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CLOSE THE SCHOOLS.

We understand that the principal matter for consideration at this evening's special meeting of the Public School Board will be that of the proposal to allow the schools to stand closed for the summer after to-night.

The proposal is a good one. But three days of school remain at best. The entrance examinations commence or such of those people as may read to-morrow, and—a fact important to this paper, Mrs. Bradley's letter is the small boy-the circus will be in

The weather is too warm for effective work, the holidays are too near. Dyspepsia. Tablets, so as to possibly The Board will be acting in the best interests of education and humanity if it adopts the suggestion and forthwith declares the schools closed.

A PERFECT SUMMER DAY. The perfect or ideal days of sun mer are as rare as most things much desired. So far the clouds have let their moisture flow in too large effusion for that great majority which loves nature only in her sunniest moods, but a succession of blue and golden skies lacks varietly if too much prolonged, and certainly conduces to make summer's mantle of green very dusty. There comes tarnish as of rust too early in the year, the foliage of the roadside changes to a dirty white, the flowers that have some permanence, common flowers we call them, lose all their freshness, and droop as if ashamed of their untidy appearance. Too many 'fine, bright days' are neither conflucive to comfort nor are they desired by the farmer or the true lover of nature. In such hot spells of weather we can all sympathize with Sydney Smith's wellknown expression in Lady Holland's Memotr, 'Heat, ma'am! it was so dreadful here that I found there was nothing left for it but to take off my flesh and sit in my bones' Then we exclaim with one accord, 'Oh, for a rooting showen!' Perhaps we have had the many cooling showers hitherto, but how green and fair the world looks now because of them, and summer seems, indeed 'just budded from the bud of spring.' Upon an 'ideall summer morning we do not awaken to the wrath of a furnace of heat there is a misty air, the wistful blue of the sky is dappled with dim grey clouds, and there is a soft wind stirsome half dozen houns or so, but the sun's beams are not really fierce. and then, in the evening, the western breeze blows mild and soffit agrain. In Canada, winter always simply rushes into summer, and there is no spring here in the same sense that there is in England. The ground is covered like magic. One week you pass, and it is nearly bare. The next, it is thick and high with a very tangle of green things. Tu only seems a few weeks ago that the snow was on the ground. Then the hepatica and blood-noot came. They passed quickly, to be followed by the spring beauty, the dog's tooth violet and the trillium. Now these are gone and the fields are a smother of tall grasses, clover, and buttercups and dassies. A perfect summer day atways includes a smart shower towards the evening to freshen up the old earth. How delightful and refreshing itt is, after the glare of the sunlight; how beautiful is the soft grey sky, and how beautifully the rain freshens up the calors of the various greens. Brown greens, grey greens, blue greens, yellow greens, as the poverty of language compels us to call them, all are glistening with the fresh polish of the water, and are the brighter for the dark framing of the clouds. It is a new world, and the people who call such weather 'miserable' must have strangely unbbservant eyes. Presently the rain passes over, the sky opens, and there is a rainbow. It is a glorious sky, pink in the west, tawny in the south, golden in the east, and the zenith, where the cloud has cleared away, is pure azure. 'And so,' as Pepys observes, after a far less soulful ententainment, 'home t

RIFLE PRACTICE A FARCE.

It might have been expected that the war still dragging out its weary length in South Africa would have impressed the Canadian military authorities, as it has other people with the vital necessity of good marksmanship amongst the rank and, file of the militia. Every schoolboy knows that the Boers' long stand against great odds is due largely to the fact that the Dutchman can bring down his man at a mile away. The least observant must have perceived that the twentieth century soldier is not the spick and span machine graduated from the barrack-yard, but the man who can, under harassing campaign conditions, nail his opponent

STARVED HERSELF

A remarkable story is that of Mrs ames Bradley, Smith's Cove, Nova scotia. By her own statement she She was a victim of Dyspep-

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dyspepsia, They are fifty cents a box at all druggists. fair average of times, and, by the exercise of his mother wit, expose himself as little as possible, and so afford the enemy the minimum of chances to nail him in return. Granted all this, why cannot the Militia Department realize that the people of Canada, irrespective of party, would support it to the hilt in providing the Canadian militiamen with every facility for rifle

practice ?

We believe it would be hard to find any considerable body of Canadians who would grudge the expense of providing each member of the militia with the most modern arm, the best of ammunition, and lots of it, and unlimited facilities for practice. On the other hand there is the most culpable negligence on the part of the Militia De partment. This is indicated by a narrative in the Mail and Empire of June 18 describing conditions at the annual camp at Niagara. Doubtless the same might be said of the camp at London. The reader should notice that not only is an insufficient amount of ammunition issued, and that of inferior quality, but the men are so hurried in firing as to turn the whole business, bad enough already, practically into a farce. Surely the facts revealed in the following despatch are enough to constitute a stinging arraignment of the Militia Department's methods. The Mail and Empire's Niagara correspondent

be carefully trained in rifle shooting. The department, however, has neglected to make anything like adequate provision for the carrying out of the orders

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at the short butts a farce, They are situated down in Paradise Grove and look like school boys' popgun affairs. At the side of the big blackboard a little target, about 10 by 15 bull's eye. Twenty-five yards in front of this is a row of stakes where the Martini-Henry rifles with the tubes nserted lie ready sighted for the men. "The authorities evidently forgot that the militia would have no instructor to sight their guns for

"A regiment marches up to the butts and the men are told to 'hurry up and get through,' in order to make way for another corps. Then the musketry officer explains that the guns are considerably 'off,' and in order to hit the bull's eye they must shoot at a little black disc on

them when a real enemy hove in

the left outer edge of the target. They are also told that the common black powder used is very poor, and that the balls will probably drop low. with all these instructions the volunteer commences his annual training with his only weapon, the rifle. The results generally indicate that they might as well have been told to shut their eyes and pull the trigger

"The ammunition provided by the government is abominable, and looks like the tiny cartridges used in a youngster's sparrow rifle. An armorer is kept constantly busy boring balls out of the rifle barrels, while about every fourth cap misses fire A whole regiment is rushed through in two or three hours.

"Forthy rounds are allowed men a the long ranges. Here also they are rushed and hurried, and even then the musiketry instructor does not hope to be able to allow the men to shoot more than 20 cartridges apiece. This is due to the fact that only 15 ranges are provided for more than 3,000 men.

"With this experience in rifle shooting once every twelve months, Canadian volunteer is supposed to hold himself in readiness to turn out on a moment's notice, should war be declared, and flight his country's battles."

Press and people, irrespective of party lines, should unlite to insist that such a irrational condition of affairs be stopped, and that the men who annually wear the King's scarlet be given at least a fair chance to learn to use their wearons.

THE QUICK AND THE DEAD.

The Brantford Expositor, commenting on the chorus of kindly references to the late A. S. Hardy, recannot say kindly things about each other when they are alive and well and before the shadow of death falls upon them.

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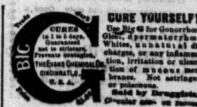
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