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The Training Of The Youth

The English papers recently have been giving considerable attention to the question of juvenile unemployment and in an article which we have before us it is stated that no fewer than 200,000 children are at the present time walking the streets doing nothing, and in many cases are drawing unemployment pay.

In this connection the whole educational system has been brought into the limelight, and has been subjected to considerable adverse criticism particularly as to the manner in which it meets the present day requirements of those whom it is supposed to prepare for the various walks in life.

One journal, in commenting on the situation which has developed and the steps which should be taken to ameliorate it, remarks: "The essence of the evil lies in the whole tendency of education to concern itself with theories and ideas and ignore the practical. Few will dispute that the hand and the eye require training as well as the mind. But it is hardly realized how far we stray from the happy medium in dealing with the education of our children."

The article refers hopefully to the technical schools which have been established and which have in a measure filled the vacancy caused by the falling into abeyance to all intents and purposes of the apprenticeship system, but it contends that these schools are altogether too limited in number to meet the requirements.

Turning from the situation which exists in England to that which we find here, let us see if any of the strictures can be applied to ourselves. So far as technical schools are concerned, from which such benefit is anticipated, we do not possess any, and although the need for them in Newfoundland is not as great as it is in the Mother Country, where a great part of the population is engaged in manufacturing industries of one kind or another, few will be found to contend that such institutions are altogether unnecessary here.

The fishing industry is one which would be materially benefited if those engaged in it possessed a greater knowledge of the discoveries which scientific research has made in connection with marine life. In Dr. Huntman's article on our coastal waters, for example, it was shown to what an extent time and energy could be conserved by those engaged in fishing for cod, if they were able to make scientific tests of the prevailing conditions. That is but one instance of the value of such knowledge, and it can be applied to every stage of the industry from the commencement of the season to the time when the fish is marketed.

Within the last two years \$35,000,000, it is said, have been expended in building up a pulp and paper plant on the Humber. Enormous sums twenty years ago were invested in the Grand Falls property, and to-day it is amply repaying its enterprising promoters. In a short time another pulp and paper industry will be started on the Gander River and in all likelihood there will be other such undertakings as time goes on. Should we not expect these manufacturing industries to absorb a considerable portion of our growing population in the higher grades of labour which it will offer? But can we reasonably expect their services to be utilized, if they possess not even a smattering of the knowledge required? Many of our people it is true have "made good" as paper makers, but consider the time they have expended in rising to positions of importance! Their diligence does them credit certainly, but it is little they owe to the educational system.

This year at Wembley Newfoundland intends to make a special feature of our mining possibilities. All the information obtainable of these latent resources leads us to believe that they are of immense value, and it is quite possible that within a few years the diamond drill will be searching out the secrets which lie hidden in the bowels of the earth, and the silence of the interior will be rudely disturbed by the blasts rending the rocks asunder. Are we preparing in any way for this industrial revolution or are our young men, through our lack of vision, conservatism, or lethargy—call it what you will—to be left chained for a lifetime to the pick and shovel with no brighter outlook before them than \$2.50 a day? Already we can hear indignant protests from some of those who fondly espouse the present system. Already we can hear them claim that our youths are being prepared for the very highest walks in life. So they are, all of them more's the pity, but that is just the weakness which we would emphasize. ALL of them are not mentally equipped for the highest scholastic honours. MOST of them can never expect to continue the course of higher education in which their feet are set, owing to the insurmountable obstacle presented by restricted financial means, but if facilities were provided to enable them to turn their talents to the best account, and to expend their time and energy on subjects which would eventually be of practical service to them, we should not be in the position in which we find ourselves to-day, when parents are utterly at a loss to decide what to make of their sons.

A concrete example of the system which applies in most of our schools will illustrate the restrictions imposed by the curriculum laid down, and which tends to limit its usefulness to a certain class. The ultimate object of a school is to advance a student's education to the standard of the Senior Associate, and with that end in view, the subjects taught are admirably chosen. Having reached that stage of proficiency, the boy or girl is fully qualified to pass on to a university. In order to take this course of study, and it is the course which must be followed by practically everyone, it is laid down as a condition that the student must take Latin or French as one of his subjects. It is unnecessary to picture the plight of the fisherman's son who, by diligence and close application, having managed to acquire sufficient knowledge to lead him to believe that he might try the associate, finds himself blocked off by a formidable syllabus of Latin, of which he is entirely ignorant! Take a tradesman's son or the son of a clerk on Water Street who does not aspire to a university course, but still has aims and aspirations in another direction altogether. Why should he be bound to delve into the mysteries of French or Latin, of which he can never hope to make the slightest use, or to proceed sufficiently far with them to derive pleasure or profit? Those who pin their faith on these regulations will re-

ply that Latin or French even in the elementary stages has been shown to be of the greatest value as a form of mental gymnastics. It would perhaps be unfair to describe this statement as mental fiddledsticks, since those who hold such views are no doubt sincerely convinced of the efficacy of these subjects, but can it honestly be claimed that the same or even better results are not obtainable from the study of the sciences, of geometry in all its branches, of pure mathematics, of the various commercial subjects which develop reasoning power at the same time as they add to the student's knowledge? Strong arguments might have been advanced in support of the contention a century ago, but many pages in the book of knowledge have been turned since then, and to-day there are so many new subjects with which an ordinary student must be familiar, that he has little time to give and even less inclination to burden his mind with matters which serve no useful purpose.

The people who attend at Gower St. Church this evening will be privileged to spend a very pleasant hour. The Rt. Rev. John Pringle, D.D., LL.D., ex-Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, will present the subject of the Romance and Heroism of Missions. Dr. Pringle is peculiarly fitted to speak on this topic, for he himself has had experience of Mission work throughout the length and breadth of Canada. He also has done work for Newfoundlanders, for while our first five hundred were on Sable Island he acted as their first Chaplain, and his memories of the boys are very pleasant indeed. Out of his large experience of men and things, Dr. Pringle will speak with power this evening. The historical aspect of the celebration will be dealt with by Dr. Curtis and there is no doubt that he will weave an entrancing tale from the records of the country. The motto of the celebration is "To the Glory of God" and its chief character will be "Thanksgiving." The massed Methodist Chorus have been practicing and will sing the "Hallelujah Chorus" from the Messiah, and other music, while for the congregation the hymns will be such as can be sung by all. An offering will be taken during the service. The ushers are making provision for the accommodation of the people, and the celebration is open to all.

"Blue Bird Tea Brings Happiness." McMurdo's Store News

FEELS GOOD ON THE BACK. If you suffer from backache, sticache, weak back, etc., try a Red Chain Kidney Plaster. It is specially made to fit the right place and gives wonderful relief in Kidney Pains, Lumbago, Backache, Sticache, Weakback, etc. Price 35c. Kotex, the best absorbent pad, 80c. A free sample on application.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY. We are offering: 1 bottle Frostilla and 1 tube Peppodent \$1.00 1 bottle Frostilla and 1 Colgate's Shaving Stick 90 1 bottle Frostilla and 1 pk. Auto Blades, small 95 1 bottle Frostilla and 1 pk. Gillette Blades 95 1 bottle Frostilla and 1 pk. Pempain Face Powder 1.20

AT OUR CANDY COUNTER. We have just received a full line of Easter Novelties which will be on show early next week, at our usual special prices. We have also a fresh supply of high class English candies, pure and delicious. Butter Gingers, Brazils and Walnuts 75 lb. Golden Maltex and Albion Mixture 75 lb. Peach Maltex 80c. and Choc. Bon Bons \$1.00 lb. Choc. Crunched Foam \$1.00 and Regal Mixture 90 lb. Choc. Bottle Shaped Liqueurs 1.00 lb.

Our Extra Special. Butter Scotch Lumps 40 lb. O. K. Chocolate Creams 35 lb.

"Blue Bird Tea Brings Happiness." Acknowledgment W. McKay Chambers, M.H.A., wishes to gratefully acknowledge receipts of the following amounts towards the S.W. Coast Disaster Supply Fund, viz: "S." \$ 5.00 Lodge Carboner, No. 1043 R. S. A. F. & A. M. 15.00 \$20.00

Yesterday's Proceedings IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. After a lengthy speech in the Legislative Council yesterday, the Hon. Mr. Gibbs moved "the six months' hiatus" of the second reading of the Government Bill constituting the Highroads Commission, for the construction and maintenance of important roads put under the Commission from time to time by the Governor-in-Council. After the Hon. Mr. Ellis had made a brief speech in favour of the Bill, the Hon. Mr. Morine said he felt impelled to intervene in the debate at this juncture because it had wandered away from the point before the House, and it was important that the relevant point should be emphasized. Perhaps, he said, because he had himself been led by his enthusiasm for road-building to speak upon it at large, almost to the exclusion of the merits of the Bill itself, the eloquent speeches made by the Hon. Dr. Moss-Gould and the Hon. Mr. Gibbs had been directed against the policy of road-building proposed by him as though the House were now being asked to vote money, or to incur fresh obligations, whereas the sole aim of the measure was to provide a Commission to expend money already voted, or which might hereafter be voted, and did not itself involve the expenditure of a dollar. For many years main road money had been divided by districts and spent under the Department of Public Works, usually by commissioners, so-called, selected from political supporters. The present Bill aimed at the expenditure upon Highroads being made by a Board, of which the Government Engineer was to be the Chairman, and which would be as free from partisan politics as it was possible to make any public body in this Colony. The Bill was designed to safeguard expenditure, not to increase it. The extent and cost of the road-building which he had suggested, merely, had been grossly exaggerated, outside and within the House, and he wished to draw attention to the bare facts. He had outlined a policy of building missing links of a road from Port aux Basques to Botwood—350 miles in all. Of these, about 100 miles were already built, 22 more were to be built by the Humber Company—89 miles (Humber to Hall's Bay, 40 and Hall's Bay to Green Bay, 40) had merely been suggested as a matter for future speculation; excluding these 80, his programme called for construction of this line of 138 miles at a cost of, say, \$700,000, exclusive of bridges, say, \$150,000, or \$850,000 in all. He had proposed the construction of 50 miles on the north side of Bonavista Bay, and 25 between Fermeuse and Trepassey, say 75 miles in all, costing \$375,000, say with bridges, \$400,000, leaving an amount of \$750,000 to be reconstrued on existing roads, chiefly in Avalon. He had not, therefore, seriously proposed to go beyond the limits of the grant already made by the Legislature for this purpose. He did believe, however, that before the grant was exhausted the beneficial results would warrant and encourage the Legislature to proceed with the good and great work. The proposal to construct roads from the Humber to White Bay, and from White Bay to Green Bay, was entirely his own, not the Government's, and he claimed a credit for them he would not surrender to anyone. They would open Corner Brook and Grand Falls to the people of districts hitherto cut off almost completely from the remainder of the Colony. The roads would lead through wooded country, with abundant game fish resources, and would be thronged at seasons with woodmen and labour seekers. A motor service upon them in summer, and other means of transportation in winter, would make them avenues of a traffic as great as in any part of the Colony, and in this way these roads would make railways unnecessary. Nobody need disown this policy; he was glad to assume all responsibility for it. At this juncture Mr. Morine moved the adjournment of the debate, and he will continue to-day at 3.30 p.m.

Magistrate's Court Two drunks were each fined \$1.00 or 3 days and blacklisted. A drunk and disorderly was fined \$2.00 or 7 days and blacklisted. Two laborers who were held on remand for the larceny of six hens, the property of Wm. Williams, valued at \$12.00, and a second charge of entering the stables of Patrick Dooley and Edward Haines with intent to steal, came up before Judge Morris this morning. After the evidence of Detective Bennett and three other witnesses had been taken, there was nothing to show that the accused had anything to do with the larceny, while the charge of entering the stables could not be sustained. The accused men were honorably discharged. The case of the Liquor Board of Control vs. two laborers, for breaches of the Alcoholic Liquors Act, were postponed until Thursday next.

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MINARD'S LINIMENT USED BY PHYSICIANS FOR RHEUMATISM

A Night With the Bible Adventist Church, - Cookstown Road SUNDAY, MARCH 22nd, 6.30 P.M. SUBJECT: THE RETURN OF JESUS. Is it important? Is it a Bible Doctrine? How will He come and for what purpose? Lanted a slides illustrating His coming and the signs of the times. Straight from the shoulder preaching. Sweet, Spiritual, Stimulating Music. SEATS FREE. ALL WELCOME. COME! B. E. MANUEL, Evangelist. mar20.21

With the Sealers S. S. VIKING DOING WELL. Messages received from the steamers on the Northern Front last night report prospects a little more encouraging than on the previous day. The steamers Thetis, Neptune and Eagle have accounted for 14,000 between them. The ice is reported in large sheets and difficult to get through. Capt. A. Kean in command of the Terra Nova is making good headway and expects to be in the seals very thick and foggy, and the men are finding it a difficult job getting about picking up the seals. The messages received read as follows:-- BOWRING BROS. TERRA NOVA—Making fine headway to-day and if it continues through the night, expect to see the seals tomorrow. EAGLE—Position same as last report; total stowed 5,000; still on pans 2,000; too thick to see far. VIKING—Thick fog, killed and panicked 4,000. Very hard getting around, picking up pans and whitecoats. Crew all well. JOB BROS. & CO. NEPTUNE—Position same as last report; estimated number on board 4,500; tight ice as far as can be seen; making poor progress.

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Entertained to Supper Messrs. A. E. Holmes and H. McCoan, managers of the Casino Theatre, entertained the Artie Marks Players to an impromptu supper at the Spring Restaurant last night. Songs and complimentary speeches were the order of the evening and the event which proved a very enjoyable one did not conclude until an early hour this morning.

Here and There. THE JAINES—Yesterday's west bound train is due at Port aux Basques early to-morrow morning. The Carbonar train arrived at 1.30 p.m.

PRINCE OF WALES' RINK. The Rink will be open for General Skating this Saturday afternoon and will close for the season at 6 o'clock. Patrons will kindly remove their skates, etc., without further notice. ST. JOHN'S SKATING RINK CO., LTD. mar20.21

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Dr. Pringle, D.D. ADDRESSES ROTARY CLUB. Yesterday's luncheon of the Rotary Club, Chairman, Dr. Pringle, in the presence of a large number of members of the club, was a most interesting and profitable one. Dr. Pringle is an ex-Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and was the author of the book "The Romance and Heroism of Missions." He has spent a considerable portion of his life in missionary work, and has been instrumental in the establishment of many churches and schools in various parts of the world. His address was most interesting and profitable, and was well received by the members of the club. The luncheon was a most successful one, and was a most profitable one. Dr. Pringle's address was most interesting and profitable, and was well received by the members of the club. The luncheon was a most successful one, and was a most profitable one.