

"LABOUR" WITH THE "U" IS INCLUDED IN NEW SPELLING BOOK; OLD SPELLER GONE

Passage By Sir Michael Sadler Here Quoted, French Words Dropped and Words Relating To City Life Are "Car Fare," "Taxes" and "Water Rates."

Children who buy new textbooks for the public school term opening to-day will be possessed of a "spelling book."

The basic list was made from the Ontario Readers by a number of small committees composed of experienced teachers, who made alphabetical lists of all the suitable spelling words contained in the portions of the readers used by each grade.

"It must be apparent," says the preface, "that the curriculum and graded lists are quite superior to any previous selection of words made on the spur of the moment by the teacher."

So that the "new" book is smaller than the old one. The dictation passage and "review" for each section are shorter, but the number of sections in each form and grade are increased.

Briefly, the system provides in rotation a test exercise, drill exercise, the teaching of new words and then a review. The junior grade has a list of 1,000 words, and the senior grade has a list of 1,500 words.

A new feature is a list of Greek root-words and "affixes" which are given in a list of 1,000 words, with their meaning, and "automatic" from autos. There is also a list of Latin root-words, too, but the former list of words and phrases from the Lath and French has been severely pruned.

"Bon Jour" has been replaced as superfluous and "dear" as too suggestive. "Ma chere" is retired in favor of "Vox populi." "Sub rosa" has gone, and also "quid pro quo." Mutatis mutandis, the new book is a copy of "the necessary changes being made."

It is comforting, however, to reflect that the meaning of "nee" is correctly given as "the name of the mother of the bride," and that the correct term for members of the Legislative Assembly, and "Deputy" still hangs on. It's all right to pronounce "Mrs." as "mistress," one learns. The abbreviations for gallon and hogshead have been discarded, under prohibition, but W. C. T. U. is still in the honor roll.

SIR MICHAEL SADLER. A dictation exercise for Form V. is a passage credited to Sir Michael Sadler, in London, Canada, April 10, 1923, entitled "What is a Liberal Education?"

ADVANCE SALE OPENS FOR SENIOR GAME

The advance sale of tickets for the London-Dresden amateur baseball game, to be staged to-morrow afternoon at Tecumseh Park, opened at the downtown C. P. R. ticket office to-day.

G.W.V.A. SUPPORTS HOTEL PROPOSAL

Unanimously Indorses By-Laws To Be Submitted On Saturday.

PROJECT BOON TO CITY

Says Plan Means Reduction In Taxes and More Employment.

After giving consideration to the proposed new hotel for London, and weighing the effect the building will have on the city, the London Command, Great War Veterans' Association, has placed itself on record as being in unqualified support of the proposal.

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"In submitting this letter I wish to state that a very large proportion of our members are property holders, either owning or buying their houses."

"Following are some of the reasons why we are favorable to the hotel: "1. City, only interested in the exchange of the property in question."

"2. City will receive \$25,000 in cash, in addition to the exchange."

"3. The properties involved—city will vacate lot at the corner of Dundas and Wellington streets and will receive the property on Richmond street, from Fullerton street to Queen's avenue, including the Merchants Bank building."

"4. City paid for their property \$125,000 and the hotel company paid \$100,000 for their property, which accounts for the \$25,000 difference to be paid to the city."

"5. The city guarantees no bonds and assumes no liability whatever."

"6. During the 11 years of which the city lot has been vacant it has cost the taxpayers and lost taxes \$125,000, each year \$11,375. Total loss for 11 years, \$125,137.50."

"7. Under the present plan, when the project carries, the city will receive in taxes from the hotel company, at present, mill rate, \$8,800 annually for general taxes and \$1,900 for school tax, also extra for local improvements."

"8. At least \$300,000 will be paid out during construction work for labor alone on the job, besides the labor that will be paid in furnishing supplies and building material. This will relieve the unemployment situation to a great extent."

"9. A hotel of this size is an industry, will employ at least 100 people permanently."

"10. Will actually reduce your taxes by turning an annual loss of over \$100,000 into a profit of over \$14,000 in new taxes received."

"11. Will increase the value of all city-owned property in that block. City owns much property there."

"12. The city needs a new hotel. More conventions, more tourists and more travelers will stop here and the result will be more money will be left with our merchants and will cause more employment."

"13. The opening of the new hotel, a fitting part of the centennial celebration."

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Back Again To Those Days of Readin', 'Ritin' and 'Rithmetic



By The London Free Press Photographer. Over 10,000 children returned to their classrooms to-day at the local high school and a few of the public school children lined up at the school ready to enter faces show how glad they are to be back, while frowns on the faces of others denote that the holidays were far too short.

MANY PUPILS ARE ALREADY TESTED

Good Response Expected To Board Medical Plan.

IS HELP FOR TEACHER

Success of System Will Not Be Known For Few Days.

It will be impossible to ascertain just how the new medical examination of youngsters entering school is working out until some days have elapsed. It was pointed out by officials of the Board of Education to-day. Notices are being sent out to the homes of new pupils at the city schools to-day drawing the parents' attention to the new regulation of the Board of Education providing for a medical examination of all new pupils entering the city schools.

Accompanying the notice is a medical card and the parents are notified that the examination is paid for by the school authorities.

"We expect a good response," Inspector Wheelie stated to-day. "In fact, some of those coming to school for the first time this morning had already been examined, having read of the plan in the newspapers," he added. The letter being sent out is in circular form, but is addressed personally to the parent in question and is signed by the principal and inspector-administrator. The letter follows:

"Sometimes a pupil enters our schools suffering from physical disabilities of which parents and teachers are unaware. These sooner or later cause the child to fall behind in his work. Often he is misunderstood and classed as backward, lazy or inattentive. The attempt to make him do as the other pupils do only increases his trouble. If, when a child starts school, the teacher is made aware of any disability which exists, he could be given the special attention and consideration which he requires and might be enabled to outgrow this handicap instead of having it increase."

"With these facts in mind, the Board of Education has set aside an amount to provide for the examination of every child entering school this year. You are asked to take your child and the accompanying card to your own family doctor or to any physician you choose. Kindly see that this examination is made and the card returned not later than next Monday."

ST. GEORGE'S M. C. The regular meeting of the St. George's Young Women's Mission Circle was held at the home of the president, Miss Eva Clarke, Dundas street, last night. The meeting opened with a devotional period. Favorable and encouraging reports were received on the garden fete held recently and it was shown that the event was a decided success financially as well as socially. Plans were discussed for a drama to be given early in the fall and as each member had previously been requested to bring a quilt patch, a number of patches were prepared under 5 years. A quilt to be donated to the mission cause. All the friends of the organization were asked to assist in the cause. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served by the hostess, who was assisted by her mother, Mrs. D. Clarke, and her sisters, Mrs. A. Leigh and Miss Eleanor Clarke.

LODGE PICNIC. The Hope of the West Lodge, 215 I. O. G. T., and the Sunbeam Juvenile Temple, No. 6, I. O. G. T., held a successful joint picnic at Springbank on Saturday. The adults and juveniles had a very interesting game of baseball, after which supper was served at 5 o'clock. The following members were the prize winners in the races which were run off after supper: Juveniles' clothes race, Amy Dix and George Jervis; Marion Nobles and Arthur Dix; Frank Heuston and Jessie Robins; children's race, Bertie Dix and Mrs. Lorne Dix; children 6-12, Doris Turton, Alda Dix and Thelma Jervis; children 13 years and over, Marion Noble, Amy Dix, George Jervis; string race, Alda Dix and Mrs. Robins; coat race, J. Newitt and Mrs. Noble; E. Dix and Miss A. Dix; prize for the oldest person present, won by Mrs. Robins; time race, Alda Dix; mystery man, Mr. Gibson; frog race, Amy Dix, Doris Turton. Every member who participated in the ball-passing contest and the belt race received a prize.

NO "CHANGE" IN NEW HOTEL STOCK

Investors Will Have Practically Mortgage On Furnishings.

ASSURANCE IS POSITIVE

To Be No Liens Ahead of Bonds Or Preferred Stock.

That London as a city and Londoners as individuals will not be taking any chances whatever if they invest in a new hotel proposition or assist in any way possible is proved by the assurance given by the construction company which is promoting the hotel. James G. Trainer, of the Lynch Construction Company, has given positive assurance that an operator will be provided for the hotel who will furnish the house free of debt to a point where there will be no liens ahead of the bonds and preferred stock. Hence, any Londoners who subscribe to the 25 per cent. of the total cost, which is the proportion asked from the local committee, will have what practically amounts to a mortgage on the furnishings as a guarantee for their money.

There have been quite a number of ratpayers who questioned this situation. They have raised the objection that the hotel cannot pay and that the Londoners who invest in it will be the losers. But this assurance from Mr. Trainer, as a representative of the promoting company, has answered all objections to the satisfaction of all. Following is an official statement given by Mr. Trainer to the local committee in this connection:

"We further agree that we will, as a part of our agreement, provide an operator of the hotel satisfactory to you, who will furnish the house free of debt to a point where there will be no liens ahead of the bonds or preferred stock against said furnishings."

COVERS 115 MILES IN HOUR. PARIS, Sept. 1.—At the Montlhéry motordrome yesterday Ortman, a French driver, using a French car, covered 10 kilometres (115.18 miles) in an hour.

Churches and Clubs

Y. P. L. MEETS. Wellington Street United Church Y. P. L. met last evening, with Miss Emma Dent in charge. The lesson was read by Miss Ada Sampson and the program included a solo by Miss Winifred Munroe, accompanied by Miss Mildred Boyce; an interesting talk by Rev. J. R. Kirkland, and a reading by Mrs. Greenleaf. Mrs. Fred Morris closed the meeting with prayer.

ST. GEORGE'S TEA.

A silver tea is to be held to-morrow afternoon at St. George's Presbyterian Church. All the members and friends of the congregation are expected to attend. There is to be a short impromptu program, including solos by Miss Eleanor Clarke, musical numbers by Miss Helen Angus and glee singing. The conveners include Miss Helen Angus, Mrs. S. C. Hardy and Mrs. Stanley Grosvenor.

MODERATED CALL.

Rev. Dr. John McNair, of this city, moderated in a call at Bethel last evening for the charge of Bethel branch of the Toronto Rev. T. D. McCullough, B. A., of Kilmarnock, presided at a meeting of the Presbyterians of the city, which was moderated in a call by Rev. F. W. Gilmore, B. A., of Atwood, Ontario. These calls will come before the presbytery of London on Tuesday, September 15, at both congregations are looking forward to an early settlement.

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