

The Poet's Corner.

Don't Marry. For The Signal. Once I was young and smiling...

Hotch Potch. O lease me on the canny Scotch Who first contrived, without a blotch...

And Irish Pat when he comes here. To lay his luns in our good cheer...

A dainty dame she can't our way. An' some soup she would have...

Then here's to the kindly Scot. Wf many good broths he fills his pot...

Fun and Fancy.

Whether the stone hits the pitcher or the pitcher the stone, it is always bad for the pitcher.

A musical composer being asked if he had done anything lately, replied that his last work was a composition—with his creditors.

Archdeacon Sinclair tells of an eccentric Scotch nonman of the beginning of this century, who dining at a house...

A church not far from Dinnoon preached from the parable of the prodigal son, and concluded the sermon as follows:—

A Highlander, whose regiment having been surrounded, he cut himself out with the broadsword, with a loss of half their number...

Astronomical Disturbances.—Young Mr. Latehours was sitting on the porch the other night, watching a 17-year-old girl trying to keep awake long enough to see the morning star rise.

Barker says that he made up his mind, yesterday, that he would give his wife a pleasant surprise by spending the evening at home, and after supper he settled himself down for a cozy time in the bosom of his family.

The hired girl asked him if he was sick, and proposed to make some catnip tea. One of the neighbors came in and wanted to know if he had been having any trouble, and was afraid of the sheriff.

And Barker says all that occurred in less than twenty minutes, and he knows, for in exactly half an hour he was down town again.

Educational.

Circular To Public School Inspectors, Public School Boards, and Trustees and Municipal Corporations.

The checks introduced by the School Act of 1879, upon the demands of Public School Boards and Trustees for expenditure of money for school accommodation were imposed with the object of giving the ratepayers an opportunity of being consulted, and thus making School Boards and Trustees more strictly responsible to their constituents than they had been heretofore.

Under the law, as it existed, Public, as well as High School Boards and Trustees, could demand from the Municipal Council any sum they thought fit, and, on refusal, compel the levying of the amount by legal process to which no answer or remonstrance was effectual.

In the exercise of this power it was generally found that neither ratepayers nor Municipal Councils were consulted by the School Boards and Trustees, although in most instances the true interests of all would have been promoted by conference and consultation before large expenditures were entered upon, and much irritation would have thus been prevented.

The provisions of the Act of 1879 have not altered the duty incumbent upon Public School Boards and Trustees to furnish adequate accommodation in their schools, as required by sub-section 18 of section 104 and sub-section 8 of section 102 of the Public Schools Act.

Adam Crooks, Minister of Education. Toronto, Oct. 15, 1880.

Instructions as to the Examination and Admission of pupils to High Schools (including Collegiate Institutes): The next examination for the admission of pupils will be held at the High Schools, on Tuesday and Wednesday, being the 21st and 22nd days of December, at the hour of nine in the morning of each day.

The regulations as to admission prescribe the following: (1) Public School Teachers and Assistant Teachers who hold certificates of any class are to be admitted without examination.

(2) The standard is uniform throughout the Province, and requires that each candidate shall obtain 50 per cent. of the total value assigned to the questions, and at least 33 per cent. of the value in each subject, except grammar, in which at least 50 per cent. of the value of the parsing questions must be obtained.

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(5) Any candidate who copies from another, or allows another to copy from him, or takes into the examination room any book, note or paper, absolutely forfeits his examination, and the examiners may ascertain this after perusal of the answers; the presiding examiner, who, during the examination, has good evidence of any such misconduct, shall at once direct the candidate or candidates implicated to leave the examination room, when his or their names shall also be struck off the list of candidates.

(6) The candidate in answering, shall write only on one side of the paper, signing also his name on each sheet, and will arrange and number his answers in the order of the questions, and then fold them once across, and write on the outside his name, school, and the date. No paper once handed in can again be returned to the candidate.

(7) No candidate is to be allowed to leave the room during the time of the examination, or on any pretext to remove from his seat, unless the presiding examiner shall for just cause give special permission.

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