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Collegiate Institute Fees. The action of the Board of Education in imposing fees on resident pupils of the Collegiate Institute seems to have been the direct cause of a drop of 100 in the attendance this term. The average attendance last month was 65, and of these slightly over 300 were on the paying list, pupils being exempt from the fees during their first year. At this rate the tax will yield ennually about \$3,000. This and the reduced cost of administration make an annual saving of, perhaps, \$4,500 a year. Those who favor the fee system argue that as the average annual cost of educating each pupil in the

Collegiate is \$25, and as the taxpayers contribute \$15 of this, it is not unfair to ask that the remaining \$10 be paid by the person who secures the additional advantages of the institute. The fee system is also intended to propitiate the feeling in some quarters that secondary education is costing the public too much, and that the effect of free tuition in the higher grades is to encourage an unnatural and undesirable rush into the learned professions. and to unfit the pupils for mechanical pursuits. The opposition to fees is based on the broad principle that it is the duty as well as the interest of the state to make education as free as possible to all, and not a class privilege. The High School fee, it is claimed, is fundamentally wrong because it discriminates against the poor in favor of the well-to-do. In a recent report, Mr. John Millar, the Deputy Minister of Education for Ontario, very strongly deprecates the fee system on this ground, and goes so far as to declare that "to shut out the poorer classes from our high schools, as appears to be the present tendency in Ontario, is to adopt a policy which Rein, one of the most famous German educationists living, calls 'unchristian,' and which may be regarded as a relic of an undemocratic age." Mr. Millar points out thatin New York, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Dakota and Wyoming, the policy of free high schools prevails, although in some

states they are less liberal. As for the local institute it may be better to give the new order of things a year's trial. In its favor it can fairly be pleaded, in addition to the financial saving, that with the present accommodation a school of 600 pupils can be more conveniently handled than one of 700, and with, perhaps, better average results. If it is found that the fees tend to still further depress the attendance or work hardships to a deserving class, the school board may have to reconsider its action.

If technical training is ever adopted in the province on an adequate scale. as it probably will be, sooner or later, the fee system will have to be thoroughly canvassed in relation to the whole scheme of education. A compromise may be effected by making technical schools absolutely free as a concession to the wage-earning classes, while general education in the secondary stages might be based on a modified fee system as a measure of relief to the taxpaying public. The matter will adjust itself in time.

Far From Satisfactory.

We do not believe the citizens are troubling themselves to any considerable extent at the present time in regard to municipal experiments. They are very well satisfied with the way in which affairs have been administered this year at all events; and it is hard to say how these could have been Improved by a different form of popular representation at the board.

* * When The Advertiser states that "the condition of things cannot be worse than the people have a right to be told in what particulars, if any, the present administration is to be con-Because it is upon acts of administration that the system is to be judged. The Advertiser should be explicit.-London Free Press.

In a year when the tax rate is the highest in the city's history, when individual aldermen have been denounced from the pulpit for unbecoming conduct, and when the city council has shown itself worse than useless in the public crisis brought on by the street railway company, the Free Press declares that citizens are very well satsefied. The statement is not flattering to the judgment or good sense of the community. Just how far it is true some of the aldermen will find out in January when they begin to look around for a wave of public admiration to sweep them into office again. As for municipal reform, we repeat that the ratepayers risk nothing in making an experiment, because the present system is as bad as it possibly can be. Even the Free Press admits that the abolition of the ward system and the reduction of the number of aldermen may result in the election of more competent men; but by some queer process of reasoning, our contemporary figures out that the public interest will be better secured by a large number of inferior aldermen than by a small number of first-class aldermen. This does not show a very high ideal of municipal government, and the Free Press is welcome to its role as apologist for the present order of things. The city will have special need next year of capable, upright men: the ratepayers should see to it that the successful candidates are of the sort that command respect as well

The professional ward alderman often commands votes without There is a handful of excellent alder-

ward system. It is to be hoped they will be re-elected and will have better company next year.

A United Empire.

With hostile forces confronting each other, the danger of an outbreak on the Transvaal border cannot be said to be absent, but at the same time the delay makes for peace and adds to the preparedness of Great Britain to deal with the matter deliberately. A most gratifying feature is the sense of unity aroused throughout the Empire. It is not a war sentiment, but springs from the liberty-loving spirit of the Empire, and a desire to see British subjects in the Transvaal accorded the civil and political rights which the British every where esteem as their birthright. Canada will do her full duty in any emergency, but it is doubtful whether the emergency will arise, since the British have shown themselves so wonderfully well prepared for it. The only discordant note throughout the whole Empire is, unfortunately, being sounded in Canada, but it is relatively insignificant. We refer to the attempt of a small clique, of which the Montreal Star is the vocal organ, to take advantage of the Transvaal affair to stir up racial antipathies in this country, by representing that the French-Canadians are averse to giving material aid to the mother country. This gross libel is intended for political effect in Ontario; but it will recoil on patched. the authors, as every sectarian movement has done in Ontario before.

The United States has wisely refused to have , thing to do with Transvaal affairs. Uncle Sam, for once, is not looking for trouble: he has more than he wants now in the East.

The President of the United States, the Premier of Canada and the Vice-President of Mexico spoke from the same platform last night. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's presence is a guarantee that the audience heard at least one good

The British war department has ordered enormous supplies of tinned meats from Chicago: but there will be no embalmed beef palmed off on the British commissariat. The patriot packers only find it safe to do that in their own country.

Berlin, Germany, is going in for municipal ownership of street railways. Effete Europe can still give and clear. America pointers in advanced legislation. In some respects Canada and the United States are two of the most in France under delicate circumstances. backward countries in the world.

The Dominion Presbyterian, published by C. Blackett Robinson at Mon-treal and Toronto, for Oct. 7 inst., is was not carried out, owing to the first an excellent typical number of a well- bull's unexpected tactics. edited and very interesting family weekly. It seems to combine strength with readableness to an extent that a permit for the spectacle, but the 400 only an experienced journalist can france license paid for each performonly an experienced journalist can

The Toronto Globe says: "We should like to see a board of education, limited to ten or a dozen members, taking control of the public and high schools, and running them, not on ward lines, but in the interest of the public." This is The Advertiser's opinion, too. School trustees should no more be elected by wards than should aldermen.

It is stated that if the Khalifa breaks out again Lord Kitchener is prepared to crush him with Egyptian troops alone. This will open the eyes of the European powers to the military strength Great Britain is building up in Africa. It is a warning to her rivals to keep hands off the north half of the continent, while the British are busy in the south.

DARING REBELS NEAR MANILA

Attacked Americans Four Miles From the Heart of the City.

U. S. Troops Use Artillery on Them at 1,200 Yard Range-Rebels Beat a Retreat.

Manila, Oct. 10 .- Yesterday afternoon a body of insurgents was seen near Loma Church, four miles from the heart of Manila. They opened fire, the bullets falling in the tents of the

Twenty-first Infantry. The Americans manned the trenches and replied at a range of 1,200 yards. The insurgents volleyed, and the Americans used their artillery.

The fight lasted an hour, after which the insurgents retreated. One

American was wounded. The American force under Gen Schwan marched on Malabon, meeting with very little resistance and suf-fering no casualties. The enemy fell back steadily. In the evening the column rested between Santa Cruz and San Francisco de Malabon.

An expedition composed of the Unit-ed States gunboats Callo and Manila, with an armored flatboat and steam pump, has left Cavite for the River or Betis, which empties into Manila Bay, on the north side, with a view of raising the Spanish river gun-boat Ayat, purposely sunk in the river by the Spaniards, which is reported to

The American camp is within sight of San Francisco de Malabon, the stronghold of the incurgents in the Province of Cavite, where the Filipinos are said to number 5,000. The Americans captured 200 or 300 men, many of the Filipinos changing their clothing for white costumes. The Bay of Rosario was filled with hundreds of boats, in which the people had spent an exciting

night. THE 'PINOS HAD FLED.

Manila, Oct. 10 .- Gen. Schwan's column entered San Francisco de Malaben without opposition this morning. The Filipinos have fied. It is not men in this year's council, despite the known where.

WERE INJURED

In the Paris Bull Fight That Proved a Fizzle.

Son of the Grand Vizier of Constantinople Assassinated.

Ameer of Afghanistan Said to Be Insane-Row in Dublin.

Paris. Oct. 10 .- Five minutes of e marvelous exhibition of a bull's courage and a matador's agility closed the much advertised bull fight here on Sunday. Promptly at 3 o'clock an enormous black Andalusian bull dashed furiously into the ring, called on the bills l'Arene de la Barre. Deafening cheers went up from 10,000 throats of the roughest and toughest men and women of Paris, who were brought to the scene on special trains.

Having been long kept in darkness the animal was easily excited and dashed in blind rage in pursuit of its tormeiotors. Presently the infuriated beast jumped on the paling, smashed through it, and in a second wounded 15 persons. Then it was quickly dis-

The minister of the interior was advised of the accident by telephone. He ordered the corrida stopped. The slow way in which this was made known is characteristic. The crowd was kept in order by carpenters pretending to strengthen the fence while the police invited the people to leave. A notice of postponement was exhibited, and finally the minister's order was cautiously passed around.

Scenes almost indescribable occurred while the crowd waited in expectation of the bull fight being resumed. The multitude whistled, hooted, lowed like oxen and sang a French chanson in derision of the police, corresponding

to the Irish song, "The Peeler and the

Goat " The whole thing has killed bullfighting in France. Those who have seen a corrida in Madrid or San Se-bastien would notice instantly that in France it is exotic. The audience was not representatively French. There was a good number of foreigners, but no statesmen, men of letters, or representatives of any respectable French calling present.

The Paris Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals will renew its protest. There is some difficulty in peremptorily stopping these fights, as the statute law is not sufficiently extensive

The organizer of the bull fight and president is one Lucenski, a Polish Six bulls were to have been killed and three of Spain's most celebrated matadors, including Laverito and Lagartifillo, were to have exhibited their

The mayor and municipal council of Deuil, in which precinct Enghien is sit-uated, were at first averse to granting ance was a consideration that weighed all others. It is scarcely probable, however, that the thrifty authorities will receive their second 400

ASSASSINATED.

Constantinople, Oct. 10.—Bjarid Bey, son of Hali Rifal Pasha, the grand vizier, was assassinated on the Galata bridge yesterday by an Albanian, who fired four shots from a revolver. The murderer was arrested

AMEER CRAZY.

London, Oct. 10.—The Daily Telegraph's St. Petersburg correspondent represents Abdurman Khan, Ameer of Afghanistan, as insane, and likely to provoke a conflict between Russia and England. These accounts say ameer is sanctioning brutal actions and the torturing of officials daily, and that his actions are resulting in a general exodus.

Daniel Tallon, the lord mayor, marched at the head of a procession which this year replaced the usual demonstration at the grave of Charles Stewart Parnell, and subsequently laid the foundation of the Parnell statue at the head of Sackville street. John and William Redmond delivered addresses in support of pro-Boer resolutions, and hearty cheers were given for the "gal-lant old Kruger." The laying of the foundation was followed by a scene of

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Just now we're very busy in all these departments, the cadence of the autumn quickstep has been taken up, and October marks the swing that will move on till the winter holidays are over.

This week we're having a sort of Triple Alliance Sale of

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For want of space we are going out of Men's Clothing, and offer the whole stock at reduced prices. Ulsters, Overcoats and Suits, all made to our own order, by the best clothing house in Canada, for the present fall and winter trade-not an old garment in the lot. This clothing sale should make the Big Store famous for providing seasonable and up-to-date garments at less than wholesale prices, and at the very time when clothing is most needed.

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In connection with our large Grocery Department in the basement, we carry a fine range of Crockery, China of design and elegance of finish, our collection can't be beat, while our prices are not easily duplicated. In order to make room for Holiday Goods, we're having a sort of forced sale of Staple and Fancy Crockery and Glassware at special prices this week. This is a chance you should not miss, as a dollar buys as much for you as two

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considerable disorder. The lord mayor was the object of a hostile demonstration because of his refusal to attend the pro-Boer meeting held on the previous Sunday, and was obliged to return to the Mansion House under a strong guard of constabulary.

COLONIAL LOYALTY. London, Oct. 10. - The weekly papers

comment with the greatest satisfaction upon the kinship of the empire as revealed through the colonial office by offers of assistance in the Transvaal controversy. In deference to the wish of the secretary of state for the colonies. Joseph Chamberlain, only a portion of the contingent offered by Australia will be accepted, Major Girouard, a French-Canadian, has temporarily resigned the presidency of the Egyptian raflway board, in order to take charge of the military transport arrangements in Africa for the cam-

The Daily Chronicle points out although Mr. Chamberlain that agreed to refer the matter to arbitration, the indemnity for the Jameson raid is still unpaid, and is never likely to be paid if war breaks out between Great Britain and the Trans-

FOREIGN WHEAT

The Mark Lane Express Reviews the Market.

London, Oct. 10.—Farmers have made good headway in their prepara-tions for the autumn sowing, the land in most districts being in good condi-

tion from the heavy rains experienced. What little demand was current was practically confined to pressing needs, with holders still exercising reserve. Actual business has been on very narrow lines. Farmers on some provincial exchanges have been very reluctant in their offerings, owing to the strained political situation in the Transvaal. According to the Mark Lane Express foreign reports there has been an active demand for disposable wheat.

Antwerp prices have taken a turn in favor of sellers. The rain which has fallen in French dstiricts has been favorable to the autumn sowing, which was delayed by the drought. As the French wheat crop this year is sufficiently heavy to provide nearly for the current requirements of French consumers, the up-

ward movement observable upon for-

eign markets has not exerted much influence on French quotations.

The abundance of the French crop, coupled with the importance of the stocks of old wheat still on hand, has had the effect of increasing the wheat supplies upon the French markets to an extent exceeding the demands of the milling trade.

The wet weather has somewhat interfered with the deliveries of wheat in some parts of Russia, and prices have hardened. The weather has been mild in the districts around Odessa, with frebuent rains, and the autumn sowings are proceeding under favorable conditions.

LIFE SAVED.—Mr. James Bryson Cameron writes: "I was confined to my bed with inflammation of the lungs and was given up by physicians.

A neighbor advised me to try Dr.

Thomas' Eelectric Oil, stating that
his wife had used it for a throat his wife had used it for a throat trouble with the best results. Acting on this advice I procured the medicine, and less than half a bottle cured me; I certainly believe it saved my life. It was with reluctance that I consented to a trial, as I was reduced to such a state that I doubted the power of any remedy to do me good.

STONE-THROWING.

To the Editor of The Advertiser : Last Saturday evening at 9:30 I was riding my bicycle down Dundas street, and when I came opposite the Mc-Cormick Company's building I was suddenly struck on the head by a large stone, which must have been aimed at a street car just passing by I was thrown from my bicycle and received a bad blow on the head, but luckily for me the stone struck the rim of my hat first, which it broke to piece and so lessened the injury I received

Now, Mr. Editor, I think things have come to a pretty pass when peaceable citizens cannot go about their business without being in danger of getting hurt by stone-slingers, who, it seems to me, are allowed to do just as they please in this town. I can assure you that such a disgraceful state of affairs as at present exists in London would not be tolerated in any city in the old county. A stone-thrower caught in the act would not be allowed out on bail there, but immediately get from two to five years in the penitentiary, which treatment, if followed here, would have a wholesome effect on the uncivilized rowdies and would-be murderers which this city is infested with.

I hear that one of the stone-throwers, in this morning's police court, actually got fined \$20, or 30 days in fail.

E. RECHNITZER.

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