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PRINCIPAL WOODS' CASE.

The London School Board have probably
taken the best course open to them in agree-

ing that Principal Woods' alleged shortcom-

ings shall be thoroughly investigated. It

is unfortunate for the cause of higher edu-

cation in London that the trouble should

have arisen; but if the facts are

as stated by the movers in the

matter action has not been taken any too

soon. If the contrary is the case, it is due

to Principal Woods that he should have an

opportunity of vindicating his position. A

searching investigation will not doubt take

place.

By the way, how can those members of

the School Board who have berated the

Educational Department for its alleged

"centralizing" tendencies reconcile their

action in sending this little domestic dif-

iculty to Toronto for investigation?

AN UNCALLED-FOR ATTACK ON

THE PRISON COMMISSION.

So far, the Prison Commission appointed

by the Ontario Government has met with

success in its investigation of the causes of

crime and the best means for dealing with

criminals, with the object of decreasing the

criminal population. The county authori-

ties and the public generally have so far co-

operated with the commission in obtain-

ing every possible bit of infor-

mation necessary to form a judgment, and

there is reason to believe that reforms of a

lasting and beneficial character will be

instituted as a result of the investigations

made by the commissioners.

But one solitary protest against the

commission and its designs is forthcoming. It

comes from the London Free Press, which,

strangely enough, has resented the com-

mission's efforts to deal with the treatment

of criminals as highly satisfactory. Any-

way, our contemporary deems it right to

condemn the Ontario Government for ap-

pointing what it is pleased to call a "gen-

eral commission," sent on "a roving in-

quiry." It pitches into the authorities for

not letting the jailers and inspectors in-

vestigate and report on everything, and it

even goes the length of asserting that the

Mowat Government must be the cause of

end to find a pretext for giving employment

to its time-serving dependents.

This indictment is easily disposed of. The

Free Press must be profoundly ignorant of

what has been occurring in the Province

within the last twelve months, or it pur-

posely conceals facts in order to get a

"whack at the Government," for which, no

matter what it may do, our contemporary

seems to have no word of commendation.

The Prison Commission was not devised by

the Government for the purpose of giving

employment to "time-serving dependents."

On the contrary, it was appointed at the

request of a conference of men and women

interested in prison reform that in point of

numbers and respectability could not fairly

be ignored, even if the Government

deemed such a course wise. The confer-

ence was held in November of last year.

It was attended not only by those specially

responsible for the management of the

prisons of the Province, but by repre-

sentatives from almost every Church in On-

tario. The Anglican Church was repre-

sented by the Bishop of Niagara and

others. The Presbyterian Church by Rev.

will visit London. We trust that no one
who has the moral progress of the people
and the interest of the taxpayers at heart
will be deterred by the carping criticisms
of our city contemporary from aiding in
promoting the laudable objects which the
commission has set before it.

A PROTEST FROM LONDON WEST.

In a letter in another column a London
West correspondent voices what we believe
to be the sentiment of many people in that
suburb. We hope soon to see the village
enlightened with the city on fair terms.

With every portion of the city united in the
determination to advance its common in-

terests, an era of prosperity might be looked
for. The question of proper playgrounds for

the rising generation is really of vital im-

portance to the suburbs as well as to the
city proper. Everybody must concede that

a proper sense of the dignity of labor
should be instilled into the youthful mind.

But the training of the young cannot be left
there. We must teach them to develop
their bodies as well as their minds. The

community as a whole, must share in the
duty of providing proper places for

youthful sports and breathing places for
those who are disinclined to

play, either by reason of age or infirmity.

If the young are neglected; if they are
driven from the streets when they attempt

to enjoy themselves; if they are taught to
believe that many games are a nuisance,

then depend upon it the tendency of the
current amusements will be to degrade

rather than enoble the rising generation,
and will prove far more costly, in the long

run, to the taxpayers than a reasonable ex-

penditure for playgrounds could have been.

There is the corroborative testimony of

experts on this subject which cannot be

gained.

Aldermen and councillors, do not be too
short-sighted.

THE ABSURDITY OF IT.

The money expended by the Dominion
Government in deepening the St. Lawrence
canals has never been objected to by its

opponents. It is a carrying out of the
policy pursued by the Liberals

when in power. Objection can fairly
be taken, however, to the contradic-

tory way in which the Ottawa authorities
now set about the work of subsidizing rail-

ways, deepening canals and subsidizing
ocean steamships. We are told that these

large expenditures of public money are
made to extend our foreign trade. At the

same time the Government piles on the
taxes on foreign goods in order to put a stop,

as far as high taxes will permit, to the
profitable importation of foreign goods,

taken in exchange for the products of Cana-

dian labor. Could anything more idiotic
and absurdly contradictory be imagined?

As the Montreal Herald points out, the
natural common-sense and successful

method, which the Government refuses to
adopt, would be to remove tariff obstacles

to trade, reduce taxation and allow com-

merce to flow in natural and profitable
channels. Canadians will be handicapped

in their money-making endeavors until
such time as this reform is effected.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Of establishing summer haunts there is
no end. Big Isle Royale, Lake Superior,

has been bought by capitalists of Boston,
New York and England and plenty of

money will be spent to make it a summer
resort. The ideal summer resort, in point

of cost and of pleasure, is still to be found
among the romantic Muskoka lakes.

—Because the local Tory M. P. cannot
agree as to which of them shall take the

office, the collectorship of customs at To-

ronto has been kept without a head for
about three years, no collector having held

office since the death of the late Mr. Paton.

The present system has given rise to a
number of abuses, but it is said that it will

be hard to remedy these while the collec-

torship remains vacant. How can the Gov-

ernment defend such neglect as is here ex-

emplified?

—The people of Belleville are rejoicing
over the fact that Mr. Clute, Q. C., finding

that there was no proper place for the ci-

tizens to enjoy themselves in spare moments,

has thrown open his private grounds for the

purpose of public amusement every Satur-

day. This is a very laudable thing for a

citizen to do, but it seems to us that the

example set contains a rebuke to the

citizens of Belleville, which they should lay

to heart. No progressive city should have

to depend on private benevolence for play-

grounds for its rising generation. They

should be provided as a matter of correct

municipal policy on the co-operative plan.

As an investment, too, they would pay.

—The running of street cars by electricity

seems to be a success wherever tried. But

there is one trouble which still puzzles elec-

tricians. The electric motor is a sudden sort

of thing that starts at high speed. It is

difficult, however, to apply the power

economically in starting a car, and it is

found that the horse power required to

overcome the initial inertia of a car stand-

ing still is many times greater than that re-

quired to keep the car in motion after it had

once been set a-going. The mechanical

problem, therefore, is to obtain from the

motor shaft a slow initial movement with-

out loss of power. Here is a chance for an

inventor.

OTHER NEWSPAPERS.

TOO CHEAP.

Dresden Times.

The Times refuses to be bought with a

few brass buttons.

HOW NATIONS ARE ENRICHED.

It is by importing more than they export

that people get rich. If they gave away

more than they got, how long would it take

to empty the stocking.

CAN'T BOSS THE ATMOSPHERE.

Hamilton Spectator.

The fruit grower never had brighter pros-

pects for a fine return for his labor and

patience than at the beginning of the

present season; but he has many things to

discourage him in his business. He con-

gratulates himself that he has become com-

paratively master of the variety of de-

structive insects, by modern discoveries

and appliances; but he finds himself unable

to cope with the atmospheric destroyer

which is becoming more prevalent every

year.

DETROIT AND ITS VEILED STATUARY.

Peoria Transcript.

Since Detroit's concluded to clothe its

statues in pantheistic it is meeting with a

good deal of free advertising. The man in

Detroit now who would tell the naked truth

would be mobbed.

FASHION IN CHURCH DECORATION.

Chicago Times.

It is a fad in Boston to drape the pulpits

for church weddings so that they may

harmonize with the dress of the bride. If

the pastors are shrewd they will have the

drapery cut V-shaped in front so that the

bridegroom may not forget what is due the

officiating clergyman.

RECIPIENCY.

Port Arthur Herald.

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NEW PUBLICATIONS.

John Lovell & Son, Montreal, study the

tastes of the thousands of readers. They

know that good live stories are liked by the

summer reader, and in the last two volumes

issued they meet the public desire. "A

Woman's Heart," by Mrs. Alexander, and

"Her Last Throw," by the Duchess, are

certain to have many readers. Each can

be bought for 30 cents.

The Canadian Illustrated of last week

was a splendid number. Its illustrations

are getting better all the time.

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be no cure for this loathsome and

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but received no benefit until I

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few bottles of this medicine cured me of

this troublesome complaint, and com-

pletely restored my health."—Jesse M.

Boggs, Holliston, Mass., N. C.

"When Ayer's Sarsaparilla was recom-

mended to me for catarrh, I was in-

clined to doubt its efficacy. Having

tried so many remedies, with little ben-

efit, I had no faith that anything would

cure me. I became emaciated from loss

of appetite, and my system was badly

deranged. I was a friend urged

about me to try Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and

referred me to persons whom I had cured

of catarrh

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

BORN.

DUFFIELD.—At 518 Queen's Avenue on Sunday, July 6, the wife of James C. Duffield, of a son.

DIED.

MONTGOMERY.—Suddenly, on July 17, Edith B. Montgomery, youngest daughter of Alex. Montgomery, 332 Dundas street, aged 17 years.

Funeral on Saturday at 3 p.m.; service at 2:30 o'clock. Friends are kindly invited to attend.

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THE WEATHER PROPHECY.

Toronto, July 16.—The high pres-

sure reduced since last night, and at the same

time a shallow depression has moved with

great rapidity to Lake Superior. Heavy rains

have fallen from the Rocky Mountains to

Manitoba; elsewhere in Canada the weather

has been generally fine. Maximum tempera-

ture: Calgary, 70; Winnipeg, 72; Port Ar-

thur, 71; Toronto, 70; Montreal, 82; Quebec,

76; Halifax, 78.

FURBERIES.

For the next 24 hours for the lower lakes:

Moderate winds; fair, with showers or thunder

storms in some localities at night.

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of Dundas and Richmond

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—Mr. J. M. Williams, of this city, is vis-

iting in Paris.

—Mrs. Wm. Graham is visiting for two

or three weeks at her brother's, in Toronto,

and at her mother's, in Thornhill.

—Mr. James Drennan, of St. Thomas

Journal, was in the city to-day on his re-

turn from a holiday trip to Chicago.

—Mr. Henry R. Cleland, who has been

visiting friends in London, Ingersoll and

Toronto, returned to Chicago to-day.

—Mr. Walter Drennan, who has been

visiting his mother here for a couple of

weeks, returned to Chicago last night.

—Mr. Caswell Munro and Miss May

Munro, nephew and niece of Mr. Wm.

Payne, South London, leave to-day on an

extended trip of seven or eight months to

Europe.

—Mr. James Hay, a former resident of

London and of Delaware, has opened a

large blacksmithing establishment on State

street, Chicago, and is doing a rushing

business.

—Mr. Archie McGill, late of the firm of

McGill Bros., nurserymen, of this city, left

Tuesday morning on an extended trip to the

Western States. His many friends wish

him good speed.

—Mr. Thomas Swift, formerly of the

stores department of the G. W. K., is now

holding a first-class position in the United

States Rolling Stock Company, with head-

quarters at Hegewich, Ill.

—Three drunks occupied the attention of

the Police Court this morning. John

Daniels, remanded from July 11, was dis-

charged, as was Alfred M. Quinn. Annie

Madden was fined \$1 or ten days.

—Mr. Wm. M. Moore, president of the

London Real Estate and Agency Associa-

tion, has returned from a two-month's

sojourn in Winnipeg and the Northwest,

and appears to be in splendid health.

—J. N. Dugan, G. T. R. dispatcher, of

London, Ont., wife and daughter, and Miss

Annie M. Ryan left yesterday for Duluth

and Western points, via steamer United

Empire from Sarnia. (Port Huron Times.)

—Among some chattels disposed of by

auction on the market to-day was an old

monument which told of the death of one

Henry Green. The novelty of such an

article being sold to the highest bidder at-

tracted considerable comment.

—Word has been received from Rev. Geo.

Brown, of Strathroy, formerly of London

South, that he is much improved in health

and hopes soon to be fully recovered. Mr.

Mrs. and Miss Edith Brown are stopping

for a time at Warren Point, Ireland, and

purpose shortly to visit Glasgow, Edin-

burgh, Liverpool, London and other places

of interest, any may possibly spend the

winter in the old land.

—The death is announced at Hamilton

of Mrs. Anna Sammons, widow of the late

Mr. Martin Sammons and mother of E. H.

Sammons, South London, in the 74th year

of her age. Deceased was for many years

a resident of Lincoln county, but for the

last dozen years had lived in Hamilton.

Last summer her husband died, and she

never fully got over the shock. Deceased

was a model wife and mother, and has left

many friends to mourn her loss and condole

with her family. Fortunately, they are all

well.

—Mrs. Elizabeth Dickenson, relict of the

late Chas. Dickenson, of London township,

and mother of R. Dickenson, of Strathroy,

passed peacefully away at her residence on

Sunday last, at the ripe old age of 80 years.

She was born in Wicklow, in 1808, came to

this country in 1812, was married to her

late husband in 1832, and continuously re-

sided in the same place ever since. From

her youth she was a constant and valued

member of the Methodist Church. A family

of three sons and four daughters survive

her. The funeral, which took place to the

family burying ground, the Grove, London

township, was very largely attended by

sympathizing friends.

Standing of the Collegiate Institute.

In the course of the discussion at the

Board of Education last night Trustee

Cook alleged that Principal Woods

misrepresented to the Board the stand-

ing of the school by saying that in one

year nine pupils had gone to the University,

when in the report by the Minister only

five are reported, and thus the fact that four

were picked was concealed by Mr. Woods.

This statement Mr. Woods denies. He

further asserts that no pupil has been

placed at any matriculation examination

since he has been in London, and points out

that in the year mentioned five pupils went

to the University of Toronto as reported by

the Minister, and as these do not re-

spect to the Minister, no notice was required

of