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### Fallacies About School Books.

An Opposition orator, who spoke in this city some time ago, made many misstatements as to the price of school books. Almost every mail has brought as corrections of his figuring from parents and teachers.

One is astonished to find that a political agitator who was so badly worsted when he espoused the cause of Mr. Essey for his Conservative brethren, has not profited by his then experience.

We need give but one or two instances to show the unreliability of his figures. He quotes the Second Reader as selling for 25 cents; its price is 20 cents. The Third Reader he quotes as selling at 35 cents; its price is 30 cents. The Fourth Reader he quotes as selling at 45 cents; its price is 40 cents. Nor is it true, as has been asserted, that each pupil uses one book in each subject per annum. Experience is against such a contention.

Here is another point, which Opposition declaimers take good care not to mention: When Hon. Mr. Ross took charge of the Education Department, drawing books were sold at 15 cents; now they are sold at 5 cents, and there is no monopoly. Writing books were sold at 10 cents; now they are sold at 7 cents.

The circulation of misrepresentations intended to injure the standing of the Minister and of the Department is, of course, irritating, but as time goes on, and the facts are brought home to all the electors, the Opposition, and not the Administration, will be the losers.

Experiments in Boston show that cooking by coal costs but 19 per cent of that by electricity. Thus cooking by electricity is not a live question to most of us. We have not money to burn for cooking or any other purpose. We do not despair that electricity may yet be cheapened to an extent that will make it the best heating as well as lighting agent for rich and poor. But the invention has yet to be made that will secure that desirable end.

### North Middlesex.

Mr. W. H. Taylor, who has already represented North Middlesex in the Ontario Legislature for the term soon to close, has been again nominated to contest the constituency. Mr. Taylor has proved an ideal representative, and today he has many more friends in the riding than when he was elected in June, 1894, so that with reasonable zeal his friends will certainly elect him by a good majority. The supporters of the Government in the riding, too, never were so determined to maintain their cause by every legitimate means as they are today, as was evident by the large and representative convention, which defied the weather and bad roads, and assembled to bring out the man of their choice. Similar evidence was supplied by the crowded audience at Parkhill, which cheered the choice of the convention, when announced, and gave him, George W. Ross a reception that for warmth could not be excelled. The Minister of Education was at his best. He spoke at both gatherings, and his remarks are well worthy of perusal.

### Paying Experiments.

One of the most important of the many services performed for the community by the Ontario Government is the persistent instruction which has been given as to the benefits of spraying fruit trees. For several years an officer of the Agricultural Department has visited every section of the Province, giving effective demonstration of the best methods for saving the fruit trees, and the results are evident on all hands. Mr. Albert Pay, a prominent grower in the Niagara Peninsula, provides the latest illustration of the benefits of the system. He has sent a consignment of apples, including Baldwins, Russets, Spys, Greenings, Snows, Pippins and King of Tomkins, to the Department of Agriculture. They show the difference caused by spraying fruit trees, the apples from sprayed trees being much larger, and free from blemishes, rust spots, etc. Mr. Pay says that he considers spraying is no longer an experiment. He asserts that on sprayed trees there is a good crop of Spys and Greenings that are 30 per cent good apples, while on trees that were not sprayed the crop did not amount to half as much, and only about 40 per cent of it was of good quality.

The Liberals gained a seat in the local election for Yamaska, Que., yesterday. The constituency was carried at the general election by a Conservative. He had a majority of one, and was unequaled for corrupt practices. Now the Liberal candidate is elected by a majority of several hundreds.

The Evangelical Churchman, the old-established Anglican weekly, now in the 21st year of its publication, renews its youth with the current issue, and does a new typographical dress, which improves its appearance greatly and puts it in the first rank of Canadian religious weeklies. The contents are most interesting. They contain a portrait and sketch of the Archbishop of Canterbury, together with an article from his pen on "The Necessity of Clerical Study." "A Canadian at Canterbury," by Rev. Dyson Hague, M.A.; "The Church in the Motherland," by Rev. H. J. Cody, M.A.; "The Kind of Missionary Wanted for Indian Work," by one of them. The editorial notes are numerous and timely, and the church news fresh and interesting. The Bryan Press 20 Bay street, Toronto; \$1.50 a year.

## Men and Things.

**Flippant Titles for Sermons.**  
A regular reader writes: "I agree with Rev. Mr. Hill, that ministers need to be careful in avoiding flippant titles to forthcoming sermons. The permanent loss in public respect is greater than the temporary gain in attendance."

### Moss Instead of Cold Storage.

When I was in Ottawa in 1893, I met the late Edward Jack, of Fredericton, N. B. He was an enthusiastic farmer, and a perfect mine of information with regard to the trees of the Maritime Provinces. It is too bad that he died before his information was systematized and printed for public reference. He has left one important discovery, however, which may be put to practical use. When I met him he insisted that this country could market all its products to the old country in perfectly fresh condition if it used peat moss for packing, instead of cold storage. He pointed out the results in Germany, where fish packed in peat moss for a fortnight had lost none of their freshness, and delicate and perishable fruits were found to retain all their qualities. I advised him to make a statement to the Government of Ontario. He did so, and his views were embodied in a paper contained in the annual report of the Bureau of Mines for that year. This report has now borne fruit. The Bureau of Mines has received word of a shipment of perishable fruits sent to England from Canada by Alexander Jardine, which showed the immense utility of peat moss. Its tremendous absorbent qualities render it a great antidote to atmospheric yeasts and bacteria which bring about decay. The supply throughout the Province is estimated as sufficient to last for very many years, even though it should be very widely used, and if results continue to be good, the shipment of Canadian fruit to England will be put on a much firmer basis.

What's in a name? Bonaparte and Wellington are fighting for a senatorship in Maryland.

### "The Gordon Highlanders Will Take It."

[By Sir Edwin Arnold.]  
Fifty yards wide the platform stretched—  
Between the shelters and the ridge,  
Only such slender space to cross,  
And 'tis of victory the bridge.  
But on those rocks eight thousand foes,  
With furious fire, the passage close!

Fifty yards wide! No more? Yet dare  
One step upon that leveled space,  
And the brave linesman, torn with shot,  
Falls dead or dying on his face.  
A storm-swept bridge—a bridge of hell—  
How deadly yon prone corpses tell.

The Gurkhas start! Not readily will  
Those little pigmies of the hills  
Turn back for flame, or shot, or steel;  
But here, today, 'tis courage kills!  
The boldest man by man must bleed—  
The Gurkhas cannot do this deed!

Dorsetshire men and Derbyshire!—  
Right gallant corps!—form to the front!  
Fearless they close in long-linked ranks  
Or that stern gap to bear the brunt.  
What manhood may and loyalty,  
And pride and pluck, this foe shall see!

Alas! too dreadful drives that hail  
Of hissing lead! The constant slain  
Roll cumbering those heroic feet  
Which would advance. The bloody plain  
Is littered o'er with red and black—  
Dorsetshires, Derbyshires, turn back!

Then from gray hollows where they crouch  
The sons of Scotland silent gather—  
Wild indigo and tamarisks brush  
The limbs bred in purple heather;  
The Gordon Highlanders fall in—  
Pipers and all—hell's bridge to win.

"Men of the Gordon Highlanders!"  
Colonel Mathias loudly cries,  
"The general's orders are to take,  
At any needful sacrifice,  
Yonder position! His will make it—  
The Gordon Highlanders will take it!"

To skirt of pipes and gleam of blades  
Those rebel hordes, the flaming hill  
Drowning the muskets on the hill  
With slogan from the north:  
Stay them! Death's self, hell's self,  
Give ground.  
When Gordons to the battle bound!

Fierce, splendid, faithful stream of Scots,  
To lightsome, homely, Highland lilt,  
Too swift for fate, too bold to fail,  
Rush buskin, plume and kilt!  
The fifty yards of fire are passed—  
The savage ridge is gained at last.

Down from the empty sangors fly  
Those rebel hordes, the flaming hill  
Is cleared! The grim position seized,  
As was the general's will.  
The colonel's simple word did make it—  
"The Gordon Highlanders will take it."

### LITTLE SNOW PREDICTED.

[Winnipeg Free Press.]  
Old settlers predict that there will be a very light snowfall this year, owing to the swarms of mice in the fields. They base their opinion on the fact that when the mice were numerous a few years ago there was scarcely enough snow to make sleighing during the whole winter.

### THE SCHOOLMASTER ABROAD.

[Hamilton Times.]  
The London Free Press, in one of its hysterical outbursts on the school question, declares that within recent years "the cost of paper and other printing material has been lessened by from 100 to 200 per cent, and that the market for school books is a thousand fold larger than it was 30 years ago." Isn't that rash? Some of us have been taught that when 100 per cent of any given number is taken away nothing remains. Does the Free Press mean to say that for every child going to school in Ontario 30 years ago there are 1,000 pupils today, and that pupils are carrying a free book that cost \$1 in those days? Or is its mathematician, like its politics, a case of "talking through its hat?"

## Victims of Coal Gas I

Sad Affliction in a Toronto Household.

Mr. Cross' Twin Daughters, 15 Years Old, Both Asphyxiated.

[G. N. W. Special to Advertiser.]

Toronto, Ont., Nov. 17.—Ada and Lily, the 15-year-old twin daughters of Geo. Cross, No. 678 Gerrard street east, were suffocated by coal gas at their father's residence last night. The girls retired at 9:30, several hours before their parents.

When Mr. Cross retired he dampened off the self-feeder in the dining-room. He awoke at 6 o'clock this morning with a severe headache, but was able to get up and see what was the matter. He found the house full of coal gas, and his first impulse was to ascertain whether any of his family were affected by it.

Going to the girls' room, Mr. Cross called them, without getting any response, and further investigation revealed the fact that the girls were apparently unconscious.

A doctor was called in, but he could do nothing, life being extinct.

### TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES

Henry Trusdale was arrested at Peterboro on Friday on a charge of bigamy.

E. B. Osler, M.P., has been appointed liquidator for the Farmers' Loan and Savings Company, Toronto.

Bills aggregating \$25 in connection with the smallpox scare have been presented to the Belleville city council.

Miss Bella Johnson, of Ottawa, was shot through the jaw by a boy named Larouche, who was playing with a revolver, which he did not know was loaded.

Henry Geld, aged 28 years, of Mine enter, Man., drank acconite instead of lime juice, and died from the effects. Two others who took theirs in whisky recovered.

The Montreal harbor commissioners have accepted the plan of harbor improvements proposed by the department of public works. The work will cost \$3,000,000.

A Toronto dispatch says: Dealers in toys appear to anticipate a particularly prosperous season. The imports for the last four months are \$18,675, as against \$21,454 for the same period last year.

At Kingston, on Tuesday afternoon Convicts Ireburn and Lawrence escaped from the penitentiary. They were missed at washing-up time, but had only been gone a couple of minutes when the facts were discovered.

One of the most widely known Quaker ministers in the country, Hulda M. Beebe, died at Providence, R. I., on Tuesday, in her 87th year. She was one of the pioneer missionaries in New England, New York and Pennsylvania.

The statement filed at Osgoode Hall, in respect to the estate of the Massachusetts Benefit Life Association, showed that the Canadian assets are \$130,000, while the aggregate liabilities claimed is \$155,000, an apparent shortage of \$25,000.

Mr. H. Lockwood, manager of the Bank of Commerce at Amherst, N. S., had been appointed manager of the branch at Guelph, in the room of the late J. H. Finlay. Mr. Lockwood, while assisting in the branch at Guelph, was well liked, and many regretted his departure. He will be warmly welcomed.

Hemphill and Mitchell, the Listowel green goods experts, an account of whose attempt to buy an Elms farm was given a short time ago, were before the Stratford magistrate for the purpose of having their case heard.

A joint deputation from the city and township of Chatham, and the provincial secretary at Toronto for the purpose of laying before him a difficulty which has arisen over the proposed annexation of thirteen acres lying along the River Thames, north of the city limits. The city owns water-works outside its limits, and wishes to annex the property. The township of Chatham objects to losing the taxes on the land, and the residents object if their taxes are to be increased.

Hon. E. J. Davis suggested that some special arrangement be made as to taxation, and that the proposed annexation take place.

### SALES OF MANITOBA WHEAT.

Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 17.—It was estimated today that the amount of wheat delivered by the farmers since Sept. 1 to date has been seventeen million bushels. The price paid yesterday in Winnipeg for No. 1 hard wheat was \$2 cents.

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## TWO NOTED CASES.

Fred Elliott Committed on a Charge of Manslaughter—True Bill for Murder Against Mrs. Sternaman.

Goderich, Nov. 17.—The Bayfield shooting case was heard yesterday before Police Magistrate Seager. He gave a lengthy review of the evidence and of the law, and committed the prisoner, Fred Elliott, to the next court of sessions on jurisdiction. The charge of manslaughter, in shooting his brother Harvey. Ball was admitted and fixed at \$1,500.

Crayke, Ont., Nov. 17.—The fall assizes opened here yesterday, Chief Justice Armour presiding. The grand jury returned a true bill against Mrs. Sternaman for murder. The prisoner was at once arraigned and pleaded not guilty, stating she was ready to proceed as soon as her counsel, Mr. German, was present. The trial will proceed at 9 tomorrow morning.

### MARINE DISASTERS.

Probable Loss of Two Schooners With All on Board—Wreck of the Carrie G. Lane.

Halifax, N. S., Nov. 17.—A dispatch from Louisbourg, N. S., states that quantities of wreckage have drifted ashore there, leading to the belief that two schooners, which were at the bottom of the coast in last Friday's gale, have been lost with all on board. The schooner Milda, from Grand Island, Nfld., for Halifax, fish-laden, has been missing a month, and no doubt foundered with all hands during the heavy gales last month. The vessel had a crew of four men who leave large families.

The United States schooner J. W. Collins, Capt. Farrars, has arrived at Liverpool, N. S., with Capt. Johnston and eleven of the crew of the schooner Carrie G. Lane, which went to the bottom fifteen minutes after the men on board were rescued by the Collins. The disaster happened on the Lohave Fishing Bank last Friday. The crew of the Lane were rescued with great difficulty and with considerable peril to the rescuers.

Courtright, Ont., Nov. 17.—While the steamer Lymington, from Buffalo, bound for Chicago, was at the dock here, a sailor named Benjamin Hardy, thought to be a Canadian, residence unknown, who had been at Milwaukee, while intending to get on board slipped between the boat and the dock and was drowned.

### SIR CHARLES GONE BACK.

New York, N. Y., Nov. 17.—Sir Charles Tupper left on the American Liner S. Paul for Southampton this morning. He came here from Victoria, B. C., where he has been caring for the interests of a mining syndicate.

### THE EX-CONSUL'S SENTENCE.

Boston, Mass., Nov. 17.—Joseph A. Isagi, formerly Turkish consul in this city, who was found guilty on the charge of embezzlement of large sums from trust funds held by him, has been sentenced to serve a term of not more than eighteen and not less than four years in state prison, with one year of solitary confinement, and the balance of the term at hard labor.

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