

KNELL OF PRESENT SYSTEM

Report on British War Office Shortcomings May Have Effect.

The New Education Bill—Strong Opposition May Cause Government to Make Some Drastic Changes in the Clause.

LONDON, June 14.—The report of the committee appointed to investigate the shortcomings of the war office in the matter of the education and training of army officers, has just been issued, and it discloses a state of affairs which is nothing short of a scandal. It will be no surprise to the public, but coming as it does from military experts and unprejudiced judges, it will now make the speedy reform of our whole army system imperative. It has been the unpleasant duty of the committee to report that the education and training given in the military schools is absolutely inefficient—that our young officers are often totally unacquainted with the scientific principles of war, and that they are unable to apply the theory of military tactics to every-day practice; they are in too many instances so illiterate as to be unable to spell or express themselves intelligently in writing. It is little wonder, therefore, that active service finds them blockheads and blunders. The fact that a man may get his commission after gaining 150 to 200 marks out of a possible 300 marks in an examination proves that the whole system of education and examination is a farce.

It is found that society influences and the influence of lady friends does more to promote the young officer than his own merit—that merit indeed is nowhere in competition with the corrupting influence of powerful connections. This, it is reported, destroys the inducement to work and encourages stupidity and idleness. The committee's finding is the most scathing and sarcastic condemnation of a government department which has ever been published. It is recommended that university men be encouraged to join the army, that in the creek regiments it shall be made possible for young men of brains to get on without a great private income, and that the influence of ladies of fashion be as rigorously excluded as it is from other professions, where men rise by merit and hard work. This mastery and thorough-going report sounds the knell of the present war office system, and it comes at the most opportune moment for the nation in no manner to stand any more nonsense.

It has been rumored that in certain quarters, presumably among the aristocratic dead-ends, there is the desire to see Lord Kitchener, left behind in a few years, should succeed Lord Roberts, and make it not for the incapable. They hope that his departure to take the command in India will rid them of his dangerous personality. But it is hoped and believed in the best informed military circles that Lord Roberts may hold on until Lord Kitchener's service in India is completed, and that the army may have the benefit of his incomparable military genius and his experience as a soldier and disciplinarian, and that no ornamental figure-read will take the place where a Kitchener is so sorely needed.

THE EDUCATION BILL

I have been to many great public meetings of both political parties in London, but I do not know that I ever witnessed more enthusiasm and earnest determination than on Tuesday night, when at the meeting in London of the upper and middle classes assembled in the Queen's Hall to protest against the government's educational bill. Lord Rosebery was in the chair, and his first appearance on a London platform since his return to the political arena, was the occasion of a tremendous ovation. It is hard to say how far the meeting was a personal triumph for Lord Rosebery, and how far it owed its success to the opposition to the education bill. Lord Rosebery was very much in earnest and very emphatic in his condemnation of the bill which he said "strikes deep down at the very foundations of our constitutional structure. I do not believe that there is a British house of commons, unless the commons of England have degenerated immeasurably from the traditions of their forefathers, if it is possible that such a bill can pass." Lord Rosebery's vigorous objection to the bill is that it introduces a new and dangerous proposition, for under the bill the burden of nearly two and a half millions per annum will be imposed on the ratepayers of the country outside London, while the proportion of popular representation will be insignificant. Lord Rosebery further complained that the bill was an injustice to Nonconformists, who see the compromise of 1870 upset, and "the laying down for all time of a cast-iron system of popular education, which if it prevails puts an end to the hopes of all lovers of efficient education."

Mr. Asquith, Canon Barker, Dr. Guinness Rogers, and the other speakers who followed Lord Rosebery, lamented that the government were missing a glorious opportunity of building up a worthy system of national education, which in Lord Rosebery's words, concerns the future, eye, and the immediate present of the Empire. Mr. Asquith argued that the bill paralyzed the board schools, while it did nothing to repair the inefficiency of the church schools. It is safe to prophesy that after the protest led by Lord Rosebery, Mr. Asquith, Sir Henry Fowler, and the whole body of English Nonconformists the country will be thoroughly aroused on this question, and the likelihood is that Mr. Balfour will bow to the storm, and allow drastic changes to be made in the measure as it passes through committee.

MR. MORLEY'S SPEECH

John Morley's speech in Edinburgh on Saturday night last, was like all

THE WHEELS OF A NEW INDUSTRY TO HUM AT ST. GEORGE.

Magnificent Water Power of the Magaguadavie to Be Utilized in the Manufacture of Pulp.

Capitalists From New York Make a Big Investment at the Granite Town.

St. George is soon to have added to its industries one that is a development of recent conditions and new industry. Its forest wealth, instead of being converted into lumber, is to be made again pulp, and that will probably, a little later, be converted into paper, all within the confines of the thriving village.

The magnificent water power of the Magaguadavie river attracted the attention of United States capitalists, who have organized the St. George Pulp and Paper Co. for its development along new lines. The company is composed of the following gentlemen: James Goodfellow, President; E. G. Murphy of Sandy Hill, New York, vice-president and manager; E. W. Murphy of Albany, New York, secretary and treasurer.

ABOUT A YEAR AGO

These men directed their attention towards the maritime provinces as a promising field in which to manufacture pulp, and, after a careful study of many localities, decided that the Magaguadavie river offered the most enticing advantages for their enterprise.

LANDLORD AND LABORER

Social reformers have flattered themselves that the best way to keep our rural population from flocking to the towns is to encourage the agricultural laborer to work on allotment. With say, an acre of ground near his cottage, he could grow garden produce, feed pigs, and thus supplement his miserable wages of 10, or 12, a week as a farm laborer, and at the same time make himself independent of his employer. But while the politician proposes the landlord disposes. This is how the Earl of Northampton has laid down the rules and regulations for letting his land to laborers: "No occupier shall work on his own land after six in the morning or before six in the evening without the consent of his master, when in employment, nor when out of employment, if he has refused work or begun to work, and then left it."

HAVE ALSO ACQUIRED

two wharf properties from the Messrs. Gillmor and other wharf properties owned "The Basin" so that they have very facilities required for the successful conduct of a large business. Their first construction work has been commenced by the erection of a strong dam "the gut" which extends beside the mill of Doyle, Meating Co. This is fifteen feet high and one hundred and twenty feet long, its ends resting against natural stone.

THE DAY OF MIRACLES NOT PAST.

A Toronto Star reporter investigated the case of Mr. Geo. Warner, and found that after thirteen years of all most total deafness, he had been cured by inhaling Catarrhose. This proves that where Catarrhose treatment is employed, impaired hearing and deafness can be cured. Catarrhose always brings quick relief, and is warranted to give lasting relief. It is the only medicine in the world that cures deafness, and it is this, as much as anything, which is driving the villagers into the slums of our large towns. Anything is preferable to this rural servitude.

ST. MARTINS.

The sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. James Hodson in the late loss of their son Roy, who was interred yesterday in the Church of England cemetery. Roy was an especially bright, promising lad of 17 years, beloved in his own home for his many qualities and his devotion. Among his school fellows he was a general favorite, and his loss will be sorely felt. His chief illness of consumption of the brain was from the first considered hopeless by his resident physician, Dr. Ruddick, but to fully satisfy the family and love of his parents Dr. Addy from St. John was called, but to no purpose, and he gradually sank to all an early grave. Another son, William, who was in Brandon, has been summoned, and reached home just in time for the sad funeral. Rev. Alfred Baramon conducted the funeral services, which were very largely attended.

WINDSOR GIRL LEADS.

An arrangement was made a year ago, in accordance with which McGill University undertook to carry on throughout Canada the local concert and scholastic examinations hitherto conducted by the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music, London, Eng. alone, and successful candidates will hereafter be entitled to receive certificates from the principal of the university as well as that of the associated board. These examinations cover every subject, theoretical and practical, and are most judiciously graded. The standard is exceptionally high, and those who receive certificates who show real merit.

FOR A MAN'S ONLY A MAN.

Mr. Bixby—There's my cigar go out. Do you know, it spolls a cigar no matter how good it is, if you allow it to go out? Mrs. Bixby—Yes. A cigar is a good deal like a man in that respect.

IS THE WEST OVER-CROWDED?

Horace Greeley's advice of the young man to "go west" is apparently out of date. The Western Labor Union states that there is no chance in the West for any young man except the young man with capital.

The Union deems the railroad advertising which paints the resources of the West in glowing colors, and brands such statements as misleadingly characterizing and "criminal in their effect." Many influential papers in the West endorse the statements expressed by the president of the Labor Union. They all admit the brilliant opportunities for the investment of capital in the West, but say that the poor man has no chance. The expression of such views as these seems unfortunate and unnecessary at this time of general prosperity. In every community that has been "boomed" beyond its real producing capacity it is inevitable that there should be numbers of idle men.

There is also true of every agricultural community at this time. The West, under these conditions are temporary, and right themselves in a short time. The Western Labor Union states that the resources of the West "are limitless" to men of capital, but that the poor man for investment, capital generally goes—and where capital goes there is bound to be room for labor. The West called for "this" over-crowded with labor just at present, but there is nothing to be alarmed at in this condition, and there is certainly no sane reason for the hue-and-cry that the Western Labor Union has raised—Harper's Weekly.

CAPE BRETON.

Opening of the Famous Baysa Case—A Fisherman Drowned.

SYDNEY, Cape Breton, June 27.—Joseph McInyre was drowned off the South Bar today while overhauling a herring net with two others named McLeod and McIsaac. The accident happened about two hundred yards from the shore end of the harbor. When the men reached the net they broke the boat and the boom struck McLeod, knocking him over, the boat capsizing at the same time, throwing the three men into the water. McInyre had heavy boots on and sank shortly after he was thrown overboard. McLeod and McIsaac succeeded in getting on top of the overturned boat, where they remained until rescued. McInyre was a seaman of age.

A TEST RACE

Between British and American Built Yachts—The Britisher Won on Its Merits.

KIEL, June 27.—Emperor William's American schooner yacht Meteor, which the Emperor himself steered, won the most of the time, finished seven minutes and twenty-two seconds ahead of the Cleely in the large schooner race held here today in connection with a regatta. The Cleely is owned by Cecil Quentis of England and was designed by Fle. Under her time allowed for the race was 107 minutes and one minute and eleven seconds. The judges have reserved decision because of a protest entered by M. Guillemins, the owner of the Cleely, which was also in the race, who claims that the Cleely was carried two inches at her bow instead of one.

DEATH OF DEAN SAGE.

Prominent Albanian Expires at His Hunting Lodge in Canada.

MONTREAL, June 24.—News reached here today from Metapedia, a fishing resort in the eastern end of the province, of the death from apoplexy of Dean Sage of Albany. He was at the headquarters of the Camp Harmony Angling Club on the Restigouche River, where he had gone to spend a month's salmon fishing. The body, accompanied by W. H. Sage, Col. Oliver H. Payne, Mr. Ellis and Watson B. Dickerman, left Metapedia for Albany this morning.

THE DAY OF MIRACLES

is past, but many who are cured of itching, bleeding or protruding piles by the use of Dr. Chase's Ointment look upon their recovery as the next thing to miraculous. It is not uncommon for persons who have undergone operations in vain to be finally cured by this wonderful ointment. It is the standard the world over and the only guaranteed cure for piles.

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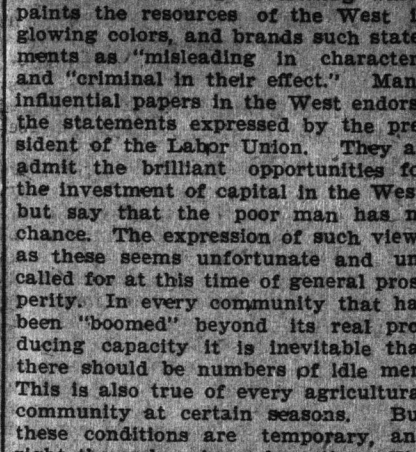
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THE S. CARSLY CO.

Notre Dame St., Montreal's Greatest Store June 17th, 1922.



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Girls' Dresses. Girls' New Spring and Summer Dresses in distinct and pretty styles, made of good quality fabrics, in blue and white and pink stripes, yoke trimmed with lace, fastenings to fit children aged 8 to 14 years. These excellently priced dresses were made to our special order and cannot be duplicated again at the price. Style same as set, worth \$15.

PEACE OVER AFRICA.

By Edwin Markham. (From Collier's Weekly.)

O bugles, ripple and shine— Ripples and rapture down the wavering line. For the last of the desperate days, Burst out the lyrical notes, From your cavernous silver throats; Burst into joy-mad carols once again To herald the homing morn.

IRLAND SAYS "GOD SAVE KING"

Press Declares His Illness Has United All Classes for Once.

DUBLIN, June 25.—The Irish papers comment sympathetically on the King's illness. The Dublin News says it has caused a cessation of political turmoil, and all classes are united for once. The Freeman's Journal pays a tribute to the King's bravery as a man, and says that perhaps for the first time in history Ireland breathes the prayer of God Save the King.

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CHARGED WITH THEFT.

Gordon C. Metcalfe Arrested. Was Formerly a Resident of St. John.

HARTFORD, Conn., June 26.—Gordon C. Metcalfe, wanted for theft from the Canadian Pacific and Dominion Express companies while acting as an agent, was arrested here in Conn. last evening on a warrant issued by United States Commissioner Marvin Metcalfe, who was known in Bristol, where he worked for a firm of brokers as H. S. Donaldson, has been lodged in jail to await the process of extradition. It is alleged that he stole \$150 from the railway and a package containing \$500. Metcalfe, who was an expert telegrapher, was born in New Brunswick.

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