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NOTE AND COMMENT.

of heart failure while felling a tree which was planted the day he was born, by his father.

The victory of Canadian wheat over the wheat of the two Americas is gratifying as a tribuie to the fine agricultural qualities of the keen western climate.

The laymen's missionary movement is an indication of the growing attention of busy men to religious strong healthy body. The acquiring duties. The missionary convention of an education is of secondary imheld in London was one of the really significant gatherings of the year.

Carnegie Hero Fund Commission, two of them to men who gave up their lives trying to save others. That fund is a recognition of true six hours a day in school and any-

ing 12 litres of beer per capita per annum. The United States con- Almost every other child one meets sumes 46 litres, Belgium 221 litres, on the street is wearing glasses;



Canada is now fifth among the wheat growing countries of the world. Last year she was seventh. The countries showing the greater production are: the United States, Russia, British India and France in the order named.

Canada now has a woman publisher. Mrs. Andrew T. Hind, a Lindsay girl, has continued the publication the Rosthern Enterprise since her husband's death, and has an increasing circulation and advertising Latronage to her credit.

There should be no sympathy for the impersonator at Chatham who has been sentenced to six months for illegal practises in the Federal elections. On whatever side such offences occur, they are not to be condoned by law-abiding people.

The growth of rural Ontario is far from satisfactory. There were 344,753 more of the people living in cities or towns of over 4,000 in June than there were ten years ago, and 7,798 fewer people living on the farms and in the small villages. There is a need for a "back to the land" movement. The increase in the cost of living goes to show it.

Farmers who petitioned for free rural mail delivery should keep up he agitation till they secure the desired boon. Having mail matter delivered at the front gates is something that farmers can be united on. Keep up the B. F. D. question before the members of Parliament and you will soon accomplish your

The court records of St. Louis shows the developement of a new kind of kissing. A woman sued a man for kissing her. And the testimony brought out that the kiss was not kissed. The woman had a premonition that the man was going to kiss her. But he had no premonition as to the kiss or the subsequent suit. The judge mercifully discharged the culprit, who may be still wondering whether he was sued because of the premonition or because he disappointed it.

Education in Ontario.

(Thamesville Herald.)

For years it has been the proud boast of this province that it has the highest standard of education in the world. It may or may not be a fact but it certainly is an indisputable fact that in order to pass the examinations both in the Public and High schools, children have to go through that "cramming" process.

Cramming is and always has been fake. True, a certain amount of the knowledge acquired during the cramming process sticks, but it is often only a smattering and its value is questionable. Furthermore, in order to get a smattering of many things, essentials are often neglected. and thus we have boys and girls who have passed the Entrance, and often A New Jersey man died suddenly the Leaving, exams.. using that horrible imitation of a word "ain't" as though it were "English undefiled," not to mention the confident way in which they will announce that they seen" so and so, apparently quite ignorant of their error.

And to this system of cramming is due to the homework evil-for an evil it assuredly is. As we stated last week the main business of a child until it reaches the age of 14 or 15 is to lay the foundation of a portance. Ascording to the modern theory a man or woman should not work more than eight hours a day. Five awards to Canadians by the The Ontario Government works its clerks only eight hours. Yet under our present educational system young children are forced to work where from two to four hours each night—this at a time when the body Canada is credited with consum- and the brain are tired and should be resting. What is the result? and Bayaria 240 litres. A litre is | nervous diseases are on the increase; and physical and mental breakdowns among children are becoming quite The whole cramming system is ridiculous from start to

finish. Investigation has discovered the fact, however, that the homework evil is not by any means confined to Thamesville. While discussing the matter the other day with a mother in a distant city she exclaimed: spend all my evenings teaching

boy," indicating a youngster of eight. "I sometimes wonder what the teachers are for." Granted, then, that the homework evil is Provincial, is it not possible to apply local remedies? Our Women's Institute have just been discussing "Fletcherism." Would it not be wise to Fletcherize learning in our Public school. Everyone knows that the body receives far more real nourishment from a small dinner, eaten slowly, carefully masticated, and thoroughly digested, than it does from an eight course dinner swallowed hurriedly, with all the uncomfortable effects that are sure to follow. Take arithmetic for example. Two or three examples worked out on the blackboard, and the whys and the wherefores thoroughly explained to the pupils would be of far more real value to a child than ten or a dozen worked out in a sort of hit-or-miss style at home, at an hour when the brain and body are both weary. The same rule applies with equal force to other subjects.

There is certainly something wrong somewhere and the sooner the matter is taken up the better it will be for the health and education of the children.

The Merchants Bank have opened ranch at Wallaceburg.

Mrs. Fletcher has bought from Jas. Peat, the property directly west of Dale's drug store, Petrolea, for \$1500. It is understood that Mrs. Fletcher will build at wo storey building on this property and a three storey building on the double lot next the Fletcher House in the spring.

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