



TO USE HIS OWN JUDGMENT.

MR. ROSS, M.P., BEFORE HIS CONSTITUENTS.

He Gives His Views, but the Manitoba School Question Doesn't Think Right.

Should be Taught Their Religion at the Meeting.

SCHOOLMASTER, Dec. 5.—Yesterday Mr. Ross, M.P., for Manitoba, discussed the Manitoba school question, saying: "We have not forgotten to object to discuss the question fairly, not as regards or tones, but with minds unbiased by any religious feelings either religious or political."

My object, however, is to get the true expression of the minds of the people of this community on this very important subject. I feel it my duty, in justice to you, to secure this before acting in the matter. We are all the orations of our constituents; our education can in no case give us freedom from this condition. During the political campaign of 1890, Mr. Martin stated that it was not the intention to interfere with the separate schools. The government withdrew their support and passed a bill that all the children should attend the public schools. The Roman Catholics appealed to the government to withdraw this request was sent to Mr. Greenway to just the matter satisfactorily. Mr. Greenway never submitted the matter to the legislature, as requested, but replied that he would not make any change. This was brought to light by Mr. Fisher. A few days later the Roman Catholics had some grievances. If you persist in rubbing the hair the wrong way trouble is sure to follow. I believe the Roman Catholics have no objection to fighting with the Protestants, but if they do, let them go to their own church in the Roman Catholic separate school, and thus the reason why they ask for a separate school. For my part I believe religion is a dangerous thing when taught in schools, at all times when children have to walk home or form into the school or they have only got six months in the year. They cannot afford time for religious instructions while there. Another reason is this, you have perhaps often noticed the lethargic attitude of many people while attending public worship and I believe that it is largely due to the fact that they are not competent persons. Our school teachers are hired for the purpose of giving the children a general education, and I think it is the duty of the ordinaries to instruct them in religious matters. When hiring teachers it is impossible for us to tell whether they're capable of imparting religious instructions or not. If religion is taught in the schools at all my idea would be that it has been taught from 3:30 to 4 o'clock, as the schools in Manitoba close at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Ross spoke some time answering questions asked by persons in the audience. He said the question must be carefully considered before anything definite is done upon it for we must remember that a man is committed to a certain course.

It was moved and seconded that Mr. Ross use his own judgment in the matter under discussion when the house is called together.

"POOR THINGS" WON'T STARVE.

Because Mr. Higginson Has Ordered.

Then a Bit More.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 5.—Francis L. Higginson, the banker, sent to him a telegram, Italy, a cable money order for \$100, 000. He accompanied this extraordinary gift with the words, "Poor things, they'll send me some money."

The "poor things," to whom he referred are his eloping wife and her lover, James Wheatland Smith, a wealthy young Boston society man.

It transpired that Mrs. Higginson and Mr. Smith had sailed from New York to Italy. Finally it was decided that further communication was impossible and Mr. Higginson, with his wife, had cabled \$100, 000 to his wife's order as a final settlement of all claims. Brief but authentic reports are given out that there will be no further correspondence between them, and Mr. Smith is probably safe if he chooses to return to Boston.

She took with her \$50, 000 worth of jewels and about \$40, 000 in cash. Since her departure the will of Mrs. Simpson, of Beacon Hill, has been probated which gives \$20, 000 to Mrs. Higginson.

A SENATOR DROPPED DEAD.

He Was Leaving His Residence when the End Came.

MONTREAL, Dec. 5.—Senator Edward Murphy dropped dead this morning when leaving his house at 8am on Dorchester street. He was just about to start down town when the end came with startling suddenness.

Mr. Murphy was born in 1818 in the county of Carlow, Ireland. He was well known in connection with the hardware firm of Frostingay & Workman, of which he was a partner, and was president of the City and District Savings Bank, prominent in Irish circles and a chevalier of the sacred and military order of the Holy Sepulchre. He was appointed to the senate in May, 1859. Deceased was a liberal conservative and was taking an active part in the Montreal Central campaign when his death occurred.

MR. CHARLTON'S DENIAL.

Don't Write the Famous John Charlton Michigan Letter.

BRAUCHERON, Dec. 4.—In his speech here last night in the interests of Mr. Gillespie, the liberal candidate, John Charlton, M.P., denied that he either wrote, inspired, knew, or had anything to do with the now celebrated epistle to John Charlton, Michigan. This letter it will be recalled pointed out how the United States might legislate on retaliatory lines against Canada.

Got His Fingers Burnt.

PETERBOROUGH, Dec. 5.—On Tuesday night William Johnson, of Belleville, electrician, of the Peterborough Light and Power Co. The switch which had power being out of reach, secured a box to stop up and instead of connecting the wires himself, the switch his thumb and third finger came in contact with the metal part of the switch which was then fused. The fingers were badly burnt. There was a current of over 1,000 volts, and his escape from serious injury was miraculous.

Swimming Resumes.

LOMPOZ, Dec. 5.—A despatch from St. Petersburg, Russia, to the Cologne Gazette says it is reported, that seven warships and nine torpedo boats, forming the armed re-solve of the Black sea fleet, are at Sebastopol. It is asserted in naval circles in St. Petersburg that a month ago, some assumed that Great Britain might enter Hellspont alone, orders were sent to the dervishes to arm the vessels, and hold the fleet in readiness to sail upon twenty-four hours notice.

Suffering Women.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 5.—The legal department of British government having been asked to pass upon the question of the validity of a divorce decree granted by the court of Oklahoma, has informed Pele Neilson, a wealthy Englishman, who came to the city to the territory and secured a divorce, that the divorce law of Oklahoma would not be recognized in England, and many English people have come to Oklahoma and obtained divorces.

Health and Health.

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Weak Men.

VICTORIA, Dec. 5.—Hon. Arthur Cameron, formerly a member of "Bill Smith," of mining days, and afterwards ex-prime minister of British Columbia, and now one of the four richest men of the province, has been adjudged insane. Guardians were appointed for himself and estate, and he will be sent to an asylum.

Catskill Carpet.

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Sugaring Refuses.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—The Committee of the London board of trade, appointed to consider the question whether or not the side lights of ships should be screened, has made a report suggesting a number of reforms.

A fine audience was present at the opera house last night and its judgment in approval of Miss Cameron's efforts was manifested by well-timed and hearty applause.

THE CUBAN INSURRECTION.

Gen. Diaz Says We Will Not Treat With.

New York, Dec. 5.—A despatch to the Herald from Havana says: Official statements from Santa Clara confirm the statement that Maxe, recently broke (Captain) strategic base. Maxe has joined joined Olmedo and their combined forces are now threatening Santiago. Campostre, Carrion, and other points on the Magdalena frontier to block Maestra's way. Santa Clara advises further to defend a position on the Magdalena. The local treasury received \$1,000,000 on Tuesday to pay the troops. In the outskirts of Havana, Tuesday night, rebels received from the Loyalists and Leopoldinos. The act is a mystery. No one seems to know what has been done.

The Herald is authorized to contradict all statements which represent Gen. Diaz as ready to treat with the rebels or willing to grant any money to the island. On the contrary he says: "I will never treat with rebels while they remain in arms against the crown, though, on the triumph of Spanish independence, I would give Cuba all the liberties possible."

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The condition of George Augustus Salas, who is lying ill at Brighton, Eng., is reported this morning to be extremely critical.

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The Bolingbroke club, London, Eng., has offered a purse of £500 for a boxing contest between Jim Smith and Frank Slavin.

On Monday evening Alfred Wainwicks son was drowned near Barrie. Their bodies were recovered yesterday opposite Gilmerton, Ont.

Benj. Young, Gloverville, N.Y., was buried to death in a telephone house last night and several others narrowly escaped the same fate.

The Madrid Globe describes the paragraph in President Cleveland's message referring to Cuba as "an utterance of serious importance."

The powers have decided that an additional guardianship must go up to Constantinople in a given time with or without the consent of the Italian and goods and personal rights of 119 Princess street, E. R. Martin, auctioneer.

Unbreakable Scotch Figuring Baldwin

Leeds and Wyvern Saxony satins at under

household price at R. McFarlin's Kingston warehouse.

Three persons were killed in one of the streets of Dublin to-day by the explosion of gas in the underground pipes which they were repairing.

At yesterday's meeting of the grand division, Sons of Temperance, of Ontario, at Cobourg, the rebel general, John Kennedy, was elected president for 1896.

To-morrow Dr. James McTroy will examine Alfred McArthur, Challenor, and our secretary of the Japan mission, who has been ill recently.

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