



The gravest beast is the Ass ; The gravest bird is the Owl ;
The gravest fish is the Oyster ; The gravest man is the Fool.

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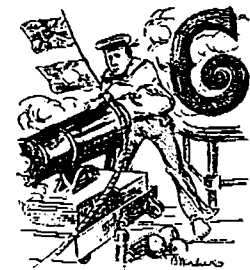
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COME now, the School Board do show spasms of intelligence occasionally. They have bounced four of Jim Hughes' supervisors, thereby saving \$6,000 a year. It would have been a good thing to do even if they hadn't saved a cent. The whole tendency of the Inspector's methods is wrong, and the Board cannot too soon get back to the old idea of placing every responsibility on the teacher and getting rid of the spies and bureaucrats.

THE question of Sunday street-cars is up once more for discussion and it is likely that a plebiscite will again be asked for. There is a good deal to be said on both sides. The plea that the crowded population of the city should be afforded some means of access to the suburban breathing places is one of growing force, and it is altogether probable that the argument of public necessity will in the end prevail. It is to be regretted that no sufficient safeguard against the overworking of the employees of the company exists, as the clauses in the agreement supposed to protect them are not worth the paper on which they are written. No doubt the corporation will violate them as soon as they see it to their interest to do so and work their men seven days in the week; and it is equally probable that other rapacious employers will follow their example. However the people ought to have thought of this before they consented to hand the city over to a monopoly.

HAMILTON papers complain that the women of that suburb come over to Toronto to buy their dry-goods. But then, Toronto men often run over to Hamilton to buy wet goods, which evens things up.

THE Chicago World's Fair—but we guess we'd better not say anything, remembering that Toronto once had an alleged Carnival with "four days solid enjoyment."

THE Ratepayers' Association are against the alteration of the Street Railway agreement so as to allow the com-

pany to control the streets. This is the strongest reason so far advanced in favor of the proposal. They were never before known to be on the right side of a public question.



necessity of keeping his intellectual faculties in abeyance when discussing points of doctrine in future.

THERE have been two shameful instances of judicial injustice lately which, owing to the slavish cowardice of our press, have called forth but little adverse comment. George Pyke, the absconding official of the Imperial Bank, has been let off by Judge Morgan with three months' imprisonment for stealing \$12,000. This is only one of several instances showing Mr. Morgan's unfitness for his position. Then there is the persecution of E. A. Macdonald, who has to serve a like term for "contempt of court," although the creditor at whose instance the proceedings were taken has received a partial payment and expresses himself satisfied. Mr. Macdonald is evidently kept in jail because he is politically obnoxious to the ruling class. Our judicial system is almost as rotten as that of the United States—which is saying a great deal.

SOMEWHAT FASTIDIOUS.

SILLSMITH—"Here's a fellow advertises that he wishes to make the acquaintance of a lady of non-mercenary disposition—wonder what he means by that?"

TOMBROWN—"Oh guess he wants one that ain't been in the Mercer."

IGNORANT COLLEGIANS.

MRS. JIMPSECUTE—"Here, just listen to this, Henry, out of the *News* :
Lieut.-Gov. Kirkpatrick quoted statistics to show that one in every forty college graduates makes his mark.

There, now! Isn't that a shameful state of things? Just like these colleges, stuffing the boys heads with Latin and Greek and such-like nonsense when some of them can't write their names."