

PARENTS TOO APT TO CRITICIZE WORK OF SCHOOL TEACHERS

In Annual Report Inspector C. B. Edwards Refers to Unfair Fault Finding—Year's Per Capita Education Cost Reduced.

The tenth annual report of School Inspector C. B. Edwards, presented to the board of education Thursday evening, is a comprehensive statement of the work accomplished in the past year and the desires for the year that has just commenced.

"The London public schools," says Inspector Edwards, in his opening paragraph, "are trying to educate the children from five to fourteen years of age in such a way that the capacity of each child will be so developed that he will become an efficient individual and a good citizen."

After referring to the benefits of the kindergarten, Inspector Edwards says: "It should be the aim of the grade teachers to continue to appeal to the interest of the child and to utilize his natural activities as he passes upward through the grades."

Following a lengthy reference to the advantages of various devices used for the purpose of developing the young idea, the report gives a statement of the progress made in 1913 towards providing additional school accommodation in various parts of the city. When the work is completed, there will be eleven additional class rooms, two household science and two manual training rooms. Inspector Edwards recommends the installation of further fresh-air equipment and other sanitary appliances. The necessity of providing increased accommodation in the northwestern portion of the city is also noted.

Too Apt To Criticize.

In his reference to the excellent work of principals and teachers, considering the obstacle, provided by overcrowded classes, Inspector Edwards makes the following significant observation: "I am afraid that the old-time custom of discussing teachers and their alleged shortcomings has not died out. If parents would just reflect on their own occasional difficulties in controlling a family of six or eight healthy, robust normal children, they would be impressed with the work of a teacher having 40 or 50 to manage. What would be the influence of a mother in governing her children if the father were so unwise as to criticize or oppose her methods?"

The report tells of the money spent by the teachers in keeping in touch with modern teaching methods and intimates that the salaries are by far too low.

Utilizing the interrogative instinct in children, and the need of smaller classes, are also thoroughly gone into.

What Education Costs.

The average cost per pupil, based on the average monthly enrollment for the past five years, is as follows:

Public school classes—	1910	1911	1912	1913
1909	\$28.55	\$28.99	\$30.85	\$31.12
Kindergarten classes—	1909	1910	1911	1912
1908	\$28.48	\$22.74	\$22.01	\$21.21

The cost for the years 1909 to 1911 inclusive, embraces all the expenditures for school purposes, including the annual payment for all special teachers, sinking fund and interest on debentures.

In estimating the cost for 1913 in the kindergarten and the grade classes, 25 per cent. was deducted from the total kindergarten salaries and charged to the grade classes on account of the kindergarten teachers devoting part of their time in the afternoon to assisting in the primary and other school work.

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Trousers worth \$3.50, sale price	\$2.48
Trousers worth \$4.50, sale price	\$2.98
Trousers worth \$5.50, sale price	\$3.98

Boys' and Children's Suits and Overcoats

Reduced in the same proportion as the men's—\$1.98, \$2.98, \$3.98, \$4.48, \$4.98, \$5.98, and \$6.98. Regular values \$3.50 to \$10.00.

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15c pair for Men's Heavy Worsted Socks, worth 25c pair.

12c pair for Men's Heavy Wool Socks, in mixed gray, worth 20c pair.

25c for Heavy Worsted Wool Socks, in black and gray, worth 35c pair.

35c, Extra Special Finest Black Cashmere Socks, 50c values, for 35c. Three pairs for \$1.00.

39c for Men's Fine Wool Fleece-Lined Underwear, in sizes 34 to 44. Regular value 50c.

50c for Men's Brown Rib Fleece-Lined Underwear, in sizes 34 to 42. Regular value 75c.

65c for Men's Wool Fleece, in blue, brown and gray, all sizes. Regular value 85c.

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HENSALL LAYMEN MEET

Splendid Speeches At Big Banquet Were Greatly Enjoyed.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Hensall, Jan. 8.—A laymen's banquet in connection with the forward movement to evangelize the world was held in the basement of Carmel church, Hensall, last night. There were present about 175 men. After a sumptuous supper G. C. Petty took the chair and gave a short address. Splendid speeches were delivered by Mr. Parkinson and Mr. Senior, of Toronto, both Huron old boys.

An advisory committee was formed consisting of G. C. Petty and George Case for the English church, J. W. Ortwen and Alex. Smilie for the Methodist church and the members of the session for the Presbyterian church.

A HEALTHY DISTRICT.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Pt. Elgin, Jan. 31.—The vital statistics for the township of Saugeen for 1913 show that the ages of ten out of thirteen who died were a fraction less than 73 years. Of the other three one was 22 years, one 38 years and one unknown (a sailor). There were 28 births and 4 marriages.

MAGISTRATE BARKER

IS NINETY YEARS OLD

Kincardine Official Is Still the

Terror of Evil Doers.

Kincardine, Jan. 8.—Magistrate Joseph Barker celebrated his 90th birthday yesterday, and all day long was busy responding to scores of congratulations. He is still remarkably vigorous and enjoys the best of health.

Born in Spalding, county of Lincoln, England, on Jan. 7, 1825. He came to the Township of Huron direct from England, via New York to Albany, and thence by packet to Buffalo. He came from Buffalo to Sarnia by steamboat, and on a schooner from Sarnia to Goderich, and travelled on foot from that place through the bush to Pine River, 25 miles, then to his bush, lot 45, con. A. Huron.

He was appointed clerk of the Township of Huron about 1859, and deputy clerk of the third division court of the County of Bruce, and about 1862 was appointed clerk.

He has been a magistrate since 1864, and has probably tried more cases than any county magistrate. He has been a fearless upholder of

the dignity of the law, and a terror to all rascals. He is a thorough temperance worker. Violations of the liquor law were sure to be followed by the severity that justice demanded.

He has suffered by the incendiaries' torch and the bullet of the assassin, but undaunted, he always administered the law.

He still holds the magistrate's chair and is clerk of the division court, and Kincardine may well thank Mr. Barker for much of the safety and peace of the town.

FOREST.

Forest, Jan. 8.—The public school opened yesterday with the following staff: Mr. Woodsworth, principal; Mrs. Crockett, Misses Livingston, Tripp, McCordic and Crossley. Miss Crossley is teaching in Division II, in place of Miss McBean, who resigned on account of ill-health.

Miss Mitchell, B. A., and W. B. Brown, B. A., have returned, and were on duty yesterday at the high school, with A. Williams B. A., as principal.

William Sheppard, of the Colgate Company, Montreal, spent the week-end here with his brother, Sam.

Miss Betsy Stephenson has returned to her charge in Point Edward after spending a few weeks here with relatives.

WOULD GIVE MUCH TO OBTAIN FREEDOM

Tolman Offers To Surrender Notes Valued At Half-a-Million.

[Canadian Press.]

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 8.—A new proposition for the pardon of Daniel H. Tolman, the New York money lender, who is serving a six months' term for usury, is now under consideration by Governor Glynn. It amplifies the offer on behalf of Tolman and his assignees for an unconditional surrender of approximately \$500,000 in notes from nearly 20,000 borrowers in this state, principal and interest, in return for the remission of the remainder of his sentence, which covers a period of little more than two months.

Judge Favors Pardon.

The men who submitted this proposal to the governor today on behalf of Tolman, his family and some of the debtors, brought assurances that Judge Zeller, before whom the money lender was convicted, is in favor of the pardon, and that it will not be opposed by District Attorney Whitman.

It is understood that the governor has been disposed to favor the extension of clemency, but has not acted, from fear that if granted, some way might still be devised to push these

claims and that they would have standing in the court. It is said that the new proposal removes the possibility of any attempt being made in the future to realize on the notes.

BURIED AT WALKERTON.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Walkerton, Jan. 8.—The remains of Willie, youngest son of Dr. Lane, of Priceville, were brought here by C.P.R. on the noon train and buried in the Walkerton cemetery.

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