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The Recent Fire In Ridgeway Has Opened The Way For Local Option

It is very probable that Ridgeway will be a local option town in a very short time, at least this is the opinion held by many of the residents of that place.

Since the burning down of the Queen's Hotel, the cause of temperance has taken a boom in Ridgeway, and this has been helped along considerably by the semi-announcement that Mr. Sheldon will not go ahead with his plan of re-building the hotel. He has leased the Arlington Hotel, and speaks of building stores on the site formerly occupied by his hotel. This leaves Ridgeway with only two hotels, and it is the general belief that there is plenty of room for three. The first move towards local option will likely be the building of a temperance hotel. It is claimed by the

temperance people that a temperance hotel will pay in Ridgeway, and one prominent temperance worker is quoted as saying that if an institution of this kind were started up, there would be no difficulty in carrying local option in the town. He also stated that the temperance people are even now considering a plan for carrying this into effect. It has been known for some time that a great many of the people in Ridgeway want local option, but they also know that the majority want hotel accommodation more. With three hotels established, there was no room for a temperance house, but the recent fire has opened up the way, and it is estimated that the temperance people are anxious to take advantage of this opportunity to secure local option.

Manly Sports And Athletics Are Sadly Neglected At The Collegiate

In the matter of efficient educational institutions, Chatham stands out conspicuously among the cities of the Province. There is no city in Ontario where better training along lines of learning is given to those who are willing to receive it. There is no system, however, which is so perfect that it cannot be improved, and a citizen who has won an extensive reputation as an observant traveller, comes forward with a suggestion relative to the management of the C. C. I. which is very timely, and which should receive consideration from the Board of Education.

"When Wellington saw the Eton boys playing cricket," said he, "he made the famous remark that that was where Waterloo was won. In all of the Public Schools of England, manly sports are included, almost as much as literary attainments. Cecil Rhodes emphasized this fact when he made his will. In founding the Rhodes' scholarships, it was stipulated that the candidates must be leaders in sports as well as in humanistic achievement.

"Our Collegiate Institute is one of the best in the country as far as scholastic training is concerned, but there is one thing which is deplorable, and that is the fact that the children have no recess. They have no opportunity to meet each other, except in walking to and from the school. In other words, they have no school days.

"Something should be done to encourage cricket, football, lacrosse and other games. A thoroughly equipped gymnasium should also be established. At one time they had a cadet corps, but this has been dropped. I understand that the new commercial master is an athlete. Could he not be given an opportunity to establish some kind of manly sport and athletics in the school?"

THAW DOES CRAZY STUNTS

Prances Up And Down His Cell In Mad Fashion

New York, March 2.—Now that Evelyn Nesbit Thaw no longer is on the stand, the prisoner is attracting more and more attention. He issued no additional statements yesterday, but just before the close of the morning session, he caused almost as great a sensation as yesterday, when he attacked the "unprofessional" methods of the district attorney. Through his counsel, Thaw asked permission to leave the room. Dr. Evans at the time was examining an exhibit and the request was granted.

When he reached the prisoners' pen Thaw threw off his hat, brought his heels together and began violently to go through a five minute drill in setting up exercises. His guard looked on in amazement.

When he had finished swinging his arms Thaw announced he was ready to return to the court room. He declared he "felt" he had been compelled to take the exercise.

Mr. Jerome during the luncheon hour was minutely informed of the defendant's conduct and made notes upon it.

His Mail Growing Daily.

Thaw again brought to court several large packages of letters. His mail seems daily to be growing. He read the letters with activity and made pencil notes upon each. He apparently took no interest whatsoever in the fencing between the district attorney and the alienist.

The insanity of adolescence, paranoia and the characteristics of "brainstorms" occupied both session, and when adjournment was taken until Monday morning Dr. Britton D. Evans one of the alienists for the defence, was still under cross-examination.

Jerome's motives in questioning the witness were somewhat baffling, but the net results of the day appears to be that he is still laying a foundation upon which he may ask for a commission in lunacy to judge of the present mental condition of the defendant.

Jerome to Use Statements.

What effect will the statement issued by Harry K. Thaw yesterday afternoon have on his trial?

This is the question which is calling forth much speculation. It is said that Thaw's lawyers did their best to convince him that it was bad policy to issue the statement and only consented when he insisted that he be allowed to do so.

It is reported Jerome will seek to put this statement in evidence to show Thaw is still insane.

Whitney And Pyne Give Great Praise To The Chatham Central School

Special to The Planet.

Toronto, March 1.—In the Legislature yesterday afternoon Hon. Dr. Pyne, Minister of Education, took occasion to single out the Chatham schools for special commendation on the proficiency which they had attained in the matter of fire drill. He instanced the case of the Central school, one of the largest and best conducted Public schools in the Province, which had been emptied in less than sixty seconds.

The Prime Minister, Hon. J. P. Whitney, expressed to the House his personal pleasure at hearing that such efficiency was maintained. To his mind the fire drill was of much greater importance to the schools than even fire escapes.

The subject was brought up by Mr. T. H. Preston, of Brant, who drew the attention of the Education Department to the recent school catastrophe in Montreal. He attributed it largely to lack of fire drill and escapes, and the housing of the kindergarten and junior classes in the upstairs rooms. He asked the Department to guard against any such similar tragedy in an Ontario school.

Hon. Dr. Pyne in reply said the matter was already under consideration and would be embodied in the regulations. As an evidence of what had been done in the matter of fire drill in some of the schools the Minister cited the cases of Chatham, Gananoque, St. Thomas and Windsor, paying particular tribute to the Chatham school.

Mr. J. W. Elwes, the principal of the Central school, is to be highly complimented upon receiving such a lofty tribute from the Prime Minister and the Minister of Education, voiced upon the floor of the Legislature. It is no small tribute to Chatham to have its educational institutions instanced so prominently as a standard for others to follow.

TO PROTECT THE SCHOOLS

Minister Of Education Takes Precautions Against Fire

Toronto, March 2.—The appeal of the Prime Minister, Hon. J. P. Whitney, at the close of the sitting on Thursday night for greater activity and less lethargy on the part of the members at the week-end, brought admirable results. A good deal of business was transacted in a short time yesterday. The budget debate goes over till Tuesday, and the order paper was tackled with a vim that surprised the old-time habitués of the House.

The Prime Minister himself is an indefatigable worker and he has the happy faculty of rousing the energies of those about him. "We want no hasty legislation," he declared, "but we want no time wasted." So it was a busy Friday afternoon, despite the fact that the Liberal benches were almost empty.

To Protect the Children.

Hon. Dr. Pyne, the Minister of Education, announced that the Education Department is providing by definite regulations for the prevention of any repetition of the recent terrible Montreal school fire catastrophe in this Province.

Mr. Preston (Brant) drew attention to the disaster in the eastern metropolis and defined its causes as the location of the kindergarten and junior classes on the upper floor of the building, faulty construction, the absence of adequate fire escapes and the neglect of fire drills.

Hon. Dr. Pyne said the matter had already received the consideration of the Department. It was proposed to provide proper protections in all lines in the regulations. At present these did much in the lines desired and excellent results had followed the training in the fire drill. In the schools of Gananoque, Chatham, St. Thomas and Windsor particularly, it had been accomplished.

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A COSTLY BLAZE A NARROW ESCAPE

Grand Trunk Loss \$25,000 Worth of Negatives.

Montreal, March 2.—In a fire which partially destroyed Swan's photographic studio on St. Catharines street Thursday night, Swan lost \$25,000 worth of negatives, etc., and the Grand Trunk Railway, for which Swan did much work, lost \$25,000 worth of negatives, the result of ten years' collecting.

Rubber Plant Burned.

New York, March 2.—The extensive plant of the Hardman Rubber Co., at Belleville, N. J., was burned yesterday, with a loss estimated at a quarter of a million dollars.

Y. M. C. A. Building Gutted.

Utica, N. Y., March 2.—The Y. M. C. A. building in this city was completely destroyed by fire yesterday morning. The loss will be upwards of \$150,000.

Business Section Burned.

Ithaca, N. Y., March 2.—The business section of the village of Genoa, 18 miles north of here, was destroyed by fire early yesterday, with an estimated loss of \$50,000.

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Too many night-caps will keep a man out of bed entirely.

Thomas Sinclair Ate Pie Intended For Rats

Toronto, March 2.—(Thomas Sinclair) had a narrow escape from being poisoned Thursday from eating a piece of pie which had been loaded with "Rough on Rats." Before going to work Sinclair missed his customary pie from his lunch pail. He went to the pantry, where he noticed a nice piece of apple pie. He took it with him and after eating it at lunch time, became violently ill. Medical aid was summoned. Although his condition for a time was serious, Sinclair went back to work yesterday.

Carried on Cow-Catcher.

Guelph, March 2.—James Ellis while driving across the G. T. R. track, was struck by a train. His sleigh was smashed and Mr. Ellis was carried on the fender of the locomotive a considerable distance. He was only bruised.

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MASKED BANQUET

The office and electric department of the Chatham Gas Co. held their annual masquerade banquet at the residence of Mrs. N. J. Bogart, Adelaide St., last evening.

The evening was pleasantly spent in music, songs and dancing.

Miss Tena Harper rendered a much appreciated solo, after which a cornet solo was given by J. Collins.

The accompanist of the evening was Frank Phelps. The music for the dancing which followed the unmasking and luncheon, was furnished by Terry & Webster.

Miss Belle Webster, of Detroit, who is at present the guest of Mr. J. A. McCallum, was among those who attended the banquet.

Those winning the prizes for the best costumes were, Miss Edith Side and George Rance.

A good character is a valuable asset in times of trouble.

NO SUNDAY PAPERS

Subscribers to the Sunday Detroit Tribune and Free Press can get their papers at Hotel Garner after six o'clock on Saturday night. Owing to the new regulations no papers will be sold or delivered on Sunday, as heretofore.

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