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## An Industrial West.

SASKATCHEWAN to the publishers of the *London Advertiser* at their annual meeting in Saskatoon. PREMIER DUNNING brought forward the idea that the agricultural development of the West was being urged to too great an extent in comparison with the other callings that should be followed. He claimed that at the present time development was somewhat lopsided, 70 per cent of the population of the province being engaged in agriculture. He urged that more interest be taken in the industrial growth of the province. They have vast coal areas, and they have the greatest variety of clays of any country in the civilized world, and Mr. DUNNING looks forward to the time when the pottery industry will be developed on an extensive scale in Saskatchewan. He did not believe in the policy of bringing a lot of men in from Ontario every year and then when the harvest was over, hurrying them out again. It was not the proper way to develop the province.

The idea of industrial development in the West is not new, but will stand revival. We have come to look upon Western Canada as a place to grow grain and raise cattle. The whole development of the West has been largely along this line. The Progressives in the house at Ottawa, practically the sole representation of the country between the head of the lakes and the mountains, think and talk entirely in terms of grain and cattle, and measure all legislation that comes before the house by what effect it will have on the farming interests of the West.

Industrial development in the West would be a good thing if it could be conducted in a way that would not be killed off by the distance from markets. If anything could be done to give variety to western development and provide employment for men PREMIER DUNNING will have the best wishes of Eastern Canada if he can do anything to point out the way.

## Not Much Danger.

WRITING ON the question of economy in public business, a correspondent of a Western Ontario paper, claims there is danger of the talk being carried too far. That may be, but there is not so great a danger of the practice being carried to any such extent.

There has been something happening at Washington in the last few days that had a bearing on this question. The government of the United States is facing a deficit of \$425,000,000 for the current year.

PRESENT HAVING sent word to the bureau chiefs to the effect that they must cut down and come within the revenue of the country. If they cannot do this or will not do it, then the next move will be that executive action will be taken to cut down expenditure.

There is nothing strange or new in this. If a nation does not keep its expenses inside of what it has to spend it is going to run deeper into debt, and there are no nations now that can afford to go deeper into debt. Most of them are up to the neck now.

We fail to see where there is any danger of this economy talk being carried too far. As a nation we must talk it and practice it.

## Mayor Parnell's Gift.

IT WAS a kind act of the late MAYOR PARNELL, of Winnipeg when by his will he left \$2,000 to the Thomas Alway Hall Home for Children.

THOMAS ALWAY HALL for many years kept a coal and wood yard on the old Port Stanley Railway grounds, and loaned money on mortgages. He obtained his coal over the London and Port Stanley Railway. In 1872, when the railway was leased to the Great Western Railway, he went out of the coal and wood business and confined himself to loaning on mortgages.

When he died he left \$10,000 to be expended by his executors in establishing a home for children. The Thomas Alway Hall Home for Children is the result. It has done a great deal of good under the splendid management of Mr. SANDERS, and is one of London's best benevolent institutions.

EDWARD PARNELL's gift is timely and proper. His heart was always in London, and turned towards it as home. His success in life was due to his native talent.

EDWARD PARNELL's kind gift is evidence that he had not forgotten the place he got his first good start in life. It is much to his credit.

## LITTLE 'TISERS

A man with only a little money has a hard time knowing whether to fill the coal bin or rent a lake cottage for a month.

Well, all the little boys and girls know now if they passed entrance. The lucky ones can now go ahead and collect their promised prizes.

Peterborough is going to have wood cutting as the approved method of providing work for the unemployed this winter. Very good, or is it another way of making sure

'Twas Ever Thus!



## TEACHERS AND EXAMINATIONS

Should All Have To Try Entrance — Can Parents Visit Schools and Judge For Themselves as to the Work Being Done?

ENTRANCE results are out now, so it will be known to what extent those not recommended succeeded in passing examinations. The present system is not uniform. In some centers all the pupils try entrance, while in others those making a sufficiently high standing are not required to write on the finals.

Writing to The Advertiser on this subject, Sadie Smith, from near London, says:

"Trusting that a question which is causing much discussion and dissatisfaction also in our rural communities may be considered of sufficient importance for space in your valuable columns, I am writing you with regard to present regulation governing entrance examinations to collegiate institutes."

"Why the unfair discrimination against pupils of rural schools in this matter?"

"The children in urban centers are, I believe, promoted upon the teacher's recommendation, based upon examinations held throughout the term, while all rural pupils must try the final examinations."

"One reason given for the present method is the severe nervous and mental strain which to most children accompanies the ordeal of a final examination, preventing them from doing their best work."

"This argument is true in a much greater degree with regard to rural pupils, as I am sure the nervous strain is much greater on children coming from rural communities and writing in surroundings entirely new and unfamiliar, than on those children in whose interest the change was made."

"There is no doubt are difficulties in the way, but these, I feel sure, are not insurmountable, and no progressive step worth mentioning was ever taken without difficulty."

"Our children's best interest must be our first consideration, however, and for this reason, with your permission, Mr. Editor, I hope others interested will voice their opinions on this matter, so that we may consider all arguments for and against before taking any further step."

"Be sure you are right, then go ahead."

It is a fact, as our correspondent says, that pupils in most of the urban centers are recommended on the showing made by the pupil through the term, a 60 per cent standard being required. It is also a fact that the inspectors ask that a certain percentage of the class write the examinations in order that a check may be kept on the teaching that is

the city will hear very little about unemployment.

The statistical editor of the *St. Catharines Standard* claims there are no births, no deaths and no marriages in Port Dalhousie during the month of June, and therefore business was poor for the doctor, the jeweler and the undertaker. The *Standard* holds to the belief that folks have got to keep moving in order to keep business good and sweet.

What has become of that excellent old fly trap that used to be made by filling a tumbler with suds, placing a sugared piece of bread over it and boring a hole in the centre of the slice? Flies simply crawled through that hole to see if there were better sugar on the other side. They seldom returned. In our mad rush we seem to have passed up this grand old device of the pioneer days.

Now comes an enterprising agency with publication rights to a story called "The World's Greatest Lover." It is a detailed account of the murders carried on by Landru, who recently had his head cut off by the French government for murdering and robbing some 253 women. What good purpose can be served by publication in newspapers of this rehash of intrigue, passion, dirt and filth? When the man who officiated at the guillotine got through with his job the incident was closed. Why reopen it?

being done through the term. It is worth notice, too, that quite a number of pupils who do not get recommended in the city schools write and pass their entrance examinations.

HOW does the matter appear to the teacher? George Coyne, a teacher in Ingersoll, believes that parents should know more personally of what goes on at school, and to that end they should more frequently visit the schools. Mr. Coyne states:

"Like every other human institution, the examination system is brought before the Man From Missouri at certain regular intervals, and made to prove its right to continue. In other words, the examination system is itself examined, which is a good thing for it, as it causes attention to be focused on its weaker points. This means that substitutes are tried out until something better is discovered. The examination system in vogue in our grandparent days seems awkward and absurd now. But how utterly impossible life would seem to us if we were suddenly put back 50 or 60 years in time! The examination system fitted in with the general scheme of things then; by gradual changes it kept itself adapted to the needs of the hour, and in 1922 it stands—not perfect by any means—in good working harmony with the life beyond the school whose portals it guards."

"I wrote arithmetic today," announces father's son at the supper table. If son's father displays the interest he should, he looks at the paper. "Well, I suppose you got this bill all right; it looks pretty easy."

"Why yes, dad, only the total was \$10.60 and I made a little slip, put it down as \$10.5."

"What would be the reply to such a state," if given by a clerk to an employer? Why should an employer be any more lenient with a mistake like this than the employer who sacks his clerk on the spot? School is the preparatory introduction to that part of life where each individual is supposed to be able to stand on his own feet.

"If the child, through carelessness, nervousness, perversity or any other cause cannot attain the standard set up by the world of today, the examiner who declares him capable is doing him an injustice. He should, by plucking him, give him a chance to repeat, so that when he is finally passed he will have not only a diploma—which is of little value in itself—but he will have to win that diploma, or accomplish any other feat of equal difficulty."

"But examinations are apparently the great object in teaching," protests the man from Missouri. "In this there is only one reply." "In so far as examinations are made the goal of teaching you have only yourself to blame."

"How do you judge your teachers? By the number of successful candidates they teach for the examinations? Therefore it must follow that teachers who are anxious about their reputations will see that few, or better none, of their candidates fail. The difficulty, however, is not insurmountable, and it can be overcome to a great extent by paying more attention to methods and putting less stress on results alone."

"Suppose we use, in discussing the subject of examinations, a little of the common horse-sense that we employ in practically every other social or business activity we engage in. If, for instance, you go into a butcher shop where flies are buzzing around in happy picnic style you don't have to look at the meat through special spectacles to determine whether it's flyblown or not. And you certainly wouldn't wait until a government inspector had made out his adverse report in triplicate before you transferred your custom to some other store."

But that's just what you do in the line of education when you rate your teachers once a year according to examination results, or depend on the inspector's report. Why not visit the schools occasionally where your children are being taught? You may not know much about the subject that

is being taught; so much the better. If the teacher cannot make it clear to you with the help of the general knowledge you have picked up since leaving school, how can he ever hope to succeed in teaching the youngsters?

Very kind of their teacher to make the suggestion that parents visit the schools and find out for themselves the quality of the work being taught. Where one teacher welcomes visitors, another is glad to see them depart. To have all the parents visit the classes where their children are taught would be out of the question. The one thing outstanding in this regard is the fact that we seldom or never hear of a teacher being released for lack of ability. It must be (1) that trustees are 100 per cent efficient as employment agencies, or (2) that teachers, although not efficient, are still retained on the staff. We know of no other business in which employees are picked and retained to such an extent.

Where, then, lies the setting up of a standard of efficiency apart from the number of pupils the teacher is able to put over the hurdle at examination times? It can be argued that if a teacher does his work thoroughly, has his class well in hand on all subjects, that his pupils should make a very high showing at examination time, and in that way demonstrate that the teacher has been very much on the job during the term.

ANOTHER reader of The Advertiser sends in an address by Judge Scott to Ontario trustees, in which exception is taken to the operations of teachers' unions. The judge says he has perused the constitution and bylaws of several teachers' federations, and finds that "one federation goes so far as to require each member to take a solemn obligation in which, among other things, he or she refuses to accept employment with any school board not in good standing with the federation." The judge goes on to say that "my information is that this attitude of aloofness is pursued to the extent that in the case of a board declining to pay the salary fixed by the teachers' union, the delinquent board is 'posted' to every member of the federation."

Another matter is also dealt with in the same address, one that has been referred to in these columns recently, viz. the closing of classes on the releasing of teachers to conduct examinations elsewhere before the close of the regular teaching term.

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SUCCESS. By Lord Beaverbrook. London: Stanley Paul & Co., publishers. 2s. 6d.

LORD BEAVERBROOK makes it plain in his opening chapter that he intends to discuss only one kind of success—the kind that is measured in terms of money. In a later chapter he has this to say about money:

"Money which is striven for brings with it the real qualities in life. Here are the counters which mark character and brains. The money brain is, in the modern world, the supreme brain. Why? Because that which the greatest number of men strive for will produce the fiercest competition of intellect. Politics are for the few; they are a game, a fancy, or an inheritance. Leaving out the man of genius who fares out perhaps once or twice in a century, the amount of ability which enables a man to cut a very respectable figure in a cabinet is extraordinarily low, compared with that demanded in the world of industry and finance. The politician will never believe this, but it is so."

But the author does not advocate a life devoted entirely to money grabbing. He believes that a man as a man has accumulated enough wealth to live the sort of life that pleases him, he should retire. His remaining years should be devoted to some form of public service. The experience gained in business life and the aptitudes developed by it should, he thinks, be useful in politics, journalism or the management of commissions or charitable organizations.

As the three qualities which make for success, Lord Beaverbrook names Judgment, Industry and Health. Judgment is needed to direct industry into the proper channels, industry to carry on the work which judgment selects, and health enables both judgment and industry to function at their best. Exercise, as a means of health, he considers valuable, but he warns us that it can easily be overdone.

The danger of the athlete is to believe that in kicking a goal he has won the game of life. His object is no longer to be fit for work, but to be superb for play. . . . Play tennis or golf once a day and you may be famous; play it three times a day and you will be in danger of being thought a professional—without the reward."

Speaking on the subject of luck, Lord Beaverbrook protests against the belief held by many that certain men possess a kind of sixth sense in the realm of speculative finance and know by instinct what enterprise will succeed or fail, and whether the market will rise or fall. The truth of the matter is that these men have absorbed, through a careful and continuous study of events, so much knowledge of business that their minds reach a conclusion automatically.

Some idea of the scope of Lord Beaverbrook's treatise may be gleaned from a list of the chapter headings: Success, Happiness, Luck, Moderation, Money, Education, Arrangement, Courage, Panic, Depression, Failure, Consistency, Prejudice. Under each of these headings will be found many bits of advice well worth heeding by the young man who is starting out to make his career.

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