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Letters to the Editor

The Howe Island Schools

Cataraqui, March 27.—(To the Editor.) In his recent letter to your paper, John Foley undertook to justify the school conditions on Howe Island, and I have no doubt he succeeded in convincing himself at least that there are no just or reasonable grounds for complaint on the part of the Protestant residents there. Let us suppose conditions were reversed. Let us suppose all the people on the island were Methodists with the exception of four or five Roman Catholic families living at some distance from each other. Let us suppose the Methodists having concluded that Methodist doctrine should be regularly taught in the schools, should say to their Roman Catholic neighbors, "You can have the dilapidated old school houses which you helped to build and do what you like with them, but we have decided to have schools where the atmosphere will be distinctively Protestant and where Methodist church doctrine will permeate the whole course of study." What would the few Roman Catholics say to that? What would their bishops and priests say? What a howl would be raised against such manifest injustice and disregard of fair play and how the welkin would ring with denunciations of Protestant intolerance, bigotry and tyranny. Would Mr. Foley be willing to have his children's education seceded with Methodist doctrine and the Methodist catechism dinned in their ears every day of the week and every hour of the day even if he paid no school taxes? I doubt if he would, and I doubt if he would be permitted to allow his children to attend such a school by the authority of his church.

Mr. Foley should appreciate the consideration shown to isolated Roman Catholic families whose children attend the public schools in many rural districts and do so without hearing in their school a single harsh word regarding their church or their religion and without having to listen to Protestant denominational teaching. That is the treatment accorded to Roman Catholics where they happen to be in the minority. It is not so on Howe Island and scores of other places where Protestants are in the minority.

Mr. Foley says that when separate schools were established on Howe Island the public schools there (which as I stated and repeat the Protestants had helped to build) were handed over to the public school supporters. How wonderfully generous Mr. Foley knows that the gift was worthless, and that for the few Protestant families located as they were to undertake to maintain those deserted schools would mean an intolerable financial burden. That the Protestant children are forced to attend Roman Catholic denominational schools as the only ones available on the island, emphasizes the injustice and unfairness of those special privileges granted by the laws of the province to one class of citizens who are now clamoring for further concessions. Mr. Foley does not question the correctness of my statement that the legislative grants to the Howe Island separate schools in 1920 and 1921 were sufficient to pay the teachers' salaries and leave a surplus of \$1,251.70, but he says "I want to add that each school section pays more mills on the dollar than does any school in the County of Frontenac." That sweeping and very positive assertion indicates either that Mr. Foley has an intimate knowledge of the rates of assessment of all the school sections in Frontenac or that he has become desperately reckless in presenting his case. It would be interesting to know just why the separate school sections on Howe Island taxed themselves so heavily or why indeed they found it necessary to tax themselves at all during the last two years when the legislative grants were sufficient to pay the salaries and leave them a surplus of over \$1,251.

Mr. Foley says the laws are "just and fair," and adds, "And I wish the courts decide it." Decide what? If the laws are "just and fair," what does he want the courts to decide? His bishops have denounced the existing laws as neither just nor fair, and I likewise denounce them, though on entirely different grounds. Mr. Foley concludes by saying that he has never heard any "public school supporter" on Howe Island complain. Of course not. There being no public school on the island there are no "public school supporters" to complain. There are, however, Protestants on Howe Island who have just grounds for complaint, but who have no doubt long since concluded that they might better suffer injustice in silence than look for redress in a province where special privilege to one class is claimed by those favored as a right and is accepted, as such by those who, claiming for themselves superior intelligence and breadth of vision, are too weak or fearful to openly oppose the wrongs inflicted by clerical domination.

—J. W. EDWARDS.

Prisoner For Penitentiary Says He Never Had Chance

Everything was very quiet in police circles over the week-end. The police received no complaints of a serious nature, and no arrests were made. The only occupant of the police cells was a man named Drouillard, who was sentenced at Windsor to twenty years in the penitentiary for robbery. He was taken out to the prison on Monday forenoon.

Drouillard seemed to be very much downhearted over his plight. He claims that ever since he was eleven years of age he has had to "shift" for himself, and that he never had a chance to make good.

"Jack the Huggie" Again On the Job in Kingston

It would appear as if "Jack the Huggie" is again on the job in Kingston. Complaints have been made about a man accosting a young woman on upper Earl street last Friday night. Something went wrong with the electric lights early in the evening, and "Jack the Huggie" took advantage of the fact that it was dark and grabbed the young lady, but the latter fought the fellow off and he took to his heels.

Jerome Helferty has purchased the grocery business of John Cousineau, Picton, and is taking possession immediately.

H. Hughes has purchased the old second farm near Kaladar now occupied by Mr. Juby and will move as soon as possible.

Turner Dies Victim Of Crossing Accident

Alfred E. Turner, Watertown, N.Y., died on Friday at the City Hospital from injuries received Wednesday morning when his motor truck was struck by a train at the High street crossing. He received many cuts and bruises, from which he lost considerable blood, one leg was broken and it developed that he was injured internally.

Mr. Turner was a native of Wolfe Island. Ten years ago he went to Glen Park and removing to Watertown, N.Y., in 1914. He is survived by his father, George Turner.

First Baptist Church

In the First Baptist church on Sunday morning, Rev. S. S. Bates, D.D., McMaster University, Toronto, spoke on the work of his college, which is the denominational school for the training of Baptist men and women. The speaker showed the development of this university during the past year and told of the wonderful training given to the students in attendance. Something of the ideals which governed the faculty was explained by Dr. Bates, who gave a very clear outline of the scope, covered by the university in preparing their students for life-work.

Glad to Be Here Again

After the service at Queen Street Methodist church on Sunday evening, Rev. W. T. G. Brown, who was former pastor of Sydenham street church, went over to his old charge and spoke at the after service which was held in the Sunday school hall. Mr. Brown said he was delighted to be back in Kingston and meet old friends.

Architect Coming

On Monday morning, Prof. Zufelt, superintendent of the Kingston Dairy School, stated that the architect employed by the agriculture department to make plans for the new dairy school, would likely be in the city soon to look over the site where the building will be erected. It is likely that the remainder of the walls of the old building will not be torn down until such time as the contract for the new structure is let.

Small Boy Run Over

Robert Wilson, Brockville, Ont., aged eight, is in St. Vincent de Paul Hospital, in a serious condition, as a result of being run over by an automobile in the first traffic accident of the season. It is feared that the boy may have a fracture of the skull.

OBITUARY

The Late Mrs. McKeown. Mrs. Marcella McKeown passed away at the House of Providence on Friday. She was a resident of Tamworth, and the remains were sent there for burial by M. P. Keyes, undertaker.

The Late Mrs. Parker. Mrs. Elizabeth Parker passed away at the residence of her son-in-law, Gordon Cliffe, Princess street, on Sunday. She was the wife of James Parker, Mountain Grove, and was fifty-seven years. Besides her husband, she is survived by one son and three daughters, two of whom, Mrs. Gordon Cliffe and Mrs. Perry Lawless, reside in Kingston. The remains were sent to Mountain Grove on Monday morning by R. J. Reid, undertaker.

Late Mrs. Mary Ann Davis. Mrs. Mary Ann Davis, widow of the late William Eves, passed away at the House of Providence Saturday afternoon after an illness of two weeks. She was seventy-four years of age and was born in Kingston. Surviving are, one daughter, Mrs. Fred Keates, and three sons, W. H. and James, Kingston, and Frederick, Cleveland, Ohio.

The funeral took place on Monday from the residence of her daughter, to St. Mary's cathedral, where a solemn requiem mass was sung for the happy repose of her soul by Rev. Father Hanley. The casket was banked with beautiful flowers and spiritual offerings.

Some warm hearted Christians often give the contribution box the cold shoulder.

DAILY MEMORANDUM
Lenten Mission, St. George's Cathedral, this evening, 8 o'clock.
British mail will close at the Kingston post office at 3 p.m. Tuesday.

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DIED
EVES—In Kingston on March 25th, 1922, Mary Anne, widow of the late William Eves, aged 74 years. Funeral took place at 9 o'clock on Monday morning, from her daughter's residence, Mrs. F. Keates, 14 St. Mary's Cathedral, where a solemn requiem mass was sung for the happy repose of her soul. Interment took place at St. Mary's Cemetery.

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