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## PRACTICAL EDUCATION

The Maritime Merchant makes a very strong appeal for such a change in our educational system as will make the training better suit the pupil's probable vocation in life. It makes these pointed remarks:

"We have put considerable stress on education and are proud of it, as well as of the standards and our success, but what we have done with all the clerical and petty or lawyers we have made? We have sent them away, because we have been absolutely unable to make use of all the young people we have educated along these lines. We might have trained some of them for mechanical pursuits, and some of them we might have trained for the farm, and of these the majority would probably have lived happier and more successful lives than in the vocations to which they have given themselves. Incidentally, by favoring professional callings to the prejudice of more practical ones, we have drawn away from our farms the very element necessary to perpetuate agriculture—the young people. A part of our loss in agriculture is a part of the price we have paid for higher education."

The Merchant contends that more attention should be paid to commercial as well as technical education, and that opportunity should be given to pupils to begin their commercial education at the age of twelve, especially those who must leave school at fourteen or soon thereafter. Nova Scotia is far in advance of New Brunswick in the matter of technical education, but neither province pays much attention to education along commercial lines. Nova Scotia has a very successful agricultural college, which must now be enlarged. New Brunswick has none. What ever complaint may be made in the latter province concerning lack of education along practical lines may be said with much greater force concerning the province of New Brunswick.

## QUEBEC'S EXAMPLE AGAIN

There was a general feeling in this province at the time of the immigration congress in Fredericton that the government might be induced to take practical steps and make a larger expenditure to induce immigrants to come to New Brunswick. The legislature has been prorogued, however, without such action having been taken; and there is no evidence that Premier Fleming has any comprehensive plans in view. It is worth while to note what the Liberal government of the province of Quebec is doing in relation to this question. A strong delegation from the Eastern Townships waited upon the government and presented its case much after the same manner as that adopted by the immigration congress at Fredericton. As a result the Quebec government has undertaken to carry out the following programme:

1. An attractive Eastern Townships booklet, equal to that issued for any other section of Canada, adequately illustrated, and with a first edition of at least 10,000 copies, will be published for distribution in the Old Country.
2. Expenses will be borne of an Eastern Townships agent lecturer, fully equipped with lantern and Eastern Townships slides for illustrating his talk, who will work in the Old Country, probably in Scotland, on behalf of the Eastern Townships, during the greater part of the year, beginning in September.
3. A receiving and distributing depot will be maintained in Sherbrooke, to be organized in connection with the Government's labor bureau which is to be established here.
4. A provincial government official will be at the port of landing at Quebec to exert his efforts on behalf of the Eastern Townships.
5. If we had a Liberal government in the province of New Brunswick there would be a much better prospect of having a progressive immigration policy adopted.

## PRICES AND MIDDLEMEN

A correspondent of the Bangor Commercial declares that nearly one half of the earnings of the farmer has gone to enrich the middleman. One quarter, he says, has been lost through lack of organization and co-operation in the sale of farm products, and the other fourth in the purchase of articles required for use on the farm. This writer declares that through organization and co-operation the following results are obtained:

"Increased price of potatoes, 10c. to 30c. per bushel at shipping point; apples, 40c. to 60c. per bushel; beans, 50c. to 70c.; decreased price of fertilizer, \$11.00 per ton in large lots; wire fencing, 40 per cent. flour 50c. to \$1.50 per barrel; oil, 8c. to 10c. per gallon; paraffin, 7c. per pound; blue vitrol, 5 to 6c.; grain, farm machinery, and, in fact, nearly everything purchased for use on the farm in proportion."

This, of course, implies co-operative buying as well as selling; and, if anything like the results which this writer quotes is obtainable, it is evident the farmers who fail to co-operate are heavy losers. There is, however, another side to the story, and it relates to the consumer. There is good reason to believe that the consumer of farm products suffers more through the activities of the middleman than does the farmer himself. The farmer is not suffering nearly so much as a result of low prices as the consumer suffers through high prices. Whoever can devise a plan by which the farmer and the consumer can get together and the former

receive a reasonable profit without compelling the latter to pay unreasonable prices, will be the greatest benefactor of this age.

That has been a long and weary wait at Halifax for the arrival of the Mackay-Bennett with the bodies of the Titanic's dead.

The Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, who will address the local Canadian Club this week, is a brilliant speaker who is always heard with pleasure.

The St. Lawrence is open for navigation and the scene of activity will soon be transferred from the wharves of St. John to those at Montreal. The season at St. John has been a record one.

Captain Moore of the steamship Mount Temple was not only able to convince the commission of inquiry in Washington that he did not fall in his duty in any particular with regard to the Titanic, but he also was publicly thanked for his testimony and the assistance he was able to give to the committee.

Senator Smith, head of the commission of inquiry in Washington, has not only accused resentment in England, but is being roundly censured by the members of the committee. A politician of the stamp of Senator Smith is very much out of place as the head of a judicial inquiry.

In the British parliament yesterday the under-secretary of state for foreign affairs pointed out that the United States' Senate was acting quite within its rights in making an inquiry into the cause of the Titanic disaster and that this was not only right but reasonable.

The State of Minnesota has spent more than \$75,000 to keep its lakes stocked with game fish and to protect the large game in its woods. In a letter to this paper the commissioner of immigration for that state declares that Minnesota seeks to maintain its position as the best fishing place in the United States.

British Columbia, Alberta and Manitoba all produce more butter than the province of New Brunswick. Indeed, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island are the only provinces which produce less than is produced in New Brunswick. This province, however, produces much more cheese than any of those mentioned, with the exception of Prince Edward Island, which in 1910 produced nearly twice as much.

The St. John Standard is evidently convinced that the loyalty of Canadians is so feeble that they could not be trusted to increase their trade with the United States. That may be true of the Tory party, which always has an ample stock of lip-loyalty, but no naval policy, while, on the other hand, it has a sneaking regard for Mr. Bourassa and the Nationalists.

It is announced that the contract for one section of the Valley Railway has been awarded, and that work will begin at once between Fredericton and Woodstock. By midsummer there will be quite an army of men engaged in railroad construction in this province. The work will create an active demand for material and supplies, which will be of benefit to the cities and towns as well as to the agricultural districts.

It is difficult for people in the other provinces to understand the opposition in Prince Edward Island to the use of automobiles. The motor car has come to stay, and to be of increasing use in every country. In an agricultural province like Prince Edward Island, it ought to be of great value in connection with the marketing of produce. Sooner or later the prejudices will be broken down, and the people will wonder why there was ever any serious opposition.

Col. Henry Waterson of the Louisville Courier-Journal is greatly scandalized by the spectacle of a president and an ex-president of the United States racing through the state of Massachusetts denouncing each other "in an unseemly public quarrel." Mr. Waterson, however, lays most of the blame upon Roosevelt, whom he declares to be a madman. "He carries all the marks typical of the perverted understanding, the devilish streak of viciousness, the ignoble malignancy, the logical intensity and inaccuracy of the lunatic," and much more to the same effect. It has been long since any public man in the United States received such a scorching from a reputable newspaper as that which the Courier-Journal gives the ex-president. Meanwhile, the despatches indicate that Roosevelt has been making many friends in Massachusetts, and the present indications are that he will get a majority of the Republican delegates to the national convention. The primaries are being held in Massachusetts today, and the result will be awaited with intense interest.

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THE REASONS  
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"There's John, aged ten, and May, aged nine  
And Sue and Tom and Floss."

A CRANK  
"What does your husband like for his breakfast?"  
"Anything I haven't got in the house."

THE WRETCH  
"Now that our wedding day is drawing near," she said, nestling a little more closely in his arms, "I am beginning to be awfully frightened. Sometimes I almost feel tempted to run away and never come back."

"I don't intend to tell you about it," he replied, "but I frequently feel that way myself."  
"Why, Fred! I don't believe you really love me. You—you heartless wretch! I shall never speak to you again."—Chicago Herald.

THE PLANT OF A BENEDICT.  
Oh, in the early night  
Ere slumber's chain has bound me,  
I light again the light  
And tread alone,  
With many a groan,  
The stairs with tacks strewn away,  
To calm her fears  
Who thinks she hears  
A burglar in the hallway.  
—Memphis News-Scimitar.

HAD BEEN THERE  
Freddie—"What is the Stock Exchange, Pa?" His Pa—"The Stock Exchange, my son, is a place where a man is apt to exchange a stock of money for a stock of experience."—Boston Record.

HEROINE  
"What a brave little woman she is!"  
"Yes, she'll even go to the front door alone when the bell rings after nine o'clock at night."—Detroit Free Press.

RESTFUL TYPE  
Lady Visitor—"That new girl of yours seems very nice and quiet."  
Minerva—"Yes, she's very quiet. She doesn't even disturb the dust when she's cleaning the room."—Baltimore Sun.

SURELY NOT  
Johnny—"Paw, what does a newspaper mean when it says 'our esteemed comrade'?"  
Mr. Rivers—"It usually means, my boy, 'the miserable, contemptible, lying, sneaking little sheet that pretends to consider itself an organ of public opinion.'"

FAMILIAR GROUND  
"A man applied to a local firm which 'Need any more talent?'  
"Are you an actor?"  
"I am."

"Had any experience of acting without audiences?"  
"That's one of it. Lack of audiences is what brought me here."—Kansas City Journal.

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Teeth aching-jumping,  
Feels like a bilgeard,  
Down in the gizzard,  
Feet very frigid,  
Muscles all rigid,  
Head is aching,  
Ears are aching,  
Throat is a burning,  
Throat is a burning,  
Cannot help weeping,  
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British manufacturers of railway material will probably receive a considerable preference in all iron goods, and makers supplying internal combustion engines should obtain ample opportunities of demonstrating their ability to compete. Tenders are now being invited (in London and Australia only) for 125,000 tons of steel rails. They must reach the high commissioner's office in London by 2 p. m. on May 29.

About 2,000 men will be engaged on the work, 1,000 starting at each end. The two parties will meet in the middle of the route, in a desert, and will have to be supplied with water at enormous cost. The gangs will need to be accompanied by

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|-----------------|--------|
| April 22 Monday | 12,306 |
| " 23 Tuesday    | 12,302 |
| " 24 Wednesday  | 12,385 |
| " 25 Thursday   | 12,254 |
| " 26 Friday     | 12,308 |
| " 27 Saturday   | 11,512 |

Week's Total - - - 73,067  
Average Daily - - - 12,178

Mr. Advertiser:—If your Ad. isn't in the Times to-day, hadn't you better call, write or telephone? Think it over.

amel commissariat corps, and will for many months encounter grave risks. The line is to be 1,070 miles long, and in the opinion of King O'Malley, the labor minister for home affairs, is the longest that has been ever undertaken, as one job. The great American lines have been in most instances built in sections.

A CARD TO THE CLUB.  
Old Col. Dick Bright, of Washington, was shaved for years by a colored barber, who, not being blessed with the longevity of the colonel, finally died. Bright went to the funeral and, at the dinner table that evening, said he put his visiting card in the old barber's coffin.

"That's the cruelest thing I ever heard of," remarked a friend. "What on earth did you do it for?"

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