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HAVE NOT ACCEPTED THE CHALLENGE.

The Opposition, so far as we can learn, have not yet availed themselves of Premier Robinson's offer to submit the provincial accounts to disinterested financial experts from any sound banking institution. This failure clearly implies that Mr. Hazen has concluded that his party has nothing to gain by such an impartial investigation. If so, the inference is that he really considers the accounts to be all right, or, at least, in as good condition as he would care to guarantee them in case he should ever become leader of the government. His refusal to accept Mr. Robinson's challenge constitutes a powerful argument in favor of retaining the present administration in power, and will cost the Opposition many votes which they would otherwise have obtained.

PROHIBITION SENTIMENT OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

The province of New Brunswick is on the eve of a great struggle over the question of the restriction or the prohibition of the liquor traffic. Every thoughtful man sees the signs multiplying from day to day. The politicians are taking note of the fact and are weighing the chances. St. John will be the chief centre of the conflict, for so long as liquor can be freely shipped from St. John, there will be difficulty in enforcing the Scott Act or local option in the counties. If the government should decide not to submit the question of prohibition to the people, there would still be the opportunity to apply the Scott Act to St. John, or to greatly strengthen the license law, and reduce the number of saloons in some of the wards, as provided for but ignored under the present law. Both political parties will be making a great mistake if they think or speak lightly of the public sentiment that is steadily rising all over the province in favor of reform, largely as a result of the shameful disregard of existing laws by so many of those engaged in the liquor traffic.—St. John Evening Times.

MANUAL TRAINING NEEDED.

In these days, when the unskilled laborer grows less and less necessary to the business of the country, the demand being greater for workmen whose hands and eyes are trained to obey every impulse of the mind, it is important that we should modernize our school system.

What we need in every town and village is a department of manual training and household science. The educative value of manual work is incalculable. The pupil is taught to do things—not merely think and reason about them. He is required to do his work exactly right, and the habits of neatness, cleanliness and accuracy he acquires at the study cannot fail to influence his moral and spiritual nature as well as improve his physical capabilities and enjoyment.

Another point in favor of the immediate introduction of manual training is that the industrial and commercial supremacy of the world is rapidly passing into the hands of the skilled artisans of such nations as Germany and Japan who have graduated from schools where they were taught to use their hands and eyes as well as their abstract reasoning powers. Every year, as machinery

becomes more perfect, there is less room for the unskilled laborer, and we should at once remodel our schools so that among the next generation there will be no unskilled workers. At any game, they succeed best who bring the best tools with them. The people of Canada are naturally as capable as any in the world. To hold our own all we need is up-to-date education, which now, as compared with some other nations, we have not.

OLD AGE PENSIONS.

The principle of old age pensions, which has been found to work out so successfully in New Zealand and Australia, and which has been accepted by the governments of France and Britain, has been given a great impetus in Canada by its adoption by the Grand Trunk Railway Company. Henceforth, each of that company's 35,000 employees who have served fifteen years or more will on retiring at sixty-five years of age be paid as an annual pension an amount equal to one per cent. of the average yearly salary received during the ten continuous years in which the salary was highest multiplied by the number of years employed, with the promise that no pension shall be less than \$200 a year. Very justly, the company requires no contribution from its workers. It recognizes the fact that the latter have not received in wages the full value of their labor and that, therefore, something over and above the wages paid is still due them on their retirement from active service. This recognition is a step in the right direction; and the company has acted wisely and in its own interests in introducing the new system.

The Montreal Star, in a late issue, says: "The movement for Old Age Pensions in Britain has passed the academic stage. The representatives of the working classes are arousing the people on the point by a series of great public meetings, in which the plainest sort of talk is indulged in; and the wage-earner, who looks forward to the workhouse as his sole refuge in old age, is invited to contrast his condition with that of certain well-known public figures who draw attractive sums from the public treasury either as pensions or for trifling services. What the British workingmen, with their blunt outspokenness, would think of our Senate, whose members draw \$2,500 a year for services that it would be hard to assess and then calmly propose to pass a substitute for Old Age Pensions in the form of a system of Government annuities to be purchased out of their earnings by the 'very poor' it would be interesting, if not edifying, to hear."

WHAT BREEDS DISCONTENT.

A Philadelphia millionaire has just spent a hundred thousand dollars on a ball given at the debut of one of his daughters. Incidents like this account for much of the discontent of the masses in the United States.—Toronto Globe.

A MOHAMEDAN PARLIAMENT.

Another country, and this time a Mohamedan state, has been added to the list of those having settled parliamentary institutions. The legislature of Persia—an empire absolutely governed from the beginning of history until a little over a year ago—has won its struggle with the Shah, the latter having recently accepted all its demands and sworn upon the Koran to faithfully observe the new constitution. To show his sincerity the Shah has withdrawn the troops from the capital, banished the leader of the reactionary party and authorized the formation of a parliamentary guard.

This decisive revolution in Persia cannot fail to influence other Moslem peoples, especially those of India and the Turkish empire who are akin to the Persians in race and have long been in close contact with Europeans.

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THE RISE OF THE BROWN MEN.

The prospects are that, when awakened, the Malay, or Brown, race will prove itself as enterprising and progressive as the Yellow. The Maories, or native Brown men of New Zealand, were, up to a few years ago, cannibals; but now they are Christianized and civilized and take their full share in the social and political life of that country, having four representatives in the national parliament.

The first act passed by the recently organized legislature of the Philippine Islands was to provide an appropriation of one million dollars for the establishment of a public school system—a long-felt want under Spanish dominion.

The Hovas of Madagascar, recently converted to Christianity, are also an able and intelligent people, whom France has subdued with much difficulty.

The bulk of the Brown race are ruled by Holland. Most of them are Mohamedans, although many prefer the Brahmin faith. It is not likely that they will much longer be content to be ruled by White men.

LOCAL OPTION IN ONTARIO.

In the local option contests in Ontario this year, the prohibitionists made great gains. They held all the townships but one that had previously adopted prohibition, and carried local option in a large number of places that had previously had license. In 27 or more townships, over one half the vote was against license but not the three-fifths required to bring local option into effect. The license area in Ontario is being steadily diminished as the result of each year's elections.

MANITOBA RUNS HER OWN TELEPHONES.

The people of Manitoba, having become tired of the exactions of the Bell Telephone Company, recently decided to go into the telephone business themselves. The company, realizing that the day of their domination in that province was past, has consented to sell out to the province all its lines, equipment and business therein. The latter are now owned and operated by the provincial government. The provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan are building government telephone lines in their respective territories. Thus the Bell Monopoly has been excluded from all of Canada lying between Ontario and the Rocky Mountains.

BAD STOMACH TROUBLE CURED.

Having been sick for the past two years with a bad stomach trouble, a friend gave me a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They did me so much good that I bought a bottle of them and have used twelve bottles in all. Today I am well of a bad stomach trouble.—Miss JOHN LOWE, Cooper, Maine. These tablets are for sale by ALL DRUGGISTS.

MONCTON, Saturday. — Scott Act matters are getting interesting at the Hub at present. Two dealers have been convicted by one witness and report says there is another victim by the same witness. Yesterday two warrants were issued, the parties taken before Judge Kay and sent to Dorchester, all the same forenoon. They think this is going some and each dealer is wondering when his turn will come. One man, probably a local agent for one of these dealers, was caught last night with two bottles in his pocket, also a tumbler, dealing liquor out, in a shed, on street corners or wherever he could get a purchaser. His game was stopped and he will have to answer a charge.

Not Regarded With Favor. Some of the hockeyists here are not very favorable to the chief's act in St. John when he gave them to understand that they came to play hockey and not to slug, and that slugging would be interfered with if they attempted it. Good for the chief! He's a brick. But Moncton has just as good a chief of police as you will find anywhere.

School Standing For December.

Following is the standing of the pupils of the Adams School for December, 1907:
Grade IV.—Ruth Benson, 1st; Cecil McWilliam, 2nd; Quentin Nevin, 3rd.
Grade III.—Charles McLean, 1st; Chas. Sargeant, 2nd; Arthur Ross, 3rd; Dora Ross, 4th.
Grade II.—Eulalia M. Stuart, 1st; Thomas O'Brien, 2nd; Randall McLean, 3rd.
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INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.

NOTICE re Leasing of Old Car and Work Shops, Moncton, N. B.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Secretary of the Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, marked "Tender for leasing car and work shops," will be received until 10 o'clock of the FIFTEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1908, for the acquiring under lease of the car and work shops, with Railway sidings, (at Moncton, N. B.) as designated on plans to be seen at the office of the Secretary of the Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, and at the office of the General Manager of the Intercolonial Railway, Moncton; the lease to be granted to cover together with the general terms and conditions in such cases, the following:

1.—Term 21 years at rental named, with right of renewal for second term at such rental and upon such conditions as the Governor in Council may then determine.

2.—Occupation and use to be bona fide for an industry that will yield a reasonably steady traffic for the railway the character and prospective output of which industry to be designated in tender and the operation of which to be commenced within one year from date of Lessee acquiring property.

3.—That yearly operation shall be of such an extent as to continuously employ not less than 300 employees. Each tender must be accompanied by a certified bank cheque for \$10,000.00, payable to the order of the Minister of Railways and Canals to be held by the Department, in case of the successful tenderer, until such time as the then Lessee has duly installed on the premises for the operation of the work to be carried on under lease, machinery in value to the sum covered by said cheque, of which value the Minister aforesaid shall be the sole judge and at which time to be duly returned to the Lessee by the Department.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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