

Lord Lansdowne, our old governor-general, is in favour of taxing Canadian wheat in the interest of British agriculturists. Without our grain the British people could not get on, but as an imported article the unionists would tax it. They will hardly get the chance. The British people appreciate cheap food.

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS

May Claim It. Windsor Record. If the C.P.R. strike collapses Hon. Tom Crothers may have the nerve to take credit for settling it.

Pyne Resting Again. Hamilton Times. Sir Sydney Whitney and Dr. Pyne are off on a junketing trip to the old country. The Spec. ought to get its yellow dog after them.

Imitating the Suffragettes. Ottawa Journal. The Unionist party by its tactics in the House of Commons, is taking a leaf out of the book of the militant suffragettes. Such methods can be better explained than excused.

Against Common Sense. Hamilton Spectator. If the House of Commons, through a snap vote, takes action which is contrary to the wish and will of the majority, why should not the majority be allowed to reverse that action? If there is no precedent for such a reversal, it is a case of precedent being opposed to common sense.

Great Lip-Loyalists. London Advertiser. All the combiners in Canada are great lip-loyalists because they pay. They traded in the sentiment of loyalty successfully in order to defeat the reciprocity agreement which would have pinched the food combines. But any proposal to reduce duties on British imports shows that their imperialism is located in their pocket-books.

THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE. A Fourth Class Teacher Asks \$600 Salary.

Gananoque, Nov. 18.—Miss Sproule, W.C.T.U. missionary to the lumber camps of Northern Ontario, gave a short address in Grace Sunday school yesterday afternoon, and after the church service last evening addressed a large audience in the church auditorium on the needs of the lumber camps, the great possibilities of doing good, and made a strong appeal for their support.

The Thousand Island Gun Club will hold a field day at their traps on Grasshopper Park on Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 20th.

Miss Taylor, pastor of the Grace church, will conduct the thirty-sixth anniversary services of the Lansdowne Methodist church on Sunday next in that village. Rev. E. Richardson Kelly, of Lansdowne, will supply the pulpit of Grace church.

Miss Mabel M. Carpenter, teacher of the fourth class in Stone street school, has notified the Board of Education that unless her salary be increased to \$600 per annum she will be compelled to accept a situation elsewhere. The board at its session last week gave her a \$25 increase, bringing her salary up to \$575.

Frank Corrigan's horse took fright on the street yesterday and ran away, causing considerable excitement for a short time. Fortunately no great amount of damage was done.

The local troop of Boy Scouts held a meeting in the Parish House Saturday, in charge of Scoutmaster Red. Walker Cox, to consider plans for work for the coming winter.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wilson were in Smith's Falls on Friday, attending the funeral of the late Mrs. F. C. Hagar.

M. Walker, Perth, spent the week in town, the guest of his sister, Mrs. J. W. Bennett. Mrs. C. H. Bailey and Ethel Stevens, Alexandria Bay, were guests of their mother, Mrs. Bethel De Wolf, for short time during the past week.

Leaps 150 Feet to Death. New York, Nov. 18.—Oppressed and frightened by the vastness of the city and discouraged, further, by a quarrel with her fiancé, Charlotte F. West, a young widow, committed suicide by plunging 150 feet into the East river from the Manhattan bridge on Sunday.

The Presbyterian synod meeting at Brandon, Man., adopted a resolution calling for the dominance of the English language in all the public schools of the province, compulsory education, and governmental inspection of private institutions.

McConkey's caramels. "Gibson's" Barney Gallagher, Whitebarr Pt., and three others, names un-known, were killed, and fifteen men injured, when an Italian laborer dropped a box of dynamite at the General Crushed Stone company's quarries at Glen Mills, Pa.

Kodaks, supplies, films. "Gibson's" E. A. Lancaster, M.P., for Lincoln is likely to be made chairman of the railway committee by parliament replacing H. Lemieux, M.P. given a judgeship.

The Ice cream, Gibson's. The Montreal, Ottawa and Georgian Bay Canal company, will again ask parliament to extend the life of its charter.

Buy sold cream, Gibson's. F. W. Starr, proprietor of the Star Theatre, Toronto, issued a writ against Rev. Mr. St. Clair, alleging libel and claiming damages, but has now withdrawn it.

Dr. emulsion, 25c. "Gibson's." The death occurred suddenly, Saturday, in Montreal, from heart disease, of Hon. J. D. Rolland, member of the legislative council of Quebec.

Rev. T. P. Perry, Lethbridge, Alta. has been invited to the pastorate of the Quebec Methodist Church next July.

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