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THE FIRST ROUND WON.

If yesterday's discussion in the Board of Trade developed all that can be said against the continuance of the vocational evening classes, one wonders why the opposition should be taken seriously by anybody. So far as could be gathered from the wandering discourse which covered an amazingly wide field, the reasons given for opposition were about as follows:—

1.—No vocational training should be given except in school to day school children. This condemns the mechanical drawing classes and evening classes in English subjects which have been conducted for several years by the school board without any protest by anybody until yesterday.

2.—No vocational classes should be conducted until the city has spent \$200,000 or more on a vocational high school building. This would ignore the rights of all working boys and girls and older persons seeking vocational training to make them more efficient workers and better citizens; and would postpone all action indefinitely.

3.—The vocational training system should be conducted by the public school board. This ignores the fact that the public school board now controls the vocational board, as it has a majority in the membership of the latter.

4.—No persons should be permitted to attend classes if they can afford to pay for tuition. This narrow view was promptly rejected by the representative of labor, who took the broad view that whenever anybody is better trained the community benefits.

The curious fact about the discussion was that every speaker declared himself for himself emphatically in favor of vocational training, and yet a number of them, without any evidence except hearsay against it, wanted to destroy the only vocational training system we have at present. Officers and members and director of the vocational training board were there, prepared to answer questions and explain what they are doing, but all the remarks they got an opportunity to make were contradictions of incorrect statements made by speakers who apparently were not anxious to wait for all the facts before making up their minds. If the first resolution had passed, as it should have passed with very brief discussion, declaring the principle of vocational evening classes, then the question of how those classes are or should be conducted could have been discussed intelligently after hearing from the vocational board a statement of their case, which would be much more to the point than street gossip concerning it and them.

It may be that there are human wonders who from their inner consciousness may at any given moment evolve greater wisdom than has ever been derived from study and experience. It may be that there are persons in St. John who know more than the original provincial vocational committee, the experts they consulted, and the legislature whose members unanimously adopted the legislation framed by them. If there are, it is most unfortunate that their native modesty prevented them from long ago hearing the call to public service and giving to the city and province a complete, smooth-running, close-fitting and absolutely fool-proof system of vocational training. Since they did not do so, other citizens of ordinary gifts and a desire to serve the interests of the community did the best they could, and fashioned the imperfect instrument which now excites the apprehension and horror of those greater minds. And yet, an imperfect instrument may be improved, or exchanged at the proper time.

With regard to the matter of taxation, reduction of which one speaker appeared to regard as the supreme good, it may be noted that the friends of vocational training did not ask that \$25,000 be cut out of the very heavy estimate for streets. They were willing to be taxed to make the streets more smooth for the delivery teams and motor cars of the very men who manifest so little interest in what is more vital to the welfare of this city than its streets.

Nor should the mayor and other members of the city council be under any delusion regarding public sentiment in this matter. They may be assured that if anybody suspected they had any intention of cutting out the whole grant for vocational training there would have been a procession to City Hall quite

long enough to be convincing. How many members of the city council—how many of yesterday's critics of the vocational board—have taken the trouble to visit the evening classes and learn what they are actually doing?

However, yesterday's meeting declared for a continuance of the classes. The next step is to get another conference of representatives of the various organizations at which the members of the vocational board who got no chance yesterday will have the opportunity to clear the air by showing exactly what they are doing and propose to do. After they have been heard, and not before, the time for helpful—not destructive—suggestions will have come. The evening classes must be saved, even if it should become necessary to put on a drive to get the funds. The opposition is now fairly well sorted and labelled. Now let the friends of vocational training take the floor. The Board of Trade, which is appealing for general support and co-operation; the Commercial Club, which seeks to make St. John a better city to live in; the Rotary Club, whose motto is to serve, might well join the Trades and Labor Council and Women's Council in this campaign.

THE BOY AND THE MAN.

The father-and-son banquet at the Y. M. C. A. last night, and similar events in churches, indicate a growing interest in boy-welfare. The opening of a new boys' club is another indication. The appointment of a boys' work committee by the Rotary Club, and of seven other committees having to do with matters which affect boy life, is still another sign of the times. The boy of today is to be the man of tomorrow, and neglect of the boy means a manhood that is incomplete. Business men as well as social welfare workers realize more and more the significance of this truth.

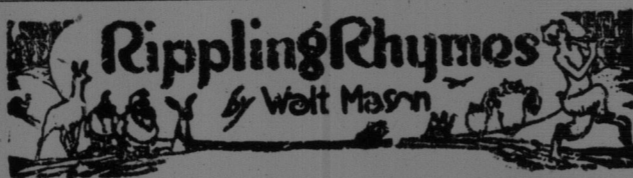
The court records give striking evidence that there is need of more and more attention to the welfare of boys. From St. John last year half a dozen youths of sixteen and seventeen went to the penitentiary. That is a grim reminder of somebody's neglect. Eight boys between the ages of nine and sixteen were sent to the Boys' Industrial Home. Fourteen boys were found guilty, but let go on suspended sentences. Eleven more, for similar offences, were given another chance, and eight more, for minor offences, were also let go with a warning. Of the forty-seven boys here enumerated, thirty-three, of whom twenty-five were guilty of serious offences, are at large without an adequate probation system, and it is safe to assert that a still larger number who committed offences but escaped arrest are to be found in the city.

Of course this is not a very large number when we consider the thousands of boys in St. John, but when we take into consideration the influence of one boy of evil tendencies upon other boys the matter becomes more serious. Even if we considered only those who were before the court it is obvious that the community is suffering a serious loss in productive energy and in good citizenship. Hence all efforts that are made to take care of the leisure time of boys should be encouraged. In this connection the work of the Boy Scouts cannot be too highly commended, and it is suffering in St. John today through the lack of leaders. There is here a notable opportunity for service, and more general interest in the work of the Improvement League and boys' clubs would also result in a less disagreeable court record.

The use of school buildings for community purposes is approved in Ottawa. The following news paragraph from the Ottawa Journal is of interest in this connection: "Those who label the community movement a fad should have visited Howells' avenue public school last evening where they would have seen a practical demonstration of the success of one community movement. Every corner of the school assembly room was filled, even the space behind the piano, into which were squeezed several small boys. There was not sitting space in the windows, and, if the hall had extended over the whole second floor of the school, it would have more nearly accommodated those who sought entrance. It was the debut of Ottawa South Community Orchestra, and the occasion a free concert given by Ottawa South Municipal Association. Community activities of this kind deserve hearty support. They break down prejudice and develop the community spirit."

MANITOBA'S TAXES.

Winnipeg, Feb. 3.—Taxes imposed in Manitoba for running municipal governments was \$16,078,885, according to statistical information compiled by the department of the municipal commissioner. The total population of Manitoba is 847,466. This means that every man, woman and child in the province is assessed a tax of \$29 annually for municipal purposes. Of the 847,466 persons living in the province, 62,843 are farmers, the statistics show.



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EUGENE DEBS.

In a prison cell he sits, for his carnival of crime, jailed for throwing sundry fits at a nervous, crucial time. Now the crucial time is past, 'twould make the angels weep that we hold him, caged and fast, his courage high and strong, but his head has wheels of wood and they're always turning wrong, and when war was sweeping by, sponsored by some tin-horn kings, he reared up, nine cubits high, and reeled off some foolish things. Then the hearts of men were hot, as we watched war's crimson tide, and we all were talking rot—but we took the proper side. Then the wheels in Eugene's head backward turned, as is their wont, and he pawed around and said silly things in language blunt. And he's been in jail for years, and it seems he'll there remain, while the beastly profiteers flourish on their crooked gain; and the gangsters run at large, and the slayers shoot and stab, and they are not placed in charge of the prison grum and drab; and the swindlers and the thieves raise their divers kinds of hell, while poor Eugene sits and grieves at the window of his cell. In the bustle and the rush many errors must prevail, but our Uncle Sam should blush that this man remains in jail.

IN THE HEBRIDES.

I live in a wide house, with stars in its roof-trees. When night sinks over me mists are my curtains. Lone waters, lapping encircle my home. Morn comes there lingeringly—leans o'er the mountains. Meshing with silver the unsleeping waves. Sometimes a ship sails by proud in the daybreak. Gathering tangle, or bait for the fishing. Old men and women creep, stooping and rising. Like birds from afar floats the laughter of children.

From the quiet creek where through night she lies rocking I push my white boat, and pull away seaward. Waiting and listening, watching and dreaming.

Then in the gloaming row home through the wonder. West of star-withered, while past my oar-blades flash the sea-people all jewel-beangled.

Lambent and languishing, low o'er the crooning. And sight of the waters, the broad moon uprises. By glow of my peat-fire I yield to her glamour.

Sagas come seeking me, tugging my heart-strings; Sea-foes, far-faring, call from the ghost-land. Then Sleep overwhelms me, till the birds cry at dawn. —Lauchlin MacLean Watt in the Edinburgh Scotsman.

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

Was Fastened Tight. Doctor to Edgar, aged four—Put your tongue out, please. Little Edgar protruded the tip of his tongue. Doctor—No, no, put it right out. Little Edgar—No, no, put it right out. Little Edgar—I can't, doctor, it's fastened to me.

Proof.

A quack doctor was advertising some medicine on a street corner. Doctor—I have sold these pills for twenty-five years and never heard a complaint. What does that prove? Voice from the crowd—That dead men tell no tales.

Practical Science. "Robert," said the hypnotist's wife. "Yes, my dear." "I wish you would come here and tell baby he's asleep."

Inferential. She—I say, dear, where do all those burst tires go to in the end. He—I don't know, but if they go where most people consign them there must be a terrible smell of burning rubber somewhere.

DIDN'T RECOGNIZE DERNIER CRI IN STYLE. Ottawa South Passenger Thought Them "Omers" Unbuckled "Galoshes."

(Ottawa Journal.) The "latest thing" in women's footgear has made its appearance in Ottawa. It happened last evening when a young lady boarded a Bank street car in Ottawa. Every detail of her attire was an exhibition of the "latest word" in style from the jaunty sport hat, pony coat and short skirt down to the silk stockings. On her feet were a pair of overshoes with the first buckle fastened and the others flapping loose. As she made her way to the front of the car, followed by a self-conscious young man, the other women in the car glanced at each other and suggested that she "ought to be told."

"The poor thing, she must have been in a terrible hurry and forgot to buckle them," the sympathetic one said. "Presently another lady took matters in hand and leaning across the aisle said, in an audible whisper, 'Pardon me, but your overshoes are undone.'"

Her effort was rewarded with a lengthy stare and a mumbled "thanks," but the young lady made no move to adjust the buckles. The young man's complexion increased to a florid red. The tension was broken when the car was well on its way up town. Another young lady boarded the car and took the seat in front of the one with the flapping footwear. The latter apparently recognized a friend and a conversation started.

"You know they are the rage in Paris and London, and are now just 'in' in New York," she confided. "I don't suppose they will be generally worn in Ottawa for a year or two, anyway. I couldn't buy them in Ottawa and had to look all over Montreal for them."

The other passengers also learned that they were known as "galoshes." "Don't trip yourself, lady," the ultra-fashionable one and her swain left the car at Queen street.

THE BOY SCOUTS

MUCH DAMAGE BY EARTHQUAKE ON THURSDAY

Was Near Isthmus of Tehuantepec—Feared Many Lives Lost.



THE BOY SCOUT.

The 8th Troop (Mission) met on Tuesday and had a series of brisk group games. A good attendance was recorded. Rev. Mr. Young presented the American Badge to Scouts Herbert Lee and Harold Livingston.

The Animals of our Forests.

The Canada Lynx—There are two types in North America, the bay lynx known as the bobcat or wildcat, of eastern North America, which is represented in Nova Scotia, Florida and the west by allied varieties, ranging southward into Mexico, and the Canada lynx, a somewhat handsomer animal, which is, as its name indicates, a typical lynx of this country, although specimens are also found in the western mountains as far south as Colorado and the Sierra Nevada. The Canada lynx is pepper-and-salt gray in color with long tufts of jet-black hair on the ears, and possesses a cat-like head of exceptional beauty. Its fur is thick and warm, as it needs must be to protect it from the winter's cold, and when food predations are scarce and it must search night after night for its prey. Lynx live on the smaller animals and birds, sometimes also killing mountain sheep and small deer, but contrary to popular belief, do not attack people. Lynx-eyed in its expression signifying exceptional keenness of sight. The ancients believe these creatures could see through all substances.

The Trees of our Forests.

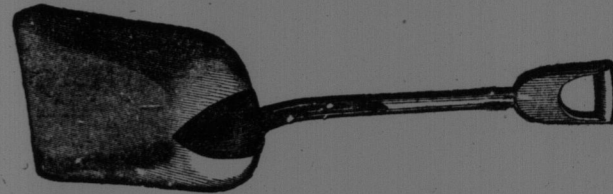
The Beech—Only one species of beech is found in Canada and it grows from Nova Scotia to Lake Superior. The beech is readily recognized by its three-angled nuts, in a spiny covering, its smooth, gray bark, and long, pointed, lance-shaped buds. The leaves are simple, pinnate and coarsely toothed. The wood is used for flooring, furniture and a variety of smaller articles.

The Chestnut—The chestnut grows in the southern part of Ontario, and is now very scarce. A disease which came over from Europe, the chestnut blight, is fast destroying what is left. The leaves are simple, six to eight inches long, and its margin is coarsely toothed with curved teeth, like those of a circular saw. The nuts are enclosed in large burrs. The wood is mainly used for veneer, cores and planes and doors. The horse chestnut is a different species and is not native to Canada.—From "Boy Scouts" Handbook.

It has been decided by the camp committee appointed by the New Brunswick Provincial Council of the Boy Scouts Association, that the Provincial Camp this year will be held on Grand Lake. The camp will be for two weeks, but will not be held unless a certain number are guaranteed. It is expected to have Prof. Tohill, George H. Estabrooks and H. O. Egan at the camp this summer. Further announcements as to time and price will be announced later.

SOME HIGH SALARIES FOR COAL MINERS. Cardiff, Wales, Jan. 30.—Some coal miners of South Wales are being paid as high as \$1,000 a year, while wages amounting to \$700 to \$800 are fairly common. Despite this, the government is having difficulty in collecting income taxes from the miners. Last year nearly 15,000 of them were summoned for non-payment; but only 12 of this number were committed to prison.

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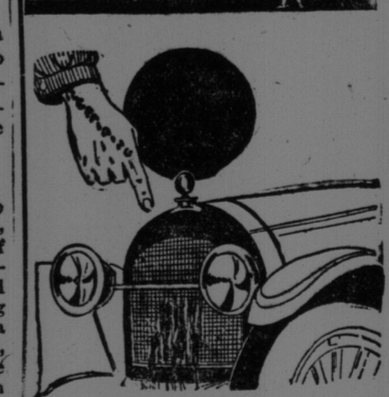
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TWENTY-FOUR SLAIN IN BIG STRIKE RIOT

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Valparaiso, Chile, Feb. 4.—Twenty-three soldiers were killed today in a clash with workers at the San Gregorio nitrate plant in Antofagasta province, according to advices from the district reaching here. Daniel Jones, the administrator of the plant, is reported to have been assassinated.

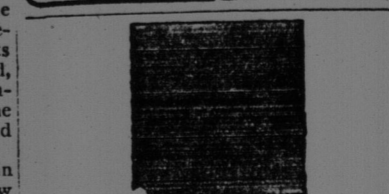
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