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## THE EVENING CLASSES

Since the controversy has arisen in regard to vocational evening classes in St. John it is worth while for the citizens to get a fresh and full grasp of the whole question of vocational training and the need of it in every community. The Times prints today an article by Mr. Fletcher Peacock, and would direct special attention to the table setting, forth the attendance record. If that did not convince the citizens that there is something lacking in our educational system the case for improvement would be hopeless.

In view of a question asked at the Board of Trade on Friday it seems necessary to say something about Mr. Peacock's qualifications. He was appointed director of manual training at the provincial Normal School when the Harn Commission was in office. He was secretary to the provincial committee which prepared the report on vocational training, which was so highly praised at Friday's meeting, and the act based on that report. He did more to prepare the report and put it in shape than any other member of the committee. He has visited vocational centres in Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania and elsewhere in the United States as well as in Canada; has studied systems and methods; has taken a special course at Columbia University; and has had exactly the same training as the present director of vocational education in the state of Massachusetts. In other words, Mr. Peacock does not lack credentials, and his work throughout the province since he was made director has proved his quality.

Mr. Peacock does not enter into the merits of the controversy in St. John, but deals broadly with the whole question of vocational training. He makes it clear, however, that St. John is on the right track in conducting evening classes in premises available until the city can afford to build a vocational high school fully equipped. In this the city is doing what has been done in every other city; and Mr. Peacock points out that in Nova Scotia, though they have had evening classes for years, there is still no vocational high school outside of the technical college at Halifax.

But there is another witness. In today's Telegraph appears a letter from Hon. Fred Magee, the father of vocational training in the province, who is also a St. John taxpayer. Mr. Magee justifies the introduction of evening classes, and declares it is absurd to say that the students enrolled last winter received no instruction or that the money was wasted. He agrees that there should be a vocational high school building, and points out that the provincial vocational board will be glad to co-operate whenever the city is ready. He further says that the members of the provincial board will be glad at any time to discuss St. John's difficulties with delegations of citizens representing all groups.

The way is now clear for a dispassionate consideration of the whole question of vocational evening classes in St. John. The supporters of these classes have never contended and do not now contend that no errors have been committed or that no improvement is possible. They do ask that those who criticize get first-hand information. It is hoped that before the week ends another meeting will be held, which will have a further tendency to clear the atmosphere.

This is election day in West Peterboro. With five candidates in the field the vote will be so divided up that predictions as to the result are of no value. Mr. Burnham, who resigned the seat and is running as an independent, got 6,382 votes in 1917 compared with 2,964 for his opponent. As he is not now receiving the government support, and as there are Liberal, Farmer and Labor candidates as well as a government candidate in the field, these figures give no indication of today's result.

Tomorrow is election day in South Africa and throughout the Empire the result is awaited with the keenest interest. Premier Smuts has waged a gallant fight against the party which would separate the Commonwealth from the rest of the Empire, and if he should go down to defeat there would be troublous times.

The editor of the Times desires very much to learn the identity of the citizen who enclosed a sum of money in an unsigned letter received by messenger this morning.

Great Britain is leading the world in the construction of merchant marine tonnage. When trade revives, British bottoms will be ready to carry their share of the cargoes.

## HARBOR COMMISSION.

If the city council had at the outset rejected the indefensible harbor commission scheme, which the people will promptly reject if asked to do so, we might now be on the way toward harbor improvement. It is not too late yet for the council to throw out the measure, and call upon the citizens for support in a demand for recognition of the claims of this national port. The last session of parliament was permitted to pass without such representation as should have been made, and the coming session should not be permitted to end without a determined and united effort to get justice for the port. If we go on fiddling the time will pass and the government will still have the excuse that the harbor commission act hangs fire and the people do not know what they want. The people do know, and the council as their representative would be well advised to pass a resolution rejecting the measure. Then the way would be cleared for a movement to get recognition of the claims of the port. To wait for a plebiscite is to waste more time. The present harbor commission act would be most injurious to the interests of St. John.

The Ottawa Journal "is not sure but that a grave injury has been done to the cause of public ownership by the majority finding of the Board of Conciliation in the case of the National Railway system and the claim of the employees to be free to enter political office." The Journal remarks that no municipality would permit a municipal employee to run as alderman, and adds: "Considerable prospect of evil exists in the acceptance of a doctrine that kind and many of the public who at present are in a neutral frame of mind as regards public ownership will conclude that if the public employ is to be accompanied by dabbling in political office by the employees, the sooner public ownership is done away with the better."

The building trade unions in Toronto are asking a scale from eighty cents to one dollar per hour for an eight-hour day. In this connection the Toronto Globe says: "Building permit values in Toronto during January were considerably less than half last year's total for the corresponding month. There is a lesson in these figures for building trade mechanics and dealers in material. The 'buyers' strike' against the high cost of material is not over."

Parliament will re-assemble at Ottawa next week. Chief interest will centre in the tariff proposals of the government, following the report of the Drayton commission. The session may not be a very long one, but it is certain to be lively. The government today has an anxious eye on West Peterboro.

Red agitators from Russia have been operating in France. No doubt they are active in other countries. Russia is a menace to the world, but must work out her own salvation. Intervention would make matters worse. The other countries must combat the Reds within their own borders.

The New Brunswick legislature will be urged at the coming session to ask the federal authorities to hold a plebiscite in this province on the question of liquor importation. The prohibitory law cannot be effectively enforced while imports continue.

News of the most depressing character comes from Ireland. There is still no indication that the republicans will yield to milder counsels, and no present hope of peace.

## SACRIFICES HER TRESSES

### English Girl Cuts Off Her Hair to Help British Financial Situation.

London, Jan. 22.—(A. P. By Mail).—An English girl has just set an example to her sisters of this and other countries by cutting off and selling her hair and giving the proceeds to the government to help relieve its financial situation. The girl's name has not been made public.

Her letter announcing her sacrifice as received at a government office reads: "To help, even though in a very small way, the country in the present financial difficulties, I have had my hair cut off and have sold it. With the money thus obtained I have bought War Savings Certificates which I have destroyed. The money is thus a direct gift to the country. If this could be published, perhaps many other girls would do as I have done and thousands of people would be encouraged to give up something that would benefit the country financially."

The letter was published, but emulation of the writer's example have not been heard. A reason may be found in a recent decree of hairdressers that "bobbed" locks are no longer fashionable.



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## THE WAILER.

A cold wet wind blows from the sea, puts rheumatics in my knee; my sole remaining tooth gets sore, and aches until it seems a bore. The wind comes from the sea, all day, and puts a crimp in me. But on the hills some miles away, the breeze is warm throughout the day, the sunshine on the landscape glows, and there an old gent might repose without ill to cause him grief, without occasion for a beef. Why, then, you ask, do I remain, upon the seashore and complain? Alas, I could not happy be, where everything is fair to see; unhappy is the wight who wakes to find his person free from aches; he has no topic and no theme to justify a roar or scream. I sit and watch the seagulls wheel, and tell the world how tough I feel, describe the ache that racked my head last evening when I went to bed, until my soul's distress, and life seems sweet and full to me, when dank winds come in from the sea. I might be freed from all my ills, they tell me, if I sought the hills, but then I'd have no good excuse for shedding tears to beat the duce.

## HIS MISTAKE.

Belonged to find the road to fame, But not a highway bore that name.

He thought to glory these must be A level path that he should see; But every road to which he came Possessed a terrifying name.

He never thought that fame might lurk Along the dreary path called work.

He never thought to go and see What marked the road called industry.

Because it seemed so rough and high He passed the road to service by.

Yet had he taken either way He might have come to fame some day. —Detroit Free Press.

## IN LIGHTER VEIN.

Buddie—"Have you stopped smoking?" Ferdie—"Yep, sworn off."

Buddie—"Why?" Ferdie—"It's getting to be so darned effeminate." —Pitt Panther.

Joan was a town-bred little girl, and the holiday she had been looking forward to with very great glee arrived, and she was allowed to go down to spend several weeks on her aunt's farm.

One morning while walking in the orchard, she saw a peacock for the first time, with its beautiful feathers spread out to its full extent.

Running to her aunt, the little maid cried: "Oh, auntie, do come and see! There's an old chicken in bloom!"

"Crop failures?" asked the old-timer. "Yes, I've seen a few in my day. In 1884 the corn crop was almost nothing. We cooked some for dinner, and my father ate fourteen acres of corn at one meal." —Life.

"They were discussing animals and the intelligence of dogs in particular. Said Robinson: 'There are some dogs that have more sense than their masters.'"

"Exactly," said young Jones, getting a word in at last, "mine's one of that sort."

No Place to Change. Mrs. Speddy—"Hello, mother! We're a bit late, but we had to stop on the road to change a tire."

Her Mother—"You should have come just as you were and changed your tire in your room here instead of out on the open road." —Houston Post.

## SHIPPING

ALMANAC FOR ST. JOHN, FEB. 7. A.M. High Tide... 11.23 Low Tide... 5.42 Sun Rises... 7.86 Sun Sets... 5.39

PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrived Saturday. Str. Otira, 4911, Motts, from Alexandria.

Arrived Sunday. Str. Manchester Hero, 3672, Rott, from Manchester via Halifax.

Sailed Saturday. Str. Chicomcto, 2942, William, for West Indies via Halifax.

Str. Hochelaga, 2601, McDonald, for Louisbourg.

FOREIGN PORTS. New York, Feb. 6.—Arrd, str. Ryndam, Rotterdam via Boulogne and Plymouth.

City Island, N. Y., Feb. 6.—Bound south, str. Evelyn Miller, North Sydney, N. S.

MARINE NOTES. A wireless message from the C. P. S. liner Pretorian, incoming from Glasgow, announced that she had made time throughout her voyage and expected to arrive in St. John on Wednesday morning. This will be two days ahead of her schedule.

"LOWER" SHE WANTED. NOT IN THE CEMETERY. Hamilton, Ont., Feb. 7.—S. L. Landers secretary of the local cemetery board was called to the telephone and a beseeching feminine voice stole into the official's ear:

"Could you let me have a lower for four o'clock tomorrow?" begged the lady.

"Is it for an adult or a child?" asked Mr. Landers, with his thoughts wandering to lower and upper graves which may be obtained in the one plot.

"For myself," replied the questioner blithely.

"I don't think you want one up here," Mr. Landers informed the lady. "But that's the Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Railroad!"

The answer came: "You are now connected with the cemetery."

It is presumed that the young lady, at once deciding that she yearned for no closer connection with the "lower" there, promptly made a personal trip to the ticket office.

JUDGMENT AGAINST A NEWFOUNDLAND STEAMER. St. John, Nfld., Feb. 7.—In the supreme court on Saturday, judgment for \$9,900 was entered in favor of Samuel Harris, Limited, owners of the vessel General Currie, against the government coastal mail steamer Portia, with which she was in collision last fall.

## ANATOLE FRANCE

Sketch of Aged French Author Who has Thrown in Lot With Communists.

Tours, France, Jan. 20.—(Associated Correspondent).—Anatole France, aged French author and critic who has just announced his adherence to the Communist Party of France, lives in a village villa, about twenty-five minutes walk from the nearest terminus running out of town and is known to the peasants for miles round for his democratic manner, and his weekly Sunday receptions to which every one, rich or poor, bourgeois or worker, peasant or city dweller is received on the same footing.

Sunday is the day of rest for the peasants and time hangs heavily on the hands of the bourgeoisie of the soil. The father often proposes the moving picture house but the hard-working centime-spend mother balks at spending ten to twelve francs for tickets to the cinema and tries to compromise by suggesting the zoological gardens.

The urbane, however, with visions of fruit cakes and candies and chocolates dispensed at the France Villa often set the arguments "Let's go to Anatole," they beg. And to Anatole they go.

The master, sitting in the large reception room, greets them all with cordiality and the children make themselves at home.

For many years he has been a member of the French Socialist party. He announced his adherence to the French Communist Party at the Thirteenth International Congress in Paris, in January, 1920.

Anatole France has long been a prominent critic of the author of the opera "Thais" and of numerous works of fancy, action and satire. He is seventy-six years old, a member of the Académie Française, and his real name is Jacques Thibault. He served in the world war as a private, having prevailed upon his publisher to permit him to enlist. In October last he married Mlle. Emma La Prevotte.

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## LOCAL NEWS

guests of King Alfonso and Queen Victoria.

TO GET THE LASH FOR ASSAULTING WIFE. Hamilton, Ont., Feb. 7.—"I'll give you a dose of your own medicine," said Police Magistrate George F. Jella on Saturday to Boris Blackovitch, whom he sentenced to jail for two months with twenty lashes in that period for assaulting his wife.

Blackovitch pleaded "a little guilty and a little not guilty."

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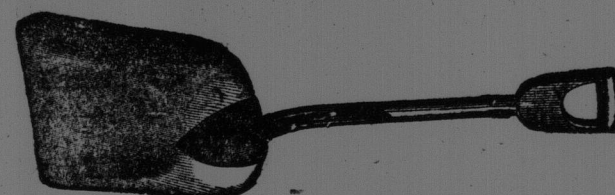
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Belgian King Returns. Brussels, Feb. 7.—King Albert and Queen Elizabeth returned on Sunday after a visit to Spain, where they were

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