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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6.

A GOOD MOVE.

By increasing the remuneration of the principals of the city public schools the members of the Board last evening gave evidence of their appreciation of the good work which has been, and is being, accomplished under their respective regimes. In The Planet's opinion, it is only false economy to underpay able, earnest and successful servants, more especially when they are identified with so paramount a work as that of education and in the university of the masses.

It is also very satisfactory to know that the members of the Board were enabled to arrive at an amicable understanding in the matter—even if it took a Star Chamber session to do it. It is unquestionably to the best interests of all that questions of the kind should be so disposed of and a unanimity conserved in acting for the weal and development of this great branch of public progression.

Chatham is proud of the conduct and management of her public schools and The Planet heartily congratulates Messrs. Plewes and Brackin upon the recognition they have received at the hands of the Board.

To Mr. Plewes' indefatigable energy and capable teaching the present exceptional success of the Central school, its mammoth proportion of pupils and its perfect organization are due. To his efforts, too, can be ascribed the fact that Chatham last year took precedence as the possessor of the Model school securing the premier position in the Province. Mr. Plewes has done magnificent work in the two short years he has devoted his efforts to education in the Maple City; he has established a new era for the South Chatham schools, and it is very satisfactory to learn that later it is the intention of the Board to give him further recompense for his splendid services. No one is more deserving.

Of Mr. Brackin's work, also, too much cannot be said. The long history of progress and prosperity which belongs to McKough school is indelibly associated with his personality and efforts. He has labored for a short life-time in its behalf and the city at large has reaped the benefits of his service. It will be a source of genuine regret to learn that he is contemplating a comparatively early retirement from the sphere of usefulness with which he has so long and so honorably been identified. In view of this fact and his long and valued services, the Board did a graceful act in joining him with his younger and progressing colleague in the salary honors.

The Planet does not think that there will be any disposition on the part of the ratepayers to question the comparatively small increased outlay. There should not be. If ever there were two citizens deserving of substantial recognition by the people of Chatham those citizens are J. W. Plewes and James Brackin.

THE KING'S CORONATION.

We have once more moved into coronation week and all eyes are turned with hope and expectancy to old London, comments the Guelph Herald. Robbed of much of its splendor the ceremony assuredly has been by the almost tragic postponement rendered imperative by His Majesty's illness. But if the spectacle be less glorious in appearance it will have a deeper and more devoted heart interest for the people of the British Empire. Gratitude for the speedy recovery of our King, joy at seeing him wear the crown which fate seemed determined should never rest upon his head, will fill all hearts, and those days of gloom, when the pale-horsed rider seemed to be knocking at the gates of Buckingham Palace, will be forgotten.

His Majesty has surprised his physicians and his people. When the serious nature of his illness became known, months, it was felt, must in-

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tervenes before the great event fixed for next Saturday could take place. But His Majesty has shown himself the possessor of wonderful vitality and recuperative powers. From the moment he was taken from the operating table he appears to have made steady progress; no suggestion of a relapse of weakness was at any rate contained in the bulletins of the royal physicians. With splendid strength and patience he has battled his way to convalescence, and will, his people all earnestly hope and pray, soon be entirely recovered. That the King has undergone great suffering is undeniable; that he has borne it with admirable resignation all reports agree. We have been afforded but few glimpses of the royal sick room, but what has come to us gives us a clearer view of the manliness of King Edward and the womanliness of his royal consort, Queen Alexandra. She, the most lovable woman in England, has in the trying period now happily ended, given gracious evidences of wifely devotion to the King, and queenly interest in his people.

May this week end happily for their Majesties. May no further difficulties impede the pathway to the coronation chairs and may they be long spared to reign over a peaceful, a happy and a prosperous Empire.

SOME CENSUS FIGURES.

During the past week a census bulletin was issued which contained interesting statistics regarding the ages of the people of Canada, comments the Hamilton Herald. From it may be discovered some of the reasons for the slow rate of increase in the population which has been a frequent cause of complaint. It appears that during each decade from 1871 there has been a steady decrease in the proportion of children and persons under twenty years of age to the whole number of the people. This decrease is most marked for the ages below ten, and in this particular the figures for Ontario are even more impressive than those for the Dominion as a whole.

The largest proportion of children under ten years of age is found in the Northwest Territories, with Quebec in second place, and Manitoba close up. Ontario is the lowest with the single exception of British Columbia, and this province is a long way below the proportion for the whole Dominion. When it comes to persons under the age of twenty years, Ontario is also next to the foot of the list, with only 418,541 per thousand, while Quebec has moved up to the head, followed closely by Manitoba, with the Northwest Territories in third place. Although the population of Ontario is one-third more than that of Quebec, the number of children under five years of age, in the latter province exceeds that in the former by 13,021. Under these circumstances, and unless other factors enter to complicate the problem, it ought not to be many decades before Quebec will pass Ontario in the race. The inrush of settlement into new Ontario may delay or prevent what otherwise would appear to be an inevitable result.

The smaller proportion of children in Ontario cannot be attributed to any decrease in the number of marriages, actual or relative. In comparison with the total population of the Dominion, the number of married people per thousand has shown a small but steady increase since 1881. The same is true of Quebec, where the proportion, which in 1881 was a little greater than that for Canada as a whole, in 1901 was a little less. In Ontario, however, the increase has been marked; in 1881 the proportion was practically the same as that of Quebec, in 1891 it was 1.2 per cent. greater, and in 1901 it had grown 6 per cent. and was that much ahead of Quebec. In other words, the proportion of married people per thousand in Ontario in 1901 was 353.391, and in Quebec only 334.080, while in the Dominion as a whole it was 341.262. Of course, this is explained in part at least by the larger number of persons below marriageable age in Quebec as compared with its total population.

Tables showing the number of males and females at various ages also afford room for some interesting deductions. There were in Canada in 1901 2,751,106 males and 2,619,609 females. The excess of males over females appears at all ages below 85, when the fair sex secures the majority and retains it. This would seem to indicate that women are more likely

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to attain a great age than men, a fact which has been borne out by statistics in other countries as well as Canada. The figures for Ontario tell practically the same story.

The alleged unwillfulness of women to disclose their age has furnished a theme for jesters from time immemorial, but it is a curious fact that of the people of Canada, whose ages were not given to the enumerators, 29,766 were males and 19,311 females. The fabula docet—well, perhaps, that it is time to pick out a few new subjects for jokes.

WHERE NEEDED.

Stratford Herald

It's ten chances to one that half these fool men that rock the boat should be at home rocking the baby.

THE OTHER WAY.

Chicago Inter-Ocean.

Fifty years ago the future of Canada seemed well-nigh certain to be that desired by the founders of this republic. Now the tendency is all the other way. It is a question upon which the American people may well ponder, whether they desire to es-

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Windsor Record.

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NO USE FOR THAT KIND.

Toronto Telegram.

The Montreal Star does not want a fast line if its own particular neck of the woods cannot be the terminus thereof. And a fast line which would be slow enough to reach Montreal is not exactly what Canada wishes to buy.

KITCHENER'S SILK HAT.

Boycaygeon Independent.

Kitchener is not at home in a high silk hat. A London report states that when getting out of a railway carriage the other day, he had caught the door and was jammed down over his eyes. Imagine the military hero of Africa appearing to the populace with a silk hat jammed down to his chin. It is a corner lot to a doughnut that you could have bought him just then for twenty-nine cents.

NOW, WHAT DOES THE FELLOW MEAN?

Boycaygeon Independent.

Some esteemed contemporaries are talking about what they call the strange bequest of a French gentleman, who is accredited with having shown an interest in red-haired girls, of which he is to be devoted to providing dowries for them. Where is the strangeness? That gentleman knew the need of his country and recognized a remedy in red-haired girls. Nothing strange about that. It was good business sense. Good patriotic philanthropy.

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