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THE PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Those who put their trust in the public school as the sheet anchor of saleguards around the institution. It always been of the most advanced chers. is coming to this that every fakir who attains to some degree of popularity and has a fad or a graft to exploit is admitted to the public school with it. The latest crank who has turned up in New York undertakes to classify the lunatics of the race while they are passing through the public schools. Some of our self-constituted educational leaders in Canada are mere imitators of the newest brands of American cranks. There is no part of America to-day where private schools are prospering more than Ontario. Nor can people be blamed for deciding to have recourse to private education when they see the public primary Encouraging Words Addressed to the schools made the stamping ground for half ignorant, half insane pretenders to scientific achievement.

have begun long ago and the advice of the moderate nobles taken in behalf of the people. The military aristocracy seems to be the barrier between the throne and the masses. If it be a barrier liable to go down under the pressure brought to bear

upon it at the present moment, it must break on the field of battle as well as at St. Petersburg and bring double disaster upon the Russian

EDITORIAL NOTES

shameless women in New York last Cross Church, 42nd St., N.Y." week passed a resolution endorsing "To the Editor of the Sun: on

with large families of little ones when

High Church school, although that is Dr. Birkbeck, who is also mentioned as a probable convert, was appointed living in London, has recently joined the Church.

THE POPE AND CANADA Visiting Canadian Bishops

Bishop Casey, of St. John's, N.B.,

on the internal administration of the AN INSPECTOR COMMENTS ON THE TEACHING OF CATECHISM FARMING IN WESTERN CANADA PUBLIC SCHOOL

There appeared lately in the New York "Sun" a letter from Mr. James Clancy, School Inspector of the Public Schools in the twelfth district, schools in his efficial capacity. Here

put it: "We are wasting sympathy lic schools. As a school inspector possibility.

respondent of the London Chronicle with a board of directors, a board than now. Several causes would that the Rev. Stephen Gladstone, who of examiners of teachers, and super- conduce to this. Catechism is priis now in Rome, is being prepared intendents. Each school has its su- marily a memory subject. Memory is now in Rome, is being prepared perviser or principal (a nun or a cultivation is not practised now for reception into the Church. He Christian brother) and a corps of nearly as much as formerly, the resigned the living at Hawarden a class teachers. Among the religious education of the day claiming that short time ago, and this excited sur- teachers is a goodly number of lay- this gives parrot-like but not inprise, for it could not be explained men and laywomen-all holding certi- tellectual training. Children, too, either on the ground of years or of Catholic School Board. Among the as quickly in reading as they did ficates from the state or city or the in the junior classes do not advance the loss of interest in his avocation. nuns I found graduates of the Nor- some years ago. It is claimed that nationality had better place a few The Gladstone family have, of course, mal College and ex-public school tea- the teaching by phonic and other new

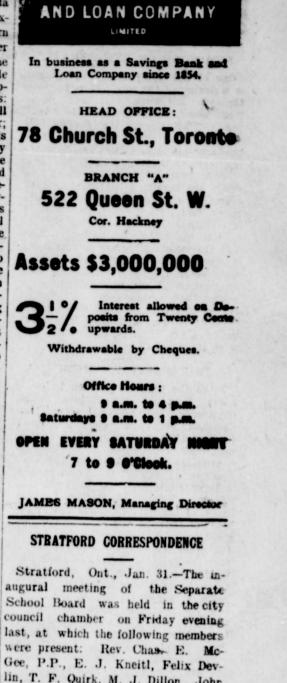
> which the majority of clerical or oth- morning session is opened with re- study is confined to perhaps the voer converts usually comes. The Rev. ligious exercises. So, too, is the cabularly of the second book. for is not the reading of the Scrip- day tell their children that they tures in the public schools a religious knew the catechism at an age far in to represent the Anglican Church on exercise? But in the parochial schools advance of the present generation. the commission sanctioned by the prayers begin at ten minutes to 9 There is no reason co doubt their late Pope to enquire into the valid- o'clock, whereas in the public schools statement. ity of Anglican orders. By the way, last fifteen minutes. Promptly at 9 ing, but the pronunciation of the mathe exercises begin at 9 o'clock and has to be taught not only the meanthere is also a report that a very o'clock the classes are at their les- jority of words found in the cateprominent American society woman, sons, no time being lost in assembly room, as the prayers are said in the class rooms. After the noon recess by no means a sinecure. Other subthe children have three or four min- jects can be illustrated, they may be utes of prayer in their class rooms. analyzed on the blackboard, answers The curriculum calls for only one may be given in the diction of the half hour for "instruction in Christ- child himself, but for the catechism ian doctrine." That is all the reli- there is no royal road, the strict gion taught in the regular school. wording of the text is demanded. It

New York City, who is also a mem- cognizes the contrary, and in order to infuse new interest into the subber of the editorial staff of the "New ject, gives it with his blessing as York Herald." Having been permit- the general intention for the month. more valuable because he has been by its intrinsic value. Never was building there three miles a so long identified with the public there a greater mistake than this. that are scarcely heard of in An organization of prosperous and cember "Monthly Calender of Holy to learn by the class to whom it is usually given as a study. The child of nine, ten or even more is not people who surround themselves I have paid particular attention to been recognized over and over methods and results. But until re- again, and conventions have been cently I had never set foot in a held for the purpose of simplifying they can not possibly feed Catholic parochial school. When I Butler, but no satisfactory means of the announcement of the Rome cor- tematically as are the public schools, the catechism were better known methods is much more thorough, but Nothing is further from the truth at the same time it is more limited. than the assertion that the parochial The knowledge of the child of the age The mentioned in the subject of word morning session in the public schools; parents and grandparents of this

Now-a-days the child chism; he cannot read them for himsilly self, and the work of the teacher is the children get further instruction especially one accustomed to only adin their religion. Before I dismiss vanced pupils, to fully realize the

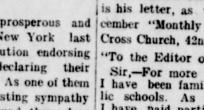
The general intention of the Sa-(Written for The Register.) cred Heart League for February is Mr. Theodore Knappen Macfarlane's the teaching of Catechism. To many recent article on "Western Canada this may seem a very easy matter. in 1904, gives us an idea of the ex-His Holiness, however, evidently re- tent and richness of our western cognizes the contrary, and in order country, and may give us a better opinion of ourselves, though some would say that is not needed. ted to visit and examine all the The catechism is such a little book, ment taking place there and says He ted to visit and examine all the and its price is so trifling that we are apt to estimate its contents from a scholastic point of view but there are history-making roads roads and its price is so trifling that we are apt to estimate its contents from a scholastic point of view but there are history-making roads roads Apart altogether from its religious United States. With little fuss and is his letter, as we find it in the De- things to teach and one of the hardest ment the Canadian Northern is drivings its main line across the prairies and plains to Edmonton, the capital "race suicide," and declaring their Sir,—For more than twenty years found there, and the understanding of the lur trade, the door of the wil-hatred of maternity. As one of them I have been familiar with the pubbeavers under the executive direction of McKenzie & Mann, a firm of Toronto contractors who are building when they can not possibly real catholic parochial school. When the butler, but no satisfactory means of meal, starting with nothing except did enter it was with a feeling that it would be impossible to find any-bring paupers into the world." These schools are organized as sys- were proven that half a century ago this time next year will see them into Edmonton, thirteen hundred miles from the eastern terminus at Port Arthur on Lake Superior. The Canadian Pacific, the national line of Canada, is building vigorously branches in Assiniboia, Manitoba and Alberta. It has not the slightest intention of abandoning the rich north country to its rivals. The same company is spending twenty million dollars in reducing grades and curvatures on its main line and in other betterments . Altogether eighteen hundred miles of railways are now going down on the prairies and mountains of Western and Pacific Canada, as fast as money and men can do the work, and there are three thousand miles of live projects not counting the long talked of railto Hudson's Bay from the wav wheat fields." Facts and figures like these cause lin, T. F. Quirk, M. J. Dillon, John us to feel that we are witnessing an Nelligan and J. J. Coughlin. development in Canada. historic

The following new appointments This is not a "boom" caused by the smooth speech of land auctioneers for the year 1905 were made: Chas. and participated in by thousands of Stock, chairman of the Board; John speculators, as was the one B. Capitan, secretary; M. S. Dillon, which resulted so disastrously for treasurer; E. O. Flaherty, represen-Western Canada a few years ago. tative on Collegiate Institute Board Now we have the people coming and Public Library Board; James in to take up and work the land, and O'Loane, superintendent of school it has been proven that this land is Rev. Father Lanendreau; auditors, D. as productive as any on the North J. O'Connor and C. McIlhargey American continent. Standing Committees for the year But there are Sunday Schools where is often difficult soo for the teacher, the past twenty years never been less Charles E. McGee, John Duggan and E. J. Kneith Sundies T. F. Ouirk The average than twenty bushels to the acre. E. J. Kneitl; Supplies, T. F. Quirk, Sometimes good farmers get, forty M. J. Dillon, Timothy Hagarty; Finand fifty bushels of wheat to the ance, Felix Devlin, J. J. Coughlin acre, and as the author of the arti- John Nelligan. cle says, "Think of what such yields The new Board have been fortunate mean in these days of dollar wheat." enough in securing the services of The tale of Canada now is a tale of Mr. John B. Capitain, an expert In every uarticular, ex- book-keeper, who has been engaged as "bigness." cept that of population, which is secretary of the school board for the coming, we are large. Our foreign year. Mr. Canitain has been treastrade is one-fifth that of the United urer of the C.M.B.A. for many years States, while they have a popula- and in that position has given entire tion fourteen times as many as we. satisfaction. His addition to the We have the longest line of railway board will meet with general satisfac--the Canadian Pacific-in the world. tion and approval That company has begun operations The board meets the last Friday near Calgary on the greatest irriga- in each month in the city council tion project in America. It has chamber, at 8 o'clock. been estimated that in western Can-The new armory for Stratford is ada there are 170,000,000 acres of now assured. The new site has now land suitable for wheat raising. On been selected and the armory will be 3,500,000 acres wheat is grown at the built on Albert street opposite the present time, yet "it takes 117 miles fire hall. Mr. Angus Smith, the poof cars to handle the grain grown on pular city engineer, staked out the the Canadian Pacific alone." In ten new site on Friday last, in con years, if the present rate of increase with Col. Mascript, Cecil C. King, is produced in the United States, and Contractors Mills and Nagle of duce more hard spring wheat than Ingersoll. The lot itself is 162 feet in produced in the United States, on Albert street by 105 feet on Waand when in the future 40,000,000 terloo street. The building will be acres of land in the Canadian West 130 by 60 feet. It will be 30 feet is sown with wheat there will be in from Albert and 22 feet in from produced 800,000,000 bushels. Winni-Waterloo street. Excavating will be peg now handles more wheat each begun at once. Mr. Cecil C. King year than any other city on the the new architect from England, will continent save Minneapolis, and the have charge of the erection of the largest elevator in the world has building. Mr. King is a first-class been built at Port Arthur. architect and has in store for him a Mr. Knappen, in his article, referr- bright future in the "Classic City." ed to the advantages that would ac-The A.O.H. of this city will give a crue to the farmers of Western grand concert and lecture in the Canada if the United States authori-Theatre Albert on March 17th, 1905. ties were to remove the duty on The following artists have been sewheat going into the latter country, cured for the occasion, viz.: About two months subsequent to Harvey Lloyd, entertainer; Miss Ma-the appearance of this article the bel M. Strong of Detroit, elocution-Toronto papers contained a despatch ist; Miss Hilda Richardson (London, from Winnipeg announcing that At- Eng.), Miss Gertrude Black Ed-torney-General Moody of the United munds (Toronto), contraltos; Miss States Government had decided that Constance Veitch (Toronto) accom-a drawback would be allowed on panist. Mr. Frank Slattery, of Towheat imported by United States ronto, the well-known and popular millers and by them made into flour young barrister, will deliver a and exported to England and ture on Ireland on this occasion the continent-that is the duty paid



THE

HOME SAVINGS



not the section of Anglicanism from schools teach only religion.

MR. WHITNEY'S CABINET.

terial that Mr. Whitney will favor . It is perfectly true to s for the construction of his Cabinet Catholic, still less a priest or bishop, tention of the press this week. Some here. Is it not the See of the comfriendly and some opposition news- mon Father of the faithful? And I papers have mentioned the name of do not think I ever realized what Mr. James L. Hughes for the Detion would be a slight upon the ex- has the happiness of being very near perienced members of the Assembly, there are many weighty reasons why self. Mr. Hughes would be a most unsuitable head of the Department of and twenty-five priests from Canada Education in Ontario. Without going into these now, it may be stated without any reservation that Mr. one can ake his way very well in Whitney would stultify himself by declining to become Minister of Education. The affairs of this department have for years been made his special field of study and criticism. He has even gone so far as to outline a programme. Is it possible that his first impulse is to pass the department over to an individual who has never sat in the Assembly and for whom a safe seat would have to be found by the sacrifice of some follower who had borne the heat and burden of the day? But it may be that an enemy of Mr. Whitney's started the Hughes story.

CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

In the current number of the World's Work a score or more representatives of the Canadian people in parliament state their antipathy to political union with the United States. They give many reasons for the patriotic faith that is in them, and one or two refer to the divorce evil in the Republic. In this connection Mr. Goldwin Smith stands in a most peculiar position. Writing in a recent issue of The Weekly Sun, he warmly approves the decision of certain prominent minist- Athens, Smyrna, Constantinople, Jafers of religion in the United States to combine denominational influence against divorce. Then he warns Canada that unless divorce courts are established here Canadians will be found carrying their grist of marital inadaptabilities to the American divorce mills. In other words to les-

this subject, one word as to the writing from Rome to The Freeman Bible: on Jan. 7, describes the Canadian of the Old and New Testaments from meet the requirements of the child. Speculation in regard to the ma- audience with the Pope. He says: is the subject most engaging the at- can feel otherwise than "at home" missed at 3 o'clock p.m. In many rying more weight than the sense. fatherhood meant until I had the happiness to enter the presence of

him and saluting him many times, duates of the parochial schools who it. We are not less than seven bishops

here, and even many more from the United States, and with a little knowledge of Latin, French and English, Catholic percentage was higher. these parts. Thus you see it is not surprising that one can feel at home even so far away from the dear riculum. Very few were below the spot on earth he reveres as "home." We all Canadians had a special audience with the Holy Father yesterday, and what a pleasant surprise to meet the Minister of Finance of Canada and Mrs. Fielding in the Vatican chial schools seem to me to excel. Palace. Father LeCoq, Sulpician They excel in drawing. The reason Superior of the Grand Seminary in for the superiority of the parochial adian College at Rome, read an address to the Holy Father, and he replied gracefully and eloquently. expressed his paternal love for the people of Canada, and said that "although colleges established in Rome. he hoped the Canadians, though last, would be first." You might easily imagine how delighted we all were to or unfit, the child is pushed into a hear such sweet words from the Sov- higher grade.

ereign Pontiff.

Yesterday, the Feast of the Epiphany. I had the happiness to celebrate High Mass pontifically in the magnificent Church of St. Joachim, founded by the late Pope Leo XIII., and now in charge of the Redemptorist Fathers. You will, without doubt, understand how well they treated us when I tell you they are just as royal in their hospitality as are our own fathers at St. Peter's in our own city. On Tuesday next Bishop McDona'd of Charlottetown, Monsignor Chalifou and Father Viancourt of Sherbrooke. Father Meahan and myself will start on a journey still further East, even to the Holy Land. We will stop at fa, then to Jerusalem and Bethlehem, Nazareth, etc. In forty-two days we hope to be again in Rome, and after ending a few more days here, we will leave for the land we love best.

CATHOLIC AUSTRALIAN

Pope's Congratulations to Cardinal

Monsignor Murphy, Rector of the

reading lessons, the books contain- To such a one his words are most ing all the leading events and fea- explicit to himself, while to the child no tures of Biblical history.

are kept until 3.30 o'clock p.m. there is nothing lacking from the from the public schools? Last sumwith "honor") only 25 per cent. of the graduates of the public schools were successful. This summer the In the parochial schools I visited I standard, while the large majority were superior to the public schools. guage (grammar), reading, arithmeschools in these respects in simple. public schools the aim is to get re-sults in the shape of statistics. Fit teaching and learning the catechism.

As a rule the parochial school pupils are better spellers and have a clearer idea of the meaning of the words than the average public school child.

The parochial school children fairly well acquainted with the geohistory of nations. They are well grounded in the history of their own country, with a good idea of the history of foreign countries, while

the highest praise. With the small amount of money the parochial schools can scrape together they work wonders. The boatd of superintendents of the public schools, it seems to me, might methods

JAMES CLANCY. School Inspector Twelfth District. New York, November 22nd.

The Religious Pope

The present Pope is a subject of never-failing interest and delight to me; he is, I think, one of the most

The pupils get a knowledge which he must descend in order to

The public school children are dis- gether different, the sound often carthey convey no meaning, or one altoparochial schools the grammar grades An illustration of this just occurs to mind. Not long ago one of our In the matter of school supplies most learned theologians was teaching a class of children. For over half kindergarten to the graduating class. an hour he had addressed them on the partment of Education. In addi- Pius X. One is overwhelmed by his better educated children than those as to who might baptize had brought forth the answer, "in case of necesmer while 75 per cent. of the gra- sity, any layman or woman can give When addressing the boys the presented themselves at the exam- teacher said "and now when you go ination for entrance into the Normal home if you were to find that the bacollege were admitted (and many by was very sick and likely to die, and if it were not baptized, what would you do?" A little lad near held up his hand. "Well, what would you do?" "Please, I would go to the corner and wait there unwas invited to examine the classes til a lame man came by and then I in any subject contained in the cur- would ask him to come in and baptize it." This happened in one of our city schools, and is only one of the many stories which might be told In the essentials-penmanship, lan- to illustrate the altogether lack of carrying power, which the unassisted words of the catechism have for the average child. The mother, who says to the child, "run away and study your catechism," is frequently At the end of a school term (one task. Much more might be said, but imposing an altogether impossible half year) no child is promoted to a space forbids, and while the subjects higher grade unless the child has has many more aspects there few mastery of the subjects taught in words may help to win sympathy the grade in which he or she has and co-operation for both teacher been studying for that term. In the and child in the work, generally, but

Mr. T. W. McGarry

The member-elect of the Provincial Parliament from South Renfrew is Mr. Thomas William McGarry,

Mr. McGarry was born in the towngraphy of the world, so necessary ship of Drummond, County of Lanin these days when the newspapers ark, Ont., August 19, 1870. He was give such ample space to the current called to the Bar at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, June, 1892, and immediately began practice in Renfrew. He is at present senior member of the law firm of McGarry & Devine. He has their writing and arithmetic deserve held briefs in many important trials, both civil and criminal.

In 1899 Mr. McGarry contested South Renfrew against the Hon. F. R. Latchford, then Minister of Public Works in the Ontario Cabinet. Only ten days elapsed between the day profitably study their economies and Mr. McGarry was nominated by the Conservative convention and the day of the election, and yet he succeeded in reducing the Liberal candidate's majority from 1,000 to 314, and this in spite of the fact that it was a bye-election, and his opponent was as-sisted in every conceivable way by

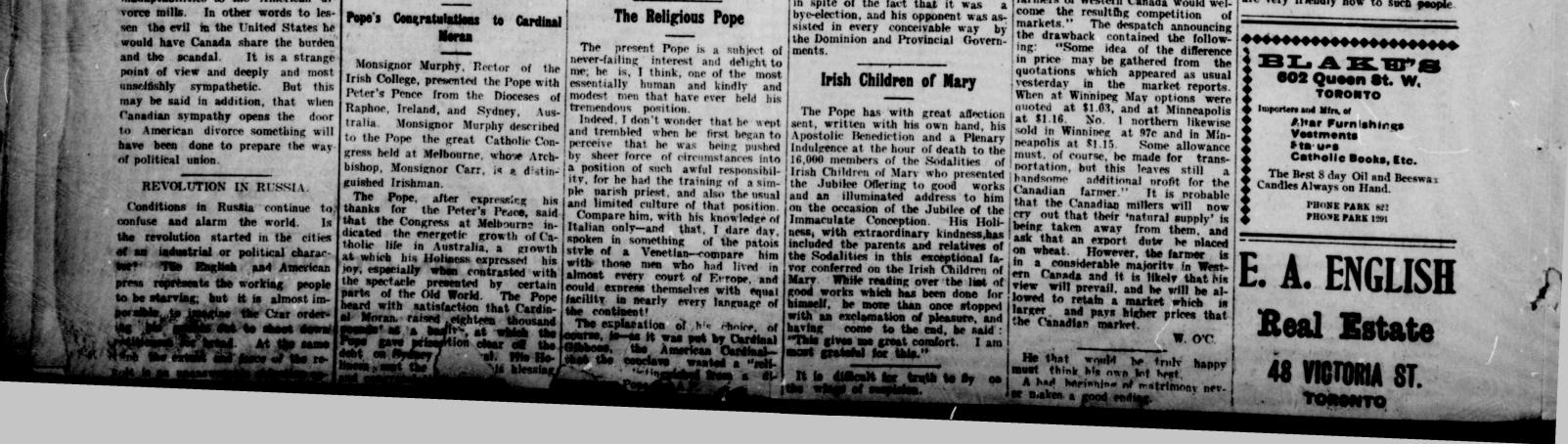
wheat would be refunded to You cannot whitewash yourself by them when the flour was ready for blackening others. export. That this is a great boon to

One voluptuous palate makes great many.

A MARS

No star ever rose or fell without Knappen's article. Speaking of the influence somewhere.

It is the duty of every woman to 'These mills will probably more and make the best of herself; the quesmore take the export tusiness away tion is how to do it, and, unfortu from American mills, as the wheat nately, many fail. It is no good to consumption of the United States ovbe beautiful and have no style; a ertakes production, unless the United States should see the light and replain woman can often carry all before her. If she achieves style she is move the duty on wheat. In that case the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern would at once very apt to leave an ordinarily pretty woman miles behind. What is extend their lines into western Canmeant by a smart woman is generally one who develops her good points, ada, and a large part of the Canadian with due regard to the fashions and the modes of the moment, and these wheat would go to Minneapolis or Duluth for milling or export. The farmers of Western Canada would welare very friendly now to such people



young lawyer.

the Western Canadian farmer can be judged by an extract from Mr. milling facilities of Canada, he says: