



The Daily Times.

THE MANITOBA MINORITY.

Conservatives in their somewhat tentative efforts to make political capital out of the school settlement feel inclined to preach about the "rights of the Manitoba minority." It is quite plain that while the opinions of the Manitoba minority as to their rights, and as to the effect of the settlement on those rights, should be treated with respect, it is nonsense to represent them as the deciding factor. Are we to believe that no matter how unreasonable a demand may be put forward by the Manitoba minority that demand must be satisfied in order to a settlement of the question? Suppose the Manitoba minority were unanimous in claiming the restoration of separate schools in the exact form of 1890, would the country be obliged to satisfy that claim? Who is there fool enough to suppose that it would? That was the claim advanced on behalf of the hierarchy assuming to speak for the minority, but we all know that it has been most materially modified in view of the marked hostility of public opinion in general. Who, then, is to say where the modification is to stop? Certainly not a few ecclesiastics and politicians working for selfish ends, not for the good of the minority. Among the loud-voiced agitators are Mr. Lariviere, M.P., and Senator Bernier, whom residents of Manitoba have long known as solid beneficiaries of the old regime. The former has not only remembrance of past profits to supply him with a motive, but possibly future benefits to come from a handy election cry. Senator Bernier was superintendent of separate schools under the old system, receiving a salary of \$4,000 a year while many of the schools were starved. It will hardly do to accept such men as these as disinterested champions of the minority. In all probability if the minority were let alone by priests and politicians they would gladly accept the settlement as promising to afford their children a much better means of education than was available in the past. We do not believe that even with the efforts now making to incite them to opposition they will feel much inclined to reject it.

Municipal problems would never be solved by giving free rein to snobbery. The Canadian Gazette observes: "Canada, it would seem, has not much to fear from competition in British markets with Australasian fresh-killed meat. Mr. Alexander Bruce, chief inspector of stock to the New South Wales department of agriculture, admits, in his annual report to the assembly, that the attempt to establish a live-stock export trade with Great Britain has turned out a failure. The cattle were not up to British requirements in the matter of quality, the journey was too long, the accommodation inadequate, and the cost of transit too great to enable Australasian beef to compete with the very best trans-Atlantic meat at from 4d to 5d per pound. Therefore, the chief inspector concludes that, if a very considerable rise in the price of this class of beef and mutton does not take place in England, there is no chance of the Australasian export trade being profitable." The long voyage, comparatively high freight, and heavy expenses for forage and insurance, ever being able to compete with Canada, or the Argentine, or even the United States."

An Ottawa correspondent writing, on Dec. 13th said: "Sir Richard Cartwright has been so long in public life that most people naturally think him an old man. Last Friday was his sixty-first birthday, so that he is really in the prime of life. A man of strong vitality and considerable physical strength, Sir Richard no doubt feels a touch of rheumatism a bit irksome, but on the score of good health, he has much more in his favor than the generality of mankind. He is now the senior member of the house of commons in point of service, having been thirty-

one years continuously either in the old parliament of Canada or the new, with the exception of one session. Experience is the most coveted and costly thing in the world. It is especially valuable in public life, and Canada is most fortunate, irrespective of party, in having this long experience placed unostentatiously at her disposal, by such a well-balanced statesman." The country may well wish that Sir Richard's health and strength may long continue to permit of his giving it such service as he has rendered in the past and is now rendering. There are few Canadian public men to be named who have labored so unselfishly and so efficiently for Canada's benefit.

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE EDITOR OF THE COLONIST.

Sir—In this morning's daily appears some very sage reflections, which I so much appreciate that I wish for your benefit to copy, slightly (but I think very appropriately) varying the application as follows:

"Often a man succeeds as a Tory monopolist about who has proved a failure in several Liberal newspaper offices. Take the case of an editor who has a decided turn for personal abuse, detraction and innuendo, with no particular skill or ability in advocating truth. Having failed, (for obvious reasons) as an educator in Liberal principles, he enters the service of those who require tools rather than men well knowing, etc., etc."

I must compliment you also on your argument that a man's capacity and fitness for any position can be accurately measured by the money he has got. It is decidedly original. Judas, from this point of view, was more fit for any position (by thirty pieces of silver) than all of his fellow apostles. I commend his case and its ending to your careful consideration. There are many and pointed lessons to be learned from it, especially for men whose opinions for the value of human character are measured in coin.

JOHN MACMILLAN.

FARMERS AND THE TARIFF

To the Editor: The following letter has been addressed me by the Hon. Sidney Fisher, and I would be glad if you would insert the same in your next issue:

Ottawa. My Dear Sir: I desire to draw the attention of your association to the invitation that has been sent out on behalf of the government to all who are interested in the revision of the tariff. It is the desire of the government to afford every facility to those engaged in all industries to lay their views upon the question before the committee charged with the investigation. As the Minister of Agriculture I am especially anxious that those engaged in the business of farming should discuss what changes in our customs duties can be made in their interests and put their views before the committee.

I would suggest therefore, that your association, representing a branch of this industry, should discuss the question, and either forward resolutions adopted at your meeting, or name a committee to meet the committee of the government. In the latter case, on information from you I shall be happy to arrange an early opportunity for your committee to meet the committee of the government at some central point in your province.

I am, my Dear Sir, Yours Sincerely, SIDNEY FISHER, Minister of Agriculture.

G. Hadwen, Secretary Dairymen's Association of B. C., Duncan, B. C.

In that British Columbia imports farm produce whereas the other provinces export the same, it is especially important apart from party politics that the British Columbia farmer should look after his interests when any change in the tariff are contemplated; make his wants known and avoid being overlooked.

I would suggest that the local agricultural associations throughout the province take up this matter through their directors or executive committees and that these, after carefully preparing the questions, submit the same to a general meeting of their members.

Any resolutions passed can be forwarded to me and committees appointed could report at the annual meeting of the Dairymen's Association which will probably take place in Victoria at the end of January. Will Mainland papers kindly take up this subject. G. Hadwen, Secretary.

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PERSONAL.

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Mrs. Capt. Trenchard, Astoria, is at the New England.

T. J. Wheeler, Vancouver, and W. H. Ladner, Ladners are registered at the Strand.

Miss J. K. Hughes, lately with Root, Ward & Co. Ltd., left this morning to take a situation in Rossland.

E. and J. Musgrave and Mrs. Musgrave were passengers on the Rosalie this morning from the Sound.

SALVINI DEAD.

The Young Actor Dies at Florence this Morning. Rome, Dec. 15.—Alexander Salvini, actor, and son of the celebrated Italian tragedian, Tommaso Salvini, died at Florence at 9 o'clock this morning. A few months ago Mr. Salvini married Miss Maud Dixon, the leading lady of his company, who was at his bedside when he died.

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