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NOTE AND COMMENT

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Ireland is free. Then what's the fight about? To settle which Irishmen shall have all the freedom—Catholic or Protestant Statesman.

If Conan Doyle be right in his assertion that the spirits marry, but do not have children, a comparison of a record of the old-time families with those of today will show that the world is getting more like heaven.

Among the chief subjects slated for discussion at the coming meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, which meets in Winnipeg on Wednesday, June 7th, is that of church union.

Persons may insure themselves against sudden illness which require operating under the terms of a scheme evolved by a firm of London brokers. The insurance covers the expenses of the operation and income during convalescence. The scheme has been underwritten by Lloyds.

Dancing in England to-day is a pastime which its devotees think worth while taking seriously. They not only dance, but they do their very best to dance well, and in 1922 to dance well does not mean that you can do countless difficult steps, but that you can do a few simple steps, smoothly, unostentatiously, and in perfect sympathy with the rhythm of the music.—London (England) Chronicle.

Kingston Standard:—A lighted cigarette butt can be compared to a fuse; it will smoulder, and if thrown into combustible matter will act as one, causing a fire. It should be put out, or at all events put somewhere where it cannot possibly do any harm; but the best plan is to see that it is out. We have no desire to be alarmists; but this question of lighted cigarette butts is a serious one to the whole of Canada.

Brandon Sun:—We live too close to the beginning of this land to fully

appreciate what the founders did. They were not men in a hurry and possessed a patience in overcoming obstacles that would seem appalling in these dainty days of mechanical laziness. It is easy for us to accept the beauty and advantages of our environment without recognizing the strength of pioneers who made our progress possible.

Canada is larger than the United States by 250,000 square miles; contains one-third of the area of the British Empire, is as large as 33 United Kingdoms, 18 Germany's, 30 Italy's; is larger than Australia and twice the size of British India; has a boundary line of 3,000 miles between it and the United States; its seacoast equals half the earth's circumference 3,500 miles wide and 1,400 miles from north to south. Canada is the land of opportunity.

You remember the old days in Canada when we had excursions. Sundry schools chartered trains. The farmers had an outing to the O.A.C. People went here and there on very cheap rates. Those excursion trains disappeared with the war. They do not know even yet that the war is over for they have never come back. They may come back now, however. T. L. Church has introduced a bill at Ottawa to restore the old holiday fares.

Christian Herald:—The American people spend annually \$750,000,000 for face powder, cosmetics and perfumeries, and \$1,000,000,000 for education. It is interesting to note that the amount America spends annually for face powder and its accompaniments is almost as much as she spends for her entire educational system. Looks as if America thought about as much of the outside of her head as of the inside. And as a matter of astounding fact, the amount actually spent by America for face paint annually exceeds all she pays for the salaries of the teachers in all the high schools who are trying to get something into the heads of pupils in between times, while they are applying the paint on the surface.

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CHANGE IN BASIS OF SCHOOL GRANTS

A change in the clause of the Department of Education Act governing the apportionment of special school grants, is proposed in a number of amendments to the school laws contained in a bill introduced in the Ontario Legislature by Hon. R. H. Grant, Minister of Education. The change would add the words "and special circumstances of any particular school" to the list of bases on which all sums of money appropriated as a general grant for the rural public and separate schools are to be apportioned, subject to the regulations. A departmental summary explains that the purpose of the amendment is "to give the minister power to make use of any unearned surplus or part thereof for the relief of the more needy public and separate schools."

The purposes of the other amendments are outlined in the summary as follows:

To allow arbitration proceedings for setting up a new union school section to be renewed after a period of two years from the date of the first award.

To make it compulsory on the School Board to remit to the parents the amount of the fees charged them for the attendance of their children at a neighboring school instead of allowing it to be optional as at present.

To provide for cases where an award has been made through error and not corrected in time, and where the practical difficulties of bringing such award into operation are so great as to make it impossible.

To exempt consolidated school areas from the tax levied for the township grant and at the same time to cancel their sharing in this grant.

Giving township councils the same power to set up provisional schools in a union school section as they now enjoy in the case of an ordinary section.

To enable school boards to determine the hours and places at which special meetings of ratepayers are to be held.

To give to police villages and certain suburban school sections the right to conduct elections by ballot on the same day and hours as municipal councillors or alderman are elected.

To allow of a union school section being set up between a city and a town and a suburban school section.

To provide for the appointment from year to year of a board of arbitrators to adjust the assessment in the rural portion of such a union school section.

To make the board of a township school area responsible for the obligations of the included school sections.

To make accessibility rather than distance the fact of admission to the school in a neighboring section.

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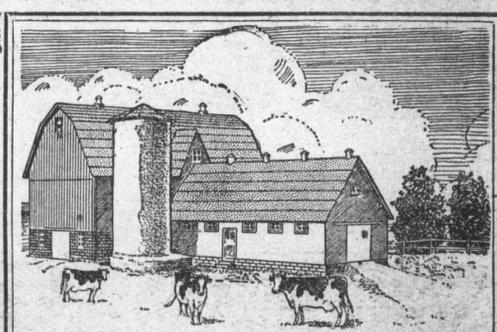
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