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LONDON, THURSDAY, NOV. 28.

A MISMANAGED DEPARTMENT.

The Toronto News, among others,
comes to the defense of the educational
department of Ontario against the now
famous assault of Inspector Scott, of
Renfrew County.

The News admits what everyone
knows, that the minister of education,
Dr. Pyne, is not an educational expert,
and argues that it is a cabinet minis-
ter's duty to surround himself by ex-
perts in the particular sphere of his
administration.

"Let it be granted then," says the
News, "that Dr. Pyne is a grama-
phone," uttering the words that his
aides put in his ear. By whom has he
surrounded himself?

The first appointment he made was
that of a deputy minister. Did he
choose a man who had made a repu-
tation as an educational expert? No;
he did not choose an educationist at
all, but a journalist.

The second appointment was a suc-
cessor to the superintendent of libraries
and art schools. Did he choose an
educational expert then? No; he ap-
pointed a political organizer.

His third appointment was to fill a
new office, general superintendent of
instruction. Touching this appoint-
ment Mr. Scott brings up Premier
Whitney's ante-election statements re-
specting the public schools. It was the
public schools particularly that were
to be improved. Mr. Scott declares
that the man chosen for this work was
never in the public schools as a pupil
nor a teacher, and that he had no prac-
tical knowledge of rural school condi-
tions.

Educational administration should be
the last field where one might expect
to find the trail of the partisan. If Mr.
Scott's wisdom and foresight are equal
to his courage, the prospects for the
public schools of Ontario, so far as the
new administration will affect them,
are not very bright.

MISTAKEN IDENTITY.

England has had another remarkable
case of mistaken identity. Mrs. Eliza-
beth Perkins charged, along with an-
other woman, that a man had violently
assaulted them. Mrs. Perkins was
asked, in the course of her evidence,
if she had not been convicted of im-
proper behavior on the street in 1905.
She replied in the negative, and strong-
ly protested against such an accusa-
tion being made against her. There-
upon, a policeman was brought for-
ward, who swore that he had arrested
Elizabeth Perkins for loose conduct
last year, and that the witness Per-
kins was the woman. The woman was
next followed to her home by two po-
lice men, who obtained a warrant for
her arrest on a charge of perjury, and
also swore that she was the Elizabeth
Perkins who was convicted in 1905. Still
protesting her innocence, Mrs. Perkins
was next confronted by the matron of
the prison, who was equally positive
with her fellow-officials that the loose
Mrs. Perkins of 1905 and the Mrs. Per-
kins now accused of perjury was one
and the same person, and she was fur-
ther identified by two other officers,
and incontinently cast into prison for
trial.

It seemed as though there was no
evading a successful prosecution, so
positive were these half-dozen wit-
nesses that the woman was a perjurer.
The matron, indeed, was so confident
that Mrs. Perkins was the bad charac-
ter she had had under her charge one
year ago that she counseled the other
woman witness against the man in the
case to keep away from Mrs. Perkins,
as she was not a proper person to as-
sociate with, and the policeman who
investigated the case, and tried to
swear away her reputation and liberty,
even went the length of cross-examin-
ing her little children as to their
mother's manner of living.

The sequel proved how unreliable
such evidence in matters of identifica-
tion can be. Mrs. Perkins was a poor
widow, with young children to take
care of, and every day throughout June
of 1905, when the other Mrs. Perkins
was serving the term in jail, called at
the workhouse for assistance, and it
was proved beyond a doubt that she
had been innocent of all wrongdoing,
and the judge discharged her, with an
apology for the conduct of the persons
who had strenuously tried to have her
convicted of perjury. Her vindication
was possible because the offense of
which she was accused had been com-
mitted only twelve months before, and
she was able to recall her daily move-
ments at that time, and prove an alibi.

If the incident sworn to with so great
circumstantiality and positiveness had
taken place ten years before, it might
have been very difficult for this poor
woman to maintain her innocence, or
to avoid being sent to prison for a
crime she never committed, all be-
cause of the anxiety of officious per-
sons to secure her conviction.

THE POWER BYLAW.

Brantford is a great manufacturing
center and has a correspondent inter-
est in the question of cheap power, but
the Brantford Expositor advises a
cautious policy. It says that it is clear
that the estimates of power required
by the municipalities upon which the
figures of the hydro-electric commis-
sion were based, were pretty much
guesswork, and that as much may be
said of estimates more recently made.
As the bylaws to be submitted to the
ratepayers of the different municipali-
ties must of necessity be based upon
some finality before there is any rea-
sonable hope of their adoption, much
work remains to be done before a final
adjustment can be made. In fact, it is
difficult to see how this can ever be
reached unless the Government itself
assumes some element of risk, and this
ought to be done.

Among the things not thus far
made clear is the nature of the con-
tract which the municipalities are to
be asked to enter into with the hydro-
electric commission. It is not known
just what limitation is to be placed
on municipal liability; it is not known
what course may be taken in the event
of any of the parties to the municipal
plans, upon which the estimates are
based, failing to get the consent of the
ratepayers; and it is not clear what
relief will be afforded to the municipa-
lities and to the power-users signing
contracts if before the termination of
the said 30 years some motive agency
should be found which will make the
use of Niagara power no longer profit-
able.

The Stratford Beacon says one of the
chief objections to the plan is that the
municipality has no guarantee that the
power it contracts for will continue to
be used by the local consumers. A
municipality might contract for 5,000
horsepower and in two or three years
have the half of that amount thrown
back on its hands, for which it would
have to continue paying until the ter-
mination of the 30 years.

There is a general feeling that the
Niagara power bylaws are being sub-
mitted to the ratepayers of Western
Ontario municipalities prematurely.
The civic authorities in these places are
not yet in receipt of figures from the
power commission, and are being al-
lowed only a month in which to put the
question in intelligible shape before the
people. There is not a power user in
London who knows today what Niagara
electrical energy is to cost him, deliv-
ered at his door.

THE COUNTRY DOCTOR.

[Indianapolis News.]
The country doctor is rapidly becom-
ing extinct as a species. The men one
meets at their societies look, dress, talk
and act as the men do at any meeting
of city physicians. The powers pre-
sented are quite up to the city stand-
ard, the discussions markedly above
those of the city men. The surgical
experiences related would astonish
some men who think the city clinics
and clinicians do all of this work, or at
least all that is well done.

**WHEN NEW YORK WASN'T
"OPEN."**

[New York Post.]
Professor Brander Matthews, along with
his belief in reform spelling, believes in
short words and in simple constructions.
Approves of simplicity, Professor Mat-
thews said the other day.
"In my youth I once passed the sum-
mer in the country. One of my friends,
an elderly farm hand, paid a visit to New
York during my country visit, and on his
return I said to him, employing a word
needlessly complex and long:
"Well, James, how did you like the
metropolis?"
"Not say?" asked the old man.
"How did you like the metropolis?" I
repeated.
"Twasn't open," said he."

APPRECIATIONS OF MR. HYMAN.

[Hamilton Times.]
Although Hon. Mr. Hyman has tendered
his resignation of the seat for London,
there are thousands, Conservatives as well
as Liberals, and very many of the former
in London, who will hope that this act
does not indicate his determination to
withdraw from public life. Mr. Hyman
is of the material of which good executive
ministers are made, and he has proven
his capacity, even at the cost of injury
to his health. Sir Wilfrid has announced
that he hopes to still hold his services,
and there will be many of our readers
who will echo our wish that the Premier
may not be disappointed.

[Windsor Record.]
If Mr. Hyman decides to retire perma-
nently, it can safely be said the Govern-
ment will receive such a decision with sin-
cere regret, as Mr. Hyman has been a
most painstaking minister, giving unpar-
alleled of his time, energy and special skill
to his many and multifarious duties.
Should Mr. Hyman, with improved
health, present himself for re-election, it
would surprise no one if he were triumph-
antly re-elected, the very natural effect
of this investigation having been to create
sympathy for him.

[Stratford Beacon.]
All who know Mr. Hyman, whether po-
litical supporters or opponents, recognize
in him a gentleman of the highest honor
and integrity, and particularly well equi-
pped by his splendid business for the dis-
charge of the duties of Minister of Public
Works. His retirement from the minis-
try would, therefore, be a loss not only

to London, but to the whole Dominion,
and this, we trust, the electors of London
will guard against.

[St. Thomas Journal.]

Charles Hyman is a true Canadian, an
able statesman and an honest fellow, and
his resignation will result in a distinct
loss to the country. He was one who was
no shirker when there was work to be done.
Notwithstanding that he was attacked by
the Conservative press, and charged with
publicly offering bribes from the platform,
the electors who heard his addresses know
that such was not the case. If he erred
at all it was the other way. Should he
decide to again appeal to the electors of
London, there is no question but that he
will be given the loyal support of London
electors, and be returned with a larger
majority than ever. He is too valuable a
man for this Province to lose, and he has
the sympathy of the entire party and
many Conservatives, because of the un-
fortunate circumstances which have forced
him, for the time being, out of parlia-
mentary circles.

[Ottawa Free Press.]

But as a minister, Mr. Hyman has been
a most useful and indefatigable public
servant. He has administered his depart-
ment with great efficiency, and has de-
voted so much of his time to the work
that his strength has given out and he
has been compelled to take a rest.
It is to be sincerely hoped that Mr.
Hyman will retain his portfolio, and we
feel sure that the electors of London will,
if he goes back to them, show their con-
fidence in him just as pronouncedly as
did the electors of Queen's-Shelburne in
Hon. W. S. Fielding, notwithstanding the
campaign of slander that was conducted
against him.

THE FIGURE 9.

[New York Press.]
Arthur Wilson, the clever mathematician
and one of our ablest bank examiners,
says: There are many funny things about
the numeral 9; one that I remember is
this:
9 times 0 plus 1 equals 1.
9 times 1 plus 2 equals 11.
9 times 12 plus 3 equals 111.
9 times 123 plus 4 equals 1111.
9 times 1234 plus 5 equals 11111.
9 times 12345 plus 6 equals 111111.
9 times 123456 plus 7 equals 1111111.
9 times 1234567 plus 8 equals 11111111.
9 times 12345678 plus 9 equals 111111111.
9 times 123456789 plus 0 equals 1111111111.

NOT TIED TO RULES.

[Town and Country.]
Hewitt—Now, as a general rule, we
men—
Jewitt—My dear boy, there is no general
rule for women.

**PREDICTS A LOW TARIFF UPRI-
ING.**

[Toronto Star.]
Up to this time the farmers and other
opponents of protection have acted mainly
on the defensive, and the new tariff will
probably be a compromise between their
demands and those of the high protec-
tionists. But the protectionists have
hitherto had the stage to themselves, while
their opponents have only recently begun
to organize, to know one another, and be
conscious of their own strength. Before
many years elapse there will be a move-
ment for tariff reduction, lower taxation,
and economy in expenditure that will
startle protectionists on both sides. Some
of them may remember what the Patrons
of Industry did in this way ten years
ago.

THE BUTLER'S BLUNDER.

[Life.]
The Butler—The house is on fire, madam.
Here are all the hand grenades.
Mrs. Paekill—You should have brought
them on a tray, William.

A FIELD FOR REFORM.

[Kingston Whig.]
Banquet reform is the latest demand.
And it is a popular demand when the
toast list and the talk is calculated to
last from dusk to daylight.

UNCONSCIOUS IRONY.

[Harper's Weekly.]
A New England man says that one night
last winter when the thermometer fell be-
low zero, his wife expressed her concern
for the new Swedish maid who had an
unheated room.
"Eliza," said she to the girl, remember-
ing the good old custom of her youth,
"as it is bitterly cold today, you'd bet-
ter take a fustian to bed with you."
"Yes, m'm," said Eliza, in mild and ex-
pressionless assent.
In the morning the girl was asked how
she passed the night. With a sigh she
replied:
"Well, m'm, I got me iron most warm
before morning."

NO OTHER COURSE.

[Chicago Tribune.]
The daring explorer had reached the
North Pole.
"Well, which way now?" asked his as-
sistant.
The explorer looked irresolutely around
the horizon.
"Dashed if I know!" he muttered.
Then his brow cleared.
"Can't you see?" he said. "We've found
all the north there is. We'll have to go
south."

AGREEABLY DISAPPOINTED.

[Woodstock Sentinel-Review.]
The Yorkshire man who complains that
Canadians eat with their knives, probably
expected to find us using daggers, arrow-
heads or ramrods.
[Washington Post.]
Astronomers assert that Mars is trying
to signal us. If it is a distress signal the
astronomers should send some way of in-
forming Mars that we are having troubles
of our own.
[Bogus Railway Minister]
Baggage Porter Prevented Repetition
of Koopeuk Fraud in Hamburg.

Hamburg, Nov. 28.—The Koopeuk af-
fair, in which the city fathers were
held up and robbed by a bogus mili-
tary captain, with a squad of genuine
soldiers to back up his demands, has
had many feeble imitations, but none
came so near success as an attempt
that was made here today.

A smartly dressed man appeared at
the Dammtor railway station. He
said he was Herr Erenbach, Prus-
sian minister of railways. His self-
possession and commanding manner
seemed to endorse his claim. He
issued a series of orders that were
promptly obeyed. He directed all the
cabs to leave the station, and pro-
ceeded to examine the cash in the
ticket offices.

The only person who suspected him
was a baggage porter, and he notified
the police.

**A Surprise in Biscuits**

Every box of Mooney's Perfection
Cream Sodas you open—you will
find a new delight in these dainty
biscuits.

When you want to surprise yourself,
give your appetite a treat with

Mooney's
Perfection Cream Sodas

the police. The latter took the risk of
arresting the self-styled minister, and
later found that he was a discharged
Bavarian railway employe.

CONQUERED MCKINLEY

Daring Mountaineers Reach Top of
America's Highest Peak.

New York, Nov. 28.—Dr. Frederick
A. Cook, of Brooklyn, reached here last
night after a trip to Alaska, where he
climbed Mount McKinley, the highest
elevation in North America. So far as
known, Dr. Cook and Edward Barrille,
who accompanied him, are the only
persons who have reached this peak,
which rises 20,300 feet above sea level.
"We left New York on May 18," said
Dr. Cook tonight, "for our trip to
Alaska. There were 10 of us in the
party that tried to scale Mount McKin-
ley."

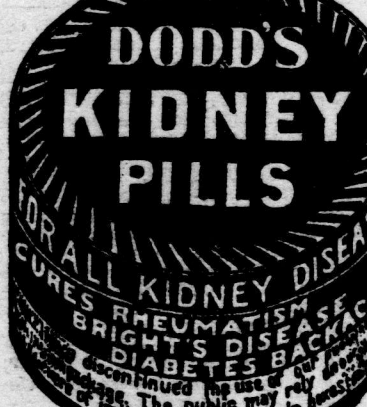
"As a party we tried to climb the
southwest side of the mountain, but
found that we could not succeed. We
tried to scale the southeast side, but
found that also impossible, as the sides
of the mountain at that point are al-
most perpendicular."

On Aug. 1, Dr. Cook said that the
party separated into smaller parties.
Mr. Barrille, John Dokkin and himself
formed one party. They started to
climb on the northeast side of the
mountains. After three days of hard and
dangerous climbing the party reached
a ridge in the mountain, where they
paused for a rest.

After the third day they found the
snow on the mountain sides hard and
were able to make better progress by
cutting steps in the snow.

After six days Dr. Cook and his com-
panions, he said, had reached a height
of 15,000 feet. They had no trouble in
breathing until they reached this
height, when the great altitude serious-
ly inconvenienced them. At that point
Mr. Dokkin found that he could go no
further. Just before sunset every night
the climbers, who used climbing imple-
ments, built snow houses that had slat-
tered them for the night and started
out for another day's climb.

On the eighth day they reached the
summit of the mountain. They had in-
tended to stay on the peak for several
hours, but found breathing there so
difficult that they remained but two
minutes. Dr. Cook said that he at-
tributed their success to the lateness of
the season and the exceptionally clear
weather, which favored mountain
climbing.

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PINE SYRUP**

Always Stops the Cough

It combines the potent healing virtues of
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worth, is absolutely harmless, prompt and
safe.

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phlegm in the throat and lungs, and con-
tinued coughing is liable to distend the
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duce inflammation or hemorrhage.

A neglected cough can have but one re-
sult. It leaves either the throat or lungs,
or both, affected.

A single dose of

**Dr. Wood's Norway Pine
Syrup**

will stop the cough, soothe the throat and
heal the lungs.

Read what Miss Nettie A. Sooley, Ash-
land, N.B., says: "I take much pleasure
in recommending Dr. Wood's Norway Pine
Syrup, for I have found it a very valuable
remedy for coughs. My mother has used it
in her family for a long time and whenever
any of them get a cough, mother will say
"I will have to get some Dr. Wood's Nor-
way Pine Syrup for I know it is good, and
always stops the Cough when nothing else
will."

Insist on getting Dr. Wood's as it is the
genuine, put up in yellow wrapper. Price
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FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY**

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mas shoppers. The time is getting on, and it's time to begin Christmas work in
earnest. Those who shop early are wisest. Our China Room is now ready on
the second floor—take the elevator. The tables are elaborately set out. Come
tomorrow and see the new Christmas display.

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We offer \$5 and \$6 Silk Petticoats at \$2.95.
Did you ever hear the like? They're just
going out of the maker's hands too—newly
made, fresh and crisp, representing a little lot
we picked up at less than regular price. That's
why they are offered to you at.....

\$2.95

Nine dozen Ladies' Full Sized Silk Petticoats, made of fine quality soft finished taffeta silk, in
brown, navy, gray and Nile green, deep flounce effect, silk stitched, tucked and shirred, finished
seams. Worth \$5.00 and \$6.00. Look into this offer tomorrow—you'll find just what you wanted
but never got the chance before.

More Bargains for Boys

8 dozen Boys' Tweed Overcoats,
single-breasted, fly front, full
length, loose style, guaranteed
to wear, good fitting, for boys
from 5 to 12 years, worth \$3 50
and \$4 50, Friday and Saturday
on sale at \$2 95
Boys' Blouse Suits, of Halifax
tweeds, trimmed with braid and
brass buttons, regular \$1 25, re-
duced to \$1 95

25 Boys' Blouse Suits, blue serge
and cheviot, nicely trimmed
with cream shield, fit boys 4 to
9 years. Regular \$2 25. Friday
and Saturday \$1 75
15 only Boys' Buster Brown Suits,
made from fancy tweed and
blue serge, fit boys from 4 to 8
years, all odd suits, worth
\$2 50, \$3 00 and \$3 50; on sale at
..... \$1 95

Men's Suits

30 Men's Dark Gray Tweed Suits,
well made, good fitting, extra
well lined, sizes 36 to 44, worth
\$5 00 on sale, Friday and Sat-
urday \$4 95

Men's Underwear

8 dozen Men's Medium Weight
Natural Wool Undershirts and
Drawers, regular \$1 25 and \$1 50
a garment, on sale Friday and
Saturday, at 88c each, or, the
suit \$1 75

Linen Counter

Bleached Damask Tableing, 72
inches wide, pretty, new pat-
terns, with double borders, nap-
kins to match, best \$1 00 qual-
ity, Friday and Saturday.....75c

Hemstitched Bleached Huck
Towels, 6-inch damask border,
size 22x44. This towel is washed
ready for use. Were 35c each.
Bargain Day25c

Waist Bargain

Several dozen Ladies' New Per-
cale Shirtheists, a nice waist,
pleated back and front, liberal
size, the same as you bought
from us last year; light colors,
special, Friday and Saturday,
worth 75c, at 50c
Children's Wool Mitts, 2 pairs 25c

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20 pieces Wrapperette, a variety
of patterns, small and large
designs, worth 10c and 12 1/2c
per yard; on sale Friday and
Saturday 7c

600 yards Unbleached Canton
Flannel, long nap, slightly im-
perfect, worth in the regular
way 15c; on sale Friday and
Saturday, 12 yards for \$1 00,
or, a yard8 1/2c

600 yards mill ends of White
Cotton, measuring 2 to 10 yards,
in length, worth 5c and 10c yard.
Your choice Friday and Sat-
urday 6c

Ribbed Underwear

Ladies' Ribbed Vests and Draw-
ers, white and natural, per gar-
ment50c
Full range of Watson's Un-
shrinkable Underwear for children,
25c up.

Equestrian Tights

Ladies' Black Ribbed Tights,
ankle length, the best value
ever offered, a garment50c

Lawn Waists

New White Lawn Waists, with
three-quarter and long sleeves,
beautiful fronts of embroidery,
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Saturday\$1 00

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Ladies' Collars.

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Umbrellas.

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trade. In fact you will find many useful hints in the making of Christ-
mas gifts. Sometimes it is hard to decide what to give this one and
that one, but by visiting this department you will banish all your doubts.
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New shipment of Burnt Leather Goods; all different designs. Be
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Big sale
of Music
Rolls and
Cases
Special
Prices.



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Fail to
See our
New
Coronation
Centers.

The man who attends to his own. Even after a man reaches his bottom
business will have leisure later on to dollar he usually has something left to
enjoy meddling with other people's. build hopes upon.