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## DANGEROUS KIND OF PLAY.

### Youngsters who put Obstructions on Railway Track.

They Might Cause Untold Disaster.—Sunday School Convention.—Big Time at Poquiock.—Attempt to Burn the College Building.

Children are apt to do things, carelessly, which may have terrible results. For instance, Trackmaster John Burpee states that occasionally he finds some obstruction on the railway track, evidently, put there by children thoughtlessly and which might cause a wreck of the train. The other evening Mr. Burpee was coming down the track. About Munroe's curve he found a piece of wood with iron attached to it lying on the track. A train had only passed a short while before. The obstruction might have been enough to throw a train off the track. Parents should be careful to teach their children of the seriousness of what they evidently consider playful.

### Wicklow and Simonds Parish Convention.

The first session of Wicklow and Simonds Parish Convention opened at 2.10 p.m., Aug. 27th, in the Greenfield Presbyterian church, Miss LePage presiding at the organ. There was a good attendance, about seventy being present. Part of the seventh chapter of Revelation was read, which was followed by prayers from Rev. D. Fiske and others. Singing by choir "I am thine." Then followed the address of the President. He gave a cordial welcome to all, then spoke of the great loss Christian workers have sustained in the death of Mrs. Chas. Wiggins, who though dead, yet speaketh. His heart was gladdened by the increased interest taken in the S. S. work and in the conventions, due to the co-operation of people and parishes. He also exulted in the progress of the work in Victoria county.

The report of the Executive Committee was then read and adopted. It reported 15 schools in Parish, nine of which were evergreen, 562 scholars, 95 officers and teachers. Total 645, average attendance of 438. Thirty three from S. S. joined church during the year. Financially everything had been successful. Addresses were then given by Rev. A. H. Hayward and Rev. J. E. Flewelling. Reports from the different schools were then received, nearly all reporting success. Resolutions of condolence to the afflicted ones in Simonds were passed.

The evening session opened at 7.30 p. m., with a large attendance, all the seats were filled and some were forced to stand. After opening exercise, Rev. D. Fiske gave an admirable report of the Convention at Kilburn, dwelling on the most important points of the addresses of the President and others. After singing by the choir, an address on Spiritual Power was given by Rev. J. E. Flewelling. He emphasized the fact that all should be more dependent on and should honor more the Holy Ghost. A conference on The deepening of Spiritual Power in the schools was then conducted by Rev. A. H. Hayward, in which conference many suggestions and much help were given to S. S. workers. The financial statement of Secretary showed \$9.44 received during year and \$8.17 expended, leaving a balance on hand of \$1.27. After a consecration service the convention closed to meet at Connell.

### The Coldstream Bridges.

To the Editor of The Dispatch:

SIR,—I notice a communication in your paper, concerning the bridges on Coldstream, from Mr. Dibblee. He said that I came to his store with Mr. Phillips on the 29th of November and stated that the work was all done. Now, I positively state I was not in Woodstock on the 29th of November when Mr. Phillips got the note in question discounted. I further state that Mr. Dibblee wrote out a statement which I did not read, nor did he read it to me, and I find that it is not correct. Mr. Phillips never asked me to go to Dibblee and state that the bridges were completed, and I declare positively that Gideon Phillips was not with me when the statement was written, nor was there to be any gravel on bridge at Sanborn.

JOHN M. HILL.

Cloverdale, Aug. 26th.

### Foresters' Picnic.

The Foresters' picnic on the grounds of the Berry estate at Poquiock last Thursday was well attended as it deserved to be. The day was one of the finest that nature turns out of her work shop in this latitude. Foresters from Prince William and Millville were present in goodly numbers, among them being Dr. Owens and George Graham. There were about twenty ladies and gentlemen

present from Woodstock, among whom were Fred Moore, Wm. T. Drysdale and Charles Trafton with Mr. Gobiell of Ottawa. The sports were numerous and interesting, including 100 yards dash, 220 yds. dash, 1/4 mile race, boys' race, bicycle race, horse races, fat men's race, girls' race, children's race, married women's race and pole vault. Henry Veness of Woodstock won one of the horse races with a bay mare named Arclight. Mr. Grosvenor of Meductic won a bicycle race, and Addison Bowman the genial Forester of Hawkshaw won the fat men's race of 50 yards, covering the distance in six seconds. In the evening there was a dance in the hall at Hawkshaw and a good dance it was. The Woodstock gentlemen complain of having being killed with kindness and threaten to go to the Poquiock picnic every year hereafter. Though there were over a thousand people present the crowd was not so large as last year nor was it so large as was expected.

### Tried to Burn It.

A daring attempt was made on Saturday evening last to burn down the College building, wherein some ten of the public schools of the town are carried on. James Hull who lives back of the building, on his way home on Saturday evening shortly after ten o'clock saw flames burning over outside the college. He immediately ran over and notified the janitor, John Burpee, and a few pails of water being brought in requisition put out the fire. It was evidently a deliberate attempt to destroy the building. Paper and small wood had been laid against the door leading into the basement under the north wing, and in order to give the fire a good start paraffine had been liberally poured over the kindling and the door. The fire was burning merrily when Mr. Hull made the discovery, and if it had been started late in the night it must have got well under way before it could be stopped. A watch was put on Saturday and Sunday nights. There is no clue to the offenders. It would be well for who ever did the deed, and others similarly inclined, to bear in mind that if convicted they are liable to imprisonment for life.

### Who Invented The Umbrella.

The question of who invented the umbrella will probably never be solved, but it is almost certain that this useful appliance originally came from China. In Europe it was unknown until about the middle of the eighteenth century. The English explorer, John Hanway, brought the first specimen to London from the far East. The prejudice against the innovation was so strong in London that for three years after he first appeared in the street with his new fangled umbrella Hanway had to employ police protection every time he ventured out with it.

Passers-by thought him a lunatic, and, in spite of the rain, boys and men would run after him hooting and calling him all sorts of names.

When the umbrella made its first appearance in Paris it precipitated almost a riot on the part of the porte chaise and sedan chair carriers, who consider this invention a death blow to their trade; a fear which proved well founded. But despite opposition, the umbrella slowly but steadily made its way through the world, until now it is known and used in every civilized country.

### It's Different, You Know.

It was during the controversy over the value of a bicycle.

"There are cases, mamma," explained the young woman, "when the proper use of a bicycle is almost imperative, and I am sure that mine is one of them."

"Nonsense," returned the elder woman. "That's very nice talk from the point of view of a dealer in bicycles, but that is all. Now if you want exercise—"

"But I don't, mamma," interrupted the young woman, hastily. "It isn't exercise that I need, but recreation, and there's no recreation in doing the housework—none at all."—Chicago Evening Post.

### Star Pointer Beats Two Minutes.

READVILLE, Aug. 28.—Star Pointer, the famous pacing horse, broke the world's record for one-mile today on this track, pacing an exhibition in 1.59. The track was in excellent condition and Star Pointer made the record with hardly an effort. In fact, when he started it was not thought he would do better than 2.02. When he passed the first quarter post in 30 seconds, flat, however, there was intense excitement. The half was turned in 29 1/2 and the third-quarter in 1.29. On the stretch the horse seemed to fairly fly, and crossed the tape in the wonderful time of 1.59. He was paced by a running horse and was driven by McClary.

A GENTLEMAN in this town has received a letter from Mr. Grenville James, now stationed at Prescott, Ont. Mr. James says: "The business part of the town (Prescott) is very suggestive of Halifax on account of the old fashioned stone buildings. The residences are very picturesque both from an architectural and horticultural point of view. Every house seems to boast quite extensive gardens beautifully laid out, and nine tenths of the buildings are of stone or brick and last but not least is the grand St. Lawrence with a near view of the U. S. on the other side."

Home rule, when too strict, ends in no rule.

## THE KIDS ARE INCREASING

### Schools Are Overcrowded With Pupils.

Woodstock Population Must be Growing Rapidly.—Where Will the Scholars All Be Put?—Names of Teachers and No. of Pupils.

Thursday last was a busy day in the public schools. It was the commencement of the new term, and there was a good deal of excitement among the youngsters, shared to some degree by their parents.

Trustees, teachers, parents and pupils hurried around the buildings, looking after this and that and getting everything in readiness for the start. These seemed to be an unusually large number of new pupils. In almost all cases they were accompanied by their parents. Almost everyone can remember his or her first day at school, and by jogging their memory a bit, can enter into the feelings of the young ones who made their first step into the world last Thursday. The new scholars looked very important with their brand new slates or scribbling books, and their parents eyed them proudly as they pictured for them, no doubt, a brilliant future.

They were a good looking lot of youngsters, too, well dressed several of them carrying flowers in their hands. The school trustees must have felt that their office was no sinecure. There was the rising generation as yet too young to manage things for themselves, but by their very looks demanding that they should be treated, from the standpoint of health, at all events as their elders would like to be treated.

The schools are overcrowded and the trustees are looking around for more room for the overflow. This task should not be enough to over tax the ingenuity of the school board. Much satisfaction is expressed, now, that the schools are likely to be connected with the sewers, and that proper water-closets will be furnished.

There are a good many more pupils attending the schools this term, than enrolled last year. In the College building there is a total of 457, while 256 attend the Broadway school making a grand total of 713. The following are the teachers, grades and number of pupils in the College Schools:—

	Grades.	No. Pupils.
Miss Smith,	1 and 2	54
Miss McCormac,	1 and 2	44
Miss Clarke,	2	25
Mrs. Cripples,	3 and 4	52
Miss Comben,	3 and 4	57
Miss Fisher,	5 and 6	43
Miss Appleby,	5 and 6	59
Miss McLeod,	7 and 8	61
Miss Neales,	9	43
G. H. Harrison,	10 and 11	28

Broadway School has been renovated considerably by painting the walls of the halls, and in general brightening up. The overflow in this school is not due to the slow promotion as many are very young for the grades. The teachers and pupils in this school are:—  
Dept. 1, Miss Carman, 66 pupils.  
Dept. 2, Miss Peters, 65 pupils.  
Dept. 3, Miss Mulherrin, 75 pupils, seating capacity 65, 10 rejected.  
Dept. 4, Mr. Good, 50 pupils.

### A NEW SCHEME

#### For the Annual Artillery Practice.

The latter part of this week, or the first of next a detachment of No. 10 Field Battery will leave via St. John, the Intercolonial and Quebec for Deseronto, Ont., where the annual field instruction and practice will take place. This battery is entitled by the regulations to send 18 men in all, but as the officers' staff is short, probably only 12 officers and men will go. Col. Dibblee, Lt. Good, Sergt. Major Scott and other sergeants and non-coms will form the contingent. They expect to arrive in Deseronto on the 9th. This is a new arrangement and would appear to be a very good one. The men, only, go. They take neither horses nor guns with them. When they get to Deseronto they go into quarters. Other batteries from the dominion will be present. Each battery will have one day in which they will take charge of the horses and guns there provided, and go through the necessary evolutions. There is no reason to doubt that "No. 10" will show up all right.

### Less Value Than Hog Meat.

It is said that the millionaire John Jacob Astor declined to buy the Lowell homestead on the ground that he does not believe in encouraging poetry. The London News, thereupon remarks:—"Mr. Astor has a good deal of money, but he probably does not realize that in making such a remark he proclaimed the fact that his actual value is less than that of an equal weight of hog meat."

Idleness travels very leisurely, and poverty soon overtakes her.