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IMMORAL PLAYS

The people of Toronto have been very much wrought up over a play called "Deborah," from which the local censor had some lines eliminated, but even with these expurgations it has been stopped by Police Magistrate Denison.

There is no need to outline the features of the production, with regard to which the evidence showed that certain excellent people considered it immoral, and certain other excellent people expressed the opinion that it taught a good moral lesson.

It is, of course, very difficult to define just what is, and what is not, improper in relation to books and plays. Some people can deduce immorality from almost anything, and others do not think that anything much is extreme.

The literature of the world would certainly be very much denuded if all that some people regard as immoral, or suggestive of immorality, became excluded.

Speaking generally, it is not desirable to have the stage exploited for nastiness, and, also speaking generally, many parents do not realize their huge mistake in keeping from the young the necessary knowledge of important and sacred physical truths.

There is no higher thing in the world than parentage under right conditions.

MR. COCKSHUTT'S SPEECH

The full report in Hansard of the speech which Mr. W. F. Cockshutt recently made in the House of Commons shows that he offered an exceptionally fine effort.

Here is one portion of the deliverance.

I propose to place upon Hansard the value of the products turned out by fourteen of the principal manufacturing cities of the Dominion. The editor of the Courier is so loyal that he goes to sleep every night wrapped up in a Union Jack.—Expositor.

The local Grit organ is entirely mistaken as to the uses of the grand old emblem. It is not supposed to go in the family wash as a bed appurtenance.

The Courier, which is never happy save when wilfully misrepresenting the position of a political opponent, now makes covert insinuations of disloyalty against the Expositor because we have suggested the advisability of discontinuing the observance of Victoria Day.—Expositor.

Don't question your loyalty one bit, but simply your bad taste in wanting to wipe out the term "Victoria Day." The next thing will be wanting the name of August expunged because its title was changed in honor of Augustus Caesar, the first Emperor of Rome. By the way, the organ has not yet explained why it so strongly objected to the Duke of Connaught coming to Canada as Governor-General.

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Galt Reporter: A great transportation scheme is developing under our eyes, and it may be that comparatively few realize its importance to the industrial interests of this section. We refer

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