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## Look to Your Authorities.

The real scholar, whether in science or literature, prides himself upon going to get at the fact, going to get-hand authorities, whether it is literature or books that he is dealing with. The politician and journalist, dealing with important matters, would have something of the same information.

A case occurred recently in connection with the war controversy, and involving the name of a Canadian, which illustrates this point clearly and forcibly. We take the details from The National Review for March, which, commenting upon the Daily Chronicle's exposure of the so-called Conciliation Committee, says: "Recently the Conciliation Committee issued a leaflet, which purported to be a letter from Lieut. Morrison, of the Canadian Artillery. It is always dangerous to give names or to afford an opportunity of verification when you are traducing your own country, and presently the leaflet came into the hands of the supposed author of it. He immediately drew attention to the fact that it was a hopelessly garbled version of what he had written. How, then, was this explained?"

The committee copied from the Manchester Guardian, and the Manchester Guardian had copied from the New York Sun. Now, the Sun has many virtues, but unhappily fairness to Britain is not among them; it is the last source to which honorable Englishmen would go for dispassionate evidence on such a subject. Here is an extract from the leaflet form: "As I stood looking on, a woman, the owner of a very pretty cottage, standing in a rose garden on a side street, which was being destroyed, turned to me and pathetically exclaimed, 'Oh, how can you be so cruel.' I sympathized with her and explained that it was an order and had to be obeyed."

Now, compare this with the real thing: "As I stood looking on, she turned to me and said, 'Oh, how can you be so cruel?' I sympathized with her and explained that it was an order and had to be obeyed. She was a good-looking female in distress, and had quite the dramatic style of the ill-used heroine. I certainly was sorry for her. We all were—until the house began to burn and a lot of concealed ammunition to explode and nearly killed some of our men." A passage like the following was, of course, omitted altogether: "When our little force used to go out in reconnaissance and get into the rough and rocky hills overlooking the valley, the well-fed burghers would swarm out of the farms in the valley and have a lot of fun with us. That we did not have any casualties was not their fault. It was also some of them who killed two of the Dragons by dressing up in khaki and enticing them over to a copse, where they shot them down in cold blood." This kind of thing reveals dishonesty somewhere, and culpable carelessness somewhere else, and in the long run such methods do most harm to those who use them.

## Mental Fatigue.

It has been often asserted that children become mentally tired out after the day's work in the school-room. So widespread has the idea become that psychologists have thought it a proper subject for investigation. The latest declaration, the result of an investigation by Dr. Thorndike, is to be found in The Psychological Review. Concluding, as he does, that mental fatigue, as a result of school work, has no existence, his conclusions will be rather startling to many. He writes: "The present research aims to settle the question of how much less able to work the child is, after having done the work of half or the whole of a day. . . . are unanimously in school-day, than he was at start. The favor of the answer, 'He is just exactly as able.' If these results were legitimately obtained, they prove that the work in the case of the schools tested did not decrease one jot or tittle the ability of the scholars to do mental work."

Dr. Thorndike goes on to say: "The fact that the children can work as well does not at all mean that they do work as well, or that their measures should not be taken while for relief. It does mean that the argument for shorter hours and longer pauses, so far as based on alleged incompetency to work under present systems, was a false argument and its measures for relief ill-considered. . . . The more appropriate remedy would be not to give the student less to do, but to make it worth while for him to work, to make the work interesting."

This learned doctor thinks that the decrease in mental work during a school-day is due more to a flagging of interest on the part of the pupil, and as a remedy he would suggest better teaching. It is quite true that when a person is interested, time not only passes more quickly, but real enjoy-

ment is to be found in work. The feeling that something is being accomplished has an exhilarating effect, whether the matter in hand be work or play. The tendency in Ontario is towards better training of teachers, and in consequence, we may anticipate a steady improvement in the art of imparting instruction. We can rest assured then, that, in spite of the finding of this learned specialist, if there be any tendency towards mental exhaustion, the evils will be mitigated rather than aggravated.

## The Coming Budget.

The budget has come, and although it has not yet passed through committee we know what the British Chancellor of the Exchequer thinks of the financial situation, and how he attempts to grapple with a great problem. It is interesting now to see how fair, able men, well acquainted with the state of affairs, were correct in their forecasts. The National Review is favorable to the Government, but thinks that the financing of the war has been very badly done. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach seems to prefer to live from hand to mouth, and to pay, like the poor, enormous prices for the article which he purchases in small quantities.

The new budget, it goes on to say, will require courage and foresight. "There is a general impression that a further addition will be made to the heavy burden which the unhappy income tax payer has to endure, but so far as can be ascertained this impression is not well founded. The highest figure ever reached was in the Crimean war, when it ranged from 1s. 2d. to 1s. 4d. It now stands at 1s., which is a high figure, though nothing to the 4s. in the pound which the luckless citizen of Italy has to pay." In this case the popular impression was correct and the critic wrong. "A tax on sugar of a penny a pound where imported from a bounty-giving foreign country, and a half-penny where imported from non-bounty-giving countries, and a farthing on British colonial sugar would produce over £10,000,000 and prove an immense boon to the distressed West Indies, but as it is against the doctrinaire Shibboleths of free trade the Chancellor of the Exchequer is not likely to impose it, although it offers a simple and easy means of raising a large sum." Again the critic is out of it. "There is a tax on refined sugar of a half-penny in the pound, but there is no approach to preference for the colonies. This is a significant fact. Those who think that Britain can easily give a trade preference to her colonies might kindly explain why the Unionists have missed this splendid chance? A tax of 10 per cent ad valorem on foreign manufactured goods has also been mooted and meets with much support. It will give £7,000,000 and would hit articles which are mostly luxuries. The state of our trade in the near future threatens to be such as to require the support of a strong tariff—if only as a political lever, to extort concessions from foreign offices and to remind Germany, e. g., that there are solid motives which recommend to her people an attitude of friendship to us."

To this we have the reply of the Chancellor, "I am not disposed to impose a customs duty on manufactured imported goods as suggested by Sir Howard Vincent." However, the fair traders think they have got their edge of the wedge in and that protection will soon follow, but it is likely we shall see many things before that.

## A Successful Governor.

We are pleased to read the testimonies that are borne to the important work of Lord Curzon in India. To represent the King and the Empire in that great land is a difficult duty, but the present holder of the office, a man in the very prime of life, seems to be showing both wisdom and force. This is the kind of charge that he gives to the youthful Indian prince, about to take upon him serious responsibilities: "The native chief must learn that his revenues are not secured to him for his own selfish gratification, but for the good of his subjects; that his internal administration is only exempt from correction in proportion as it is honest, and that his goal is not intended to be a divan of indulgence, but the stern seat of duty. His figure should not merely be known on the polo ground, or on the racetrack, in the European hotel. These may be his relaxations, and I do not say that they are not legitimate relaxations. But his real work, his princely duty, lies among his own people."

Living in the spirit of this speech, Lord Curzon has created a stir among the chiefs, and made them feel that they are expected to conform to a real moral standard. In this and in a great many ways the Viceroy makes his influence felt, and in a manner that is worthy of a British statesman, and that wins the approval of fair-minded men. Such action must, of course, provoke criticism and dissent from some quarters, but the best class of people seem to recognize that the governor is acting from the highest motives.

Mr. Stephen Wheeler, in The Nineteenth Century and After, says: "It is very easy to hint, as was done by one critic, that the Viceroy has an eye upon conveniences at home. I doubt if Lord Curzon cares much about the applause of Exeter Hall, or if he did, whether it would compensate any governor-general for the serious attacks of his own countrymen in India. That Lord Curzon has hitherto escaped the latter risk is evidence of the public recognition of his motives. That he will permanently improve the relations between the two races is more than can be expected of any one man in five years. That he will leave them

better than he found them is the common hope of both."

This is certainly a high tribute to the courage and conscientiousness of a man who has shown himself able to rise to a great opportunity.

## A Great Public Organ.

They are trying to devise ways and means to build a monster organ in Massey Hall, Toronto, and one of the schemes is to solicit the church choirs for subscriptions. That is a pretty small piece of business. Church choirs anywhere as a rule are not drafted from the most opulent classes of the community, and the individual members make many little sacrifices of time, money and convenience. Such a practice is not calculated to make singing in a choir more attractive. — London Free Press.

We are inclined to think our contemporary on the wrong track. The object Toronto is after, namely, the building of a great public organ, to commemorate Queen Victoria, is one which might appeal with peculiar force to members of church choirs, in which there must be several thousand singers in all in Toronto, and we have no doubt the chorists would be perfectly willing for such an object to tender their corporate services, as well as their private gifts, to the extent of their individual abilities.

We would be glad to see a movement for a great public organ in London, and we have no doubt the more than six hundred members of the various London church choirs, Protestant and Catholic, were they to meet together and decide to promote such an object, would make a combination of influence that could powerfully aid in adding a great public organ to the attractions London already possesses.

## The Methodist Book Room.

A recent issue of The Advertiser published, from the Toronto Star, certain criticisms from the pen of Rev. E. R. Young, sen., respecting the conduct of the publishing establishment named, more particularly that part of the business which had to do with the printing and selling of fiction, which Mr. Young strongly condemned. We have been requested to state that the annual meeting of the Book and Publishing Committee is to be held on May 15 and 16, and that, in the judgment of his brethren, Mr. Young should have laid his complaint first at that court, rather than in the press. We are also informed that Dr. Briggs will not reply until the meeting of that committee, when a full answer will be given.

The request for a suspension of judgment until the date mentioned is therefore quite reasonable.

## The Looking Glass vs. the Wine Glass.

[Chicago News.] The looking-glass reveals our defects to ourselves, but the wine glass reveals them to others.

## In Anticipation.

[Washington Star.] Japan is evidently looking forward to the time when it will be a benevolent assimilation on its own account.

## A Supply of Last Ditches.

[Detroit News.] It is now suspected that the Boers secretly accumulated a large supply of last ditches before provoking hostilities.

## Morgan's "Rest."

[New York World.] Mr. Morgan, having corralled everything on this side of the water, now says he is in England simply for "the rest."

## Larger Contract Still.

[Chicago Tribune.] The Jap drew back, as if to strike the Russian on the slats. Then changed his mind, and all at once declared war on the rats.

## Trying Both Places.

[Boston Journal.] "When I get to heaven," said a woman to her Baconian husband, "I'm going to ask Shakespeare if he wrote those plays." "Maybe he won't be there," was the reply. "Then you ask him," said the wife.

## An Experiment that Failed.

[From Dr. Schofield's "Springs of Character."] I know one noble-minded lady, full of fine ideas, who mated with a peasant with a view of raising his class. The man got softening of the brain soon after, and it is by no means improbable the disease was hastened, if not caused by his frantic efforts to digest the new mental food provided for him.

## Cheap Prescription.

[Chicago Interior.] At last the renowned physician said: "I understand your case perfectly, sir. Go home, and whenever you hear your neighbor's talk about taking off their winter flannels, you double yours." That was all, except a fee of \$100. We asked our friend how he liked the treatment, and he replied with perfect frankness: "It was worth the money. I followed his direction, and I have not been down with a cold of any kind since." And when he remembered what he had passed through in previous years we were glad to get his \$100 prescription so cheap.

## CURIOUS INSTANCES.

St. Thomas Journal: Mrs. J. A. Sherman, Hiawatha street, has a few peas in bloom. They were grown in the house during the winter and a number of buds have appeared. The plant is four feet high.

Guelph Mercury: Mr. Wm. Brydon, lot 16, con. 7, Erin, has a ewe which on Friday gave birth to three lambs. One of the three, born dead, had eight legs, two tails and two mouths. The other two were naturally developed, and are doing well.

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Ladies' Man-Tailored Costume, in golden brown, Venetian cloth, Eton jacket, handsomely trimmed with strappings of taffeta silk and gold buttons, 7-gored flare skirt, Spanish flounce, with strappings of silk, special \$20.00  
Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Skirts, in black serge, Spanish flounce, taffeta silk bands, lined throughout, special \$5.00  
Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Skirts, in homespun, well-made, 7-gored flare, inserted pleats, all sizes, special value at \$5.50 up to \$4.75

Ladies' Spring Jackets, semi-fitting box, in black and fawn cloth, self-colored pipings, lined throughout, special at \$8.00  
Ladies' Spring Jackets, semi-fitting box, in black and fawn cloth, velvet color, silk lined, special at \$10.00  
Children's Reefer Jackets, in all sizes, in shades of blue, fawn, cardinal, navy and cadet, handsomely trimmed, also plain; prices from \$1.95 to \$5.00  
Ladies' Waists, in taffeta silk, navy, turquoise, cardinal and black, hemstitched and corded, new bishop sleeve, fancy collar, well lined, special, each \$5.00  
Ladies' Waists, in taffeta silk, brown and navy, fancy colored stitching and tucks, new bishop sleeve, slash cuffs and fronts, fancy collar, special, each \$5.75

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We have passed into stock a very elegant line of Ready-to-Wear Hats for misses' and ladies' street wear. They are the newest creations in the market, and anyone purchasing them may feel satisfied that they have what is up-to-date.

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| 59c                                                                                                                                        | 50c                                                                                                                      | \$1.25                                                                                                      | \$2.00                                                                                                                               | 25c                                                                                                                                   | \$1.00                                                                                                                         |

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Fashion dictates pleating, flouncing, etc., instead of plain and stiff, and materials that are soft, sheer and clinging come to the front. We are showing a large and varied assortment. We also make special reference to a beautiful line of Black Grenadines in plain and fancy weaves.

Wool Taffeta Dress Goods, 44 inches, light weight, soft, clinging material. Special . . . 50c and 75c  
Priestley's Victoria Twill Dress Goods, 44 inch, soft, silky finish. Special per yard . . . \$1.00  
Black Wool Albatross Goods, 44 inch, light weight, plain weave, soft, clinging material. Special per yard . . . 50c and 60c  
Bright Satin Soliel Goods, 44 inch, permanent bright finish, light weight, for summer wear. Special per yard . . . 50c and 75c  
Black Lama Cloth Goods, satin finished fabric, light weight, all wool. Special per yard . . . 75c and \$1.00

## New Spring Suits for Men

New Worsted and Serge Suits, the season's correct colorings and patterns, stylishly cut and tailored to fit and keep the shape and appearance; all sizes, six shades; our price, special . . . \$10.00  
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A Business suit for \$12; very fine worsted, 4-button sack coat, neat dark gray stripe, fashioned and tailored, strictly up-to-date; guaranteed to hold the shape, etc.; our best goods . . . \$15.00 and \$12.00

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Ladies' Strap Slippers, with 1 and 2 button straps, turn soles, neat, new shapes, all sizes, for . . . \$1.25  
Ladies' Two-Fifty Lace and Button Boots, new, nifty lasts, good wearing leather, turn and welt soles, all sizes and widths, special did value . . . \$2.50  
Misses' Shoes, lace and button, heels and spring heels, all sizes, 11 to 12; special price . . . \$1.00  
Boys' Fine Shoes, selected Dongola, with double soles, extension edges, sizes 1 to 5, at \$1.35; sizes 11 to 12, at . . . \$1.00

## WESTERN ONTARIO

Live Items Culled for Busy People's Information.

What Men and Women Are Doing and Saying in Various Parts of the Garden of Canada.

Mr. R. L. Perry has purchased the Railroad House at Port Stanley from Mr. Wm. Godfrey.

High school entrance examination began June 25 at Aylmer, Dutton, Vienna, Rodney, West Lorne, Fincal, Port Stanley, Sparta, Belmont and Springfield.

Hiram Walker & Sons have placed \$1,000 insurance on the lives of each of the regular Walkerville firemen. If injured the men will receive \$10 per week.

Michael Dooley has been sentenced at Chatham by Judge Bell to three years in the Kingston penitentiary for horse-stealing. This was Dooley's second offense.

High school leaving examinations began July 2 at Aylmer, Dutton, Vienna and any other center where the trustees will guarantee the expenses of examiner and supplies.

W. G. Saunders, con. 7, Yarmouth, shipped on Monday a thoroughbred Durham cow to the Pan-American Exposition, Buffalo. The cow will be dairy tested for the next six months, and is pronounced a winner by experts.

The following appointments have been gazetted: Walter McM. Dack, Kincaidine, to be registrar of Bruce county, vice Donald Sinclair, deceased; Henry Peck, division court of the county of Grey; James G. Watson, Ayr, to be bailiff of the seventh division court of the county of Waterloo.

where he will locate. He will devote his whole time to the interests of the C. O. C. F. as organizer, a position he has filled successfully for several years past.

A new school is being erected just north of Thamesford, and will likely be completed by May 1. The cost, including site, will be about \$7,000. The three acres of land upon which the school is built will afford room for a large playground. The building is two-story, of modern architecture, built of red pressed Milton brick, the foundation of St. Mary's stone, also the flights of steps leading to the front doors of stone. There are four rooms, with an accommodation for about 200 pupils.

Delos R. Davis, the colored lawyer of Amherstburg, was on Wednesday given a week by Judge Horne to produce the will of the late Betsey Walker, of Colchester. George Walker, husband of deceased, through his lawyer, E. S. Wigle, is applying to the surrogate court of letters of administration of the estate of his wife. Davis is opposing the application on the grounds that Mrs. Walker made a will prior to her marriage, in which she left her estate to Mrs. Davis, wife of the lawyer, and that he should be appointed the executor of the estate.

St. Thomas Times: The G. T. R. and Wabash will put on four ballast trains on the southern division on Monday. It is the intention of the company to ballast the entire line from Windsor to the Falls. P. H. McCord, general road master, will take charge of the work, which will be pushed rapidly forward. An effort will be made to put the track in gilt-edged condition for the large summer travel, on account of the Pan-American Exposition. The ballast will be taken from the new 24-acre pit which the company purchased a short time ago, just east of Simcoe.

Mr. Justice Street heard an interesting suit brought by George H. Kilmer, barrister, Toronto, against H. Corey, Petroli, formerly president of the Menzies-Turner Company. The action is one for commission in a transaction by which Mr. Corey retired and Mr. Menzies re-entered the firm of window shade manufacturers, the amount of commission claimed being \$1,000. O. L. Lewis, Chatham, and A. E. Aylesworth, K.C., Toronto, appeared for the defendants; Mr. Irving and G. F. Shely, K.C., for the plaintiff. When Mr. Corey sold out his interest in the company he was the owner of \$40,000 worth of stock, and entitled to an additional \$100,000, which he had advanced it by way of a loan. All of this was transferred to Mr. Menzies, whom Mr. Kilmer was acting as solicitor for. The plaintiff says that his client



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understood that he was to get \$1,000 commission from Mr. Corey, as well as his charges from Mr. Menzies. The defendant denies such a statement of fact, and is contesting the claim. Mr. Justice Street reserved judgment.

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## GETTING ON.

"How are you getting on with your photography?"

"Well," answered the young man with brown finger tips, "I'm doing better. The map-shot portrait I took of Mr. Curmudge must have been recognizable."

"Are you sure of that?"

"Perfectly, for as soon as Curmudge saw it he said he could whip the man who made that picture."