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THE THOUGHTS OF THEOBALD.

HOME LESSONS.

Parents, you have the Power to do away with most of these Home Lessons. Protest in writing to the Teacher and if nothing is done, refuse to let your children study any more lessons home than you think good for them.

This subject has brought forth a good deal of expression on the way it is being overdone, and more than ever at this time when all the scholars are hot and heavy on the last lap of the school year and are working and overworking in preparation for the C. H. E. Exams.

More than any other time of the year do the parents dread these months of May and June when the long evenings are coming on and the boys and girls want to respond to that most natural longing to get out after tea while the light lasts. But lessons pile up and if they are not attended to then they are told of the terrible consequences of failing in the examinations, and they have to cram and cram as much knowledge into their heads as they possibly can in the hope that the questions to be asked will bear on this particular knowledge. Many a prize is earned by this lucky hit, but what is it really worth?

And so in the spring, when one is naturally not inclined for serious study our weary scholars are pressed to do their best and at the examinations in June have sometimes to sit for whole days from nine to six answering question papers on three or four different subjects.

Unfortunately, Headmaster and Teachers have become altogether too eager to get results in the way of passes and scholarships in the C. H. E. I know of an instance where a boy was required in an office here and a teacher refused to give his boys a chance to get the position because his school might lose a "pass" in the yearly Exams. thereby. The boy's interest was not considered at all. It is quite likely, however, that the teacher is not to blame personally in the matter as much as the School Boards and the System. In many cases I can imagine that the teacher is forced to do many things against his inclination and I believe this has reacted and in part produced the re-

luctance of men to continue teaching, and with the fact of poor remuneration has brought such dissatisfaction among the profession.

The teacher's vocation is a glorious one. The teacher who does his duty to his scholars has, next to the parents, the most responsible and important position in our life, and in doing so "goes through" more than any worker. It seems to me that I would put him above the clergyman in the influence he can bring to bear on a child. He is far above the statesman in that from his hands come the statesmen of to-morrow. How necessary then is it that we should have noble teachers, idealistic teachers, who in everything they teach and above everything will keep truth and honesty as the essential accompaniment of all knowledge.

And can you not realize how such teachers of Truth and Honesty will fall miserably to get many passes in the C. H. E. Exams? Can you not realize that with their fixed ideal of making men and not machines, how much time they would have to see that their scholars should gallop through a certain text book whether they understood it or not, so that they may be ready (?) for the Exams?

And with regard to Home Lessons there is a big complaint that is growing, growing until, if something is not done, the parents, long-suffering and patient, will rise and demand that the school session shall be in reality a teaching session, that scholars shall not only perceive but appreciate.

The Education System in Newfoundland is sick. We have too many children growing up in ignorance, the teaching profession is not rated at the importance it (just imagine a teacher of a score or two children getting the princely sum of \$300 per annum) and we pay no attention to the real work of "leading out" instead of the cramming system under which we now suffer.

Parents, join me in overthrowing Home Lessons. You have the Power. Use it.

JOHN WORKMAN'S LETTER.

Dear Mr. Editor,—
I want to thank the many friends for their letters about Home Les-

sons. I hope we shall be able to stop it.

I have been trying to read the papers lately to see if I could understand some of the things that take place in the House of Assembly. Perhaps I don't see things quite right but certainly I am greatly troubled by what I hear. It seems that the Government put on a lot of taxation on us last spring—seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars—and last Fall put more on, and now this Spring put another two hundred and fifty thousand on us. I have felt that our five dollar note for the week's groceries was not buying as much as it used and the thought that the Government is responsible for a lot of the trouble and anxiety we have been going through lately seems very queer to me. I thought the Government was intended to be a helper to us and to make life easier for us. I used to think that members would never think of receiving money out of the public funds for themselves. For instance, to think that our West End member, Mr. Bennett got paid six thousand dollars for arbitrations on land that was taken for the railroad. I thought he had a position which gives him \$2,000.00 a year. And it is not fair that Mr. Bennett should have this big sum (enough to keep me 10 years) and I should struggle under taxation which Mr. Bennett helps to put on.

There is Mr. Furlong, too, the lawyer of the House, who gets \$400.00 to make up the Stamp Act. He could not have been more than a month at it and he gets as much for one month as I do for ten, and the people have to use twenty thousand two cent stamps before there was any revenue from the Act.

Yours truly,

JOHN WORKMAN.

WHARFAGE AND FREIGHT RATES

The question of wharfage came up in the House this session. There is a charge put upon goods brought into the Colony and exported from the Colony, though it is not universal, as Harvey & Co., Furness Withy Co. and Shea & Co. are practically the only firms who make it. Reids do not make any such charge nor do Bowring's or Crosbie's for coastwise freight.

The legality of the charge has been questioned before this and this year an amendment by the Upper House was passed whereby the charge of wharfage is made legal.

A conservative estimate of the total amount of wharfage paid Harvey's, Shea's, and Furness Co. would be in the neighbourhood of twenty thousand dollars. It is probably more. If it were equally divided this would mean about \$7,000.00 each—a quite a respectable sum towards the upkeep of the sheds and wharves. If these firms are only getting this amount as payment for the use of their premises, the charge might be paid reasonably, but it will probably be found that in addition to this they are paid something by the steamer owners for the use of their premises, and so get paid both ways. The two cents a barrel seems almost too little to kick about, but the total represents a charge of over \$20,000 which is borne by the Trade and eventually by the people.

Freight rates have gone up enormously. By the Red Cross route I know of cases where the freight has gone up 75 p.c., 35 p.c. and an increase even of over 100 p.c. What justification there can be for such an increase is hard to imagine. War risks cannot possibly account for such an increase and I cannot imagine how the Trade stands at it. There can be no doubt whatever that business interests do not allow Patriotism to interfere with as much profit as they can get. Where is the Board of Trade now? Surely this is something for them to take an active interest in.

COMBINES.

We have a Combine and Monopoly Act but it seems to be a dead letter. The Gasoline Combine which works I think in conjunction with the Kero-sene Combine has been active lately and prices have advanced to suit their demands. Last year an enterprising broker almost smashed the Kero Oil Combine and kept clear, although offered many a nice inducement to join them. With extra taxation as well, it is to be hoped that the Oil Combines will moderate their demands this spring and have some sympathy for the "other fellow."

EVERYDAY ETIQUETTE

"When I am compelled to take a seat at the end of a row, next to the wall in any kind of an audience, should I face the people whom I am passing or should I turn my back to them?" queried Jack.

"Turn your back to the people seated if it is necessary to pass them but it is also necessary that you beg the pardon of the ones you disturb," advised his father.

Finger Prints Trap Youthful Murderer.

Science Proves Master Hand in Solution of Chicago's Latest Crime Mystery.

A triumph for the finger print system as an aid to the detection of crime was written in the confession of Russell Patrick, a Chicago grocer's delivery boy, when he admitted that he committed the double murder of Mrs. Ella Coppersmith and her 2 year old son, in their home at 7100 Lowe Ave. An argument over the change for a \$10 bill and an attack made upon him by Mrs. Coppersmith formed the youth's defense for the crime, but the police doubt this phase of his story. Ever since last Saturday Captain Evans, who held the incriminating finger prints, found on a hatchet, was positive the police had the murderer and was fighting in defense of his belief. Patrick, who is 22 years old, was taken to the bureau of identification to see if he could identify the photographs of some suspects. He went gladly. He did not know that the photographs had been specially prepared to obtain the links of evidence which fastened the crime upon him.

When he realized that he had been successfully tricked by the police Patrick broke down and said, "Yes, I did it." He then described the manner in which he alleged Mrs. Coppersmith attacked him, and completing his narrative with an illustration of the manner in which he put the woman to death with her own hammer and carving knife.

He told also how he had crawled over the dead body of the mother so that he might use his knife to quiet the cries of her baby boy, Jack Jr.

The youth admitted the theft of a gold watch and ring and \$40 from the apartment of his victims. The jewelry the police later recovered in a catch basin in the basement of the grocery of J. E. McCrea. Patrick worked for McCrea.

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AVIATOR FALES MILE, HANGING HEAD DOWN.

London, England, May 20.—The official "eyewitness" account of flight instructor Yves, Belgium, gives the following remarkable account of an army aviator's escape from death: "One of our airmen had a thrilling experience. He was alone in a single-seated aeroplane in pursuit of a German machine. While trying to reload his machine gun he lost control of the steering gear and the aeroplane turned upside down. The belt around his waist happened to be loose and the jerk of the turn almost threw him out of the machine, but he saved himself by clutching the rear centre strut, the belt slipping down around his legs. While he hung head downward, making desperate efforts to disengage his legs, the aeroplane fell from height of 8,000 feet to about 2,000, spinning round and round like a falling leaf.

"At last he managed to free his legs and reach the control lever with feet. He then succeeded in righting the machine, which turned slowly over, completely looping the loop, whereupon he slid back to his seat. This constitutes a record even in a service where half-breath escapes are of a daily occurrence."

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