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Reforming the Calendar.

In England—at the moment serious consideration is being given to the re-arrangement of the calendar year, a proceeding which if generally adopted would not only render our calendar less complex, but would at the same time tend to greatly simplify reckonings as it pertains to business. The new arrangement as proposed would, for instance, fix our now so-called movable feasts, and days such as Easter and Christmas would fall always on the same date and the same day of the week. The proposal, embodied in a bill which will shortly come before the House of Commons, is taken up in consequence of an invitation from the Swiss Government to take part in an international conference to determine the advisability of making over our present calendar.

The proposals of the calendar reformers are that the first day of the year shall be a bank holiday, called "New Year's Day," which shall not count with a day of the week, of the month, or of the quarter. This leaves for the rest of the year 364 days. This number divides exactly into four equal quarters of ninety-one days each, and into fifty-two weeks of seven days each. Each quarter would thus contain exactly thirteen weeks. According to the proposed scheme it would be divided into two months of thirty days each and one month of thirty-one days. Starting then with the year 1912, Easter Sunday, and all so-called movable feasts, feasts, and dates dependent upon it, would be fixed so as to fall in every year on the same day of the same month as well as on the same day of the week. April 14 would then and always be Easter Sunday, and Christmas day, Dec. 25, would always fall on Monday. Each day of the month would always fall on the same day of the week. To provide for leap year, a bank holiday to be called "Leap Year Day" would in leap year be inserted between June 31 and July 1. As in the case of New Year's Day in the proposed system this would not count as a day of the week, of the month, of the quarter.

As most people are aware our calendar was originally borrowed from the Romans, and if those who followed the

great Caesar had seen fit to leave it alone we would to-day have a more simple and more commodious arrangement than now exists. According to the calendar as planned by Julius Caesar the first, third, fifth, seventh and ninth and eleventh months, in other words, every other month should have 31 days, and the other months 30 days excepting Feb., which in common years should have 29 and every fourth year 30 days. The vanity of Augustus was such, however, that he must have the month named after him with as many days in it as the month named after Julius, so it came about that a day was taken from February and given to August; and then in order that the three months of 31 days might not come together, September and November were reduced to thirty days, and 31 given to October and December. Thus a mix up was created which we have failed to straighten out even to this day.

Model Schools Restored.

The Department of Education has, says the Godech Signal, at last admitted its mistake in abolishing the model schools a few years ago, and has decided to re-establish them to a considerable extent. The announcement was made last week and it is understood that the new or re-established schools will be ready to take teachers in training at the fall term this year.

The Department was warned of the consequences that would follow the abolition of the model schools, many prominent educationists giving their opinion that the new normal schools could not satisfactorily take their place. The longer term and the additional expense involved in taking the normal school course was a handicap which no doubt served to keep out of the teaching profession many a bright young man or young woman who would have made a good teacher. The model school course was an excellent practical training for a young teacher, and a few years actual experience in the work before taking the normal school course served to "weed out" those who found them selves unfitted for the profession and those who for other reasons decided to drop out. When the normal school was reached then, those who took the course were to a considerable extent settled in the profession and with fuller maturity could get better results from the course.

The restoration of the model schools will again establish these desired conditions, and the net result of the Department's action is the unnecessary and injurious disturbance of the teacher training system during the last four or five years. However, if the Department is found to be gifted with "afternoon wit" that is somewhat better than that it should be entirely impervious to reasonable ideas.

Harness Shop Burglarized.

McCart's harness shop here was burglarized at a late hour on Thursday night, the thief getting away with a set of new driving harness valued at about \$25.00. Entry was effected at the rear of the shop, a small door being smashed in on the 2nd story, which the culprit reached by climbing on the roof of an adjoining shed. The crime was not discovered until the following morning, when on opening his shop, Mr. McCart found that someone had entered his premises during the night by battering in the door, and a search revealed that a handsomely mounted set of Golden driving harness was missing. The burglar is not thought to have got away with any other loot. Suspicions are already pointing to a certain party, as Night-watchman Swanston appears to have seen a man coming from that vicinity at a late hour of the night with a set of harness on his back. The Night-watchman, we understand, suspected something wrong, but thought discretion the better part of valor, and so laid low until he learned the true state of affairs, when he came forward with his story, which may be rehearsed in court as proceedings develop.—Bruce Times.

Yankee officiousness.

Mrs. Kate J. Crosby, a widow, of Belleville, was refused admittance to the United States at Black Rock by zealous American officials last week. Mrs. Crosby said that she had been asked several personal and offensive questions. She told the officials that she was going on a visit to her son and daughter at Pittsburg, and that she had sufficient money to last her during her proposed stay of two months. She had sent on ahead to her brother, also of Pittsburg, \$150. "The official then asked where I got so much money," said she. "As he was impertinent and officious, I replied that I took it out of the bank." "We cannot admit you," she was told. Mrs. Crosby said that her husband was a citizen of the United States and that they had lived on a farm in Pennsylvania for thirty-three years. She was a Canadian by birth, and her daughter is a trained nurse at Pittsburg. She telegraphed to her brother, who is in business at Pittsburg, saying that she was turned back at the border.

Selection in Potatoes.

In producing a good crop of choice potatoes," says a correspondent of The American Agriculturist, "there are a few foundation principles which must be followed to get continuous good results. First in importance is good seed. When I was in the seed potato business I made experiments with tubers 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 inches in diameter. In no case did I get as good results as from fine, well-grown tubers. It is just as necessary, for the best results in potato growing, to select typical potatoes for seed as it is to breed horses and cows from typical animals. To keep up your potatoes, just use good hard, common sense. Select for seed potatoes of the type you want to grow; then take good care of them so they are not weakened by sprouting before planting time."

Both Men Of Ability.

A man left his umbrella in the stand in a hotel recently, with a card bearing the following inscription attached to it. This umbrella belongs to a man who can deal a blow of 250 pounds weight. I shall be back in ten minutes. On returning to seek his property he found in its place a card thus inscribed—This card was left here by a man who can run 12 miles an hour, I shall not be back.

As To Spring.

Spring! It is a precious boon—good old April, May, and June. Then the nights are cool and calm, so that slumber is a balm, and the days are mild and sweet, so that labor is a treat. And the flies have not yet come, and the skeeters do not hum, and the frogs don't yet aspire to excel the village choir, and we walk with springy tread, and thankful that we are not dead. O the spring's a boon, in truth! It restores our vanished youth: even grey and palsied men feel like three-year-olds again and (unless they're watched) they hope with some widows to elope, and the widows, bless their souls, charm us with their caracoles, for we all are growing young when the good old spring is sprung. You are worse than dead, my friend, if, when winter's at an end, and the joyous spring is come, you are feeling dour and glum. Any man whose blood is red, any sport who isn't dead, feels inclined to whoop and waltz, feels like turning somersaults feels like punching some one's ear when the gladsome spring is here!—Walt Mason in the Star.

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