

DOCUMENT OPPOSING BILINGUAL REGULATIONS

Was Presented to the Ontario Government.

CONTAINS REFERENCES

TO ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL GORDON, OF QUEEN'S.

The Bi-Lingual School Petitioners Ask That the Old Regulation Regarding the Study of the Two Languages be Maintained.

Special to the Whig. Toronto, Dec. 27.—There is a reference to Principal Gordon of Queen's University, in the seven-page typewritten document, "A Bi-Lingual School Petition," which was presented to Sir James Whitney, Dr. R. A. Pyna, minister of education and others, strongly opposing the bilinguistic regulations. It asked that regulation, No. 12 be withdrawn and that a reference be made to the French language in the English-French schools be maintained.

"If the Roman Catholic separate schools had a separate organization of their own it would be in the best interest of education at large. A greater number of young men and women would enter the career of teaching in the separate schools. If proper provision were made for their preparation to be instructors in the separate districts, it seems only fair to the delegates that if it is deemed necessary to have supervising inspectors in the English-French schools, they should be chosen from among Roman Catholics qualified for the office. The same would also apply in favor of appointing Roman Catholic principals in the Roman Catholic training schools."

The document further says that it must not be forgotten that the French-Canadian of Ontario belongs almost exclusively to the Roman Catholic faith. It would therefore follow that if they are to have training schools for the preparation of English-French teachers, they should be put under the direction and care of Roman Catholics who, like many Protestants, desire to have religious training in the schools. Principal Gordon, head of Queen's university, recently made an eloquent and forcible plea in support of this desire.

UNEARDED STRANGE BOXES

Near Edmonton, and Professors are Very Much Puzzled.

Edmonton, Alta., Dec. 27.—Workmen digging a tunnel for a sewer, a half mile north of the Saskatchewan river, which bisects the city of Edmonton, unearthed a deposit of 100 feet several boxes of an animal which professors at the University of Alberta are unable to classify. One of the pieces resembles the form of a buffalo, while others appear to belong to a larger animal. J. W. Benge, chief engineer of the sewer construction department, will invite scientists of Canada and the United States to give their opinions respecting the find. The discovery proves that at one time the surface of the land was at least a foot lower than at present. However, it may be, experts say that the river changed its course centuries before the coming of the white man to this country.

PITH OF THE NEWS.

The Very Latest Called From All Over the World.

Several wrecks have been caused by a terrific gale that is raging in the English channel and sweeping vast waves upon the coasts of France and England.

Montreal had the smallest list of arrests for drunkenness ever made for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, only sixteen men being placed under arrest.

The bye-election in Athabasca gives Joseph Nolin, Liberal, a majority of 110 over Mr. Russell, conservative, for the provincial house, with two polls to be heard from.

On the recommendation of Attorney-General Fox, the cabinet, it is understood, will shortly appoint a commission to hear evidence on corrupt election practices to defeat the Hydro by-law voted last January in Welland.

Hope for the rescue of Henry Luke, a trackman near Chicago, who was swallowed up in quicksand Tuesday afternoon, has almost been abandoned. Mine rescue men have worked night and day since Luke disappeared in an effort to find him but without result.

City Council Monday. Monday night's meeting of the City Council has been called for 7.30 o'clock, in order that the members may be able to attend the commercial travellers' banquet.

The regular meeting of the Civic Finance committee will be held to-night.

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BRITISH PAPERS COMMENT

On the Recent Warning of Woodrow Wilson.

McBRIDE FOR LONDON.

British Columbia's Premier May Become Commissioner.

London, Dec. 27.—Commenting editorially on President-elect Wilson's recent warning to those who might be tempted to start a panic following tariff revision, the London Daily News says: "The danger which Mr. Wilson foresees is not a phantom, but the likelihood of the money trust taking this step depends upon two factors: the blow at its profits which the tariff reduction will deal and the vigor of the government."

"Trust magnates may conclude they do well to accept the reasonable profits which even the drastic tariff reductions would leave them and may also think that a determined president backed by a determined people is too formidable an antagonist to provoke. In the last resort the power of the modern state is greater than any subject or combination of subjects. Whether American people have yet the clear vision and the strong determination necessary to meet the magnates will be doubted and it is still to be proved. The president-elect has had all qualities necessary for leading so arduous an enterprise, and Mr. Wilson looks like being the best man America now has for the task."

MASTERLINCK'S LATEST.

The Public Eagerly Awaits New Book "On Death."

Paris, Dec. 27.—Maurice Masterlinck's new book, "On Death," announced to appear in about ten days, is eagerly awaited here. Those privileged to see the proofs declare it to be among the most important and well-considered studies of the subject in existence, perhaps, the finest book that Masterlinck has yet written.

Although part of the volume has already appeared in print, it contains a large quantity of entirely new matter dealing with the attitude of humanity toward death in various countries, and at different periods as well as its influence on the great religions of the world.

Having worked during the summer and autumn at Saint-Wandrille, the writer is now resting at the Villa Les Abeilles at Nice, where he will stay for the remainder of the winter. Always proud of his analysis, he is taking daily boxing lessons from a leading professor in the art on the Riviera, and expresses delight in the rapid progress he is making. He also fills in his time with long walks on the seashore, accompanied by two faithful dogs with long automobile excursions.

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MET DEATH AT SMITH'S FALLS.

Railway Employee Threw Himself in Front of Engine.

Smith's Falls, Dec. 27.—George Ford, twenty-five years of age, a C.P.R. employee, was fatally injured when he either threw himself or accidentally fell in front of a yard engine passing. He was pushed along by the locomotive some distance, and his body was terribly crushed. He was taken to hospital and died there three hours later. Deceased was one of the C.P.R. strikers, but had returned to work. It is said he had been very despondent since the strike was declared. He leaves a wife and two children.

FOOD SHORTAGE CAUSED

At Head of Lesser Slave Lake by High Temperature.

Edmonton, Alta., Dec. 27.—Unusually high temperature is the principal cause assigned for the shortage of provisions at Grouard, a town of 1,000 population at the head of Lesser Slave lake, 350 miles north of Edmonton. George Harvey, manager for the Hudson's Bay company in this district, reported on Friday that there is no snow and the lake is not frozen, making freighting an impossible task over the government trails. He says the people are living chiefly on game, which is abundant in the district, but that the lack of bacon and other provisions, laid in last winter, has become exhausted. There is no suffering. Freighters are in readiness in Edmonton, Edson and Athabasca to make trips to the north country as soon as there is snow to cover the roads.

SHOULDN'T HAVE KILLED CAT.

Had No Right to Avenge Death of Chickens.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—The tale of the cat was heard by His Honor Judge Pappas in the circuit court when Emile Dubois sued A. Daigneault for \$59.99, the value of an Angora cat killed by the defendant.

Daigneault said that the plaintiff's cat had killed his chickens, but Justice Pappas told him that he ought not to have killed the cat, but sued for the price of the chickens.

DROWNED AT CAMDEN EAST.

Camden East, Dec. 27.—A sequel to Christmas dinner occurred here on Christmas day, when John Galbraith, a lad of fourteen, was missed from the family circle and afterwards found dead in a well near his home. After dinner he went out to do the chores, and when he did not turn up for some time, a search was started for him. After several hours, his body was found floating in a well. The ice about the well led to the supposition that he had slipped and fallen in while drawing water.

Wood Mills, Revolving Rubber Bands.

Wood Mills, revolving rubber bands, all sizes, just arrived. Women's 25c, men's 35c. Put on free of charge. Dutton's, 309 Princess street.

TURKS REFUSE TO Yield Up Possession of Adrianople.

COULD ADJUST TREATY IF BULGARIANS WOULD ACCEPT SALONIKI.

Instead of the Northern City They Covet—Third Parties May Have a Chance Now to Reconcile the Remaining Differences.

London, Dec. 27.—The possession of the Turkish fortress of Adrianople which has been the principal bone of contention since the beginning of the war between Turkey and the Balkan allies, still remains at this moment the stumbling block in the way of the attainment of peace. Compensation for Bulgaria, however, in some other part of European Turkey will probably in the end remove even this difficulty and enable her to consent to the retention by Turkey of the great fortress which the allied troops have been unable to subdue.

Saloniki has been suggested as a possible bait to induce the Bulgarians to abandon their claims to the northern city, which the Turks refuse to yield.

Perhaps with some such idea in their minds the Turkish delegates have, it is reported, included in the counter proposals they have offered to the peace conference the stipulation that Saloniki shall remain in their hands, a line being drawn from that south-western point through Serres and Adrianople to Midia.

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UNSPEAKABLE TURK FLYING BACK TO ASIA

Hundreds of Thousands Have Already Been Driven Clean Out of Europe.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Whatever the outcome of the Balkan war has already resulted in driving hundreds of thousands of Turks out of Europe and back into Asia. In a letter received to-day from W. W. Peel, president of a chapter of the Red Cross, thanking the American Red Cross for its recent contribution of \$15,500, he says that already 100,000 Turks have fled from Europe across the Bosphorus into Asia Minor.

An equal number, he says, are now on their way, and will be settled in Asia Minor. He asks for further financial assistance.

Brookville Mayor Gives Treat.

Brookville, Dec. 27.—Mayor C. W. Maclean, yesterday afternoon, tendered 300 of Brookville's children of the poor a turkey and plum pudding dinner at the city hall. After the dinner the mayor, from a large tree, distributed gifts to the "kiddies."

WHEN HE IS AT FORTY, SAY GEIMMANS.

Medical Experts, Business Men and Artists Say That a Man at Fifty is No Older Than a Man of Forty.

Berlin, Dec. 27.—"The Man of Fifty" is the subject of a Christmas symposium in the Tageblatt, and medical experts, business men and artists agree that a man of fifty is no older than a man of forty, and in numerous instances decidedly more useful.

Prof. Kraus asserts it is absurd to describe a man of fifty as even growing old. Only in exceptional cases does he reveal the crossed elasticity. Prof. Kraus recommends one sport as the best insurance against old age for a man of fifty.

Dr. Lappmann, another eminent specialist, declares that a man of fifty is highly superior in intellectual worth, and on account of reliability, steadiness, experience and rational living, possesses countless physical and moral advantages over a younger man.

Prof. Arthur Kampf, president of the Royal Academy, claims that great artists in all lines have done their best work between the ages of forty and sixty.

Dr. Leon Zeitlin, secretary of the Berlin Retail Traders' Association, blames the Americanization of German commercial life for the increasing prejudice against the man of fifty, which manifests itself in the ruthless casting out of employees who have reached a certain age and their supersession by younger men.

A King George Out Shooting. London, Dec. 27.—King George has so far recovered from his Christmas illness that he was out shooting to-day, according to the statement of his secretary.

PLAY CENSOR REBUKED.

Commercialism and Critics Keep Good Work Off Stage.

London, Dec. 27.—Iracl Zangwill has written a bitter foreword to the second edition of his play, "The Next Religion," which was published this week by Heinemann. The production of the peace under the regular conditions was forbidden by the censor, and when the play was given at the special private performance, it was vigorously attacked by the critics.

Mr. Zangwill says in his foreword: "A striking rebuke to the censor has been administered by the persons and ethical preachers who have made the play the subject of sermons or addresses. The notion that the susceptibilities of any particular sect have to be protected by the state is opposed to the constitutional right of free speech, and seems to rest on the assumption that those likely to be offended are driven into the theatre, as the Jews in the Roman ghetto are driven into church to be shocked by sermons. There, on the contrary, the bar of silver keeps them out."

"The commercial management of our theatres, the frivolity of the public and the dearth of criticism are surely a sufficient safeguard against serious work upon our stage. There need be no outer line of defence in the shape of a censorship."

RIVAL TO "STEEL TRUST."

\$5,000,000 Plant to be Erected in New South Wales.

Washington, Dec. 27.—A formidable rival to the so-called "steel trust" is to be erected in New South Wales, where a steel-making plant is to be built at a cost of \$5,000,000. The information is conveyed in a report just received by this government from American Consul-General John P. Bray, at Sydney, who says that \$5,000,000 has already been spent in preliminary work. The mills will be erected near Newcastle, and they will be extended as the needs of Australia grow.

"The amount of money to be expended will be unlimited," Mr. Bray declares in his report, "because the company will be spending money all the time."

The Broken Hill Proprietary company is said to be behind the project, which eventually is expected to control absolutely the Australian market.

MILITANTS' MAD PROJECT TO WRECK G.N.R. TRAIN

Some Signal Wires Were Found Tied Together With a Rope.

London, Dec. 27.—Following upon the fifth comparatively harmless campaign against letter-boxes, fire alarms and telephone wires, suffragettes are apparently adopting a new form of militancy, which if persisted in will seriously threaten a public safety.

They have been interfering with signal wires on the Great Northern railway. Wires were found tied together with a rope, where to was attached a letter pleading for votes for women. The discovery was made before damage was done.

WHITNEY WAS BUSQUEE

In Replying to the Bi-Lingual Deputation.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—Premier Whitney today received the deputation representing the bi-lingual schools of Ontario with his customary brusqueness, and after hearing their long monotonous setting forth the advantages of bi-lingualism and the unfairness of the rules laid down by the education department, dismissed the deputation with this assurance: "We will take into careful consideration all you have said. In this world we have got to give and take. Plain speaking is always best and we have spoken plainly this morning. The government wants to do what is right and will do so as far as it understands the right. I wish you all a Happy New Year."

Sir James said the people of Ontario generally had no desire for a system of education along racial lines. He declared that some of the statements made were utterly absurd and showed extreme ignorance of the subject under discussion. At times the premier got into warm arguments with members of the deputation and they departed with the idea that they would receive little satisfaction out of the visit.

RUN OVER BY TRAIN.

A Lad Was Fatally Injured at Belleville.

Belleville, Dec. 27.—A lad named William Palmater, of this city, was, this afternoon, the victim of an accident which will probably cost him his life. He attempted to board a moving G.T.R. freight train when he was thrown to the track, and some cars passed over him, severing both legs above the knees. The lad was taken to hospital.

Honors for Canadians.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—It is expected in some quarters that a number of prominent Canadians will figure in the New Year's honors, including Premier Borden and Hon. J. D. Hosen. It is held that this would be the proper manner for the British court to recognize the Canadian government's naval bill. Hon. George E. Foster stands a very good chance of being knighted for successfully arranging the West Indian trade agreement. Other Canadians will doubtless be recognized in the distribution of honors.

A DIVORCE TRIBUNAL IS NEEDED IN CANADA

Ontario Bar Association Recommends One.

OUR DIVORCE LAWS ARE INEFFICIENT, DECLARES E. F. B. JOHNSTON, K.C.

There Should be Frequent Sitings, so That the Court can be Available to the Poor as Well—D. M. McIntyre, K.C., to Speak at Banquet.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—In a strong address before the annual meeting of the Ontario Bar association to-day, E. F. B. Johnston, K.C., a prominent criminal lawyer, emphasized the inefficiency of the present divorce laws of Canada, and made the following recommendations which will likely be submitted to the dominion government:

A purely judicial tribunal for divorce cases, composed of at least three judges. They should be of the province in which the parties to the marriage reside, and on any legal question there should be the right of appeal to the supreme court of Canada. Each province should be divided into districts, and there should be frequent sittings. In this way the courts should be available to the laborer as well as to the millionaire.

In every case where the husband is found guilty of offences, which warrant an absolute decree against him, a punishment ought to be imposed.

The grounds for divorce are those favored by the majority report of the recent British commission on divorce.

In the morning, the retiring president, W. C. Michel, K.C., of Belleville, delivered his address, and James Bicknell, K.C., read a paper on the advisability of a bankruptcy law for Canada.

The banquet will be held this evening at the King Edward Hotel. The speakers will include Justice Riddell, Justice Hodgins, Hon. Joseph A. Lawson, of Albany, chairman Donald McIntyre of the Ontario Railway board, and other guests.

LANCASTER DECLARES

That Patronage of Constituency Belongs to Him.

St. Catharines, Dec. 27.—In a rather warm meeting of the conservative association, last night, E. A. Lancaster, M.P., declared that the county patronage was his and not the association's.

Speaking of Premier Borden's naval policy he said that if the senate failed to accept an amendment of the British North American act to abolish the upper house or make it an elective body.

THE SON OF CONNAUGHT

May be Created Duke of Kent Very Shortly.

London, Eng., Dec. 27.—According to rumors here Prince Arthur of Connaught, son of the Duke of Connaught, will shortly be created Duke of Kent.

Johnston Forbes-Robertson, actor, very popular in Canada, will be knighted, and Mrs. Humphrey Ward, well-known authoress, may receive the coveted order of merit.

MARRIED.

ALCOMBIAK—BLADES—In Kingston, on Dec. 20th, 1912, by Rev. W. F. Fitzgerald, at the residence of the bride's father, 281 Montreal Street, Newburgh, son of Mrs. D. Stanton (Cleveland, Ohio), Montreal, Quebec, City, Cleveland, Ohio and various places, please copy.

DAVID—SILVER—On Dec. 24th, 1912, Christmas Eve, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Pigeon, 11 Aberdeen Street, Kingston, by Rev. J. L. Campbell, B.D., near daughter of the late Marshall Silver, of John A. V. David, of Killarney, Man.

WEIR—BENNETT—On Dec. 25th, Christmas evening, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. W. J. Nesbitt, M.A., Ph.D., of Pittsburgh, Ont., Miss Anna Jannette Bennett, of Willettsville, Ont., to William Weir, of Whitnour, Ont.

SLAV EMPIRE THE AIM OF THE AUSTRIAN HEIR

An Ambitious Plan is Reported Under Way by Archduke Franz Ferdinand.

Paris, Dec. 27.—According to the Vienna correspondent of The Journal, a friend of Archduke Franz Ferdinand is authority for the disclosure of an ambitious plan which the Archduke has conceived and is now actively endeavoring to make effective.

In a word, the Archduke aims at the creation of a vast Slav empire of the south under the crown of the Hapsburgs.

The new confederation, according to the same authority, is to include the autonomous kingdoms of Hungary, Bohemia and Poland, each with its frontiers extended by recent victories and still further increased by the inclusion of Slavonia, Montenegro, enlarged by a part of Dalmatia and part of Herzegovina, and the other Balkan states.

Poland is said to have been quick to grasp the plan and has signified unanimous adhesion. Bulgaria is favorably disposed, and active negotiations are now going on between Emperor Ferdinand and Archduke Franz Ferdinand. Serbia, it is also said, is beginning to realize the advantages of the scheme.

ARCHDUKE FRANZ FERDINAND

Who Would Break Up European System of Alliances.

TRAGEDY NEAR OTTAWA.

Victims Known by Rev. J. R. Urquhart, Who is Here.

"Three little children of Andrew Curran, were burned to death near Ottawa."

This item on the Whig bulletin, brought great sorrow to a visitor, in the city, on Friday morning, in the person of Rev. J. R. Urquhart, of City View, near Ottawa, and a graduate of Queen's university.

The three children, who met such a terrible death at their home at Edward's station, Carleton county, were formerly members of the Sunday school under Mr. Urquhart's charge. The news of the terrible fatality, came as a great shock to him, and he called at the Whig office for the particulars.

Mr. and Mrs. Curran were in the stable, getting ready to go to Ottawa, for Christmas dinner, their house caught fire and the children met their death, while the parents looked on, unable to render aid. Their parents, with some of the neighbors, who quickly gathered at the scene, made several attempts to break through the flames, to carry the children out, but they were unable to do so, without endangering their own lives.

The children were aged thirteen, nine and two years. Albert was the oldest, Annie the second, and Eva the youngest. An older boy went to a neighbor's home the night before to have his skates sharpened, and thus he escaped.

CANADA'S RECORD TRADE.

It Will Reach One Billion Dollars in 1912.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—When the old year goes out, Canada will have established a record for trade prosperity. Statistics for the year indicate that the aggregate trade of the dominion will be in the neighborhood of one billion dollars. The increase for the various months of the year has been steady. In the totals, trade with the United States predominates to a tremendous degree over that with other countries.

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