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"D" TEACHING CERTIFICATES SHOULD BE ABOLISHED.

A short time ago at a Rotary Club meeting in this Province the chief speaker a County Academy Principal advocated the doing away with "D" certificates and making "C" the lowest to be used in our schools.

We incline to the belief that his points were well taken. There has been a very large increase in the number of pupils taking the Provincial Examinations. Scholars get through these at an earlier age than they did years ago. There has been a raising of the minimum age at which persons can teach school in this Province. The general position of the teacher has been materially improved by higher salaries. These are yet none too high and in many cases not high enough considering the importance of the work done. There are in the Province numbers of "D" teachers who have done and are yet doing excellent work but they are the exception. The average person who has a "D" certificate is not scholastically equipped to properly train the young for the reason that such persons are not properly trained themselves. The standard should be brought up and we have no doubt that in the not distant future it will be brought up.

PECULIAR CONCLUSIONS.

A great deal of discussion has been carried on concerning the popular vote in the elections in Great Britain and it has been pointed out that two million votes decided the issue and the preponderance gave the Conservative party a big and clear majority over Labor and Liberals combined. The inference was drawn from this that the election result was out of proportion to the number of votes received by candidates of the victorious party. It seems a little peculiar to see reasoning of this kind put forward in Canadian newspapers. If any one is interested in looking up and summing up popular votes in Federal elections in Canada he will find that even when the victorious party in the contests had a big majority of members in the House of Commons their total vote added up throughout the country no more justified their standing than it recently did in Great Britain. In fact it did not justify it near so strongly. Figures in election contests are peculiar things to juggle with and while figures do not lie those who manipulate them often do either directly or by implication.

BUCKING UP THE MARITIMES.

The Ottawa Journal concludes an article on what it terms Sir Henry Thornton's visit to "buck up" the Maritime with the declaration that "Ontario is keenly interested in the development of the Maritimes as she is in the progress of the west and will hope for some tangible results from the conferences which are to be held." One of the reasons the Maritimes need bucking up, if that is what they need is too lively Ontario interest not in our welfare but in our exploitation. In his critical presentation of Maritime conditions Hon. F. B. McCurdy pointed out very clearly how greatly the Maritime had suffered by reason of the competition of the merchants and manufacturers in

the more populous centres of Canada. That exploitation is the inevitable outcome of conditions but it has not been and cannot be made encouraging to Maritime development. The closing out either through competition or purchase of industrial enterprise after industrial enterprise has been followed by the transfer to the financial centres of our banking institutions. The kind of bucking up the Maritimes require in return for this ruinous exploitation is a practical interest in the development of those Maritime resources which cannot be carried away bodily but which can be made to play a part in providing employment, thereby contributing to Canadian growth. There are opportunities in the Maritimes for creative enterprise working along safe lines and on the study of these by Sir Henry Thornton's committee the Maritimes entertain some hopes. Courage and confidence will come with full Canadian National co-operation in the utilization of our ports for Canada's growing export and import trade which we prefer to think was the purpose of Sir Henry Thornton's visit.—(St. John Globe.)

PRESS COMMENT

THE DECLINE OF THE DICTATORSHIP.

Manchester Guardian: The farce by which Mussolini hoped to give his dictatorship a constitutional veneer has collapsed. At the same time the country has lost the faith and enthusiasm it cherished even six months ago. Assassination, hooliganism, and local tyrannies have wearied people with Fascist methods, and only in comparison with the days of anarchy that came before the March on Rome are people in the least satisfied with Fascist results. Unlike his Spanish imitator, Mussolini does not enforce a devastating censorship, and thus a steady flow of moderate but determined criticism of him and all his doings is kept up in the newspapers read by the vast majority of Italians. There is a growing feeling that Fascism has lost the moral strength with which it was once believed to be inspired.

SWARAJ OR SEDITION.

Times of India: There is in this country a definite organized party working by means of violence and disorder to overthrow the existing Government, and replace it by what they call Swaraj. Of all words since Liberty surely Swaraj is the most abused. This party may or may not label itself non-violent. It may or may not profess "ahimsa." But its chief has extolled murder, and his adherents have confirmed him. The party has openly declared that its sole object is to destroy the constitution as by law appointed.

FRENCH CONCESSIONS.

Glasgow Herald: Greatly improved as are our relations with both the French Government and people, it seems unfortunately true that there exists in France a feeling that in recent months we have shown a lack of sympathy with France's difficulties and a slowness to realize the greatness of the sacrifices she made in consenting to the London Agreement. M. Herriot, it is said, risked everything for a settlement. Britain freely accepted all the concessions he

made, but yielded nothing in return. And the tendency has been to look to the Inter-Allied Financial Conference to redress the balance.

CHICAGO'S WATER STEAL.

Detroit Free Press: Chicago is expected to stage a bitter fight to have its "steal" of 10,000 gallons of Lake Michigan water per second legalized during the next session of Congress. Such being the prospect, it is important that the people of all the States on the Great Lakes, and the people of Ontario as well, acquire a definite idea as to just what Chicago's water grab means to them. . . . the loss to Great Lake shippers is alone estimated at about \$30,000,000 a year.

BRITISH PRESTIGE IN THE ORIENT.

London Daily Telegraph: It may become necessary within a shorter time than we had believed to persuade the Chinese that a strict observance of their treaties is as much in their interest as in our own. If plain speaking is unavoidable at least there is some satisfaction in the fact that the Chinese Government, of whomsoever it may be composed, will accept a frank protest from ourselves with a better grace than from anyone else. Even in these days of change there is something in a long Oriental tradition which we have never consciously failed to maintain.

IN PRAISE OF CANADA.

Singapore Free Press: Of all the great centres of Anglo-Saxon dominion which it has been the good fortune of Great Britain to establish over the world, none is showing now a greater virility than Canada, and as time goes on and we watch the yearly expansion of her capacities, the huge outpour of crops and cattle the persistent extension of lumbering, mining and heavy industrial enterprises, the eagerness for modern application of power in factory and transport, the growth of harbors and shipping, we cannot escape the conviction that she is well ahead in the great race of the Imperial Dominions towards status of nationality. With life conditions less easy perhaps than Australia, her people, continually reinforced from Home, are pushing outward every hour and whilst she can boast her great cities, she can boast also that her development of population has a strength and volume unequalled in any other Dominion of the Empire.

AFTER \$10,000,000

Will Make Effort to Salvage Turkish Ships Sunk in 1927.

London.—An effort is about to be made to salvage the vessels of the Turkish fleet, sunk by the combined British, French and Russian squadrons under the command of Sir Edward Codrington in the harbor of Navarino, on the Greek Mediterranean coast, in 1827. It was announced here recently. The ships, 51 in number, were reported to have carried treasure valued at \$10,000,000.

Near The Shore.

The stunken vessels are said to lie, comparatively near the shore in about 30 fathoms of water, and divers who have entered them say they are in a good state of preservation. A number of ships' fittings already have been brought to the surface. The salvors propose to raise the ships by chains and drag them ashore.

COSTLY INDIAN SCHOOLS TO GIVE BROAD EDUCATION

Within the year the Dominion of Canada has completed and the Methodist Church has opened for the Indians, two commodious boarding schools, costing \$300,000 to construct. One at Sardin, B. C., replaces the old Coqualeetza Institute which Rev. C. M. Tate opened in 1886. The second is near Edmonton. Arts, crafts, agriculture, science, letters and religion will be taught by the missionary teachers in both schools. The Government provides free board, lodging clothes and tuition to all Indian boys and girls up to eighteen years of age. With large numbers taking these advantages the outlook for future Indian citizenship is said to be brightening.

THREE MONTHS FARM COURSE AT N. S. AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

The two weeks short course at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College will not be held this year. There will be substituted for it the new "Three Months Farm Course" commencing January 7th (next) and continuing to April 2nd. The prospectus for the course has been issued and may be obtained on application to the Principal at Truro. Already more signed applications have been received for entrance to this course than for any course in the last two years. The course is practical. It is held at that time of the year when farmers' sons can best be spared. Tuition is free. Write to the Agricultural College, Truro, for full information. 40-11.

Minard's Liniment Relieves Neuralgia.



TOO MUCH PORRIDGE MADE SMITH SICK.

Former Treasurer of Ontario Languishes on Common Jail Fare.

Toronto.—Unless there is some change made in the regulations for the care of feeding of prisoners while at Toronto jail awaiting removal for penal servitude, it may happen that the authorities at Portmouth penitentiary, fearing an epidemic of scabies, will refuse admission to prisoners from this city, says a news article in the Toronto Globe. This probable stop was discussed when Peter Smith, one time treasurer of Ontario was removed to the penitentiary and is now the subject of correspondence between Provincial Secretary Goldie of Ontario and the Department of Justice at Ottawa.

The penitentiary doctors, the Globe understands, were of opinion that Smith was suffering from scabies when admitted, but this was denied by Dr. W. T. Parry, Toronto jail physician. In a report to the provincial secretary the doctor stated that Smith was suffering from lichenurthicus, which is said to be caused by too much eating of one kind of food and, in the case of the former cabinet minister, was due to eating porridge and syrup daily, morning and night. While in the Toronto jail, Smith was treated for a rash.

TENDERS

FOR COLLECTION OF COUNTY RATES.

TENDERS will be received till Dec. 31st for the collection of the Municipal tax and Dog tax, in the various Wards of the County for the ensuing year.

(1) All Tenders must be sealed, marked "Tenders for Rates" and addressed to one of the undersigned.
(2) All Tenders must furnish the names of two responsible Bondsmen to be approved by the Committee.
(3) The full amount of the Rate Roll must be guaranteed in each case subject only to such reduction for illegal taxes as may be allowed by the Municipal Council.

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Committee on Tenders and Public Property.

Bridgetown, Dec. 1st, 1924.
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Here and There

Agricultural products harvested in British Columbia during 1923 were nearly \$4,000,000 in excess of the 1922 total, according to the annual report of the provincial department of agriculture. Total production for 1923 was \$59,159,798.

The ninth winter carnival at Banff, Alta., will be held from February 7 to 14, 1925. The curling bonspiel in connection with the carnival will run concurrently from February 9 to 14. Revelstoke has fixed its carnival dates for February 3, 4 and 5, 1925.

Tourists to the number of 100,000 are estimated to have entered the Province of Nova Scotia during the past season. These people have left approximately \$7,500,000 in the province, an increase of 25 per cent. over the previous year. The number of motor cars entering the province during the tourist season exceeded 11,000.

Canada Book Week was held from December 1 to 6 this year. Addresses, radio broadcasting and special displays in stores throughout the country drew attention to the objects of the week, which are to promote the reading of good books generally and to foster Canadian literature. The week was, as usual, a distinct success.

The foolhardy recklessness of certain motorists was recently strikingly illustrated at a public crossing on the Canadian Pacific Railway line at Blind River, Ontario, when a speeding auto approached the crossing so rapidly that the driver was unable to pull up, and ran his car into the side of a train which was passing at the time. Fortunately, no one was injured.

In recognition of its excellent exhibits at the 1924 Exhibition at Toronto, the Canadian Pacific Railway has been awarded one of the medals specially struck off for presentation to the Dominion and Provincial governments, and to a limited number of other exhibits whose high class entries in the live stock and agricultural departments won them championship prizes.

The plans for the construction of an immense amusement centre at Victoria, B.C., to be called the Crystal Gardens, have just been announced by the Canadian Pacific Railway, which is responsible for the scheme. The gardens will include a salt water swimming pool 150 feet long, and a series of dancing floors, with tea rooms and gymnasium. Great quantities of plants, vines and shrubs will be grown in the structure, which is on the lines of a vast conservatory, containing 36,000 square feet of glazed glass roof surface.

A considerable increase in the sheep population of Canada, which has declined since 1920 from 2,255,020 to 1,575,000, is expected as a result of the recent importation by Alberta ranchers of 400 Rambouillet rams. These animals are merinos, with fine wool, bred in France from Spanish merino stock. Louis XVI obtained the first flock as a gift from the King of Spain. A harem of 20,000 western range ewes will be provided for the Alberta purchase. The enterprise is important, on account of the prevailing world shortage of wool.

INGLISVILLE.

We wish the Editor and staff a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Our teacher, Miss Amanda Mallman is spending her vacation at her home in Albany.

Mrs. T. Armstrong, of Boston, is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Avar Leonard and other friends, of this place.

Mr. Arthur Naugier of Woodville, is spending a few days with his parents,

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Naugier.
Mr. Reginald McGill of Berwick, is spent Xmas at his home here.

Mrs. Amanda Beals has gone to Clarence, to spend a week with her sister, Mrs. S. N. Jackson.

Mr. John and Wallace Naugier left for Whitman, Mass., and spent Xmas with their sister, Mrs. O'Connell.

Mrs. Summer Foster of Port George recently spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. S. Bayers.

Mrs. Vernon Beals has received a diploma for completing the full memory course, published by the Board of Religious Education of the U. B. Convention. This consists of memorizing 90 scripture passages with 1057 verses and 20 Hymns with 554 lines.

Miss Edith Smith is slowly recovering from the brutal assault she re-

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ceived, an account of which was given on the previous issue. We are glad the alleged offender has been arrested.

The Xmas concert given in the schoolhouse on Wednesday evening, Dec. 17th, by teacher, Miss Mallman, and pupils, was a great success.

A splendid programme, consisting of dialogues, exercises, songs and recitations was well carried out. Everyone to the finest tot doing their part well. The room and Xmas tree were very prettily decorated. At the close Jolly Old Santa arrived as usual and distributed presents from the tree, with a kind word to all. A vote of thanks was given Miss Mallman and pupils for the excellent programme provided and closed by singing the National Anthem.

Belfast.—Arrangements have been completed for an all-year service between Great Britain and Ulster. A company with \$2,500,000 capital has been formed and three airplanes have been purchased. The scheme is expected greatly to accelerate the mail service, not only with England, but with America and Europe.

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