

REPLIES FAVOR IT

Physical Culture a Great Advantage in School.

Makes the Children Healthier and Fits Them For Better Mental Work.

With the view of introducing physical culture into the public schools here the Board has a committee examining into its advantages. To this committee's inquiries so far the following replies have been received:—

Givins Street School, Toronto.
Yours of the 25th to hand, and in reply would say that physical culture is of the utmost importance in any school system worthy of the name, but in order to be of any value it must become an integral part of said system, taught by teachers every day (yes! oftener than once each day) and this should be regarded as a part of the school routine. If you propose to have physical culture taught by a "Traveling Instructor," say once a week or once a month, flee the idea as you would the plague. Your "Physical Instructor" should teach your teachers (if necessary) and then inspect the work done by the individual teachers in the class rooms. You see what I mean: Physical culture worth the name must be taught regularly by the regular staff, and must be regarded by the staff as of much importance as arithmetic or examinations.

Yours truly,
M. PARKINSON,
Principal.

Convent of the Holy Names, Sarria.
Our first experience with physical culture was through Miss McNaughton and so far as we went all seemed well pleased with her teaching. We only regretted not been able to continue the course.

Physical culture cannot but be beneficial and should be part of the curriculum in any school whose board can afford it.
Trusting this delay has caused no unpleasantness to any one, we are, dear sir, yours respectfully,
SISTERS OF THE HOLY NAMES,
The Detroit Schools.

Sir,—In reply to your question concerning physical culture will say of course I favor it in the public schools because:

I. It is one of the greatest agencies in the prevention of disease.
II. It helps keep the body in a condition in which the mind can do the most efficient work.

III. It diminishes nervousness to a great extent. A pupil learns to feel that he can succeed.
IV. It almost completely corrects breathing.

These reasons occur to me on the spur of the moment. Much can be said for physical culture and to my knowledge nothing against it to one who makes a study of it.
Yours truly,
S. L. HOUGHTON,
Principal of the Eastern High School.

FATHER LOISELLE'S VIEWS.

Father Loisel, of Big Point was asked yesterday regarding the views expressed to The Planet by certain ratepayers who are opposed to any change in the present school system. The Reverend Father says, a very large proportion of his parishioners are in favor of the early establishment of separate schools, but his desire is that to effect the changes in accordance with the bishop's views it should be done in a manner to meet the wishes of all ratepayers, if that is possible, and for this reason it is not his intention to force the issue to an early conclusion. There are about one hundred and sixty families who are Catholics at present supporting public schools in divisions 9 and 1. Quite recently it was decided to erect another public school that will be supported by families from the 10 sections. This proposition will mean the withdrawal of about fifteen ratepayers now supporting the public schools. By the establishment of a separate school many children residing at too great a distance from the school house will be enabled to get the advantages of education. With regard to the additional taxation that appears to be the only cause for any opposition, Father Loisel says the greatest care will be taken to incur no additional burden upon the taxpayers, and he is of opinion when the separate school is fully established the taxes will be less than at present.

Gordon's Annual December Clearing Sale

As in the past, we again close up the year (and the century) with our Annual Clearing Sale of heavy reasonable merchandise, at such reductions in price as will insure us against carrying these goods over. It will pay you to read our descriptions and quotations below:

Black Dress Goods

Our collection of Fine Black Dress Goods of which we made a notable offering a few weeks since is so unusual that we again call your attention to them as just the thing for present wear or Christmas gifts. See our further reduction to clear:—

Blistered Black Crepons, \$1.25 to \$1.40, now.....85c
Black Silk and Wool Crepons, \$1.50 to \$1.60, now.....\$1.00
Fancy Wool Mohair, regular \$1.00, now.....84c
Black Cheviots, Black and Lustre and Serges, Black Henriettes and Solids, Pezgalines, Etc.

Colored Dress Goods

54 inch Ladies' Tweeds \$1.00 to \$1.25, now.....70c and 75c
36 inch Ladies' Tweed Dress Goods.....125c
39 inch Ladies' Dark Mixed Tweed Goods.....15c
Fancy Silk Mixed Plaids.....19c
42 inch Fancy Silk and Wool Goods, 50c, now.....25c
Fancy Polka Dots, newest styles, this season's stock, 75c, now.....35c
All-wool Covert Cloth, special 50c, now.....45c
All-wool Broad Cloth, 50c, now.....45c
All-wool Venetians, all colors, 75c, now.....50c
\$1.00 quality.....75c
\$1.35 quality now.....\$1.00

School Boys' Tweeds, to clear them out
Now 25c
500 yds. all Linen Towelings, 16, 18, and 19 in. reg. va ue 6, 7 and 8c,
Now 4c

Men's Navy Ribbed Wool Under-shirts 50c and 55c, to clear,
Now 25c
1 case, 2400 yds. English Prints, dark and light colors, 8c and 10c,
Now 7c

We Make a Specialty of

FINE FURS

Our stock is well assorted with the finest and largest variety ever shown in Chatham—Askani S. J., Perian L. mb, Sabie, Astrechan, Electric Seal—Jacket, Ruffs, Collar-ettes, Cap s, Fur Lined Capes, Mitts, Caps, Fur Trimming etc., etc

Men's Colored Shirts, 8ne Can. bric, all sizes, 75c,
Now 50c
The Standard Patterns are the Cream of Fashion—Universally approved

Fancy Waist Silks, 4 beautiful lines, to clear
25c 50c, 75c \$1 yd
Men's and Women's Linen Collars, 4 ply all sizes,
3 for 25c

Fancy Wool Coat Cloakings, all colors, \$2.00 goods,
Now \$1.25
Our Great Sale of Ladies' Embroidered Hdkfs, One-Third less than regular price.

Ladies' Jackets

10 only Ladies' Jackets at \$1.00 each. 10 only Coats at \$1.00 each.
Ladies' Jackets, all-wool frize, fawn, black or white.....\$1.25
Ladies' Jackets, all-wool frize, green, gray, blue, black, velvet piped.....\$1.25
Ladies' Jackets, black, all-wool curl, velvet collar, misses' and ladies, all sizes.....\$1.00
Ladies' Jackets' fawn and brown beavers, mercerized lined through, large good buttons.....\$1.00
Ladies' Jackets, fawn beaver, pearl buttons, raised seams new collar, round front.....\$1.00
Ladies' Jackets, covert cloth, silk faced, dip front, new sleeves.....\$1.00
Ladies' Jackets, heavy black curl mercurized lined, high collar, frayed trimmed.....\$1.00
Ladies' Jackets, black curl velvet collar, ahaped seams, silk lined, \$1.00, now.....\$1.00

Children's Reefers and Ulsters

Children's Reefers, blue and black and red and black, wool curl, sizes No. 1 to 6, prior.....\$1.00 to \$1.25
Children's New York Reefers, heavy cheviots, new blues, frayed trimmed, sizes 1 to 6.....\$1.00
Children's Reefers, new blue and black curl, all sizes, fancy frayed trimmed, with cape.....\$1.00
Brown and gray Re-efers, frayed and capped.....\$1.00
9 only Children's Fawn Ulsters, heavy, sizes 2, 3, 4, 5, now \$2.00, \$2.75, \$3.50 and.....\$1.00

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WILLIAM GORDON

Fresh Taffies

We receive by express "made by Crawford" is a guarantee of goodness, good material, good flavor, well made—15c a pound.

Our Special 1 lb. box, 25c.
Maple Cream, 25c a pound.
Good Chocolate, 15c a pound.
Fine Chocolate, 25c a pound.
Mint Candy, 10c a pound.
Super Mixed Candy, 3 p. unds for 25c.
Mint Candy, 15c a pound.
Grenoble Walnut, 20c a p. und.

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TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. E. W. Grove's signature in each box.

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BREVITIES FROM BLENHEIM.

Geo. M. Baird, clerk of Harwich, was in Chatham to-day.
Bishop Baldwin returned to London yesterday morning.
A. N. Hyman, of the firm of Byram & Murphy, is seriously ill.
R. M. Thompson, barrister, was in Chatham yesterday on legal business.
E. E. Toles has announced himself as a candidate for the reeveship in Harwich.

Arthur McDowell, clerk in Babcock's drug store, spent yesterday and to-day in Detroit and Windsor.
The annual Public school commencement will take place in the Opera House to-morrow evening.
Police Magistrate R. L. Gossnell was a Chatham visitor yesterday on an important legal business before the Master.

Mrs. Joseph Clark is seriously ill at the residence of her son, Wm. Clark, 4th line. Mrs. Clark is in her 89th year of age.
Wm. D. Sheldon, of Chatham, was in town yesterday in connection with the business of the estate of the late O. B. Sheldon.

W. D. Samson yesterday visited Rond Eau, which, despite the wintry weather, is still greeting its quota of daily visitors.
Wm. Snow's large power wind-mill was blown down with yesterday's storm. An expert from Toronto will be on hand to-morrow to repair it.
Work was started yesterday on the rectory barn. Geo. Thompson, who has the work in charge, hopes to have it habitable by Saturday night.

Rumor has it that R. J. Gossnell will dispose of his private banking business some time about the first of the year. Who his successor will be is not known.

The Blenheim town council held their regular meeting last Monday evening with Mayor Haggart presiding. This session was occupied with routine business only.

R. Kilpatrick, furniture dealer and undertaker, yesterday sold out his entire stock to Greenwood Bros., who are moving the same to their new premises and intend shortly to put on an appeal sale.

C. O. Trusler, of Port Huron, deputy supreme commander of the K. O. T. M., is visiting Blenheim in the interests of the K. O. T. M. He has enlisted many new members for Erie View Tent, No. 15.

County Commissioner Chas. L. VonGuten, of this town, is in Chatham this week attending the December sessions of the county council. It is understood that Mr. VonGuten will be a candidate for the wardenship next January, and his election to that honorary position would be heartily appreciated by Blenheim's citizens.

CHURCH GIVING.
Rev. J. P. Rice, Ph. B., of the Blenheim Methodist Church, is engaged in an energetic canvass of the congregation and citizens in aid of the Twentieth Century Fund. Blenheim has a splendid reputation for liberality and the reverend gentleman reports that he is meeting with exceptional success in his canvass.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.
Mayor Peter Haggart, grain and produce merchant, yesterday furnished The Planet with some local market quotations. Beans he quoted at \$1.25 per bushel. This, however, is a speculative price. The cool weather and good roads are causing free deliveries of pork and farm produce at the following prices:—Wheat 65c, oats 25c, dressed hogs \$4.80.

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.
A visit by The Planet to Blenheim's Public Library was a revelation. This is one of the most fully and best equipped institutions of its kind in the province. "We have over 3,000 volumes," said Librarian Deacon, "and are now getting in a large number of extra books. Unfortunately our members

ship list of 110 is not what it should be, as we are anxious for the public to appreciate the advantages of the library and accord as a better support."
BLENHEIM A MARKET TOWN.
"You will be astonished to see the rapid progress that Blenheim is making as a market centre of considerable magnitude," said County Commissioner Chas. L. VonGuten, to The Planet. "This satisfactory and very encouraging state of affairs is largely attributable, in my opinion, to the increased and better railway facilities established by the L. E. & D. R. R. Our town is rapidly taking a front position among the most enterprising market towns of Western Ontario, and is becoming a large and regular supply centre for the marketing agricultural community. Of course our magnificent roads should also get considerable credit for this fact. We have good reason to be proud of our good and profitable roads."

PUBLIC HEALTH AFFAIRS.
"Blenheim has been paid many high eulogies," said Dr. S. G. Storey, medical health officer, to The Planet, "but there is perhaps none that she enjoys as the accolade of health. Oh, yes, we have a public health board in connection with the town council, and it is a progressive and energetic one. Yet, fortunately, there is very little for the board to do and meetings are only held when emergency requires or there are matters of special interest to consider. As a matter of fact I think we have only held about three meetings this year. To what do we attribute this high health standard, you ask? Largely to the elevated and advantageous situation of the town and the good water. While the water is now secured from wells, the gravel in the soil proves a most purifying filter. Yes, I think this is one of the healthiest towns in the Dominion."

PUBLIC SCHOOL DOINGS.
The annual commencement exercises of the Blenheim public school will be held next Friday evening, when an excellent program of choice renditions will be presented, largely by the students of the school. This will be followed by the presentation of certificates and diplomas to the pupils and members of the continuation classes. The Blenheim public school is under the direction of Principal J. O. Hamilton, B. A., an honor graduate of Queen's University, and this accomplished and enterprising gentleman is rapidly bringing the institution into marked educational prominence. Speaking of the forthcoming entertainment to The Planet Mr. Hamilton said, "We hope, in addition to proving a most pleasurable evening of enjoyment, it will result in an impetus to the school by increased interest from parents and citizens generally. We are sometimes crippled by lack of regularity in attendance, although of course unavoidable, and are anxious to do all in our power to remedy this."

EXPLORING FOR PEAT.
T. L. Pardo, M. P. P., was in Blenheim last evening, and in an interview with The Planet expressed his intention of visiting the Eau to-morrow, in company with J. L. Scott, of Chatham, and a Toronto expert, with a view to boring down into the bog land, ascertaining its depth and sending a sample to Toronto to be valued for peat.

Asked concerning the forthcoming political by-elections, the member for West Kent said that the nominations would now be over.

"And in a week a time all will be over with the Government candidates, eh, Mr. Pardo?"
"Don't be so sure of that," was the smiling response. "Though I wouldn't be surprised if the Conservatives win West Elgin. There has, no doubt, been

lots of bad practices there, although I am positive that Donald McNish, who is as fine a man as I ever met, had nothing to do with them."
One of the regular fortnightly hops, given by the Assembly Club, was held last night in the Opera House and was largely attended. A very enjoyable time was spent.

TRIP TO THE EAU.
This morning a special L. E. & D. R. R. train went through to the Eau, with the railway officials and several other prominent gentlemen to view the arrival of the steamer Shenango in the new slip dock on the occasion of her first visit to the Eau. At this point Mayor Peter Haggart and a large number of other prominent citizens, upon invitation, met the special and accompanied the other visitors to the Eau.

ANOTHER NEW YACHT.
The report in The Planet of yesterday that W. E. Campbell, E. R. Smith, C. C. Greening and W. R. Phillimore, of Chatham, are contemplating the building of a large yacht to be launched at the Eau next summer to rival the Outlaw, was of considerable interest to the yachtsmen here. Blenheim has always held a premier position in Eau yachting and the possibilities are that a number of its most enthusiastic and enterprising yachtsmen will direct the building of another companion and rival to the Outlaw. With three white-winged monsters there should be some real good sport in yachting circles at the Eau next summer.

MUNICIPAL PROSPECTS.
"Everything is phenomenally quiet in municipal matters," said Mayor Peter Haggart yesterday in response to The Planet's enquiry, "and present prospects do not point to many exciting contests next January. Yes," he added with a smile, "I expect to be mayor again in 1900. I intend offering for re-election, and so far have heard of no opposition to my candidature. I have not heard many definite statements from them on the matter, but my impression is that a majority, if not all, of the members of the present council will seek re-election, while there has been very little talk of opposition in any quarter."

The Daily Planet is on sale at G. N. Babcock's Drug Store, where subscriptions will be taken, and the paper delivered free to any part of the town.

WALLACEBURG

Dec. 6.—J. C. Welch left for Lorain, Ohio, on Monday morning.

Miss Kate Taylor, after a two month stay in Detroit, has returned home. Miss V. Bean, after a short visit with her parents here, has returned to Marine City.

Preparations are being made for the various Christmas entertainments. The Kenmore Camping Club give their first annual ball on Christmas night.

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THE MARKETS

Dr. A. W. Thornton

..... Dentist

Latest Quotations Which are of Interest to Everybody.

Retail Prices in Chatham—Gossip About Grain.

CHATHAM GRAIN MARKET.

J. B. Springer & Co. give the following market gossip:
Wheat—The price paid for wheat just now is 65 cents standard. The market is firmer in Chicago, and it may reflect a hardening tendency on our market here, so that there will be a little better demand for it. Receipts continue light.

Oats—Receipts very light. Nearly all deliveries are required for local use while the export value is unchanged. Barley—This grain shows a little demand for export. Seventy-five cents is the value of it.

Beans—Market weaker. The cause is mainly due to a very light demand for jobbers in Ontario. There are no orders in our market and in order to sell it is necessary to reduce the price.

Corn—Receipts more liberal with lower values. American corn is now competing strongly for the Canadian trade and the price is down two cents, so it will be necessary to reduce the price here to 23 cents per 75 lbs, in the ear.

Dressed Hogs—Receipts are more liberal, and as the weather is hard, hogs are arriving in good condition. The values are a little higher, \$4.80 to \$4.85 per cwt, being the price paid now.

Wheat, 65.
Mixed oats, 21-2 to 24-2c.
White oats, 21-2 to 25-2c.
Barley, 70 to 75c, per cwt.
Corn in the ear, 25c per bush.
Corn, new, shelled, 25c.
Beans, \$1.15 to \$1.18.
Buckwheat, 45c.
Clover seed, \$4 to \$4.75.
Alfalfa, \$5 to \$6.50.
Red Clover, \$4.50 to \$5.50.
Timothy, \$1 to \$1.25.

HAY AND HOGS.
Hay, timothy, per ton, \$8 to \$12.
Hay, clover, \$8 to \$9.
Hay, baled, \$9 to \$10.
Live hogs, \$3.75 to \$4.
Dressed hogs, light weights, \$1.80 per cwt.
\$4.85.

FILBURY.

Dec. 6.—Mrs. D. Smith entered the General Hospital, Chatham, yesterday, for treatment.

Dr. Bryce, Sec. Provincial Board of Health, Dr. Hodgert, Provincial Health Inspector, of Toronto, and Dr. Gossnell, of Windsor, attended a meeting of the board of health here yesterday, and declared that there is no case of small-pox in the village of Tilbury. Miss Grace Savage leaves to-day for her home in Detroit, after a week's visit with relatives here. Village council met last night.

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Ladies' King Quality in either Button or Lace in any size for.....\$2.75

Geo. W. Cowan..