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THOSE EDUCATIONAL CHANGES.

The Toronto Globe on Saturday announced the issue of a circular by the Educational Department, noting several educational changes and amendments, the text of which is reproduced in another column.

The circular is quite interesting. The substitution of the scientific course for the classics at present required by all teachers, is a step in the right direction. It is the initiative in the movement towards training the Public school teachers in accordance with the demands of their work. Notwithstanding the opposition of the Globe, the Hamilton Times and even the little Liberal hirelings of the Banner ilk, Mr. Whitney's earnest campaign of education for the masses is beginning to bear fruit in the dying hours of the Ross administration.

It would, however, be very interesting to learn why the Ross Government have decided to abolish the Part I, Junior Leaving examination in the high schools just after thousands of pupils throughout the Province have paid in their \$2 to the Department therefor.

In a few days thousands of these young people will receive notice that they have been awarded certificates which are now useless, according to the new regulations.

For their effort and their money they will receive from the Education Department of Ontario what? Simply nothing—a useless piece of parchment, which conveys no recognized standing and is no longer honored.

To put it plainly, THE STUDENTS HAVE BEEN PRACTICALLY GOLD-BRICKED.

It looks as though the Government was so used to money-making school book monopolies and capital-producing educational schemes that it was bound to take a last swipe at the pockets of the pupils and their parents.

Just hit them coming and going, as it were.

And the pertinent question arises: Was it done intentionally to secure that large amount of money to distribute among its friends? Or, again, was it the result of a panic at the last moment to do away, to a certain extent, with Mr. Whitney's vigorous criticism, directed against too many examinations?

There is another point. The new regulations mean the abolition of the Fifth Class in the rural schools. They practically make it impossible for the sons and daughters of our farmers to continue their work after the entrance examination in their public schools.

Why this continual discrimination by the Ross Government against the rural schools?

IS OXFORD LAZY?

An irreverent English writer has written an article in the new Liberal Review in which he has had the temerity to come out boldly and fling the epithet of "Lazy Oxford" at the temple of English culture. Shade of Matthew Arnold, has it come to this? Are the Philistines becoming so innocent that they dare to throw stones at the home of the dreaming spire and mouldering fane and break the stained glass windows where sweetness and light find their lowliest abiding place? No pilgrim to Oxford can miss the charm of age-old beauty lingering in that quiet old city which holds "the last enchantments of the Middle Ages," as Prof. Goldwin Smith says. No one who has once heard the mellow sound of the Oxford bells can even fail to hear the sweetness of their chiming across the seas. The flurry and flutter of our modern days have never penetrated this ancient shrine of learning; when the colonial and American scholarship men face the choirs of Christ Church or of Oriel they will find rest for their souls. The atmosphere of Oxford is

redolent of ease and grace; it is so conducive to pleasant dreams and luxurious days that the true Oxford man never thinks of study while he is "up"; it is when he is "down," or at home in vacation, when every other student the world over has severed himself from his books, that the Oxford undergraduate gets up his work for the year. His life in Oxford is given over to the social joys, to hand-in-hand strolls with his tutors and professors through the green meadows and to lotus-eating. All this is strangely different from the aggressive, strenuous life at the great American universities, Yale or Harvard or Cornell, and as the English critic declares, "vigor and efficiency" are more noticeable on this side of the Atlantic than in England. But the Oxford ideal is not the Harvard ideal; the Oxford student would spend three days in gazing dreamily at a sculptured reared which the American would pass by after a five minute inspection. The whole question of the efficiency of the Oxford education lies in the doubtful and much-disputed meaning of that vague and comprehensive word, culture. Meanwhile Oxford will pursue her serene and rose strewn path, staring stonily at the vulgar Philistine who criticizes her as the arch abode of laziness.

THE HOLIDAY QUESTION.

The Brantford Expositor says: "The Dominion Government has issued its request that August 9th, Coronation Day, be observed as a holiday throughout the Dominion. This is in accordance with the course to be pursued elsewhere in His Majesty's domains, and will doubtless be pretty generally adopted. There are some places, however, where the observance of the day as a holiday is calculated to be an inconvenience. In Great Britain a Saturday is usually selected for ceremonies of this character because that day is pretty generally kept as a half-holiday anyway. In this country it is different. Saturday is the business day of the week, and it means considerable loss to business men to turn the key in the front door. To make things worse for them, it happens that in Hamilton, Brantford and some other Canadian cities, Civic Holiday falls on August 11. Why these civic holidays should still be kept up seeing that Labor Day is observed on the first Monday in September, it is not easy to understand, and it is possible to overdo the holiday business. However, the fact remains, if, therefore, the merchants of Hamilton and Brantford close on Coronation Day, they will have a holiday on the Saturday, and another on the following Monday. This is asking too much, and it is not surprising that in Hamilton the business men have decided not to pay any attention to the request for a holiday on Coronation Day, and Brantford business men seem disposed to pursue a similar policy."

The above applies with equal force to Chatham, our Civic Holiday being fixed for August 11th. It is intended to celebrate Coronation Day here on the date named instead of on the Saturday previous.

TAKE YOUR CHOICE.

Preston Progress.
Fitzsimmons says he prayed to win the fight against Jeffries. Either he prayed or the fight must have been a fake.

METHUEN'S LUCK.

Preston Progress.
This week British surgeons have removed from Lord Methuen's body considerable quantity of Ross-lead. Before this operation, had Methuen been in Canada, he might have been taxed under the Gibson scrap iron bill.

DON'T EXPECT AN ANSWER.
Grand Rapids Post Democrat.
"What right have any men or combination of men to assume exclusive possession of one of the necessities of life and hold it at their discretion?" asks the Philadelphia Times, referring to the anthracite mine owners. Give it up. Ask the coal trust, the oil trust, the beef trust, or any other trust, and then whistle for your answer.

POOH-BAH GIBSON.
Grimby Independent.
The attorney-general, Hon. J. M. Gibson, has placed himself in rather a peculiar position.

As attorney-general of the province he framed a law on assessment to protect municipalities against the injustice of the scrap iron assessment law, previously passed. As president of the Cataract Power Company he appealed against the assessment of the company in the townships of Grantham.

As senior member of the law firm of Gibson, Osborne, O'Reilly & Levy, he or his partners for him, conducted the case for the company in the courts, and won the appeal.

The assessment of the company on its immense works at Decoy Falls was reduced from \$10,000 to \$25,000. Thus, I see Gibson making the law, Gibson breaking the law, Gibson defending the lawbreaker, and in a few days I expect to see Gibson defending the lawbreaker.

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