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Mr. Whitney's Educational Policy.

When Mr. Whitney was in opposition he was very loud in his denunciations of the Liberal Government's educational policy; and equally loud in his assertions of the improvements he would make if he had the opportunity. He has now laid his ideas in crystallized form before the Legislature. We say, his ideas, because as the Minister of Education is not an expert in that line, it is safe to assume that the Premier has taken the matter into his charge; and has simply put forward Dr. Pyne as his mouthpiece.

The first bill introduced deals more especially with the organization of the Department. He proposes to have, in addition to the Deputy Minister of Education, a superintendent. As the work of both these offices was performed by the late deputy, Mr. Miller, the only change is in dividing the office and doubling the salary—two men doing under Mr. Whitney what one did under Mr. Miller. It will doubtless relieve the minister considerably; the advantage to the department in a divided responsibility is not so apparent, though increased expenditure is evident.

Another feature is the reconstruction of the advisory council. The only difference is that formerly it was an appointed council; now it is elected. Where a body of men are intrusted with executive powers it seems proper that it should be elected; that is in accordance with the principles of self-government. But the educational council is for the purpose of advising the minister—it is not a governing body. We question very much if the substitution of the elective principle—with its opportunities for canvassing, with the result of votes cast sometimes in ignorance, sometimes from personal prejudice or favoritism—will have as good an effect as the appointive principle, under which the Government can select the men who, from special knowledge or extended experience, are best qualified to give advice.

But whether the change in this respect be good or bad, if the principle of election is to be adopted, why should certain institutions be given the power of having a representative, while to others the privilege is denied? The universities of Toronto, Ottawa, Mac-Master and Queen's are to be represented—the first named having four members, and the others one each. Why has the Western been omitted? We can only hope this has been an oversight, which will be rectified in committee. May we hope, also, that the inequality in the representation will be reconsidered. The justice of giving Toronto as large a representation as all the other universities combined is not apparent. If university representation is adopted, it would seem not only just but expedient that the representation should be from the faculties of the various colleges affiliated rather than from the senates of the universities. That would bring in the men engaged in practical work.

In the bill regarding schools, the underlying principle seems to be that of raising the standard of the teaching profession, and increasing the remuneration of teachers. To this there will be no opposition. It is but the policy of the late Government which has been steadily held in view for years; and which Mr. Whitney's predecessors have always endeavored to bring into practice, as fast and as far as circumstances would permit. The methods now proposed, however, may be open to debate.

The plan of the new Government is to abolish model schools as a rule, and increase the number of normal schools. The late Government added to the Normal schools, by the establishment of one in London, and doubled the length of the course. If we understand the explanations of the minister, he proposes to take the intending teacher direct from the Collegiate, and without giving her, or him, the three months preliminary training in the model school, or the three years' work under a third-class certificate, send him direct to the Normal school, and there give him only the one year's course now in force. Will that be wise?

One great complaint of the Normal school work has been that the principles and practice of pedagogy cannot be sufficiently taught in the short course now in force. The Government proposes to leave the Normal school course as it is, and dispense with the model school training and with the practical work done thereafter, before the pupil enters the Normal. We shall wait to see how Mr. Whitney explains further what he expects from this method of improving efficiency. If it were proposed to lengthen the Normal school course, and increase the pupils' opportunities for gaining practical ex-

perience, we could understand it. But without that, doubts are excusable.

That teachers' salaries should be increased is a proposition upon which there will be an agreement between both parties in the House. And the measures involved in the bill seem calculated to bring this about. But it must be remembered, that, much as the late Government may have desired this improvement, it was one which could not be effected until the public sentiment favored it and the financial condition of the people justified it. The course of the Liberal Government in raising the standard of the teaching profession has done much to make the public realize that teachers are worthy of better pay, and the general prosperity will reconcile many taxpayers to the increased expenditure necessary. That could not be done some time ago, it may possibly be done now. And yet, we anticipate that even now there will be considerable outcry in some sections of the country. Fortunately the prosperous condition of the finances of Ontario will justify larger grants for educational purposes, from the Provincial treasury, and will thus render the proposed reform more easy of accomplishment.

A constant subject of criticism in past years was the price of school books. Mr. Ross appointed a commission to inquire into the matter, and the result of the inquiry showed that he had not been so unwise as his critics seemed to think. Mr. Whitney condemned the appointment of the commission. Now he proposes to appoint a commission himself. Of course, he claims that his commission will be a better one than the Liberals appointed. But, whatever the commission may report, he is careful not to make any promises, because, he says, he must wait for the expiration of the present contracts. It is possible Mr. Whitney's commission may report that books can now be published cheaper than they were formerly. Even if that should be the result, it will not show that the Liberal Government did not make the best bargain possible at the time.

Looking over the bills as carefully as we can, it would seem that any improvements suggested in the present law are only such as would be logically involved in carrying out the policy of the Liberals; that radical departures not involved are open to grave doubt, and, finally, that the bulk of the alterations are on small matters of detail, of no very great importance, whether they are classed as good, bad or indifferent.

Ignominious Retreat.

[Washington Star.]
It's housecleaning time—
And the old barn farm, where
Where things are the same
As they all used to be.
No pictures nor tides
In this place around;
No "Home, Sweet Home," mottoes
No "Knockers" around.

How the spiders make webs
That remain year by year,
And the dust to its home
And the title that's clear;
An' the grasses near by,
Let 'em scold as they may—
They can't bother me
As I sleep in the hay.

Home ain't what it was—
It's a horrible dream—
A strange transformation,
An' the house is a steam,
An' the windows are white-wash,
An' the chimneys are smoke,
So it's me for the barn
While it's housecleaning time!

Not Like Other Girls.

[Judge.]
We hear much of Plain Duty. It may be because of plain duty that so few people have anything to do with her.

Still Better.

[Catholic Standard and Times.]
"Did you ever see this one?" Inquired the tressome funny man. "You can take two letters from 'money' and leave only 'one.' See how it's done?"

"Yes," replied the postal clerk, "and I've known fellows to take money from any number of letters and leave absolutely nothing."

An Impression.

[Oscar Wilde.]
The sea is flecked with bars of gray,
The dead wind is out of tune,
And like a withered leaf the moon
Is blown across the stormy bay.

Etched clear upon the pallid sand
The black boat lies, a sailor boy
Clambers aboard in careless joy,
With laughing face and gleaming hand.

And overhead the crows cry,
While through the dusky upland grass
The young brown-throated reapers pass
Like silhouettes against the sky.

And That's No Mistake.

[Chicago News.]
"There is a tide in the affairs of men which, taken at its flood, leads on to fortune," quoted the moralizer.

"True," rejoined the demoralizer, "but a lot of them are left stranded high and dry every year, because they picked out the wrong tide."

Immense.

[Detroit Free Press.]
A little nonsense now and then
Is refreshing by the heat of men;
But jokes that men declare immense
Are at some other man's expense.

The Boss Explosions.

[Washington Star.]
Vesuvius has been scientifically catalogued as a mean between the quiet and explosive types of volcanoes, but it has at times displayed tremendous energy. In 1822 the summit of the cone was reduced by fully 800 feet by the force of the eruption. In 1778 stones were thrown to a height estimated at 10,000 feet. But Vesuvius has never, so far as records show, displayed such explosive activity as that witnessed in the case of Krakatoa, in the Straits of Sunda. In May, 1883, after more than 200 years of quiescence this volcano began to show signs of activity, and finally on the night of Aug. 26-27 it exploded with such force as to blow miles

into the air a mass of rock which has been estimated at one cubic mile. The dust arose vertically fully 20 miles and was distributed practically all over the earth, being borne by the upper currents. The explosion caused a tidal wave which destroyed fully 20,000 people.

England's Impoverished Clergymen.

[Goldwin Smith in Farmers' Sun.]
No case can be more touching than that of the impoverished clergyman in England, struggling to keep up social appearances, while he and his family want bread. Ten cases are reported of deaths of clergymen in the workhouse, one of the number, we are told, having once been wealthy, and spent large sums in charity. This takes place in a land where luxury is at its greatest height, when fabulous sums are given for bawbles, and even for rare postage stamps, and it is said with that half a million of dollars a day changes hands at bridge; while millions untold are expended on the forces required to purchase the means of luxury of things imperially, and to pay the cost of unnecessary wars. The benefit of the meals left at all events be extended from the parent whose child goes to school without breakfast to the clergyman whose wife, when warned of the dinner hour, replies: "It is not my turn for dinner today." Think of the lot of the pauper clergyman's wife! Depreciation of titles, and of the value of money, with overcrowding of this, as of the other learned professions, are no doubt the immediate cause. But if the faith of the people in the doctrine were unshaken, the preacher and his family would hardly be left to starve.

The Bells of England.

[Detroit Free Press.]
The metal tongue of the big bell rings out many changes to our modern ears. It speaks of disaster and death, of rejoicing and devotion. In England it often tells of old time and quaint customs. Mr. Ditchfield, in a book on old England, gives some of the traditions handed down through the "thirteenth century of the bells." In western England, the bells peal merrily on "Oak Apple day," to celebrate the escape from the clutches of Boscombe. Another bell, rung at the beginning of Lent, is known as "Pancake bell," because, in old time phrase, it "summons people away from their pan-cakes to church-going."

A lively peal of bells is often rung at the end of the Sunday morning service and is called "pudding bell." Perhaps its purpose is to announce to the stay-at-homes that service is over and that the pudding may come out of the oven. Every night at 9:05 "Great Tom," the great bell of Christ Church College at Oxford, booms out its ponderous note 101 times. This particular number was chosen in accordance with the number of students at the foundation of the college.

Immediate Application.

[New York Sun.]
Knicker—I see they are to open a day and night bank.
Mrs. Knicker—How lovely; then you can give me twice as many checks.

A Big Contract.

[Lord Curzon.]
Wherever unknown lands exist, wherever people are in a state of barbarism, wherever a new civilization can be implanted or superimposed, on an old civilization, wherever, in fact, progress and enlightenment are possible, there is a field for the Anglo-Saxon.

New Creations for Men.

[Boston Transcript.]
The terrifying rumor comes from London that there is to be a radical change in evening dress for men. Blue cloth is dispensed of, velvet collars; the King himself is said to have commissioned a firm of tailors to experiment with a revised architecture. The happy thousands of men who are still contentedly wearing the evening coat of half a dozen years ago may well tremble for their easiest evening.

"Life" on Living.

[Life.]
One half the world doesn't give a hang how the other half lives.

Standing and Understanding.

[Cleveland Plaindealer.]
"Do you understand the meaning of the word 'pedestrian'?"
"Yes, sir. A pedestrian is a man who stands on the curb and watches the autos go by and wonders how he'll ever get across the street in time for his 6 o'clock dinner."

The Man with a System.

[Washington Star.]
"Charley looked very sick when he returned from the races," said young Mrs. Torkins.
"What was the trouble?"
"He said his system was out of order."

Joys In Store.

[Toronto Telegram.]
Ah, Prince Arthur will have a gay time in Toronto, with what the inevitable pegs of L.L.D. from the university and bar tender's license from the Whitney Government.

Ontario's Future.

[Ottawa Citizen.]
The soil of Ontario is not worked out, its richness is pronounced, and some of it is only now being opened up. It is just as good land as the newer provinces, but the charm of the pioneer life is strong upon the sons of the men who wrested Ontario from the wilderness and they cannot resist the "call of the wild." On the other hand the British farmer who has been used to the comforts of civilization might with advantage to himself avoid the sudden transition from thickly settled England to the lonely Northwest with its "league long furrows" by settling for a time in Ontario, taking the place of our own farmers who are moving westward.

THE CHINAMAN AS A FIGHTING MAN

[From the Washington Post.]

A gentleman from Japan is in Paris writing for the magazines, and he advises the courts and camps of Europe that even the British navy, powerful as it is, must some day weigh anchor and sail away from the far east; and he intimates that the day for that consummation is much nearer than the average thinker can easily imagine. The inference also is that France, Germany and the United States will all be served with tickets of leave long before England is dealt with.

Of course, Japan, valiant and pulsant as she is, cannot do these great things without assistance, and there is nobody but the Chinese. As for the Chinaman, he will have to be made over, and made of different stuff, before he will be fit for anything in a fight. He is without valor and he is without patriotism, two qualities he must acquire before any European nation will pay any attention to his orders to depart.

It is said that the Chinese army has increased to 1,000,000 soldiers, officered by Japanese. That may or may not be true, and probably it is not true; but even if it be a fact, you must take your recruits from a warlike people before you can make an army. The Chinese are not a warlike people, and it will require generations to make them such. If the Chinese could fight on land and sea even half as well as the Japanese, there would be no quarter for Europe and America to do but, with a withering, under the weight of their lives, when the orders come.

The world is living at a rapid pace nowadays. China is building railroads, opening mines, and establishing manufacturing plants. She may get civilized enough to fight, and if she does there is nothing more certain than that she will proclaim a Monroe doctrine—Asia for the Asiatics, the East for the Orientals.

However, that would be such a social, political and economic revolution, such a turning of civilization inside out, and setting it upside down, that it would be impossible, without the shedding of blood, and hence it is not a hazardous prediction that the present century, in its second or third quarter, will behold the Yellow Sea crimson with Caucasian blood—if the Chinaman gets to be a fighting man.

POEMS THAT LIVE

Selections From "In Memoriam"

[Alfred Tennyson.]
I sometimes feel I half a sin I feel;
To put in words the grief I feel;
For words, like Nature, half reveal
And half conceal the soul within.

But, for the quiet heart and brain
A use in measured language lies;
For words, like Nature, half reveal
And half conceal the soul within.

In words, like weeds, I'll wrap me o'er,
Like coarsest clothes against the cold;
But that large grief which thence enfolds
Is not in words, and no more.

Do we indeed desire the dead
Should sit by us as at our side?
Is there no business we would hide,
No inner witness that we dread?

Should he for whose applause I strove,
I had such reverence for his blame,
See some clear eye some hidden shame,
And I be lessened in his love?

I wrong the grave with fears untrue;
Shall love be blamed for want of faith?
The world will be with great truth;
The dead shall look me through and through.

Be near us when we climb or fall;
Ye watch, like God, the rolling hours
With last, for other eyes than ours,
To make allowance for us all.

Oh, yet we trust that somehow good
Will be the final goal of ill,
To pains of nature, sin of will,
Defects of death and fall of blood.

That nothing walks with aimless feet,
That not one life shall be destroyed,
Or cast as rubbish to the void,
When God hath made the pile complete.

That not a worm is cloven in vain;
That not a moth is lost in fire;
That not one seed shall fall unbarren,
And that subserves another's gain.

Behold, we know not anything;
I can but trust that good shall fall
At last, far off, behind us all,
And every winter change to spring.

So runs my dream; but what am I?
An infant crying in the night,
An infant crying for the light,
And with no language but a cry.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup
has been used for over THIRTY YEARS
BY MILLIONS OF MOTHERS FOR THEIR
CHILDREN WHILE TEething, with
PERFECT SUCCESS. IT SOOTHES THE
ALL PAIN, CURES WIND COLIC, and
is the best remedy for CHILDREN
by druggists in every part of the world.
Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's."

Diamonds in Ontario.

Ontario may not have any diamond fields, but it has some of the richest and best agricultural fields on the American continent.

The Western Real Estate Exchange of this city has a number of these agricultural fields to sell in the shape of fruit, poultry, garden, dairy, grass and grain farms. If you want to buy one of these farms, write to the Exchange or call at their office, No. 78 Dundas street, and get their latest catalogue of farms in Ontario for sale. Their telephone number is 696.

Many May Die.

Austin, Texas, April 14.—Details of the tornado which Thursday wrecked the hamlet of Briggs, 40 miles north of this city, are learned here today, and while no deaths have resulted as at first reported, a score or more are so injured it is expected many will die. Among the buildings destroyed was the new public school building. Many residences were swept from their foundations.

TO PREVENT IT BETTER THAN TO REPAIR.—A little medicine in the shape of the wonderful pellets which are known as PARKE'S VITALITY PILLS, administered at the proper time and with the directions adhered to, often prevent a serious attack of indigestion and by cleansing the blood they clear the skin of imperfections.

A New Haven (Conn.) judge recently rendered a decision in which he stated that there is no law in that state which makes it a crime or misdemeanor to take and use an automobile without the owner's permission. Minard's Liniment Cures Disemper.

J. H. CHAPMAN & CO

Store Open Tonight.



Gloves

Seems as if the gloves are fairly walking out these days. We never remember such a glove trade. The short gloves are not a bit scarce, we have abundance, but the long gloves are; in fact, we were glad of a small shipment that came Thursday—it helped us out. We will have the following tonight:

Ladies' Milanes Lisle Net
Elbow Gloves, champagne
shade, embroidered backs.
They'll not be here long. Price
per pair.....75c

Fawn Mousquetaire Elbow
Gloves, a pair.....\$1.50
White Dressed Kid Elbow
Gloves, and Black Suede, full
16 button length. A pair, \$2

New Lisle Gloves, large pearl
dome, at a pair.....40c
Fine French Kid Gloves, all
shades, fitted and guaranteed,
\$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50

Lightweight Coats

Jaunty Fawn Coats for spring, in popular hip-length, smartly tailored with straps and raised seams. Most of them are lined with satin or mercer-silk. Prices from.....\$5.00 to \$15.00

Loose Coats

The Long, Loose Coat has found considerable favor with fashionable dressers. They come in light gray tweeds or fawn covert cloth, modish stitching and tailored straps. Prices.....\$9.00 to \$15.00

Why Not Choose a Hat Tonight?

Why not? We will be busy tonight, but not too busy to serve you. All orders will be filled—yours too, if you like. Our magnificent showing affords you wonderful variety. Many of the most modish effects of the season will be ready for tonight. Come and see.

BELTING

Silver and Gilt Belting, six different stripes, at a yard.....50c and \$1.00

New Brown Handbags at... 55c
Blue, Brown, Green, Gray and
Black Handbags, three styles, at.....75c

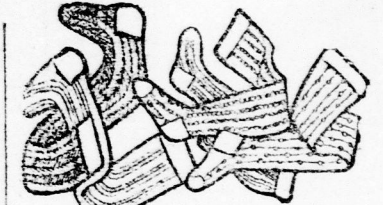
Black Hand Purses, seal-leather,
at.....75c
Leather Shopping Bags, 18 inch,
at.....75c

WHITE WAISTS

White Persian Lawn Waists,
choice of ten styles, trimmed with
embroidery insertion, at.....\$1.00

Fine White Batiste Waists, fine
tucks in back, covering the buttons
and buttonholes, lace and embroidery,
forming fancy yoke, at... \$1.50

White India Mull Waists, dainty
lace yoke of fancy design, buttoned
in back, at.....\$2.00



Black Lisle Hose, polka dot, with
slit embroidered sprays, a pair, 35c
All-Over Lace Hose, in black,
tan and navy, silk embroidered,
a pair.....50c

J. H. Chapman & Co., 126, 128, 128 1/2 Dundas St.

VARIOUS TYPES

IN COBALT TREK

Miners from All Parts of the
World Headed That Way.

ANOTHER BIG STRIKE REPORTED

The Government Should Organize
Mounted Police for Service
in the North.

Cobalt, April 13.—It is impossible

to journey over the T. and N. O. Railway
from North Bay to Cobalt without be-
ing deeply interested in the varied
types of humanity surging into the
mining district. There is every spec-
imen of the globe-trotting fraternity
present—young men pushing out into
the world in pursuit of fortune, old
men, grizzled and gray, yet hardy and
ready for new adventures, failures
from the old world, hard-visaged fugitives
from oppressive governments,
broken-down professional men, all
rushing into the mining region actuated
by one motive—the desire for sudden
wealth. One notices particularly
the western miners—tall, well-knit, fit
about them which is the envy of the
product of the eastern mining school
and, however much the latter may imi-
tate the westerner in dress and style,
they show that they are not to the
manner born. The western miner ex-
pects to find conditions as they are in
the west—

"Ship me somewhere east of Suez,
Where the heat is like the worst.
Where there ain't no Ten Command-
ments
And a man can raise a thirst."

There is danger that freedom may be
turned into license and lawlessness will
prevail. It would be well if the Gov-
ernment would send in some mounted
police. The distances are too great for
men on foot—especially one man to
properly patrol. Then the maze of this
crazy town site makes it almost impos-
sible to cover the ground without a
large staff of officers. When the Gov-
ernment are at it they might also send
up the whole of the Provincial police
officers. Unless something is done, and
done right away, there will be an out-
break of disease.

The local council are anxious to safe-
guard the public health, but they have
been not recently elected, and as yet
have not the proper machinery nor
capital, and it is altogether too big a
task for them to undertake alone. Un-
less immediate steps are taken people
who at present only have the mining
fever will be down with typhoid as
well.

Building goes on apace, and carpenters
are in great demand, for every
householder is anxious to have his
house up as soon as possible. Hotel
and restaurant keepers are especially
eager to get into their new quarters.
A sign was posted up by one builder:
"Carpenters wanted; no Handy Andy
need apply."

The small army of men prospecting

Woods' Fair

Ladies' White
Kid and Gilt
Belts 25c

BIG ASSORTMENT OF EASTER WAISTS

Linen Waists, \$2.00
Fine Linen Waists, with front and box pleat, embroidered in heavy
hand embroidery; the new sleeves, with long cuffs; sizes 34 to 40. Our
Easter sale price.....\$2.00

Fine White Waists

Ladies' Fine White Waists,
with embroidery and tucked
front, buttoned down back, short
sleeves; sizes 32 to 40. Our
Easter sale price.....\$1.50

White Waists, \$1

Ladies' Fine White Waists,
made in four different styles,
hand or self embroidery
fronts, tucked backs, new
sleeves, with long cuffs. Easter
sale price.....\$1.00

We have all the latest styles
in Swiss Muslin, Organdie or
Fine Lawn, heavily embroid-
ered or trimmed in all
sizes. Our Easter prices range
from.....\$1.50 to \$3.00

Babies' Cashmere Cloaks, \$3.00

Babies' Long Cashmere Cloaks with skirt embroidered in silk, deep
cape trimmed in silk embroidery and silk braid, lined with fine satin.
Sale price.....\$3.00

Babies' Long Coats, made

of all-wool cashmere, lined
throughout with fine satin,
short yoke with full skirt, cape
made of silk embroidery. Spe-
cial at.....\$1.99

Children's Cashmere Cloaks,
walking length, short yoke, full
skirt, trimmed with silk em-
broidery, deep cape trimmed
with embroidery, lined with sa-
tin. Sale price.....\$3.50

Visit our Candy

Dept. Spe-
cial lines for
Easter.

Big showing of
Children's
Hats and Bon-
nets.

WOODS' FAIR

are busy locating claims throughout
the townships of Coleman, Lorrain and
Bucke. The snow has hindered them
to some extent, but the eager will not
be stayed in their mad rush for wealth.
Many claims have been staked by a
dozen, and often by a score, of prospec-
tors, and the inscriptions and titles
are a study in phrase-making. Be-
sides the license number are all sorts
of phrases—"Where will you spend
eternity?" and many others which do
not look well in print, nor on the
stakes either, for that matter.

The Open Call Mining Exchange had
another special train down from New
Liskeard and Halleybury on Tuesday
night. The sales closed were: Foster,
100 shares at \$1.45, immediate delivery;
King Cobalt, 100 shares at 75c, im-
mediate delivery; New Liskeard & N. On-
tario, 50 shares at \$1, two weeks deliv-
ery; Red Rock, 100 shares at 94c, im-
mediate delivery; Rothchild Cobalt, 100
shares at 35c, immediate delivery; Sil-
ver Five, 100 shares at 21c, immediate
delivery; Silver Leaf, 400 shares at 17c,
immediate delivery.

A rich find is reported in the Silver
Queen mine near the Hudson Bay mine.
The writer saw a 12-inch solid vein
of silver ore, and one blast loosened a
mass of silver ore weighing 500 pounds.
There are lots of rich mines up here,

and the country is certainly full of
minerals, but people must be careful
or they will be buying gold bricks in-
stead of silver ore, and litigation and
endless lawsuits instead of mines and
claims.

The French population is almost half
the town. They are the chief squatters
and occupy the lower town. Unless
they bear charmed lives they will suf-
fer when the spring thaw sets in, for
their part of the town will receive the
refuse from the upper town. It is in
the hope that something radical will
be done at once to lessen the danger
threatening Cobalt's health.

I consider MINARD'S LINIMENT the
BEST liniment in use.
I got my foot badly jammed lately. I
bathed it well with MINARD'S LINI-
MENT, and it was as well as ever next
day.
Yours very truly,
T. G