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EDUCATION

The teacher who really serves his pupils is, we are generally inclined to admit, not the man who fills their minds, but the man who opens them.

The above extract puts the entire need in the most succinct form it would be possible to postulate.

We Canadians are very prone to boast about our educational system, when as a matter of fact we do not possess one in the best sense.

As frequently pointed out in these columns, the endeavor is to teach far too many subjects. The outcome is, far too frequently, a smattering of a variety of things, and very little real or basic knowledge with regard to either one of them.

The net result is that instead of broadened minds, there is congestion, and the boys and girls when they emerge from the student period have clogged instead of expanded intellects.

It is safe to affirm that the present curriculum could be chopped in two, and then some, to a great all-round advantage.

SHOP AT HOME

An amusing incident came this week to the attention of this paper.

One of Brantford's fair sex who seems to think, in the purchasing line, that all good things come from Toronto, went to the Queen City to purchase an article as a surprise for "hubbie's" birthday.

It arrived in due course, and on top of the original cost she had to pay express charges. Then, a couple of days later, while walking down Colborne street, she saw identically the same thing in a store window for two dollars less than she had paid in Toronto—plus, as before related, express charges, and plus her railway ticket.

And this brings to mind another incident of some years ago. In connection with one of the local tailoring establishments of that period there was a cutter who excelled in that art, but some local men (as others do now) did not think that any suit could be properly "tooled" except in the Queen City. The trade, however, knew what the man could do, and he finally became head cutter for a leading establishment in Toronto, and the very individuals who ignored his services here were only too glad to get them there at greatly enhanced figures. He is now recognized as one of the leading cutters in New York, and is in receipt of a very large salary.

The fact of the matter is that far too many Brantfordites shop outside of this city, and the total each year amounts to many thousands of dollars.

This should not be.

No one would be foolish enough to claim that people cannot buy where they like, but as far as possible they should patronize the home stores.

Brantford merchants are as up-to-date as those to be found anywhere, and they can sell more cheaply than men in like trade in large cities, because of smaller rents and less cost in other directions.

Now, you purchasers of outside goods, just think the matter over and see how much of the money you send away might just as well, and often more profitably, be spent here.

Courier advertisements tell you the rest.

ONE GRIT PAPER REBUKES ANOTHER.

The following is from the Ottawa Free Press (Liberal):—

The purchase by the Canadian Militia Department of 150 acres of vacant land thirteen miles from the Montreal post office at \$1,200 an acre horrifies a Montreal Liberal contemporary. Unless something further can be proven to show that there was crookedness in the deal, The Free Press is unable to join in the horror.

Montreal is a city four times as big as Ottawa. It is already one of the most important seaports on this continent and is forging ahead by leaps and bounds. It is the financial and industrial centre of the Dominion. For farm lands six or seven miles from the Ottawa Post Office \$500 an acre has been paid and the price is still going up, while when cut into subdivisions, similar lands at similar distances have sold for three and four times that figure per acre.

One small advertisement inserted in the newspapers now by Col. Sam Hughes offering the 150 acres at Dorval at \$1,200 an acre would, we imagine, result in something like a scramble for the property.

It looks as if the staff of the Montreal Witness-Telegraph had just awakened to the fact that in the last few years there has been

a real estate boom in Montreal and other Canadian cities.

The Free Press has no love for the present Dominion government, and so long as it is subjected to some influences now in control, we are quite prepared to believe that it is doing a whole lot of things inimical to the best interests of the people of Canada. But we do not propose to prejudice the cases which we feel confident the future will produce by going into hysterics now over deals that seem fairly reasonable.

CANADA'S HUMILIATION.

"Whatever may be decided upon later, the actual decision of the Canadian Senate means, at any rate, a heavy moral and material loss for the defence of the Empire, for Mr. Borden's promises had been foolishly enough counted on. His offer made an enormous impression on the whole world. Mr. Churchill pointed out this fact, especially in the well-known memorandum of the Admiralty. This impression will now not only be destroyed, but people will everywhere obtain the conviction that England cannot depend upon such help from her colonies."—London correspondence of the Hamburger Nachrichten.

The above is a sample of the sort of deduction appearing in many German and other European papers.

The entire outcome is a further illustration of the fact that Laurier, hailed by many of his followers as a statesman, has been more or less of a mischief maker, as far as the Dominion is concerned.

He was that when he countenanced for political purposes the race and religious tactics in Quebec.

He was that when he supported Commercial Union.

He was that when he hesitated so long with regard to the sending of Canadian troops to the Boer war.

He was that when he sought to cram Reciprocity down the throats of the Canadian people.

He is that now in seeking via the Senate, to humiliate and misrepresent the true feeling of Canadians over this navy business.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

So another Ladysmith has become a centre of fighting.

They are to have a new union railway station in Toronto at a cost of over \$10,000,000. It is to be hoped that it won't prove such a Hampton Court maze as the present structure.

The adoption of rural mail delivery has chopped off, up to date, over two hundred and fifty post offices, but their disappearance, under the circumstances, has been well worth while.

Inevitable rioting has occurred in Hamilton, as predicted. No community should ever permit itself to be run wide open, whether it be for an "Old Home" week or for any other purpose.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen, who did more than any other one man to establish the Chinese Republic, is now collecting funds in New York, and is in receipt of a very large salary.

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What the Other Fellow Thinks.

Society Items

From the Atchison Globe: There is some complaint because Jos McGee wears no shirt while working on his lawn.

Quite Right

Toronto Star: Lots of people criticize Uncle Sam for not interfering in Mexico. Who would be among the first to blame him if he did?

Fashion Hint

From the Houston Post: Our inclination is to make no further additions to the funny kind of clothes that men wear, but we feel it necessary to observe that the present modes are not adapted to the kitchen, nursery or the polls.

A Difference

Ottawa Journal: Being at the head of the league, the Ottawa ball team is about the greatest aggregation of players on earth. And a few short weeks ago they were about due to be dropped over the fence around the Old Men's Home.

The Limit

Stratford Herald: The Liberal organ in Moose Jaw, said to be owned by Premier Scott, adopted the smallest kind of political tactics recently, which have reached like a boomerang. To get a thrust at the Borden Government the Times said that the city was bankrupt and the country generally going to the howlows. The City Council, the Board of Trade and every Moose Jaw organization has since been putting the Times in its place. To publish a libel and falsehood on its own city for a partisan is about the limit.

How to Circumvent the Senate

Montreal Herald (Liberal): In the event of the struggle with the senate being renewed, it seems as if Mr. Borden's government might be justified under the circumstances in using every possible means to destroy the obstruction and to exercise the powers that would incontestably belong to them if the Canadian senate were not a partisan instrument of the late government.

One method that suggests itself is the ordering of the battleships as a purely financial transaction, without any legislation for their operation and maintenance when completed. It is difficult to see on what grounds the senate could interfere with such an order, and long before the ships will be finished the difference of political opinion between the senate and the commons is likely to be ended.

Pte. Hawkins

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association; Lieut. Gowen, Eighth regiment, Lieut. Quinn, Eighth regiment and Lieut. Mortimer, A. S. C., Ottawa.

Accompanying this delegation were T. Craig, sec. treas. and E. J. Evans of the Ross Rifle Company, who were present to hand Private Hawkins a rifle from Sir Charles Ross, the president of the company, as a memento of the great performance the Kings prizeman had accomplished with a weapon of this firm's manufacture at Bisley.

When the welcome party had searched Private Hawkins out of the vessel, Col. Landry said briefly, but not without feeling to him: "Welcome back to your native land, which is so proud of you, Private Hawkins."

After he had been warmly shaken by the hand by the delegation, Mr. Craig handed him the Ross Rifle and on behalf of the firm congratulated him. The rifle, which is the best type made by the company bore the following inscription on a silver plate: "Presented to Private W. Hawkins, winner of the King's prize, Bisley, 1913, from Sir Charles Ross."

Throughout the demonstration and presentation Private Hawkins bore himself with that quiet, modest demeanor, which caused an English writer who saw him standing calmly smoking his pipe after making the necessary bull to win the King's prize, to come to the conclusion that he was the most phlegmatic King's marksman for many years. Private Hawkins however showed that he had feelings when he undertook to thank the delegation for its welcome because his voice was husky and uncertain, while the hand that never quivered when he was called upon to make the last shot at Bisley trembled violently when the presentation rifle was given to him. This morning's function came as a culmination of the welcomes and congratulations that have been showered at him by wireless during the Tunisian trip up the river from rifle associations all over Canada. A stack of letters containing messages from private parties awaited his arrival here.

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PT. DOVER CRASH CAUSED BY ROW OVER A NICKLE

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Jacob Immel, of all those hurt, was the only one whose condition would not allow him to go last night to his home in Delhi. He is in a private hospital.

Shock has added to the injuries of many of the women, and in some cases, notably that of Mrs. Boughter, the doctors say it is impossible to estimate how severe the results will be. Dr. Cook stated last night that he believed that none of the injuries would prove fatal, a remarkable fact in view of the circumstances.

A Wooden Structure.

The structure, whose sudden breakdown caused the accident, is a wooden one of small timbers, said to have been erected in 1902. For years it has been in a rotten condition and talk of condemning it has been in the air for a long time. A year or two ago plans were put under the floor, and if it had not been for these the demolition of the bridge would have been complete, probably with great loss of life. It was at the upward end of the bridge which slants with a slight angle, where the first creaks of warning were heard. The pickers worked backward toward the entrance, but had barely reached the middle, when several of the girders broke at once, and the whole structure crumbled with a crash.

Cases were numerous where timely assistance was rendered in the very midst of the exciting crash. Many of the smaller children with dexterity clung to the bridge and lowered themselves slowly to safety.

The stories of those who were leaving for home last night, a large percentage of the injured in some way, were disconnected and excited. All were, however, agreed that the crash came with little warning and all the damage was done in a couple of seconds.

There is much feeling in the town among those who have been made aware of the unsafe condition of the bridge. Expressions of indignation are heard on every side that such a death trap should have been permitted.

Councillor William Ewing recalls that he recently in going over the bridge poked his umbrella through a rotten plank as if it had been paper. At that time he and other members of the Town Council board considered the advisability of compelling Mr. James Buck, who constructed the bridge to his park with the consent of the Council, to make satisfactory repairs to the structure. Nothing, however was done.

Shifting.

"Father," said the small boy, who was reading an old-fashioned story, "what are sugar plums?" "It's hard to say, my son. Some think the Sugar Trust is after one thing and sometimes another."—Washington Star.

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AT THE SIDE-SHOW.

"Mamma, is that lady the snake charmer? Why, she's as homely as a mud fence!" "Yes, dear, but snakes are not like men. It takes something more than mere personal beauty to charm a snake."

Still Occupied.

"Can I send you any literature?" asked the solicitous Congressman. "Not for a while," answered Paw Hoptoad. "A Congressman sent me a patent office report in 1890; I ain't finished reading it yet."



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To The Editor

DOES LAW LIMIT SPEED?

To the Editor of the Courier:

Dear Sir,—I write to ask if the law puts any limit on the speed at which automobiles are to travel on the public road? The people on the Hamilton road are finding fault with the rate of speed at which the cars are driven. I am sure the people on the Paris road have cause to speak out. We can understand why a business man or a doctor should some times drive fast; but in this case the fast drivers have no business only to display their pride and vanity. It has come to pass now that a horse and rig apparently have no business on the road. They have to take the ditch for safety. We await your answer, and if the law takes any notice of furious driving, then we will put an officer on guard in plain clothes to watch the movements of such people.

JOS. WALLACE.

Maple Dell, Aug. 12, 1913.

Compensation.

It is fierce to see a man in summer

"Record-Era" was here to stay,"

But we'll bear it and be thankful

If the crime wave keeps away.

RHEUMATISM KEPT HIM IN BED

Suffered Tortures Until "Fruit-a-lives" Cured Him