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**The New Zealand Tablet.**

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FRIDAY, MAY 31, 1878.

**THE NEW EDUCATION ACT.**



Do not know whether our legislators are  
ashamed of their work of the last session; so  
far at all events as legislation in reference to  
education is concerned. But this we do know  
that they ought to be ashamed. Our legislators  
are the paid servants of the public, and ought to  
give honest work in return for their pay and  
honours. Have they done so? The contest  
now raging between the Dunedin School Committee and the  
Otago Board of Education answers this question very fully.  
Where were all the lawyers of both houses of Parliament, or  
what were they doing when this godless Act was passing  
through Committee? Where was our present Attorney  
General? Or if they were in the House of Representatives,  
or the Legislative Council, and paying attention to their work,  
what can be said as to their brains and their legal knowledge?

This godless Education Act has been so framed that it  
has succeeded wonderfully in setting by the ears the various  
bodies appointed to administer the new law. The Otago  
Board of Education, knowing itself to be bound to consult  
School Committees as to the appointment of teachers, so  
manages, that its treatment of the Dunedin School Committee  
for example, amounts to a farce. The appointment committee  
of the Board, a body unknown to the law, makes up its mind  
to recommend certain appointments to the Board, and then  
coolly asks the School Committee if it has any objection to  
such appointments without affording any further information.  
Whereupon the committee is indignant, and justly so, and  
warns the persons appointed by the Board not to accept the  
situations of teachers in the Albany-street School. Both sides  
have something to say in their favour. The Board affirms  
that the law gives it the exclusive power to appoint teachers,  
which is true; and the School Committee maintains that  
before appointments are made, it should be really consulted,  
and that the farce of a consultation is against both the letter  
and the spirit of the new law. This it appears to us is also  
true.

There is now a species of dead-lock, and who is to solve  
the difficulty? Will there be an appeal to the Supreme  
Court, or will the parties wait till the meeting of Parliament,  
and for a new Act to amend the law made last Session? The  
latter alternative, we suppose, will be adopted. But, then,  
what a commentary on the capacity of our legislators for their  
work does not this afford! We see from the report of Mr.  
SWANSON'S speech, at Ponsonby, given by one of our con-  
temporaries, that Mr. SWANSON, the member for Newton,  
seems to regret his want of education, because it has pre-  
vented him from taking office in the Government of the  
colony. It appears to us that if his modesty, in not attempt-  
ing office, had also induced him, and what we say of him is  
true of a good many others, to reflect that want of education  
is also a reason sufficient to persuade men of common sense  
to decline Parliamentary honours, it would be very much  
better for the colony and the cause of legislation.

A great deal of time is lost, a great amount of money  
unnecessarily spent, and a great deal of harm done by men  
undertaking duties, for the proper discharge of which they  
are totally unfit. And in nothing is all this so true as in  
the matter of law-making. Men who understood their busi-  
ness would frame intelligible and wise laws, that would not  
require amending for generations, in one tenth of the time spent  
by bunglers and incompetent persons in making laws that  
cannot be understood, or that only lead to increased litiga-  
tion, or that must be either repealed or amended forthwith.  
Such a state of things is highly discreditable, and ought to  
bring a blush to the cheeks of many members of Parliament,  
if, indeed, such a praiseworthy thing is possible.