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TEACHERS' SALARIES.

Ontario's educational system, was severely criticized by Dr. Parkin, principal of Upper Canada College, at the first annual banquet of the Toronto Principals' Association. Dr. Parkin said that the school system of Ontario had absolutely impoverished public opinion. The teacher's salary in Canada, and especially in Ontario, as compared with salaries given in other spheres, ranked lowest. As compared with law there was only one schoolmaster in Ontario who received the salary a judge did, but the judge had the prospect of retiring after a few years on a superannuation of two-thirds of his salary, but unfortunately this was not the case with the teacher. He could not put his hand on a single man who got out of his profession, when holding similar positions in law, banking, railways, etc., received.

Heads of school institutions should be able to hold their positions with dignity, keeping in touch with the best in society, art and drama. It could not be done on \$1,000, \$1,500 or \$2,000, not by the scale of life in Toronto. No young man of ability now stayed in the profession, and he would not advise any of them to stay. They went into it at present as a stepping stone to something better. This should not be, and Canada would never rise to the true level while it was thus.

The large schools in England were then examined. Harrow paid its master \$3,000 a year, and Eton and some others as much if not more. This resulted in the same type of men competing for the school positions as for the bench, the cabinet, or the highest to be had. The press, also, was anxious about the appointment of a master to one of the large schools as a cabinet minister. Here, after years of faithful service, teachers have to step out and have nothing either to live on or to leave to their families, while in England they moved into much better situations and could thus make the most of life.

It was deplored that school boards were now placed in such a position that they could dismiss old and faithful teachers, and at the same time know they were depriving them of their sole means of support.

A great campaign had to be begun in Canada. To talk of the educational system of the province of Ontario being the best in the world was actually ridiculous. What could it be when the average one-teacher now stayed in the profession was four years? It was the public opinion that was willing to take what was cheap and nasty that was to blame. It was absolutely perverted.

Dr. Parkin asserted that teachers should live equally well with the members of other professions, should be in touch with public opinion, and that a handsome residence should be in connection with each collegiate institute, allowing the master so to live that the pupils would look up to him as equal to other men. The house master was the greatest inducement to the best men in any country, because when they finished their college course, they generally wanted to marry, and a beautiful home was the greatest attraction. In other professions they had to wait longer before being able to support a home.

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Dr. Parkin talked round the question, yet failed to point out that the teachers themselves are largely to blame for the present condition of things. The qualifications for teaching have in the last 25 years gone away up, yet salaries have remained the same. In fact the only thing that has kept them from going lower as a result of the Ross policy is a wholesome public opinion. Yet nine-tenths of the teachers support the policy of the Ross government. And if they are satisfied with their lot, why should the public care?

A PREACHER WITH THE COURAGE OF HIS CONVICTIONS.

It is not often that a beneficiary of the railway has the courage to speak his mind of a corporation which grants him favors, but Rev. Wm. B. Walker of Christ church, Joliet, Ill., is not of the mealy-mouthed sort. He indulged in some rather caustic criticisms of certain features of American railway management. As a result, his clergyman's half-fare permit was revoked by the Western Passenger association. Mr. Walker promptly appealed to the interstate commerce commission, claiming that the association was guilty of unjust discrimination, inasmuch as it freely gave half-fare permits to other members of his cloth. The passenger association evidently didn't want the commission to establish a troublesome precedent by rendering a decision in the case, so its chairman promptly restored Mr. Walker's privileges, and his fellow-preachers may now accept this customary courtesy from railroads without feeling that they thereby surrender their independence or contract to remain silent about any evils they may discover in the management of the great railroad properties of the country. United States congresses which look to their pastors for light and leading on social, industrial and economic questions, must share the feeling of gratitude that is due to the Joliet man for his courageous action.

HERE IS THE PLATFORM HUGH JOHN WOOD.

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Enforcement of the alien labor law.
Encouragement to a better class of immigration.

Extension of the provincial boundaries to Hudson Bay.
That the province have complete control of school lands.

The Boers don't know what they miss when they neglect an opportunity to wait and see what a real British bayonet charge is like.

Nickel-novel reading, it appears, was at the bottom of the criminal degeneracy which led Henry Hamberger, aged 29, to murder and rob Reindel, the bicycle repairer, in Detroit.

It was during the Napoleonic wars that the phrase "to lie like a bulletin" was invented.—New York World.

The bulletins are not so bad these days; it's the war critics who cannot tell the truth.

The Globe yells fraud and corruption in connection with the Manitoba elections. It is quite likely. Three arrests along those lines have been made so far, all leading Liberal workers.

One feature of the election is worth noting. The election returns show that two out of the three, and perhaps the three French constituencies, have returned supporters of Greenway. This would indicate that the national schools are acceptable to the people of these constituencies.—Windsor Record.

It is quite true that the three French Canadian constituencies of St. Boniface, La Verandrye and Carillon went back on the Conservatives. It was the electors in these constituencies who the Conservative party wrecked itself to secure Separate schools for.

LET THE COURTS TRY THE CASE.

Hamilton Spectator.

We must put down corruption, shouts the Toronto Globe—no matter to what party the hoodlums belong they must be punished. And when Organizer Smith, of Manitoba, is arrested, charged with bribery, the Globe instantly declares him innocent, and says the arrest is an outrage.

DIED OF THE DREYFUS CASE.

Springfield Republican.

One by one the dramatic personae in the Dreyfus affair are dying, and it may be said that the victim of the conspiracy shall survive all his accusers. It is recalled that after the Parnell trial there was a similar mortality among those concerned, and the cause surmised was that over-excitement affected the nervous system and the heart especially.

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Hamilton Herald (Ind.)

Why does the government shrink

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HE HAS GOOD KENT BLOOD IN HIM.

Windsor Record.

Hugh Guthrie, the clever young lawyer who is conducting the Crown business at the present assizes, is a son of Donald Guthrie, Q. C., ex-M. P. of Guelph, a man long prominent in the legal profession and in Liberal politics in Ontario. His mother is a daughter of the late John McVicar, who was an extensive farmer and pioneer of Kent county. She is a sister to Principal McVicar, of the Montreal Presbyterian college, and of Malcolm McVicar, recently chancellor of McMaster university, Toronto, and now superintendent of Baptist colored schools in the Southern States. Young Mr. Guthrie was recently nominated by the Liberals of South Wellington to the House of Commons. From a Liberal point of view, if breeding counts for anything in such matters, the young candidate should pass.

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London Outlook.

To the Editor of the Outlook:—A cutting from the Natal Advertiser, which will appeal to your readers. We are not very big, but we have done our best for the honor of the Empire and the integrity of South Africa, and ask for one favor, that the B. P. will not imagine that Natal is a town in the Cape Colony any more.

Natal, October 20.
(Written by request, for "Our Boys at the Front.")

She's the smallest of the children
In the dear Old Lady's shoe,
And yet the lass has shown the rest
The sort of thing to do:
For while they have been waiting,
Why, she's knocked things into shape
And shamed Miss Wacht-en-Deetje
And her cousins at the Cape.

Chorus.
She's Britannia's Piccanniny;
If she isn't very big,
She's a daughter of the Empire.
So she doesn't care a fig,
Tho' she's landed in the front of it—
And bound to bear the brunt of it;
The grim and grisly brunt of it!
Natal!

She's a plucky little midget
If she doesn't run to size,
And though she's but a featherweight
She'll wipe the Dutchman's eyes.
The way she peeled her jacket
Shows the good old figure strain;
And what Britannia's sons have done
Natal will do again!

When they told her men were wanted
Well, she vowed she would be first,
And rolled her Volunteers along
Before the storm should burst;
So, while the Cape was wavering,
And kept her colors hid,
Natal flung her flag aloft
And just sat in and—did it!

Yes, we love this Piccanniny,
And will gather round her shield,
Swore to keep her motto stainless
On the red and bloody field;
For she's left her honor's keeping
To her trusty volunteers.
So they greet Natal's banner
With a storm of ringing cheers.

Chorus.
She's Britannia's Piccanniny;
If she isn't very big,
She's a daughter of the Empire.
So she doesn't care a fig,
Tho' she's landed in the front of it—
And bound to bear the brunt of it;
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"Oh, yes. Why, if you will only come down where I have been staying for the last four weeks I will show you about one hundred and thirty cases, divided among Tibbary East, West and North, and also in Maidstone and Rochester. These cases have nearly all been smouldering since last summer, and although they are all very light attacks, they are, nevertheless, small-pox, and typical of the disease that has been going through the United States and Mexico during the last year."

"Where do you think it originated and how long do you think it will be before it is wiped out?"
"Well, as near as I can see, it came from Toledo, or thereabouts, and as for the epidemic, I think that all the cases will be cured by the first of the year. We have them all strictly quarantined and there is no chance for it spreading."

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