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## FREE SCHOOL BOOKS.

The superintendent of education and the chancellor of the provincial university have, after thorough consideration, reached the conclusion that free text books should be furnished the school children in New Brunswick. This opinion seems to be shared by a majority of members of the board of education, and the report of the sub-committee will be taken up in the near future. The Star has from time to time published exhaustive reports on the working elsewhere of a system such as is proposed, but has come to the conclusion that a small fee should be charged each pupil. It has been found in Toronto where free books are supplied that the annual cost to the city averages eleven cents per pupil, while in London, Ont., a much smaller city the expenditure is three or four cents higher. In a whole province, made up of many scattered districts, it is only fair to suppose that the outlay will be at least twenty cents. While this is not very much for each child, it will amount to a large sum in the aggregate, such a sum indeed which need not be given, although the principle involved is a good one. Parents in New Brunswick are now compelled to spend from \$1.10 to \$3.00 per year for each child attending school, the amount increasing as the pupil advances. A man with six children is not, however, called upon to hand out as much money as six men with one child each, for many of the books used are good from year to year.

Yet the demands are on the whole so heavy, that if a fee of any twenty-five cents per pupil were charged the parents would almost consider that they were getting the books for nothing while at the same time the government would be reimbursed. This is the plan adopted in London, and it is found an excellent one. In the last school year the twenty-five cents charged not only paid the first cost of the books and kept them in repair, but left a balance to be added to the general fund. Along with this there should be in operation a system of fines, under which pupils who through carelessness or with intent destroy their books, would be called upon to pay for them.

## TOMORROW'S CONTEST.

Tomorrow St. John electors will be given the opportunity of selecting a number of those men who will during the next year conduct civic business. The property qualification for aldermen is so insignificant that half the ratepayers whose names are on the lists might be nominated. There has been and still is a need for good men, but out of all those who are able to become candidates, only a very few have offered. That the list is so small may be regarded as proving that citizens are satisfied, and the only duty that now remains is to elect the best of those whose names appear on the ballots. One thing is certain, that the present aldermen who are meeting with opposition, would be no serious loss to the city if defeated, and indeed it might be a wise plan to remove the whole lot from office, even at the slight risk of securing a poorer representation.

There are contests in a majority of wards and for aldermen at large, so that the result of tomorrow's voting will be of considerable importance. It is the duty of every voter to go to the polls. One ballot may decide the fate of any candidate, and it is well that every ratepayer should exercise his privilege.

A Carleton correspondent of the Star states that having forgotten his laundry on Saturday night, he called for it early on Sunday morning. The door of the Chinese laundry was opened a few inches, and the proprietor, it is believed, explained that washing could not be delivered on Sunday because of the new law. The would-be wearer of a clean shirt was unable to hear distinctly the explanation, owing to the noise made by gangs of men and machinery, engaged in loading steamers at the near-by Sand Point wharf.

Rev. D. Macdonald, is the latest to join in the clerical campaign against Sunday funerals. The Sabbath is the minister's busy day, and naturally a man who has to preach two sermons and attend Sunday school does not want any more work on that day. But those who attend the funerals work on the other six days of the week, and can on Sunday most easily arrange to show their respect to the memory of a dead friend. They will, undoubtedly, favor the present custom.

## TRAIN WRECKED AT WINNIPEG

WINNIPEG, April 14.—The Great Northern Flyer, the finest train running out of Winnipeg was wrecked at a switch at Pembina street crossing inside the city limits this evening. No one was killed.

## THE REWARDS OF ART.

(At a recent annual exhibition in one of the big art institutes the premier awards for painting and sculpture were \$100 each.)

"At last," the gleeful artist cried, "The dear success I long have craved. Has come to fill my breast with pride. To pay me for the years I've slaved."

Ort had he munched a moldy crust; Through dismal years he'd done his best, And, bravely faithful to his trust, Kept hope alive with in his breast.

And now the prize was his at last, His canvas had the honored place; The jury's verdict had been passed, The light of joy was on his face.

A hundred dollars he had won; He hardly dared believe it true; The critics praised what he had done, With eager hopes he worked anew.

A short-necked, low-browed man was paid Ten thousand dollars that same night, Because through sixteen rounds he stayed To clinch, to parry, and to smite.

## FOLLOWING DOCTOR'S ORDERS.

"Gracious man!" exclaimed the doctor when Mr. Glubbins called him in a hurry. "Your temperature is rioting along near the danger point, and you are ill."

"And I'm worse off than ever I was before, all through the diet you prescribed."

"Impossible, Mr. Glubbins! I told you distinctly to confine yourself to such foods as would be taken by a three-year-old child!"

"And didn't I follow orders? I ate apple cores and dog biscuits and ends of burnt matches and scraps of potato peeling, and everything else I could pick up while no one was looking—and here I am, pretty near dead!"

Hasn't reflecting upon the gastronomical tendencies of the average three-year-old child, the doctor told Mr. Glubbins that he has been overdoing the diet and would have to subsist on soft toast and hot water for a week.

## NO CAJOLERY THEN.

A certain lady took her four-year-old daughter to a photographer. The little one would not keep still. The knight of the camera was as nice and suave as he could be, and called the child all the sweet, endearing names he could think of, while using every device of gentle persuasion to make the little wriggler keep quiet. Finally he turned to the despairing mother and said:

"Madam, if you will leave your darling with me for a few minutes, I think I can succeed in taking her lovely face to perfection."

The mother withdrew for a short time. Soon the photographer summoned her back, and exhibited a highly satisfactory negative. When they reached home the mother asked:

"Nellie, what did that nice gentleman say to you when I left you alone with him?"

"Well, he said," replied Nellie, "if you don't sit still, you ugly, squint-eyed monkey, I'll shake the life out of your trembling carcass. Then I sat very still, mamma."

## AMBIGUOUS.

Caller—"Sorry to hear of your motor accident." Enthusiastic motorist—"Oh, thanks, it's nothing. Expect to live through many more." Caller—"Oh, but I trust not!"

Constable—"Th' very idee of two old men like you a fightin'! Ain't ye ashamed o' yerself, Uncle Reub Funkhouser?"

Uncle Reub (still in the ring)—"No, sir! He 'lowed his roomyism hurt vum's mine, dad blame him!"

## AMEN!

The new member—"I suppose you never thought I'd be elected to the legislature, did you, 'Rastus'?" The waiter—"No, 'ah; but de Lawd's will be done."

Wife (handing list of twenty-four names to husband)—"Now, dear, I want you to arrange the tables. You must separate the good players from the bad, and those who play high points from those who play low. Husband and wife must not be at the same table, and don't mix the old and young together. Of course, you must have two ladies and two men at each table. By-the-by, don't on any account put the smart people with the dowdy ones."

Speaking with a young lady, a gentleman mentioned that he had failed to keep abreast of the scientific advance of the age. "For instance," he said, "I don't know at all how the incandescent electric light is produced."

"Oh, it's very simple," said the lady. "You just press a button, and the light appears at once."



The Only Escape. "Do you care for private theatricals?" "If they are sufficiently private."

## RUSSIANS ARMING FOR NEXT STRIKE

Revolutionists Buy Rifles in Many Centres

They are Consigned Under False Labels and Thrown Overboard at Spots Marked

LONDON, April 12.—A correspondent of the Evening News declares that he is able to throw light on the methods pursued by the Russian terrorists in securing arms and ammunition. He says that it is the duty of no fewer than twelve revolutionary organizations, possessing headquarters in London, to assist political refugees and to provide arms and ammunition, the latter being always required. The demand at the present time is considerably in excess of the supply.

Something like 3,000,000 rifles and 1,000,000 revolvers are wanted to arm the masses of the population, as the next general strike will possibly be declared at an early date. Every market in the world is being tapped in the purchase of weapons. The buyers are carefully distributed throughout the United States, Great Britain and the European continent. All weapons are first sent to England, where they are shipped in water-tight cases, bearing false labels, on board the steamships that run to the Baltic and Black Sea ports. As the vessels near the coast the cases have been marked by small buoys, and then are easily secured by the revolutionists.

LONDON, April 12.—A despatch to the Daily News from St. Petersburg says that conditions in Finland have caused the Government much concern for some time. It is known that large quantities of arms have been imported there, and the Government believes that a revolutionary militia is being secretly formed. The new Diet, elected by universal (including woman) suffrage, is overwhelmingly Socialistic.

"Certainly," answered Mr. Dustin Stax. Prosperity is always with us. The only difficulty is that it sometimes becomes quite concentrated and circumscribed.

"You deny that there is any such thing as hard times?"

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## BRITISH SEAMEN WERE LIVING ON LEATHER

Sailors on Nova Scotian Bark Almost Crazy from Sufferings Following Wreck

NEW YORK, April 15.—Among the passengers who arrived last night on the steamer Segurana, from Santiago, Cuba, were six seamen who were wrecked in the British bark Trinidad. The Trinidad left Santa Cruz March 23 with a cargo of mahogany. On April 10 she ran into a hurricane, which blew for two days with terrible force. The men were at the pumps all the time, and as she had lost her masts and rudder she became unmanageable. The steamer and cabin were flooded and all provisions were ruined. The men were completely exhausted and almost crazy from their sufferings. On the fifth day they were picked up and taken to Nassau by a sponging schooner. Captain Christiansen and several others are still at the hospital. The others came to New York. One of the crew, Mr. Quez, says that when found they were chewing bits of leather. The Trinidad was built in Nova Scotia.

MISS ANN TEAK—Really, some of the young girls nowadays, are positively awful! The idea of a girl being engaged to two men at the same time! It's just shameful!

MISS CUTTING—Besides you find it aggravating also, don't you? Philadelphia Press.

Benevolent Lady (going over agitated, to a lunatic)—"Poor man! what a sad case for you—always being cooped up in this place!"

Lunatic—Not at all, madam. The fools who come to see me are sometimes quite amusing.—Ben Vivant.

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TWICE A DAY THEY GET SORE THROATS

LONDON, April 12.—Londoners are in the grip of a new form of influenza, which may be described as twice-a-day sore throat. The sufferer upon rising in the morning finds his voice husky, there is a burning feeling at the base of his nose, and he has a dry barking cough.

Later in the day the discomfort disappears, only to return in the evening. Yesterday a well known Harley street doctor found that, out of eighteen patients who consulted him, fewer than sixteen had these symptoms.

"The disorder is due to a peculiar germ which attacks the nasal nerves just as the spotted fever germ does," said this doctor.

"The remedy however, is a simple one. A place of liquefaction or liqueur lozenge gives instant relief."

## Yes, Girls, Tell Mother

that our Spring Shoes are now ready. Tell her, also, that we have the prettiest Oxfords and Sandals she ever saw. She can't help buying you a pair when she sees them. Tell her, too, that we have some pretty little Spring-heel Shoes, also Children's High Kid Shoes, with patent leather tips. Children's Low Patent Leathers. A dainty, though mannish shape, that both boys and girls can wear. Kid in same style.

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BRIEF DISPATCHES

ROME, April 13.—The house in the Piazza Disegni, in this city which has been purchased to be preserved henceforth as a memorial to Keats and Shelley, is about to be thoroughly overhauled.

The house in question is where Keats lived and died, and its purchase was effected last January by a committee composed of largely of Americans with which Edmund Clarence Steadman were associated.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 14.—Continuous heavy rains have caused the rivers to overflow, seriously flooding Macedonia and Asia Minor. The plains of Brusa, Adabazar, Kutah Isaidin and almost all the villages are submerged and there has been heavy loss of life and destruction of cattle and property. Coming after the severe winter and the ruin of crops, the floods have entailed acute distress among the population and the interruption of railway traffic renders relief difficult.

OCEAN CITY, N. J., April 14.—F. Vintar Brown, whose three children disappeared on Friday, today secured a warrant for the arrest of Mrs. Susan B. Maxwell, on suspicion of being the

woman who accompanied the children from home. Mrs. Maxwell is a pianist, who was in business for two summers on the Board Walk here.

GREENWICH, Conn., April 14.—The memorial chapel annexed to the Second Congregational church and given by A. Edward Morey, was dedicated today, the sermon being delivered by Rev. Dr. George A. Gordon, of the New Old South Church, Boston, Mass., a former pastor. The church edifice is a beacon by the photo of sound steamers to get their bearings and is one of the places of interest in town.

SENOIA, Calif., April 13.—James Gilet, at one time Bret Harte's mining partner and the original of that author's "Truthful James," died today.

LAFORTE, Ind., April 13.—After being out one hour a jury this afternoon returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of Frank Galtner, engineer of a Baltimore and Ohio passenger train who was charged with involuntary manslaughter in falling to give proper signals to a freight train at Woodville, Ind., causing a collision resulting in sixty-one deaths. Conductor Porter of Galtner's train and Engineer Burke, and Conductor Moste of the freight train who were also indicted, were dismissed.

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