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selves. The wrong application is to shorten rations and distribute them less often to Indians who have no game and fish to live on, and who cannot find work except during a few months of the year. "Overseer," who evidently. knows all about the capabilities and limitations of the Alberta Indians, remonstrates respectfully with the Indian Department and warns its wellmeaning but mistaken Commissioner that, unless the Government provide work for those Indians who have not yet reached the stage of raising cattle, the Indians and their families will be reduced to a state of intermittent starvation. Surely, the cheeseparing which has resulted in the "saving of so many thousand pounds of beef" is a poor makeweight to counterbalance the starving of those aboriginal inhabitants whose rich lands we have taken from them.

Indian Problem Again

To the Editor Bulletin:

In your issue of the 5th inst. there appeared a very optimistic view of the Indian situation drawn "from the annual report of Commissioner Laird."

Much stress s laid on the reducing of rations realized on the ranching reserves of southern Alberta, and the saving thereby of so many thousand pounds of beef. The main object in view yet, it is asserted, is not so much the saving realized as the development of a spirit of self-reliance in the Indian, which will eventually make him a self supporting citizen of the country. The purpose, then, is to sooner make the Indian self-supporting, and this purpose is assuredly praiseworthy and wise; the means resorted to, we may acknowledge, is fairly adapted to the end. Give less assistance, and the Indian will be obliged to exert himself the more. But is this means administered in a sound and judicious manner.

only two or three days, and the family will starve until the next issue of rations.

Now, it is easy to realize what will be the effect of this intermittent starving, continued through so many months. Few constitutions will be able to stand it for years.

No, especially when rations are reduced then should be the time to increase the number of issues, and to distribute this meagre allowance thrice a week rather than twice. The rate of mortality is large enough on the reserves. For humanity's sake do not submit these unfortunate people to intermittent starvation. The beautiful country, the rich land that you have taken from them, where bounteous harvests are the rule, where millions of cattle are raised, plentifully affords you the means of treating these people with kindness and generosity. They will soon be a thing of the past, do not hasten this melancholy fate, tend By all means make them self-supporting, it is best, especially for them, best in all respects; but go about it with judgment and humanity. The only sensible way of obtaining this result is to provide remunerative work of some kind for the strong and able-bodied men. Then they will be in a position to earn their livelihood, but there is no work for them, and here is the great mistake from the beginning.

Inducing the Indians to raise cattle has been the only step in the right direction. They have taken to it wonderfully. Some of them are well off already and able to take care of themselves unassisted. But for the others, who are not so well advanced, do not be so hasty, there is no reason for reducing them to starvation. Supply them with work, this is not done except for a few months of the year, at the hay season, for instance. The greatest part of the year there is no work on the reserve for them by which they could earn their livelihood, and the policy of the Department is to keep them from roaming about the country looking for odd jobs. What will they do? They cannot, by any amount of thinking feed themselves and their families.

Note that for these Indians of Southern Alberta there is not the resource of going on hunting and fishing expeditions as the Indians of the north can do; hunting and fishing are practically out of the question in that part of the country.

What then? Any sensible man will be obliged to say that such a system of issuing reduced rations for seven days is quite unwarrantable.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for your valuable space,

OVERSEER.

CURRENT COMMENT

(Continued from page 1.) such cases can only amount to ascer-



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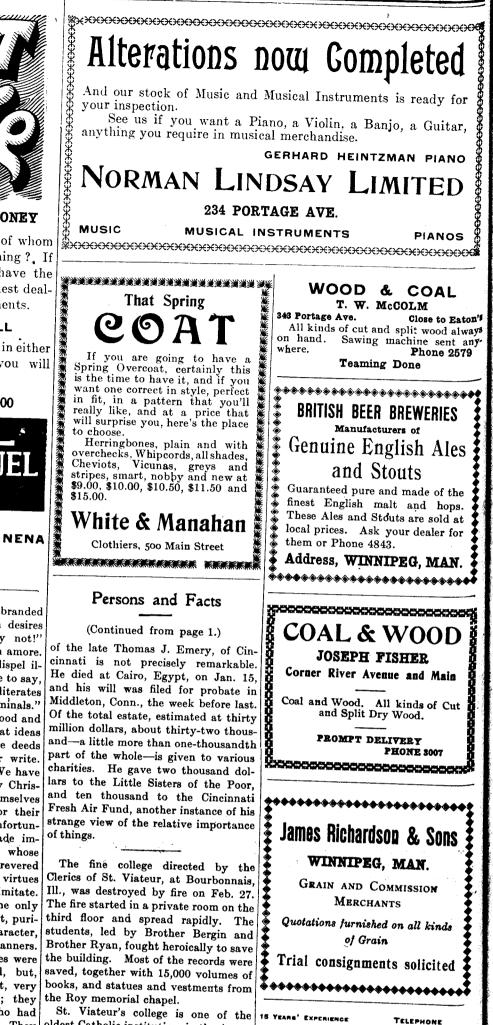
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true, which has so often been branded as a slander, that the Church desires to encourage illiteracy? Surely not!" That "surely not!" we echo con amore. But, while doing our best to dispel illiteracy, we believe it is not true to say as the "Tribune" does, that illiterates "make excellent material for criminals." Men and women may be very good and have their minds filled with great ideas and their wills trained to noble deeds without being able to read or write We have known many such. We have known illiterate but thoroughly Christian parents who pinched themselves in their poverty to procure for their children that education which unfortunate local circumstances had made impossible for themselves, and whose children, when highly educated, revered in their parents those sterling virtues which they themselves strove to imitate. Reading and writing are not the only means of cultivating the intellect, purifying and exalting the moral character, refining and reforming one's manners. The Greeks of the age of Pericles were highly intellectual and refined, but, as Sir John Lubbock points out, very few of them could read or write; they preferred to listen to slaves who had learnt those mechanical arts. They listened with more retentive memories than ours, for the habit of desultory The college is under the presidency of

taining that the children are properly their words, dictated to amanuenses, anniversary of whose are still the marvel of the learned world. priesthood was celebrated at the institu-



oldest Catholic institutions in the American west, having been founded in 1868. reading impairs the memory, and they Very Rev. M. J. Marsile, who is widely meditated to such good purpose that known as an educator, and the silver

J. B. HIRSCHMAN PRACTICAL PLUMBING GAS AN STEAM FITTING

The practice used to be to issue rations twice a week. Now, besides the reducing of rations, as acknowledged above, the new system adopted is to issue general rations only once a week.

Exceptions are made, however, for old people and invalids, who draw free rations, as usual, twice a week, and for those who are able to pay for their rations, the cost of said rations being deducted from the price of beeves supplied to the Department from their own herd.

It follows that those who-are in good health, but are not, as yet, in a position to support themselves, are receiving shortened rations only once a week.

What will happen when these

cared for.

But are the poor to be treated less fairly than the rich? We are not speaking of those unnatural parents who, through vice or avarice, make their children work when they should example of others. All competent ber about ninety. St. Viateur's has be at school, or allow them to grow up in the streets without any education at all, except the vicious one they pick up in the gutters. Such compared to the educated convicts is parents are criminal and should be punished accordingly. For the duty of securing proper education for one's children is a most grave one, binding the conscience of all parents under pain of grievous sin. But we have

especially in view those conscientious Catholics who, holding in abhorrence all schools that have not a Catholic atmosphere, cheerfully stint them-

selves to pay a double tax-one compulsory to the schools they abominate of their choice. Is the State going to force them to give up their freedom alone have a right to decide what to do is to ascertain if these schools impart a sufficiency of secular know-

We beg the "Tribune" to note, in the above long but necessary quotation of our view, the passage which says that "the duty of securing proper education for one's children is a most grave one,

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binding the conscience of all parents under pain of grievous sin." This con-

are of small value compared with careates in our modern penitentiaries as classes.

small, are now agreed that it is not the lack of the ability to read and write that makes criminals, but rather the not honest means of earning a living, possessed of which one naturally associates himself with law-abiding citizens seeking mutual protection for their property and handicraft.

The carting for sand and stone for the new Cathedral of St. Boniface has and the other voluntary to the school been going on for several weeks. Two small, temporary houses for the contractors have been built on the ground. of choice? God forbid. The parents In a few days excavation will begin, especially if this mild weather continues. school they will send their children The site chosen is just back of the old to. The most the State has any right Cathedral, which, having been consecrated nearly twenty years ago, cannot be put to any other use, and must, therefore, be pulled down. Great enthusiasm in manifested in the new

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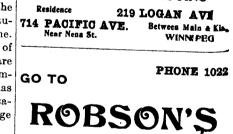
Even in our day reading and writing tion at the commencement last June. The college roster bears the names of ful observation, practical experience, over 250 students, most of whom are and the lessons learnt from the voice and from Chicago, and the instructors numsociologists, reasoning upon the well been very successful since its organizaknown fact that the proportion of illiter- tion, and yearly has graduated large

Father Cannon, of Urbana, and Father Durkin, of Rantour, Ill., in behalf For Fine Photographs of an Urbana, Illinois, millionaire, whose name is being kept secret, has having learnt a trade or some such offered the trustees of St. Viateur's college \$50,000 in cash and twelve acres of land as a site provided the college is removed to Urbana. The proposed site is three-quarters of a mile from Urbana, and is valued at \$10,000.

A member of the board said that the buildings destroyed will probably be rebuilt on the present site in Bourbonnais. School work has been temporarily suspended, most of the 250 students having departed for their homes. The pupils taking the lower branches of study will not be recalled for the present school year, but it is expected that arrangements can be made for the return of the higher grade students within the next two weeks.

The gymnasium building, which was not damaged, will be partitioned off into study and recitation rooms. Revised figures place the loss on buildings and contents at \$250,000. The insurance is \$90,000.

The Paulist Fathers are meeting with great success in their Chinese missions shortened rations are brought to the firms our esteemed contemporary's or gentleman for Northwest Review, of 300 Chinese children conducted by in San Francisco. They have a school hungry ones at home? It must, of almost chivalrous defence of the Church, the only Catholic newspaper in the the Helpers of the Holy Souls. Five necessity, follow that these rations when, misunderstanding our words, the West. Liberal terms. Apply The of the Sisters are natives of China. intended for seven days, will last "Tribune" exclaimed: "Can that be Business Manager Northwest Review. They speak, besides Chinese, Italian,



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