

SCHOOL BOOKS.

A New Issue to the Front in Ontario.

The Movement for Free Text Books and Supplies Gaining Ground.

(Ottawa Journal.)

A new educational issue is about to force itself upon the people of Ontario, as it has for some years been forcing itself upon the people of the United States. The coming issue is not free, but free education. The issue of free education was tarred out and decided a good many years ago. The question then was whether the school buildings and the teachers should be paid for by the people who were to directly benefit by them, or by the public at large. The opponents of free education maintained that those whose children used the schools should pay for them, and that the free educationist had no more moral right to attempt to pass a law to compel them (the antis) to aid in the support of the schools, than they had to steal any article of furniture out of their houses. The champions of free education (and by the way champions of compulsory education) held that it was in the interest of the community at large that every child should have the fullest opportunities for good elementary instruction, and that such could only be obtained by everybody chipping in; that the property owner without children would benefit materially from the results of an effective system of common school education, and therefore he should be forced to pay his share of the cost. The fight resulted in a decisive victory for free schools and compulsory education, and today the then adopted principle stands so thoroughly accepted that it would almost be a foolhardy man who would attempt to resurrect the dead and buried issue.

The coming issue is free schools. The movement for free schools, which means a stand for the extension of the principle of free schools to free books and supplies—was born in Boston about 1871, and spread steadily till now a very large number of cities in the Northern and Western States supply the pupils with free requisites of all kinds, thus reaching the ideal of really free education.

So far as Ontario is concerned the movement is as yet in its infancy, but there are evidences of activity. Ten years ago by a poll of the property owners (property owners mark not voters generally). Toronto adopted the system by a vote of 12,348 to 7,891. Since that year Ontario has had its eye on Toronto. About two weeks ago the Kingston school board sent a deputation to Toronto to investigate the workings of the system. On Thursday night the Toronto system was adopted by the Kingston board with the exception that the parents and not the public at large will pay for the books, which means that Kingston sees that by the board buying and distributing the books, the books will be secured to the pupils at a greatly reduced cost, and that the fact that the board will own and control the books will be to the advantage of the system generally, but that Kingston does not go so far as to assert the principle contended for in Toronto and in the States; that the public at large should pay for the books. Kingston in other words has gone three-quarters of the way toward the mark, and has declined the real issue—the sharing of the burden by the public at large.

That issue is now before the Ottawa public school board and will loom up large during the public school elections. New candidates in two wards have already declared themselves pledged to the adoption of the principle.

The Journal believes that the free education idea has a sound logical basis, that its adoption here in its fullest aspect would be to the advantage of the schools, and a material benefit to a large section of the people generally and particularly to a large section of the property owners, and that should the school board at its next meeting for any reason not adopt the motion now before it, the question should be made an issue at the polls.

BURGLARS AT DORCHESTER.

DORCHESTER, N. B., Nov. 19.—The general store of Scott H. Dickie of this place was burglarized last night, and goods amounting in value to \$25 or \$30 were stolen. The safe was also disturbed, but the cash and papers of value were taken home by Mr. Dickie on leaving the store at night. The thief or thieves evidently knew the place, as they sawed through the panels of the door and through the large cross bar, after which they sprung the lock. It is generally believed that they belong to the same gang that have been committing similar offences at Sackville, N. B. There is no definite clue, and a general feeling of uneasiness among merchants prevails. The attention of the provincial authorities should be directed to the frequency of these robberies.

ENGLISH EPIGRAMS.

LONDON, Nov. 19.—Here are some of the epigrams from the week's speeches: "Balfour is one of the greatest parliamentary debaters since the time of Pitt."—Lord Albourne.

"There cannot be the least doubt that the construction of a trunk railway through China would result in the emancipation of the people."—William Keswick, member of parliament, engaged in the China trade.

"The clergy must live among the people, going in and out of their houses."—The Bishop of Liverpool.

"The openness of the stage as a profession is the chief cause of its present state of mediocrity."—Olga Nethercole.

WANTED—A case of Headache that KUMFORT POWDERS will not cure in from ten to twenty minutes.

Gaston Follens, editor of the Gaulois, who is leaving the Jewish for the Christian faith, has been baptized in Paris.

Gibson & Co's first hard coal is likely to be sold to arrive, enquiries being received from all over the province and from Maine.



Does it not seem more effective to breathe in a remedy, to cure disease of the breathing organs, than to take the remedy into the stomach?

Vapo-Cresolene.
Established 1879.

Cures While You Sleep

It cures because the air rendered strongly antiseptic is carried over the diseased surface with every breath, giving prolonged and constant treatment. It is invaluable to mothers with small children.

Is a boon to asthmatics.

For—
Whooping Cough, Bronchitis, Croup, Coughs, Catarrh, Colds, Grippe and Hay Fever.
The Vaporizer and Lamp, which should last a lifetime, together with a bottle of Cresolene, cost \$1.00. Extra supplies of Cresolene 25 cents, and 50 cents. Write for descriptive booklet containing highest testimonials as to its value.

Vapo-Cresolene Co.,
150 Fulton Street, New York
1551 Notre Dame Street, Montreal

THE DOLKHOVORS.

Great God, dost see thy children! Blind and crazed,
They wander weary miles in search of Thee.

Oh, Thou dear Christ, the Brother of our race,
Behold them, cold and hungry, calling Thee.

Art Thou not still the same who once didst say,
"So kindly, 'Children, have ye any meat?"

And showed the tired toilers where to find
What they had long been seeking for in vain?

When it was dark, and Thou not come to them,
How lonely Thy disciples were of old.

Come now to these poor frenzied souls of thine,
And guide them gently to some peaceful fold.

Make them sit down in companies, and give
Them bread enough, and bid them come for more.

Ah! mock them not, who think themselves more wise,
Are ye not seeking God where He is not?

Are ye not seeking other than the Christ
Who had compassion on the multitude?

St. John, Nov., 1902. J. S. B.

THE TWO SOOURCES

ALCOHOL and MORPHINE

(From London, Eng., Times and Opinion.)

A recent remarkable discovery in medicine which has been found to annihilate the appetite for alcoholic drinks and all drugs, even in the most hopeless case, is attracting a good deal of attention among the interested in temperance work. The medicine is purely vegetable, perfectly harmless and absolutely free from narcotics. It leaves no evil after-effects and can be carried in the pocket and taken in absolute privacy, thus dispensing with the publicity, loss of time and expense of an institute treatment.

The medicine has been tested and is vouched for by Rev. Father Galloway, Rev. Father Quinlan, Rev. Joseph Egger, Rev. B. L. Fitzgerald, Rev. Father Struble, Rev. Father McCallen, Rev. M. Gaughren, Rev. A. M. Coventry, Rev. Father Gaule, Sister Augustine, Sister William, S.S.H., Sister Ethelburga, and many others.

Full particulars regarding this medicine can be obtained by writing to Mr. Dixon, No. 21 Willocks street, Toronto, Canada.

WHERE SALT IS COIN.

For a small change in Abyssinia a peculiar "coin" is employed.

It is no other than bars of hard, crystallized salt, about ten inches long and two and one-half inches square, slightly tapering toward the end. People are very particular about standards of fineness of the currency. If it does not ring the metal when struck with the finger nail, or if it is cracked or chipped they will not take it. It is a token of affection when friends meet to give each other a lick of their respective "coins," and in this way the value of the bar is decreased. Smaller change than a bar of salt is sometimes needed, and then the natives have recourse to cartridges. Three cartridges pass for one bar of salt.

THE SPRUCE MARKET.

(Liverpool Letter, Nov. 8.)

The spruce market, which has for some time been steadily hardening, this week shows signs of a slight weakening for narrow sizes, viz., 7 and 8 inch. Other sizes remain strong. The reason for this hitherto firm market becoming somewhat relaxed is not to be found on the other side of the water, where the scarcity of labor, light stock, and strong demand from the United States, cause the position to remain strong. It must be sought on this side. That the stocks in Liverpool and Manchester are ample for the present is an admitted fact, and it is not improbable that the large quantity of spruce already in hand is responsible for the temporary weakening. From New Brunswick and Nova Scotia we hear that the conditions are high wages, on account of the great scarcity of men; small stocks; strong financial position of large operators, and, as far as we can find out, says the writer, "the cost of production will in the future be higher than ever." From an equally reliable source we learn that the American market is keeping up, and is, in fact, getting stronger again after the temporary depression.

TEACHING FARMING TO IRISH.

Educational Scheme Taken Up With Enthusiasm Throughout Country.

DUBLIN, Nov. 19.—The educational schemes of the department of agriculture and technical instruction are being taken up throughout the country with most encouraging enthusiasm. At the present time the itinerant instruction schemes are in operation in quite a number of Irish counties, and several others on the lookout for eligible candidates for these appointments, but the number available is unfortunately so limited that many counties are unable to obtain suitable men. The consequence is that the officials of the department are being obliged to induce various county councils to postpone making appointments of itinerant instructors until next year, when a special batch of young men, who are at present being trained at the College of Science, Dublin, will in all probability have acquired the necessary diplomas to enable them to act as lecturers and demonstrators; but so keen is the demand for instruction that even in the face of this dearth of suitable men the county councils of Wicklow, Donegal, King's County, and others are advertising for candidates suited to act as instructors.

FARMING SCHOOL FOR WOMEN.

Russian Government Approves of New Agricultural Institution.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 19.—Russia is about to open the first agricultural training school for women ever established in Europe. The government has approved the full curriculum, which extends over three years, and embraces the general principles of farming, gardening, dairying, bee-keeping, poultry, sheep and cattle-raising.

Theoretical work will go hand in hand with practical employment. Graduates will be placed on an equality with men trained in the existing institutions. They will also be eligible for positions under the minister of agriculture. Although no date has been fixed for the opening of the school, 225 young women have already been enrolled as students.

FREDERICK NEWS.

FREDERICK, Nov. 19.—Frederick is to have a new literary effort of ambitious proportions. Early next week the first number of a new literary magazine, published in Frederick by Frederick men, will make its appearance. The new magazine, which is to be published monthly, will consist of purely local work, and no articles of purely local character. Verse, fiction and review will be done by persons who have contributed to such publications as Century, Harper's, Bantam's, Field, Smart Set, Independent, Ainslie's, Canadian Magazine, Outlook, etc. The editor will be Theodore Roberts, who was on the editorial staff of the New York Independent for some time, and afterwards represented that paper as special correspondent and regular contributor in Cuba, Newfoundland, Labrador, and South America.

The following named attorneys are to be sworn in tomorrow as barristers: Francis J. Sutton, Montreal; James Stewan, Hopewell Cape; J. Baldwin, St. George; E. S. Ritchie, J. H. L. Fairweather, Berton L. Gerow, Francis Kerr, St. John; H. H. Parlee, Sussex; J. F. Winslow, Fredericton; Fred Taylor, St. John; Karl Ketchum, Woodstock.

The following named are appointed justices of the peace: Stephen S. Hall, John Allen, B. Frank Baker, Richard J. Coughlin, James F. Belyea, Joseph E. Cowan and Joseph A. Magilton of St. John.

John E. Moore of St. John and James A. Patterson, George Soper, Addington L. Fenwick and Randolph Dixon of Grand Falls, are applying for incorporation as the J. A. Patterson Lumber Co.; capital stock \$20,000; headquarters, Salmon River Falls, Victoria County.

Chronic constipation surely cured or money back. LAXA-CARA TABLETS never fail. Small, chocolate coated, easy to take. Price 35 cents. At druggists!

ADVANCE IN CARGOES.

BOSTON, Nov. 19.—At the office of the Boston & Albany Railway Co. it was stated that the action of the New York Central management with reference to the advance in the rate of wages throughout the rest of the road has no bearing whatever upon the Boston & Albany division, inasmuch as the average wages at present paid on the Boston & Albany are the same as on the remainder of the New York Central system.

It is likely, however, that the Boston & Albany wages will be subjected to the "equalizing" process, as a result of which at least some of the employees will benefit.

GENERAL.

Joseph Miller has been arrested in Boston, and is believed to be the man who has robbed a great many flats in that city.

It is estimated that thousands of Indians were killed by the recent volcanic eruption in Guatemala.

It is announced that Japan will maintain a permanent fleet in the American waters of the Pacific.

Sir William Van Horne received an ovation at Santa Clara, Cuba, this week in connection with the opening of the Cuba Central railway.

A CURIOUS RELIC.

A curious relic of Louis XVII. is the "game of dominoes" made of pieces of the Bastille which were given to the dauphin before he and his parents left Versailles forever. It is said that when the queen exclaimed to her bedchamber woman, Mme. Campan, "What a sinister plaything to give a child!"

The revolutionary objects preserved in the Hotel Carnavalet—London Chronicle.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Copy for change of advertisements in the Star should be in the office not later than 10 a. m. to ensure insertion in that day's issue.

SPORTING NEWS.

FOOTBALL.

Harvard Shows Up Strong.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Nov. 19.—Much encouragement for the Harvard men was found in the stiff practice of the eleven on Soldiers' field this afternoon. It was the last scrimmage before the Yale game. The team worked together as a unit and gave evidence of being of better football than at any time before this season. The Varsity team was made to play with exceptional fierceness and no one was hurt.

There will be open practice tomorrow afternoon when the undergraduate body, headed by a band, will march on the field, singing songs and cheering the men.

Dalhousie Easily Defeats Acadia.

HALIFAX, N. S., Nov. 19.—Dalhousie and Acadia teams played their annual football match here today. It was a one-sided exhibition, the Dalhousie players proving themselves superior at every point of the game. The score was 18 to nil; six tries were made by Dalhousie, none of them being converted into goals.

SKATING.

The Canadian Championships.

MONTREAL, Nov. 19.—The Canadian Skating Association tonight decided to hold the international championships on February 2, in the M. A. A. rink of this city. The entry list promises to be the best in years.

BASE BALL.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Nov. 20.—A. C. Buckenberger, city manager of the Syracuse National League team, has received a letter from Fred Tenney, the first baseman, who assures him that Tenney will not jump to the Detroit American League team.

SHIPPING NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived.

Sch. R. D. Spear, 299, Richardson, from Bath, in ballast.

Sch. Annie Harper, 92, Tufts, from Fall River, in ballast.

Sch. H. R. Homan, 29, Atkinson, from Rockland, in ballast.

Sch. Frank and Ira, 37, Barton, from New Haven, in ballast.

Sch. Fannie May, 19, Cheney, from St. Andrews, with salt and smoked fish.

Cleared.

Sch. Hattie, 77, Graham, for Digby, 1193.

Sch. Levuka, 75, Jackson, for Parrsboro, 1193.

Foreign Ports.

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—Arrived, Sicilian, from Naples.

British Ports.

HONG KONG, Nov. 20.—S. S. Empress of India left here for Vancouver at twelve-thirty p. m. yesterday.

COMMERCIAL.

DAILY QUOTATIONS.

Furnished by W. S. Barker, Banker and Broker, Nov. 20, 1902.

Yesterday's day's. To-day's.

Amalgamated Copper, 55 1/2, 55 1/2, 55 1/2.

Amalgamated Silver, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2.

A. T. and Santa F. 82 1/2, 82 1/2, 82 1/2.

A. T. and S. G. 97 1/2, 97 1/2, 97 1/2.

Baltimore and O. 98 1/2, 98 1/2, 98 1/2.

Brooklyn R. T. 62 1/2, 62 1/2, 62 1/2.

Can. Pac. 128 1/2, 128 1/2, 128 1/2.

Chester and O. 127 1/2, 127 1/2, 127 1/2.

C. and N. Y. 172 1/2, 172 1/2, 172 1/2.

C. and Great W. 25 1/2, 25 1/2, 25 1/2.

Consolidated Gas, 21 1/2, 21 1/2, 21 1/2.

Erie, 29 1/2, 29 1/2, 29 1/2.

Erie, 1st pfd, 64, 64, 64.

Gen. Electric, 175, 175, 175.

Manhattan R. T. 149 1/2, 149 1/2, 149 1/2.

Met. Street R. T. 141, 141, 141.

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MORNING'S NEWS.

LOCAL.

Are you using Red Rose tea? It's good tea.

Court Pride, A. O. F., will hold a concert this evening in the Sons of England hall.

The fair in St. Peter's hall, north end, was well attended last night. It will close this evening.

Mrs. William Kerr will give a talk this evening at the Congregational Church on a Trip to the Continent.

Sch. Viola has been chartered to take a cargo of alewives from this port to New York at 30 cents. The shipment is to be made by E. B. Colwell of the west end.

In the school room of the Leinster Street Baptist Church last evening Rev. Mr. Hamilton delivered an interesting lecture on My Trip to England. Alex. Thompson presided and there was a large attendance.

A parlor concert, under the auspices of the Minnie Robertson mission band of Queen Square Methodist Church was held last evening at the residence of Mrs. F. E. Law, 79 Meekinsburg street.

A young man by the name of Porter got his left hand badly injured in the Pokok mill on Monday last. The middle finger was so crushed that amputation was necessary. In addition to this the back and palm of the hand was lacerated.

November 25th has been fixed for the proceedings in the libel suit of Chas. J. Milligan v. James H. Crockett. It will come before Mr. Justice Hanington. Winslow & Allen are Mr. Crockett's attorneys.

The weekly meeting of the St. John Medical Society was held last evening. Doctor Thipman, of Montreal, read an interesting paper and the members were afterwards entertained at dinner by the president, Dr. Stewart Skinner.

American capitalists have secured options upon properties at Springdale, three and a half miles above Penobscot, for the purpose of establishing there a manufacturing industry the nature of which is yet a secret, but which is believed to be a pulp and paper mill.