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LACK OF COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

Strong arguments in favor of compulsory education may be adduced from the facts of so many youth having recently been attracted here for serious crimes. In places where compulsory education exists police officers have the right to accost any boy or girl of school age found on the street during school hours and ascertain their excuse for absence. If no satisfactory excuse is afforded, the individuals are marked and their record is entered into the youths being thus brought directly under civic control when they may be out of their parents' sight.

THE NEWFOUNDLAND IRON.

The report that Newfoundland is to place an export duty on iron ore has again been revived by the London correspondent of Hardware and Metal, a Montreal trade paper, who says: "I have just been informed by one of the Canadian ministers now in London that during one of the conferences between the colonial premiers, Sir Robert Bond, the Newfoundland premier, remarked that his government intended placing an export duty on iron ore."

It will be remembered that this rumor was started last winter and was believed to have emanated from the St. John's Herald, which, being a government paper, may have given place to the statement as a feeler. The export duty then proposed was 25 cents per ton, but the statement was denied by several eminent Newfoundlanders with apparent authority.

WOMAN'S SUPERIORITY.

A Cleveland physician is worried because he thinks that in another hundred years "the American woman will be the physical superior of the American man, just as she is now his moral superior and his mental equal." This fear of feminine superiority physically may be somewhat groundless, although perhaps it might not be a very bad thing for the United States if it were to happen.

WHY NO INQUEST?

Isn't it rather extraordinary that no inquest should be held in last Saturday's drowning event on Lake Lomond? In a case of this kind it is always impossible to accurately determine the cause for blame unless the evidence is officially collected and authoritatively summarized. Here is a case of two young men in the prime of health losing their lives. Certainly there is no charge of foul play, but it is self-evident that if the young men had not gone in the boat on that occasion they would not have lost their lives.

were at one time owned by the former company, but the latter secured an interest two or more years ago for which it paid about \$1,200,000. In the ore purchased by the Dominion Iron and Coal Company there are estimated to be 28,000,000 tons of ore. According to the trade and navigation returns of the Dominion the imports of ore from Newfoundland during the fiscal year 1901 were about 520,000 cwt., the value of which was \$105,000.

A SILLY CANARD.

The Sun yesterday in its Hampton correspondence prints a malicious misstatement of facts in connection with the road-work being done by the local government between Hampton Station and Hampton Village. The Sun in big headlines says: "HAMPTON. Significant Sign of a General Election Pretty Soon."

THE MURDER CLIMAX.

The dramatic denouement last Monday in the murder case which has thrilled St. John with deepest interest since the discovery of the deed, caused a climax which has seldom been equalled in the local sphere of news. For just a week the city was eager with all varieties of suspicious and amateur detectiveism became rampant. When day after day passed without any arrest being made for what was a prima facie case of bold murder, indignation was freely expressed at the laxity of the police and there was open talk of the wisdom of bringing in detectives more skilled in the unraveling of crime.

NOT A NEGRO PROBLEM SOLUTION.

One of the attempted solutions of the negro problem in the Southern States has been that of emigration back to Africa. In this we find that Bishop Turner, of the African Methodist church, is still a leading spirit and that the endeavor to increase the population of Liberia, the black republic of Africa, is still being fostered under this aim. The practical effect of the movement however has not been to any marked extent successful in fact the reverse. Missionaries have gone among the southern blacks repeatedly, holding up to view the alleged glories of Liberia and persuaded vessel-loads of them from time to time to sell their little belongings and return to the land of their forefathers.

THE FRENCH IN THE PACIFIC.

An interesting and somewhat important announcement comes from San Francisco in the statement that a French steamship company may soon monopolize the service between Australia and California as well as that from Australia and the South Sea Islands which is at present maintained by the only British line in that trade, the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand. The present mail line between San Francisco and Australia is that of the Oceanic S. S. Co., an American concern which draws heavy subsidies from the United States government, and also mail pay from the Australian government, but cannot begin to operate its ships as cheaply as do the French with their exceptionally heavy subsidies from the home government at Paris.

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anyone, which in some respects apart from mere muscular development is a good thing because familiarity with a gun does away with woman's natural fear of it and makes her also less liable to dangerous carelessness with it. In swimming and fencing, as well as other sports, it is not at all uncommon now to find women experts. And we notice that there arrived at Philadelphia the other day a steamer (the Zora) under the Austrian flag, from a seaport in northern Syria, with an entire crew of Turkish women, shipped at Alexandria, and said to be unexcelled in seamanship. All of which things demonstrate feminine possibilities.

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cupants of the boat, the one who was steering her, was carefully sitting on the gunwale and when the boat slid out from the shelter of a cove into which she had tacked, and was struck by the freer force of wind, he lost his balance and fell overboard, thereby causing the boat to lose control of her helm. If the latter statement be correct, however, an ordinarily safe boat should not have gone down.

A competent investigation to sift all such evidence and obtain also the opinions of expert boatmen, would be valuable not only in determining the cause of death of the victims of the unfortunate occurrence, but in affording to other amateur sailors evidence which might be the means of saving their lives. If the owner of the lost boat was to blame for having made her unsafe, he should be charged with culpable negligence. The principle is the same as that upon which a city may be held liable for damages for not providing warnings of danger at dangerous places, but in this case it is worse, for the occupants of the boat, if she should be shown to be unsafe, were invited into deliberately danger when she was given them for sailing. The point of investigation also avers not only of a judicial aspect, but of the same aspect as the English Board of Trade enquires into marine disasters—so point lessons for the benefit of other shipowners and masters that those directly interested in the disasters. Likewise it might be remarked that if coroners were as enterprising here as in Mark Twain's days on the Mississippi, they wouldn't miss the opportunity of the occasion and the fees, to say nothing of the discharge of the official duty. Inquests do not necessarily by any means imply the elucidation of crime.

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Make Use of Our Store When in the City!

Exhibition time will soon be here. You no doubt intend coming to see it. In making your appointments have your friends to meet you here—every one knows where OAK HALL is. When here look around, ask as many questions as you please—you shall be answered courteously, intelligently. Examine the stocks, know the prices, make comparisons, get posted. We want you to feel at home, to enjoy the conveniences of this bright, cheerful, pleasant shopping place where everybody is glad to make your interest his own. And please remember that you are welcome whether you come to meet a friend, to buy or to look—looking entails no obligation to buy.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

The yellow fever patients at the LeLand are all doing well and no new cases have developed.

The skeleton of a Frenchman has been unearthed at Lunenburg. The body was probably buried 120 years ago.

S. L. Peters has been appointed superintendent of agricultural hall at the exhibition. W. A. Jack will have charge of the poultry building, and John F. Frost of the live stock.

Rev. F. Greston, for many years rector at Grandville Ferry and Bridgetown (N. S.), and more recently at Margaret's Bay, has resigned the active duties of the ministry and will reside at the Ferry.

A locomotive of a decidedly diminutive type is in the railway yard awaiting transportation to Hillsboro, where it will operate in connection with the plaster works. The engine looks like a toy when compared with one of the regular size. It is called "Comma No. 1."

The statement in the St. Andrews Beacon that Wm. Brodie, of St. Andrews, has been appointed head master of the St. John High School is not totally correct. Mr. Brodie's appointment is in succession to Mrs. C. F. Sanford, who, prior to her marriage, was a valued member of the high school staff. But Doctor Bridges is still head master.

Geo. H. Palmer, the popular station agent here of the Halifax & Yarmouth Railway, has resigned his position and left on Wednesday for Woodstock (N. B.), where he has accepted a position in the C. P. R. employ. Before leaving he was presented with a handsome gold chain and looked on the employees of the road who held him in great esteem. The vacancy is at present being filled by Bobb, Nickerson, late station agent at East Pubnico.—Yarmouth Times.

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DIGBY BURGLARY.

House of J. M. Melanson Robbed \$115 Stolen.

Digby, N. S., Aug. 11.—(Special)—A burglary took place at Gilbert's Cove, Digby county, yesterday morning between 10 and 12 o'clock. While J. M. Melanson, who lives near St. Cross church, was attending service some one gained an entrance to his house and, ransacking the premises, pilfered three valises containing \$115. Mr. Melanson says that local parties were suspected of the robbery. A man arrived in town today to lay the matter before the proper authorities and have the parties brought to justice. Petty thieving has been going on for a number of months in the county.

United States Crop Reports

Washington, Aug. 11.—The monthly crop of the department of agriculture shows average conditions: Spring wheat, 89.7; winter wheat, average yield, 13.8. Average condition, corn, 86.5. Average condition, oats, 89.4; oats in farmers' hands estimated 4.2 per cent.

Early Sunday evening tug Joseph ran aground at the Narrows. Her position is not believed to be very dangerous.

Benjamin P. Fries, aged 76, a former resident of St. John, died on Sunday, August 3rd, in Waterford (Mass.).

The schooner Leza, before reported ashore at Miramichi, was floated Sunday under the supervision of John Jackson and towed into the Market slip by the tug Frederick. She will make temporary repairs and will proceed to Noel (N.S.), where her owner A. E. O'Brien, will thoroughly repair her.

It is stated that a large English company is being formed in England to acquire the Tobruk iron district and establish furnaces at Tobruk or Annapolis (N. S.). The idea being to bring the coal from Springfield. It is claimed that iron can be smelted there as cheaply as at Sydney.

The Canada-Jamaica Steamship Company will have a space at the St. John exhibition. Jamian fruit will be shown. Among other articles will be a Jamaican orange tree laden with fruit. To transplant the tree from its tropical home and place it in position intact is a delicate and expensive undertaking, and for this reason alone it should prove an attraction.

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BURNED AT TRACADIE.

Charlottetown Schooner Destroyed Last Thursday.

Bathurst, N. B., Aug. 11.—(Special)—Schooner Charlie, of Charlottetown, 64 tons, Captain T. Desroches, laden with flour and canning supplies, was burnt to the water's edge at the entrance of Tracadie Harbor (N. B.), on Aug. 7th.

Oddfellows Grand Lodge at Charlottetown

The Grand Lodge of Oddfellows of the maritime provinces will meet at Charlottetown (P.E.I.), Wednesday, and the G. Encampment on Tuesday at the place. A. D. Smith, Thomas F. W. R. B. Emerson, H. E. Cadner, C. B. John Long, R. Stevens, George P. Thomas Green, I. E. Smith, Percy D. B. Doig, M. D. Brown, Harris J. Charles Hamper, S. A. Morrill, Stanness, A. G. Bakales and Will Fraser. Messrs. C. B. Allan and Smith left for the Island yesterday present at the meeting of the campment.