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## SCHOOLS—AND TAXES.

Saint John is not the only Canadian city in which relations between the Board of School Trustees and the Common Council are occasionally strained, or in which the increasing cost of schools, together with the difficulty of raising civic revenue, has become a grave problem. The Winnipeg Board of Trade, in a somewhat remarkable report just issued, frankly raises the question as to whether or not Winnipeg's schools are too expensive for Winnipeg's income. Saint John is asking that very question. Of course, the difficulties surrounding civic taxation, either in Saint John or in Winnipeg, are only in part due to school expenses, but in both cities the Common Council is in the unhappy position of being compelled to raise a continually increasing amount of money for school purposes and is deprived of any power to limit school expenditure.

The Winnipeg Board of Trade asserts that forty-three per cent. of the city's income from taxes on real property is absorbed by school expenses, and says that if increased expenditures are to be made on the schools the money can be obtained only by further taxes on real estate, which is already too heavily penalized. In commenting upon the matter the Manitoba Free Press makes some observations which recall the recent breach between the Council and the School Board here. It says that the Winnipeg School Board "argues that its business is to administer the schools and not to worry over where the money is coming from. Under our system the Municipal Council imposes and collects the taxes. That is the theory, but obviously in practice the board must have some regard for the amount of city taxes which can be obtained with which to cut the garment. Neither is it a conclusive argument that all of the money necessary for schools should come out of the revenue first and other things take their chances. If this theory is to be maintained, the school must be divided equitably. First things must come first, but should not swamp other things."

Winnipeg's population increased by only 5.3 per cent. between 1913 and 1924, while, during that period the average monthly enrollment in the schools increased by 89.2 per cent. School expenditure was thus unavoidably increased very heavily in comparison with the growth of taxable property.

The Winnipeg School Board does not stop at the discussion of the financial aspect of this question, but goes so far as to say that the city's educational system requires radical revision. It is suggested by the board that while a democracy must provide free elementary schools, say from grade one to grade six, secondary education should be considered by itself. It is pointed out that while the number of pupils entering the secondary grades has increased tremendously in the last ten years, that number is still very small in comparison with the number of those who quit school before they have passed beyond grade six. The Board of Trade argues that the purposes of the elementary school, of the high school, and of the university should be clearly defined, and that the elementary school course should be laid out for itself alone, to make sure that the children are given a mastery of "the tool subjects," and that secondary education, including the junior and senior high schools, should, "likewise, be an entity." Another question raised is that while Winnipeg makes provision for the sub-normal pupils, it makes none for the super-normal, the brilliant pupils being sacrificed for the mediocre. On this interesting angle of the question the Free Press says:

"In the opinion of the board a recognition of this situation is being forced by prevailing economic conditions. Educational organization must take into account the means at its disposal and must limit the amount of free education. The only way this limit can be attained is the provision of the state of a certain number of free places in her secondary schools, as many as her means will afford; these places to be given to the most brilliant candidates. Others desiring secondary education would pay for it themselves."

## PAROLE WORKS WELL.

Out of 1247 prisoners, only 113 being women, whose cases were considered by the Ontario Parole Board last year, it was decided to parole 408. It was found that only fourteen per cent. abused the parole privilege in any way. The board also recommended that 108 prisoners be permitted to work on permit outside the prison walls. A review of the annual report says:

"The report mentions that during five years 1,140 men have been granted permits to work outside the walls. The custodial failure has been less than five per cent.; about \$100,000 has been saved the province in maintenance of prisoners, and those working outside

under the system have earned \$245,000, all of which has gone to their dependents."

This is a very satisfactory showing. Of course, careful selection was made of those granted parole, only a little over a third of the number examined gaining the privilege.

Ontario has had a Parole Board since 1910, and the scope of its powers was enlarged by Dominion and provincial legislation in 1916. These powers are now large, but evidently the board feels its responsibility and takes few chances of releasing persons who would not respond to the extended lenience.

It has always seemed a futile kind of punishment to jail a man and leave his family without means of support. In any case where under the parole system he can be led to work for his family and himself, there is alike a desirable service for the family and the state, and in such cases there is much greater probability that the one so paroled will go straight thereafter than if he were merely kept in idleness behind prison walls.

The Canadian Government Merchant Marine had an operating loss of nearly a million and a half dollars last year, but the announcement of a deficit will probably give rise to considerable debate in Parliament.

## Odds and Ends

### Suckers on Broadway

(New York Sun.)

On Broadway, within a block of Times Square, in the heart of the district of New York which prides itself on being the knowledge, most sophisticated spots in the universe, police the other day arrested five men for operating a game of three-card monte. Hundreds of come-ones are said to have crowded around the layout, eager to place \$50 bets on one of the oldest and most popular of the street games.

Monte is probably played yet in fringes of the hinterland populated by that curious class of persons whom Broadway describes as "suckers," but a gambler who tried to set up a layout within a quarter of a mile of the court-house square of a Western or Mississippi Valley village would be regarded by his friends as a fit subject for a lunacy commission. Even the school boys would ridicule him. It is apparent, however, that on Broadway a sufficient number of hicks can be found to make the old game really profitable.

How old the game is may not be known. It was popular in the far West before the war with Mexico, and it has since maintained a rivalry with the thimble-ringers three shells and pea as a means of separating sure-going players from their cash. In the immortal argon of the gamblers, shell game and monte are alike in one respect: the operator leads his victim on by apparently disclosing his cunningness in handling his implements.

Three cards are used in playing monte, usually two deuces and a jack, a queen or an ace. The cards are bent slightly in the middle so as to be easily slipped up by the ends. The dealer mixes the three up in his hands and then spreads them out. The player bets a given sum that he can pick out the "odd" card. If the cards are honestly shuffled and dealt, the chances are two to one in favor of the dealer, but they rarely are honestly handled. A skillful dealer can manipulate two or three sets of cards so adroitly that only a trained eye can detect him. If he is working alone and the suckers are especially gullible he frequently "switches" so that there will be no odd card when they are dealt. For this purpose he often uses ace only, first showing a set in which there are two red cards and a black one, then changing to one which has three red ones.

## "Come On Up."

(Chicago Journal of Commerce.)

On the bulletin board of a large manufacturing company in Chicago there appears the following:

Look back over 1925. Be honest with yourself. Did you endeavor to give the boss, at all times, just a little more than he paid for or expected? Did you make a real effort to learn more about the business that you might be more valuable to the boss and to yourself? Did you do any outside studying in preparation for the next step up?

In this organization we do not pay for what an employee knows but for what he does. We do not pay for what is in your head but for what comes out of it. Production, or results, is the sole measure of your ability and your compensation is based on what you have done. Just as soon as you do more you will earn more.

Your department head, or your foreman, has no fear that you will "get his job." He is afraid you won't. He knows that when you push him out of his job you simultaneously push him up the ladder. It is to his interest to find and keep men who can "get his job."

Sales competition in our business is very keen. We have to work

# Just Fun

THE bachelor's leap year yell is "An onion a day keeps the girls away."

NOBODY really lives as long as a rich relative seems to live.

THE height of ignorance is for a girl to get married simply because she is tired of working.

FATHER—I want to apprentice my boy to you.

Master Plumber—Where is he?

Father—Well—he forgot his references and has gone back home for them.

Master Plumber—Right! I'll take him!

It isn't very pleasant not to win! When you've done the very best you could!

But you're down, get up and try to win!

A fiddle often does a fellow good. I've seen some chaps who never knew their power.

Until somebody knocked 'em to the floor!

I've known men who discovered in an hour a courage they had never known before.

"HAVEN'T I seen you somewhere else?"

"Perhaps; I've been several other places."

FIRST Old Maid—What'd you rather have than anything else in the world?

Second Old Maid—A nice boyish bob.

FOR reducing the price of eggs nothing has been found to beat the spring of the year.

IF YOU must be a machine, be a thinking machine rather than a talking machine.

# Who's Who

## IN THE DAY'S NEWS

### GEORGE EASTMAN.

AT 72, George Eastman, whom the camera made into a multi-millionaire, has started on a six-months' trip through the wilds of British East Africa as a member of the East Africa expedition.

He plans to make a motion picture history of the wild life of Africa. Automobiles will be used wherever possible, and in impassable places the party will resort to litters carried by natives.

George Eastman was born in Waterville, N. Y. He left the Rochester schools at the age of 15 to help supply a widowed mother at a weekly wage of \$3.

Becoming interested in amateur photography he experimented with and perfected a process for making dry plates in 1880. He began to manufacture dry plates on a small scale. A short time later he invented the Kodak. In 1888 he began to manufacture a large part of his fortune has been given to further education. Tuskegee and Hampton, two negro institutions, have benefited from his bequests to the extent of \$2,000. Employees now largely control the great industry he built up.

His home town, Rochester, N. Y., has been benefited by many of his philanthropies.

# Timely Views On

## World Topics

IF FOREIGN powers insist on maintaining special rights and advantages in China which encroach on her sovereignty a demand by the Chinese people for abolition of treaties which are unfair to China may result.

For many years past the peoples of the West have proceeded on the conviction that their civilization, and especially their religions and codes of ethics, are superior to those of the East.

Based on this assumption, the peoples of the West, encouraged and supported in many instances by educational propaganda and missionary effort to persuade the Orientals to accept the Western ideas and ideals in place of those of their own. What ever be the opinions held upon these points, to the Orientals, as to the Occidentals, a principle of right and justice must, from its very nature, be as valid when applied in the East as it is when applied in the West.

Hence it must result that, if, when put to the practical test, it be found that the Western powers which claim to enjoy the benefits of Western civilization carried to its highest point of development, are determined to continue indefinitely in their Far Eastern possessions a traffic which admittedly debauches the hundreds of thousands of Chinese who dwell in their possessions, there can be no other result than that not only Western systems of ethics be deprived of much of the respect which they command from the peoples of the East, but the governments of the West will lose somewhat of the regard which they now enjoy in Eastern Asia.

By this I mean that it will henceforth be more difficult for them to convince the powers of the East of the sincerity of their professions of goodwill.

Should China find that the powers are not willing to grant to her, as the result of agreements voluntarily entered into, those rights, fiscal, jurisdictional and administrative, which are rightly due her as a sovereign power, co-equal with themselves, it should not cause surprise or warrant just criticism, if there should arise in China a demand that the treaties which purport to impose non-reciprocal limitations upon herself, in derogation of her sovereignty and highly detrimental to her essential national interests, should be denounced by China, that is, terminated by an unilateral act upon her part.

hard to keep our sales volume up. We must constantly seek new fields for our products. Production in this plant are too large. We are constantly searching for new methods that will reduce our production costs. The officers of this company have a lot of work to do. We need help—good help. Come on up.

# Safety First For Him



# Poems That Live

## AMY WENTWORTH.

Her fingers charm the ivory keys,  
They dance so light along the keys,  
The blooms upon her parted lips  
Is sweeter than the songs.

O perfumed sulitor, spare thy smiles!  
Her thoughts are not for thee;  
She better loves the salted wind,  
The voices of the sea.

Her heart is like an outboard ship  
That at its anchor swings;  
The murmur of the stranded shell  
Is in the song she sings.

She sings, and smiling, bears her praise,  
But dreams the while of one  
Who watches from his sea-down deck  
The icebergs in the snow.

She questions all the winds that blow,  
And every fog-wreath dim,  
And bids the sea-birds flying north  
Bear messages to him.

—John Greenleaf Whittier.

# The Best of Advice

## BY CLARK KINNAIRD

### NOW IS THE TIME!

HENRY FORD would have us believe that a man doesn't need to worry whether he is going to be a success until he is past forty. Mr. Ford bases the conclusion upon his own experience, which is too unusual to be a guide for the ordinary man. Ford is the only person in the world's history to become a billionaire through making a luxury a necessity.

If you are waiting for TOMORROW to improve your condition, pause and consider that the time is passing away and a smaller part of it is left.

Every hour you delay means a small portion of whatever fruits accrue from your higher state of being.

AND something even more important must be taken into account. If a man should live longer it is quite uncertain whether the understanding will continue sufficient for the level comprehension of things.

When a man falls into dotage, perforce and nutrition and imagination and appetite do not fail him, but the power of making use of himself, filling up the measure of what

he distributed with equity and wisdom.

# Other Views

THE AWAKENING OF THE (Constantinople Hakimlett).

Every day Britain appears to become more nervous of a revival of oriental peoples which would jeopardize her world dominion. She is above all afraid of Turkey, since it is the latter nation which leads the movement, and is giving other nations a pernicious example. It is for this reason that Britain opposes all Turkish aspirations.

CANADIAN COAL FOR CANADA (Le Canada)

The government is being asked to reduce the freight rates on coal from Nova Scotia to the central provinces. If this request should be granted, a similar demand would naturally be made in respect of coal from Alberta.

But, apart from the fact that the fixing of rates is not a government task, we must avoid at all costs heaping burdens immediately on our railways, which are already operated with a heavy deficit. The economic independence of Canada, from the fuel point of view, undoubtedly deserves certain sacrifices. But the question is a complex one and the charges must

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# The Very Idea!

## By Hal Cockburn

### SOME OTHER TIME.

ALL kiddin' aside, this is one of those days when a man can't get down to his work. The sun's shining bright and I'm lost in its rays, and I feel that I'd much rather shirk. I might write a verse about fashions and such, or I might frame a poem on spring. I well can imagine that just the right touch could make it a sweet little thing.

There isn't a law against serious thought, and I might turn a rhyme to advice. But that's not the spirit in which I am caught, so the verse wouldn't turn out so nice.

No doubt there are millions of humdrums, at hand that really would fit into rhyme, but surely, by this time, you'll all understand, I'll write them—some other time.

It's queer how a fellow can knock letters out, and write without batting an eye. I'll bet you don't know what this verse is about. That's nuthin', folks—neither do I.

One of the most important parts of an auto is the nut that holds the wheel.

The worst lie I ever heard tell of was the golf ball that landed in the middle of a newly plowed field.

"Funny about a telephone girl. She has to make both ends meet or she can't hold her job."

This thing has puzzled me for years. So tell me, if you can, why Solomon, with his hundred wives,

Was called the wisest man?

NOW, HONESTLY—

Pardon me if I laugh at the fellow who thinks he gets by on bluff.

Why shouldn't I? All the rest of the world laughs at him.

That's the funny part of it—when a man has so little sense as to travel along on brag, exaggeration, egotism and the like, you can't expect him to have sense enough to know that he's not fooling anybody but himself.

But—somebody he wakes up to find that the road he has traveled leads only to the well-known place called No Place.

It's a kindly tip to all heading that way—DETOUR!

## FABLES IN FACT

ONCE THERE WAS A LADY WHO WAS AFRAID TO LIVE IN HER HOME ALONE COMMA SO SHE BOUGHT A DOG PERIOD

BARK COMMA BUT THAT DIDN'T PROVE THAT HE WAS A GOOD WATCH DOG COMMA AND THIS IS THE VERY THING THE LADY WAS ANXIOUS TO KNOW

ABOUT PERIOD HOWEVER COMMA A TRAM CALLED ONE DAY AND STOPPED AT THE OUTER GATE PERIOD QUOTATION MARK DOES YOUR DOG BITE

QUESTIONS MARK THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO FIND OUT COMMA QUOTATION MARK REPLIED THE LADY COMMA QUOTATION MARK COME ON IN PERIOD QUOTATION MARK

DURING the world war, one of the great steamships that was used as a transport for soldiers was on her way across when a torpedo boat was

sighted. In anticipation of the danger they were on, all on board were lined up on deck.

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OUR IDEA of an even tempered man is one who would slip on a banana peeling, get up and go away whistling. "Yes, We Have No Bananas."

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## Dinner Stories

A NEGRO LAD had been brought into a Virginia court for the fifth time charged with stealing chickens. The magistrate determined to appeal to the boy's father.

"See here," said His Honor, "this boy of yours has been in this court so many times charged with chicken-stealing that I'm quite tired of seeing him here."

"I don't blame you, judge," said the parent. "An' I's tired of seein' him here as you is."

"Then, why don't you teach him how to act? Show him the right way and he won't be comin' here."

"I has showed him de right way," said the father, "but he jest don't seem to have no talent for learnin' how, judge; he always gets caught."

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