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LONDON, FRIDAY, JULY 31.
SOME SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Some interesting comparisons in regard to the public schools are made in the annual report of the minister of education for 1907.

The school population of the Province in 1906 is given as 595,257—an increase of 17,225 over the preceding year. The total number of enrolled pupils in 1906 was 448,992, as compared with 446,494 in 1905—an increase of 2,498. The total daily average attendance in 1906 was 267,252, the percentage of average attendance to total number attending being 59.52. In 1905 the daily average attendance was 264,107, and the percentage 59.15.

The attendance at rural schools continues to exceed that at urban schools, the figures for 1906 being: Rural, 247,929, or 55.22 per cent of the total, and urban, 201,063, or 44.78 per cent. But while for five years the percentage of rural attendance has steadily declined, that of urban attendance has increased.

Of course the three R's are the staple of public school work. Drawing claims the next greatest number of students, viz., 386,023; composition comes next, with 355,413; then geography, with 330,547, followed by music, physiology and hygiene, grammar, Canadian history and English history, in the order named.

The number of men in the teaching profession continues to decrease. In 1905 the percentage of men was 20.21, while in 1906 it had dropped to 19.93. In the rural schools the decline is slightly more than this, as there was a small increase in 1906 in the number of males teaching in the urban municipalities. An increase of 17 in the number of teachers with permanent certificates, first and second class, is noted, although the percentage to the total number was slightly lower in 1906 than in the preceding year. There was an increase of 90 in the number of "other certificates," including temporary.

The report shows the average salaries to have advanced considerably in all classes of schools, being higher in 1906 than at any previous period since Confederation. The increase in 1906 over 1905 was \$34 for males and \$31 for females in the whole Province, and \$23 and \$14, respectively, in the rural schools. If London may be taken as a criterion, the figures for 1907 will show a still greater increase.

The average expenditure per pupil of enrolled attendance increased from \$13.80 in 1905 to \$14.26 in 1906, and from \$23.32 to \$23.96 per pupil of average attendance.

An increase in the number of Roman Catholic separate schools, and a slight decrease in the expenditure in 1906, in comparison with 1905, are shown. The expenditure per pupil of enrolled attendance decreased from \$12.92 to \$12.54. The Protestant separate schools are attended by only 310 pupils.

The length of service or experience of the teachers engaged in the public schools has slightly increased. The average experience of male teachers in Middlesex was 9.03 years, and of women, 4.31 years.

In 1906 there were 142 collegiate institutes and high schools in the Province—an increase of two over 1905. The number of collegiate teachers increased from 689 in 1905 to 719 in 1906; the amount of fees from \$128,886 to \$132,067; the legislative grant from \$121,639 to \$127,843; the amount paid for teachers' salaries from \$666,547 to \$716,471; the amount paid for sites and buildings from \$103,515 to \$112,465; the total expenditure from \$1,004,498 to \$1,028,294; and the number of pupils from 28,661 to 29,392, while the cost per pupil showed a slight decrease—from \$35.5 to \$35.02. The increased attendance taken, together with the attendance at continuation classes, shows a marked increase in the number taking up secondary education. Of the enrolled attendance of the province, 7.03 per cent is so engaged, and about 20 per cent of those who reach the fourth reader extend their course to the secondary schools.

THE CAMPAIGN IN SASKATCHEWAN.

The Saskatchewan campaign is getting under way. Mr. Haultain has chosen his fighting ground, and will revive the issues of the autonomy bill, which Premier Scott declares were settled by the people of Saskatchewan in the election of 1905. He attacks especially the school and the land legislation embedded in the constitution of the province. He demands that the province be given the unoccupied lands instead of the money equivalent granted by the federal authority, but it is not clear whether he would or could upset the school arrangement, even if he were in office.

The Saskatchewan Phoenix says that after three years of Liberal rule the public realize that "the bogey of separate schools is past, and that the Government is far from having sought to inject sectarianism into the province, have faithfully maintained the truly national public schools, have instituted a system of purely non-sectarian high schools and a provincial university, which knows no sect, but only seeks to advance the cause of truth and right." As for the land question it says that the federal treasury, by providing money in lieu of the lands, has enabled the province to pay its way, and that Mr. Haultain should explain how the lands of the province could be better administered than at present.

The constitution of the new province has worked with a surprising lack of friction, and the Government has a record of clean and progressive legislation, which has been concurred in for the most part by the Opposition. Mr. Haultain is making his fight on old issues, which appear to have only an academic interest for the people of Saskatchewan today.

THE LORDS' LATEST DEFINITION.

It was thought the House of Lords had meekly acquiesced in the old age pension bill from motives of prudence, but such is not the case. After giving it a second reading, the peers inserted an amendment limiting its operation to seven years. This is the boldest challenge thrown at the House of Commons by the Upper Chamber since their rejection of the home rule bill.

In theory the two chambers are equal in power, but the Lords have gradually relinquished their right to interfere with money measures, or have left it in abeyance so long that the attempt to exercise it now is regarded as a violation of precedent; and precedent is the chief interpreter of Britain's unwritten constitution. Their action is one more provocation of the Liberal party, which will strengthen and hasten its resolve to fight the Upper House to a finish, and confirm forever the legislative supremacy of the Commons.

It looks as though the peers have placed a strong weapon in the hands of the Government, as the principle of old age pensions is so popular that even the Unionist Opposition in the House of Commons supported the bill. The attitude of Mr. Balfour and his followers was supposed to give the cue to the Unionist majority in the House of Lords, and there will be consternation in the Unionist ranks over the fatality of the peers in thus arming the Government in the impending struggle between the two houses. It may be, however, that the Lords will yield the point, and withdraw their amendments to the pension bill, before the session closes.

King Edward was no misfit in addressing the Peace Conference.

The Canadian West will have a lot of money this year with which to pay off its debts. This is one reason why the East shows so much interest in the western crop.

A local contemporary alludes to the Young Turks as Young Grits. There is some excuse for this. The Young Grits helped to overthrow a corrupt oligarchy in 1896.

The Hamilton Spectator uses a heap of space to prove that Canada is subordinate to the Imperial Parliament. Theoretically this is true, but the Imperial Parliament is too discreet to remind us of the fact.

The only discordant note of the Quebec celebration came from the newspaper, Le Nationaliste, which objected to what it termed the Governor-General's interference, and to an "imperial demonstration." Le Nationaliste speaks for the bigots and reactionists in Quebec, and quite naturally is bitterly opposed to Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

THE LIKENESS.

[Christian Guardian.]
"Why is a pancake like the sun?"
"Because," said the Swede, "it rises out of the east and it sets behind the west."

A FAILURE.

[Life.]
Mrs. H.—I hear you resigned your position as treasurer of the "Don't Worry Club?"
Mrs. C.—Yes, no one cared whether they paid their dues, so what was the use?

LONDON'S EXAMPLE.

[Hamilton Spectator.]
The Playgrounds Association of London, Ontario, has placed a swimming pool at the service of the boys of that city one hour each week, and the same privilege will be secured for girls, if a sufficient number of them desire it. Here is an example worth regarding. Every

boy and girl ought to have a convenient place in which to learn to swim. Facilities at the bay shore are not of the best, and there is plenty of room for philanthropic enterprise.

IN THE CASCINE.

[Eden Philpotts, in the London Nation.]

Here Shelley wrote: the immortal trees
Have felt his passing through each dene
and glade.
Have bent and whispered while the mystic
Of deathless things were woven in their
shade.

The wind that turns the shivering poplar
white,
The nightingale that throbs upon the
night,
Still haunt the shadows where a poet's
soul hath strayed.

THE KAISERIN.

And I have moved upon the self-same
earth
He had, have gazed upon the golden
tide
Of Arno, where her far-flung ripples
meets
With Magnone, leaps and broadens
wide.
By banks of emerald and wandy beach
She dims and shrinks again, long reach
on reach,
While the tall slender trees fade off on
either side.

THE TASSLED HYACINTH.

The tasseled hyacinth caressed his feet:
The great red rose and rustled where he
stood
Upon the river's brink; in dingle sweet
The young leaves bowed before him
through the wood.
Peace was about his passing; heaven's
light
Fell cool upon his gracious forehead
bright.
And say that he was fair, and knew
that he was good.

THE DOME OF BLUE.

The dome of blue whereon his winged
soul
Wheel like an eagle through the ether
still;
The plains that melt and glow and on-
ward roll;
Carrara's mist and marble, where they
fill
The far horizon—all together brought
Under the ragged Apennines—have
wrought
This gold and azure cup wherein he
drank at will.

NOT SO THE HOUR WHEN FROM HIS SPIRIT ROSE.

The solemn anthem of the great west
wind,
Then, through red gloaming and the
stormy close
Of autumn, he went for in might to
find
The river burdened with her latter rains;
Earth's thickened breath he heavy on
the plains;
And open to his cry the immortal
Mother's mind.

HARPER OF ALL AGES, GLAD FREE.

Roaming on earth's deep bosom as of
yore,
Greater than thou is this he wrote of
thee.
Enduring as thyself for evermore,
Shelley's melodious miracle shall reign
For generations' joy; and still maintain
Whist thou dost herd the cloud and
bring the wave to shore.
Florence, May 21.

AGREEABLE.

[Cleveland News.]
"Oh, I'm crazy to go on the stage,"
Sighed the maid, with a mind analytic.
"Was the only time known in this age
When an actress agreed with a critic."

HIS PLACE.

[Christian Register.]
"Are you related to the bride or groom-
elect?" asked the busy usher.
"No."
"Then what interest have you in the
ceremony?"
"I'm the defeated candidate."

THE FOOL WISH.

[La Touche Hancock, in New York
Independent.]
Of all the wishes that men hear
What makes me really very wild,
Is when a man says, "I wish I were
a child."
Says, "Would I were again a child?"
I'm fifty, but I would not care
To have my boyhood back again.
In fact, the prospect's apt to scare,
When I recall the birch and cane,
The lessons and the lines I had
To write in Latin and in Greek.
I must have been extremely bad,
With all what quantities of cheek!

THE OPPORTUNITIES I MISSED.

When I was starting out in life,
The girls I flirted with and kissed,
The one I didn't make my wife,
Such things and half a hundred more
I think of with no trace of joy,
Nay, I most heartily deplore
I ever was a little boy!
So now I've given life a test,
I hate to hear that fool refrain,
The one I wish I had in Greek—
If I would be a child again!

THE MAN FOR THE JOB.

[Puck.]
Employer—We need a man, sir, who is
not afraid of doing a little work.
Applicant for Summer Job—That's me.
I have played on our 'varsity football
team for three years.

EXPLAINED.

[Chicago Daily News.]
Pat—O! saw in 'er paper something
about a felly that wor' after bein' blasé.
Phwa! 'er th' means 'er blasé, O! dunno.
Mike—Blasé do be 'er felly! 'er comes
'er a man after he 'er lazy 'er loafin'
'er hard wor-uk, O! 'er thinkin'.

GOOD ENOUGH.

[Toronto Globe.]
Ontario's wheat crop is estimated at 25
bushels per acre. There is no necessity
for going farther west.

CONDEMNED BEFORE TRIAL.

[Harper's Weekly.]
Mrs. Newbridge—Have you ever tried one
of my pies, Judge Jones?
Judge—No, I never did; but I daresay
they deserve it.

OVER THE LEFT.

[Life.]
It's a long lovers' lane that has no
yearning.

NO WONDER.

[Puck.]
Conductor—This here transfer expired
an hour ago, lady.
The lady (digging into her purse snap-
shably)—No wonder! no wonder! no wonder!
ventilator open in the whole car!

THE FOSTER PHANTOM.

[Victoria Times.]
The Opposition to the Government can-
didates has no policy but a policy of negation. It calls for honesty in
the administration of "public business,"
with the phantom of the past rising up
in judgment before it, the shadow of men
like G. E. Foster looming over it. If
there should be an election during the
present year, can anyone doubt what the
result ought to be or what it will be?

Campers

—never tire of BOVRIL
A cup of BOVRIL and
a "Bovril Sandwich" are
quickly made and are very
enjoyable and nutritious.
When heating canned
meats stir in a
little BOVRIL
and note the dif-
ference.



ROYAL INVALIDS GO TO EUROPE

The While English People Rush
Away When They Are In
Poor Health.

London, July 30.—It is a curious fact
that while English persons rush abroad
when they are in poor health, it is to
England that royal invalids in other
countries turn for a renewal of
strength.

The Kaiserin has a firm belief in
the recuperative power of the air of
the east coast of England, while the
Kaiser owes much to Highcliffe, where
he stayed for several weeks a few
months ago.

The Crown Prince of Sweden, who
lately had a severe attack of measles,
is now here to see what English air
can do for him. He and the Crown
Princess and their two baby sons
spent a few days in London with their
relatives and then left for Bagshot,
where they will stay for some time.

King Alfonso and his wife, the
Queen, who are also here, are very
beneficial and declares that it
was also helpful to the baby Prince
of the Asturias, so the Spanish King
and Queen, with their two sons, will
arrive here in September and go to
the Isle of Wight. King Alfonso broke
traditions when he took the young
prince out of Spain last year and he
will doubly offend when he brings both
of his sons to England this year, but
he has made it clear to his subjects
that he and his family do not mean to
be fettered in the matter of travelling
out of Spain by ancient rules and re-
strictions. His personal popularity is
so great that all but his most conser-
vative subjects have come to accept
all that he may do as right and fitting.

The unfortunate Queen Amelia of
Portugal, who is suffering from a
nervous breakdown and a severe throat
trouble, will arrive soon and go to the
country home of her mother, the
Countess of Paris, where it is hoped
the quiet and the fine air will restore
her to health.

Queen Maud of Norway thinks that
England does wonders for little Prince
Olaaf and she would spend most of her
time in this country, as she loves the
air and surroundings of Windsor, were
it not that the Norwegians are less
amenable than the Spanish and cling
to the tradition that a king and queen
should stay in their own country. So
if Queen Maud visits England she will
have to leave her husband behind.

AN AERIAL FLEET FOR GERMANY

Will Ultimately Have Thirty Air-
ships Suitable for
War Purposes.

Berlin, July 30.—While Count Zepp-
elin is preparing for his great trial
with his aluminum airship, other ex-
periments with semi-rigid and entire-
ly flexible dirigible balloons are pro-
ceeding in various parts of the coun-
try under the supervision of Govern-
ment officials. It is understood that
by the end of the year the military
authorities will possess eight dirigible
balloons suitable for war purposes.

Two of these will be the Goppein
model, with a gas capacity of about
half a million cubic feet. The taking
over of these depends upon the result
of the endurance flight and their ability
to descend on dry land. The semi-rigid
class. They are now in the possession
of the army balloon corps, and have a
capacity of 53,000 and 159,000 cubic
feet respectively. Three of the bal-
loons are of the Parseval class. These
are flexible envelopes of 99,000, 113,000,
and 175,000 capacity. The eighth is an
enormous flexible balloon, now under
construction at the Siemens-Schuck-
ert works here, with a capacity of
424,000 cubic feet.

The acceptance of the flexible bal-
loons is conditioned on ability to pack
and transport the entire balloon on
wagons, so that after unpacking it
can be filled from portable gas tanks
wherever desired while following in
the train of the army.

These acquisitions will form the
basis of further tests in order to de-
cide which system is most useful for
army purposes. At the conclusion of
the experiments a fleet of at least
thirty will be constructed. Tests will
shortly be carried, but in the vicinity
of Berlin, which include the dropping
of explosives from airships on desig-
nated positions, but the results of
these tests will be kept secret.

THE TURF.

WINNERS YESTERDAY.
At Fort Erie—T. M. Green 6 to 1,
Jolly 11 to 5, Bitter Sir 7 to 2, John
Carroll 12 to 5, Senator Barrett 8 to
5, Severus 8 to 5.
At Saratoga—Woodcraft 32 to 1,
Kanvas 2 to 5, Edward 3 to 1, Mont-
fort 3 to 1, Zipango 5 to 2, Hilarious
9 to 10.

Chapman's

Ladies' Handsome Skirts, \$5.00 and \$6.00 for \$2.95
50 only Dress Skirts of Chiffon Broadcloth, in black, navy and brown, tailor-made, bound
seams, perfect fitting. Sold at regularly \$5.00 and \$6.00. Saturday.....\$2.95

Bleached Roller Toweling
500 yards of Bleached Roller Toweling, fourteen inches wide; nice red borders. Needless to
say, this is a great special tomorrow, at, per yard.....5½c

Hand Towels for Immediate Use
Linen Huck Towels, fringed
or hemmed for use; size 18x38.
Saturday, each.....10c
Or, per dozen.....\$1.00
Pure Linen Huck Towels,
washed ready, for use; size
19x39, at, each.....12½c
Or, per dozen.....\$1.40
All Flax Towels, hemmed
and fringed; size 19x38. Special
Saturday, each.....17c
[LINEN SALE OF SECONDS CONTINUED]

This particular sale needs no further comment. The splendid results during the earlier days
of the sale are proof positive of its unparalleled values. There's still plenty.

Pillow Cases
Pillow Cases, some hemmed and hemstitch-
ed, 42 and 44 inches only. Special, each...17c
Don't Be Pestered With Flies, Mosquito Netting 1c Yard
1,000 yards Mosquito Netting, red and yellow.

Wash Suits for Little Boys—Half Price
Saturday will see the mothers flocking here for these pretty suits for their little boys. We
offer choice of our entire stock at half price.

75c for 38c, \$1.00 for 50c; \$1.50 for 75c; \$2.00 for \$1.00.
Boys' Wash Blouses, sizes 3 to 7 years, Saturday25c

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JIMMY REYNOLDS TO WALK AGAIN

Port Hope, July 30.—Jimmy Rey-
nolds, of Port Hope, has offered to
post a forfeit of \$250 that he will walk
the distance of 134 miles, from Port
Hope to Toronto, in 33 hours.
Reynolds will start this walk on
Monday, September 14, and will be
glad to meet all comers.
Reynolds is now getting himself
into condition for the walk, and will
endeavour to break the best previous
record.

BELMONT RACES

About 800 People Attended the Wed-
nesday Matinee.

Belmont, July 30.—About 800 per-
sons attended the matinee races on
the Belmont driving park Wednesday
afternoon, including fully 300 of the
fair sex. Dr. A. D. McLachlin, officiat-
ed as master of ceremonies.
In the half mile foot race Harry
Conventry carried off the trophy.
The following is a summary of the
results:

Class A.
Lucky Jim, E. Begg, St. Thomas,
(Begg) 1
Dominion Belle, P. O'Dell, Belmont
(Locke) 2
Aldus, J. Jones, Belmont (Jones) 3
Nellie Mac, J. N. Boyd, Belmont
(Boyd) 4
Time—1:13½, 1:13.
Class B.
Ingomar, Dr. Edwin, St. Thomas,
(Edwin) 1
Miss Annie, Dr. McColl, St.
Thomas (McColl) 2
Lady Harkness, A. Harkness
(Harkness) 2 dr.
Time—1:21½, 1:19½.
Class C.
Pete, O. Fitzpatrick, Harriets-
ville 1
Irene, P. O'Dell, Belmont 2
Time—1:23, 1:25.

STANLEY KETCHELL RULES FAVORITE

San Francisco, July 31.—Stanley
Ketchell and Hugo Kelly, who will
meet in a 20-round boxing contest at
the Coliseum tonight, have finished
their period of training and are now
in condition. The battle carries with
it the middleweight championship.
Ketchell, the holder, having won it by
his recent defeat of Papke, in Mil-
waukee. The men will weigh in at 6
p.m., and must not exceed 158 pounds.

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It is really two
flours in one
—an Ontario pastry flour
and a Manitoba bread flour.
Beaver Flour is a blend
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wheats—makes the whitest,
most nutritious Bread and
the lightest, tastiest Cake,
Pies and Pastry.

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GREAT CLEARANCE SALE For This Week Only

Lots of women who never
came here before have been
attracted by the low prices in
this great clearing sale. They
find a large assortment to
choose from. They find us just
as glad to see and serve them
as if we were making a lot of
money on the transaction. This
is the clearing up season, and
you get your choice by com-
ing early.

Here are the prices:
A regular \$18 and \$20 Suit, to
clear at\$13.95
A regular \$13 and \$15 Suit, to
clear at\$10.95
A regular \$12 Suit, to clear
at\$8.95
Above Suits are made in the
newest styles and fabrics.
Some have silk lining, others
a good farmer's satin. Now
is the time to get your suit.

Big Reductions in Raincoats and Tweed Tourist Coats

Short Covert Coats

Never before did you get such a bargain in a short
covert coat. We are just finishing up a lot of coats in
box, tight and semi-fitting styles. Some made in the
Princess Chap style, and made of the best covert cloth.
Some trimmed with buttons down back and finished
with a velvet collar. To clear at \$3.65 while they last.
A few children's short covert coats to clear at \$3.25
and \$3.45.

A beautiful line of Skirts, in black, blue, brown,
gray and striped goods, trimmed with silk and buttons;
also folds of same. These to clear at \$1.95.

A nice line of Gray Skirts, only \$1.49, for this week
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A full line of better Skirts always on hand, all at
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Interest in the contest is keen and

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chase seats when they were placed on
sale yesterday. Betting favors Ke-

chell at 2 to 1.

CRICKET.