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MODERN EDUCATION.

At the educational meeting in Berzany's Hall on Thursday evening, Mr. George Robertson, M. P. F., referred to the fact that so many St. John young men have gone to the United States, and Mr. Kidner added that there is a constant demand from the United States for graduates from Canadian technical schools. This is a fact that must be faced. It is a fact to be explored, but it is not a relation to the question of education or the kind of education that should be provided in our public schools. Those who remain are more in number than those who go away, and even in the case of the latter it is the duty of their parents to give them the best possible equipment for the battle of life.

The wandering instinct is in the young blood of the race, and, as Inspector Carter pointed out, we live on the borders of a great wealthy nation, which offers to the weaker after wealth and pleasure greater opportunities than Canada as yet is able to afford. As our own country grows and is developed, the desire to pass under an alien flag will subside. In the meantime, it is an obvious duty to provide for the young the best in education that modern systems afford and the complexity of modern life demands.

THE PRICE OF GAS.

The granting of certain gas contracts by the Tammany commission in New York to the gas combine at very high rates has caused a storm of protest that will end in what the New York Globe says will be a "staggering blow at Tammany Hall." The gas combine is being investigated by a joint committee of the house and senate, with power to summon witnesses, to punish for refusal to testify, and to compel the production in court of all books, papers, contracts, and other documents necessary to the accomplishment of the committee's end.

The committee will be non-partisan, and will hold its sessions in New York, beginning within six weeks. The object of the investigation will be not only to expose the methods of Commissioner Oakley and of his Tammany accomplices, but to compel cheaper gas for the mass of consumers. By an examination of the books of the gas combine committee expects to show that the price exacted from consumers is exorbitant, and that the profits are such that a price of 75 cents would be more than ample to cover expenses and net a return of more than 50 per cent on the capital invested. Figures already prepared show that the cost of production is 42 cents per 1,000 cubic feet, which includes interest at 3 per cent, upon the capital invested and an allowance for deterioration and repair.

It can be produced in New York at 42 cents per 1,000 feet, St. John consumers of gas should sit up and think.

THEY ARE NOT ASLEEP.

Speaking at Glasgow on Thursday evening, Premier Balfour made the very important declaration that the war office had been reorganized with complete success, and said that two whole armies would be retrained in two years from March 1905, but long before that time it would be ahead of most armies of the world. His guns, he said, would be better than those of any other nation. The government had made a new departure, based on the observations of experts who had watched the artillery in South Africa. Continuing, Mr. Balfour said:

"We, and we alone, propose to have a field gun of so powerful a character that it is not found convenient or possible to make it of the same calibre as the horse artillery gun. It will be most interesting to see whether foreign nations will follow the example we are setting."

The prime minister also stated that with regard to Afghanistan, "whose borders a conflict might some time arise, meaning of course with Russia, effective changes were being made, and under the strong hand of Gen. Lord Kitchener 'a development of the Indian forces was going on which, it almost could be said, would nearly double their efficiency without a material addition to their numbers.'"

The naval improvements, he said, had augmented the fighting power of the navy for the first twenty-four hours of hostilities fully threefold. It was, he said, the greatest reform since the days of Nelson.

At the same time, Mr. Balfour stated that Britain's moral and diplomatic efforts in the direction of peace had been greater than in any or any reform. He believed, says the cable report of the speech, "that if a clear demarcation of disputed matters, as has been arranged between Great Britain and France, could be made among other European powers, the chance of war would be almost removed and the dream of universal and eternal peace would nearly approach realization."

Mr. Balfour's utterances have excited a great deal of comment in the American press, which apparently had assumed that the British government was paying very little real attention to the needs of the army or navy.

AN AMERICAN VIEW.

Revelations of political crookedness in the province of Ontario have given the people of the United States a fine opportunity to retort upon Canadians, who have perhaps talked with some degree of freedom regarding the political and other sins of their American neighbors. The Ottawa correspondent of the Boston Transcript thus relates his experience—

From recent talk in Pullmans going to and from The Hub, and from the sardonic queries of Boston acquaintances concerning the Limburger condition of Canadian political morality, one might infer that the subject interests Yankees more than reciprocity. To hail with pleasure the soft impeachment of being a Canadian was to become a target for "What about those trick ballot-boxes?" "Say, du Kanicks ever vote without they git the stuff before-hand?" "How long you 'spose Canadians will go on getting rich by supplying the funds to buy themselves 'bout 'lection times?"

"Ain't it likely Democrats on this side could learn how to win if they'd send delegates into Ontario 'bout 'lection times?" The visitor was defenceless, since his explanation that the trick ballot-boxes were American-made was countered by the dry comment, "From Canada designs," while his patriotic professions had elicited wonder at the virtuous soliloquy of leaders who had long profited by racial work. A few practical quakers seriously desired to learn just how to "work things" that might "come home" at home. The others generally evinced an unrighteous pleasure at the exposure of neighbors who have posed as "holier than thou."

If one has lengthily reproached his people to be the salt and even the potash of the continent, it is afflicting to find "foreigners" regarding them as low grade manure. This reputation has been made in New England for Canadians solely by that prostitution or electoral machinery which has been going on for years in Ontario.

The anonymous gift of \$600,000 to the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York, which was announced at the meeting of the trustees of the cathedral on St. John's Day, Dec. 27, was from Levi P. Morton, ex-governor of New York, and ex-vice president. Mr. Morton conveyed to the corporation for the building of the choir the sum estimated by that body as needed for that work—\$450,000. To this he added the further sum of \$150,000, for placing in the choir an altar and reredos, an organ, choir stalls, and other furnishings, making a total gift of \$600,000.

A Washington despatch to a New York paper says: "Reports that Senator Fairbanks has met with a rebuff from Canada in the matter of calling the joint high commission together to consider Canadian reciprocity and other issues are discounted by reliable authorities. While Senator Fairbanks will not discuss the negotiations, it is affirmed that correspondence is being kept up between him and Sir Wilfrid Laurier."

The official pass question has come up in a novel way in Maine, says an exchange, where a legislative committee has mildly recommended that the acceptance of passes from transportation companies "should not warrant a state official to charge fares to the state, but only actual expenses incurred while travelling."

A city clergyman, who takes a great personal interest in the work of the schools, said to the Times yesterday that a deeper interest should be taken by parents in the work of the schools, and in his opinion more public meetings to discuss the subject of education should be held in St. John.

About 250 persons swore off \$3,000,000 worth of personal taxes in New York on the first day when the opportunity was open to them. If people were only as prompt to pay their taxes as they are to swear them off, how pleasant the tax collector's job would be.—Boston Globe.

H. O. Havemeyer, president of the American Sugar Refining Co., is opposed to publicity. Apparently he does not want the public to know how much his company takes out of them.

IN A GENTLE DOZE.

(Daily Telegraph.) Not a single member of the board of school trustees or of the city council attended the meeting in Berzany's Hall on Thursday evening, at which the needs of education in St. John were discussed by Inspector Carter, Mr. T. B. Kidner, superintendent of manual training in the province; Dr. Hay, Police Magistrate; Ritchie, George Robertson, M. P. F.; Recorder Skinner, Rev. Thomas Marshall, and others.

Not a single member of either body was present. The fact is worth noting. St. John has many and varied interests, commercial, industrial and otherwise, but in the last analysis none of these ranks as high in importance with regard to the future as the education and training given to the children.

As was pointed out at the meeting, education marks the difference between England and Russia, between Germany and Turkey, between the United States and Spain.

The meeting of Thursday evening was announced several times in the newspapers. That not a single school trustee or alderman put in an appearance signifies an indifference or apathy not easily explained or excused. Perhaps when the next public meeting is held a few of them will have the grace if not the desire to put in an appearance.

TOMORROW IN THE CHURCHES.

Zion Methodist church, junction of Wall street and Burpee Avenue. Rev. Howard Sprague, D. D., will preach at 11; Sabbath school at 2.30. They pastor, Rev. Dr. Wilson will preach at 7. All made welcome.

The Tabernacle, Haymarket square, minister, Rev. P. J. Stackhouse, B. D. at 11 a. m., Rev. Louis Duval will give an account of his experience in Africa as a missionary. At 7 p. m. the pastor will preach a sermon in memory of those connected with the church who have died during the year. All seats free.

St. David's Presbyterian church, 15 Gormain street. Minister, Rev. A. A. Graham. Sabbath services, 11 a. m., 7 p. m. Sabbath school and Bible class 2.30 p. m. Mid-week service, Wednesday 8 p. m. Strangers are cordially welcomed.

First church of Christ Scientist, 15 Gormain street. Services Sunday 11 a. m., and 7 p. m. Subject, Truth. Calvin Presbyterian church, Rev. J. W. A. Nicholson, pastor. 11 a. m., and 7 p. m. Public worship and preaching. 2.30 p. m., Sunday school and Bible class.

M. C. A. meeting for boys at 10 a. m. Leader, Mr. W. F. Nobles. Bible Study at 4 o'clock. Leader W. M. Kingston. Public meeting for men in the Congregational church. Speaker, Rev. J. M. J. School.

People's Mission, Waterloo St. Sunday school at 11 a. m. Bible class teacher Mr. Kingston, song and social service at 3 p. m. led by Mr. Wright. Preaching at 7 p. m., speaker Rev. Wm. Mathews.

All strangers welcome, seats free. Waterloo St. P. B. church, Rev. J. F. Prosser, pastor. Preaching at 11 and 7. Both services evangelistic.

Unitarian Church—Hazen Ave. Services at 7 p. m. sermon by minister Rev. A. M. Walser, subject—The Divided Kingdom. Thursday 8 p. m. Discussion Hour paper by Mr. H. E. Codner on "Thibet."

St. James' Church Broad Street, Rev. A. D. Dewdney Rector. Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Holy Communion at the Morning Service. Sunday school and Bible class at 8 p. m. All seats free.

Owing to the illness of Rev. P. Owen-Jones the services at the St. John church will be taken as follows: 8 a. m., Plain Celebration, Rev. Canon Richardson, 11 a. m., High Celebration sermon Rev. A. G. H. Dicker, Choral Evensong and sermon Rev. R. Mathers.

A NEW PORTFOLIO.

Ontario Will Add a Department of Colonization and Labor to the Cabinet.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Jan. 14.—(Special)—Hon. A. G. McKay, Commissioner of Crown Lands, addressing a public meeting here last evening in the interests of C. N. Smith, liberal candidate, announced that the government intended to create a new portfolio to be known as the department of colonization and labor to be placed in charge of a new minister.

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On account of mass meeting in Portland street church on Sunday afternoon the Gospel Temperance meeting in Union Hall will be postponed until Sunday Jan. 22nd.

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That Hoodoo Locomotive a Good One—Interesting General News From Montreal.

Montreal, Jan. 14.—(Special)—A good deal has been said in the press about the ill-luck that has attended the so-called "hoodoo" engine No. 239, but nothing has been heard as to the merits of the locomotive. Notwithstanding the many bad accidents No. 239 has been in since coming to the Intercolonial. She is regarded by engineers as one of the best locomotives on the road. It is said she is the only engine on the road today that can make up time to any extent with a heavy passenger train.

Since being turned out of the repair shop No. 239 has been assigned to the Intercolonial Railway northern division and is one of the locomotives hauling the maritime express between Montreal and Newcastle. When an express is behind time and 239 is on, time is quite frequently made up, which is more than can be said for any other locomotive at the present time.

A number of new locomotives from the Kingston locomotive works are being received by the I. C. R. A consolidated freight engine No. 308 arrived here yesterday morning, and three more new engines are in use above Campbellton.

Some years ago the I. C. R. tried the experiment of planting trees along the line in some of the more exposed places on the northern division, where the drifting snow gave so much trouble. The road is now reaping the benefit of this experiment.

Native spruce was planted and the trees are several miles of thick hedge, which affords a splendid protection from some of the severe snow storms for which the north shore is noted. Trains now say it is not only easy to pass the necessity of building snow fences, but the protection is better by reason of the hedge being higher than the average fence.

A very successful at home and social dance was held by Moulson company No. 2, uniform rank, K. of P. in their hall on Robinson street last night. A large number accepted the invitation to be present, and the affair was greatly enjoyed. The chaperones were Mrs. B. T. Rode, Mrs. H. G. Perry, Mrs. R. P. Dickson, and Mrs. E. H. Hall, E. N. Hall was secretary to the committee.

Geo. Matthews, the well known traveller for the Dominion Tobacco Co., who has been compelled to lay aside from his work for a time on account of ill health, returned yesterday afternoon from St. Agathe, where he has been undergoing treatment. Mr. Matthews' health has not improved as his friends could wish.

Four riders of the Sackville curlers are playing Montreal here this afternoon. The home skips are J. Edington, G. C. Allen, W. U. Rippey, and F. McDougall.

A. G. Kirkpatrick, who has been filling the position of accountant in the Royal Bank of Canada, here during the two weeks' leave of absence granted Mr. Putnam, returned to his home in Trois yesterday.

William Lockhart, I. C. R. switchman, who was in the Royal Victoria hospital, Montreal, for a couple of months, last fall for trouble with one of his limbs, is still unable to work. Mr. Lockhart, who will probably have to be given something easier than switchman, as he is not able to move about readily.

James Hayward, I. C. R. driver, who lost one eye and almost the sight of the other, as the result of a steam gauge explosion at Stollerton, a few months ago, Mr. Hayward's eyes have been giving him considerable trouble.

MR. BORDEN STIPULATES.

Ottawa, Jan. 14.—(Special)—Mr. Borden laid down conditions at the caucus yesterday and said that if certain conditions were not carried out in regard to organization and a thorough support from his party in this direction it would be taken as his resignation.

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Montreal, Jan. 14.—(Special)—The magnificent Royal Victoria Hospital was damaged by fire this morning to the value of about \$30,000. The fire started in the kitchen of the hospital in the centre of the building and was ultimately confined to this section of the structure. Fortunately, it was found unnecessary to remove the patients, though the flames attracted the friends of many who came with sleighs to take them home. The hospital is a stately grey stone edifice, situated upon the slope of the mountain and is the gift of Lord Mount Royal and Mount Stephen.

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