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Inspector Meagher's Report.

The following extracts are taken from the report of Inspector Meagher, which is embraced in the Annual School Report of New Brunswick:

This past year has been one of marked activity in the School district as regards the provision of improved school accommodation and appliances, the extent of which may be estimated in some degree by the list of general improvements given in another section of this report.

The signs of improvement too in the teachers' work are clearly evidenced not only in the establishment of school libraries, in the decoration of school-rooms and in other external directions, but also in the gradual improvement of teaching methods, and a resulting increase in the efficiency of the schools.

These remarks are not applicable to all districts nor to all teachers, for I am only speaking now from a general point of view. Too many of the former are still actuated by a mean and niggardly spirit in the conduct of School affairs, and some of the latter still display a lamentable lack of zeal and enthusiasm in the prosecution of their work. In the Schools of such teachers you will generally find listless and poorly informed pupils; the register being often without a cover is soiled and tattered; there is no attempt at decoration of any kind (and that too when decorative material costs little or nothing and small reprints of celebrated drawings can be obtained for a cent apiece); the floors are dusty and often bestrewn with nutshells, fragments of paper, and other miscellaneous articles—in some cases they are only swept two or three times a week—and the evidence of neglect in the oversight of apparatus, outbuildings, etc. is only too plainly apparent.

Teachers of this kind are happily few, but they exist none the less, and I have thought it well to allude to them here so that both sides of the picture may be exhibited, and in the hope also that these remarks may be seen by those whom they most concern and the remedy applied.

The vertical system of writing is producing good results, but in some Schools the pupils are not taught either to sit properly or to hold their pens properly, or else the directions if given, are not enforced. Slipshod work of this kind is responsible for much of the writing that is seen in our Schools; for in this subject, more than any other perhaps, it is true that as is the teacher so is the pupil.

During the year praiseworthy efforts have been made by a number of teachers to provide funds for School improvements by means of concerts and other entertainments. Those who deserve special mention are as follows:—Pauline Balloch, H. C. Fraser, Alice M. Johnston, Susan McGuire Allan Rideout, Mable F. Barker, Mamie McNally, Helen L. Page, Bessie M. Frazer, Grace McDear, Mary Stafford, A. Gertrude O'Brien, Lena B. McLeod.

SCHOOL FLAGS.

The spirit of patriotism called forth throughout this country by the war in South Africa has manifested itself in a practical form in the provisions of flags for School-houses. Flag-raising were held in a number of districts, at which speeches were delivered by prominent public men, and patriotic exercises performed by the pupils. In the year 1893 only one district in my Inspectorate had a School flag in its possession. To-day there are School flags in the following districts: Avondale, Kirkland, Hartford, McKenzie Corner, Elmwood, Watson Settlement, Peel Station, New Denmark, Bloomfield Corner, Bristol, Richmond Corner, Holmesville, Waterville, Jacksonville, Benton, Lower Woodstock, Cedar Hill, East Florenceville, Grafton, Bedell Settlement, Tapley's Mills Farmerston, Grand Falls, Andover, Hartland, Centreville, St. Leonard Station, Baker Brook. This year there will be in all probability a large increase in the number of School flags.

Nearly all the flags in the districts named have been procured through the efforts of the teachers in those sections. Their names are as follows:—Annie Jackson, Mary Fleming, W. L. Tracey, Clara Carson, G. Crawford, Helen Dunham, Mrs. Allison Jenson, Mrs. A. A. Carpenter, Bessie M. Fraser, L. Antoinette Hall, Maud McDonald, Leslie H. Huggard, Clinton H. Gray, H. C. Fraser, Myrtle Harmon, Percy Davis, Jennie M. Kennedy, Norval Britton, C. H. Elliott, B. A., Allan Rideout, Horace G. Perry.

SCHOOL ARCHITECTURE.

I regret to say that very many school-houses in my district are constructed on faulty principles as regards the admission of light. Strong cross lights, between which the pupils are obliged to sit, are very objectionable; but the average trustee knows nothing of this, and while he may have fairly good ideas concerning school buildings, he is not as a rule competent to draw plans for the construction of a house based on a due recognition of sanitary principles. If such plans were furnished by the Board of Education to the trustees of districts in which new school houses are to be erected on the stipulation that they be returned within a given period, a great improvement would undoubtedly be brought about in school architecture.

Every Form of Piles

Mr. George Thompson, a leading merchant of Blenheim, Ont., states:—"I was troubled with itching piles for fifteen years, and at times they were so bad I could scarcely walk. I tried a great many remedies, but never found anything like Dr. Chase's Ointment. It cured me."

Mr. Jas. Jackson of the Laurie Spool Company, St. Alexis des Monts, Que., writes:—"I was troubled for two years with that cruel disease, bleeding piles, and after using Dr. Chase's Ointment, I can say I am entirely rid of it. It is a treasure to all suffering from piles."

Mr. W. D. Thornton, blacksmith, Calgary, N.W.T., states:—"For fifteen years I suffered untold agony from blind, itching piles, and have been under treatment with well-known physicians. I had 15 tumors removed, but obtained no positive cure. I have suffered more than I can tell, but can now say that, thanks to Dr. Chase's Ointment, I am positively cured, and by one and a half boxes. 60c a box."

Dr. Chase's Ointment.

Japan and Russia.

(Toronto Globe.)

Japan is the one power that has a real, material and natural interest in preventing Russian aggressions in Manchuria. One has only to look at the map to realize how unpleasantly neighborly the big northern power would be for the Japanese archipelago, with a grip on Manchuria and an eye on Corea. Nor would a contest between the two be so one-sided as people are apt to suppose. Japan is more conveniently situated for reaching the theatre of action than Russia is, and the Russian Government is well aware of that fact.

Japan would not take long in placing a considerable multitude of her active little infantrymen in the disputed territory, and in all likelihood the Chinese would welcome their Japanese cousins as deliverers. The Russians would probably try and settle the question by sea fights and attacks on the Japanese coast towns. But even there she would not have any assurance of victory. Great as the apparent disparity between the two powers is, the course of the Japanese can by no means be predicted. In their eyes China, lying as it does, huge in bulk, right at their doors, seemed quite as formidable an enemy, yet the Mikado's little folks did not hesitate to undertake the task of thrashing the Chinese, and performed it with such ease that they are apt to rather welcome still greater tasks.

The element of danger is that Japanese statesmen and military men may be influenced by a species of fatalism. There is too much reason to believe that the opinion prevails amongst them that a collision with Russia is inevitable sooner or later, when, with her railway completed, the monster empire has become a still more formidable foe. There really seems more danger in the east from this cause than from any of the smaller or less sincere centres of disturbance.

Piles

To prove to you that Dr. Chase's Ointment is a certain and absolute cure for each and every form of itching, bleeding and protruding piles, the manufacturers have guaranteed it. See testimonials in the daily press and ask your neighbors what they think of it. You can use it and get your money back if not cured. 60c a box, at all dealers or EDMANSON, BATES & Co., Toronto.

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"On sale at Blank's to-morrow, lovely tafeta silk, 36-inch, full bodied, wrth \$1.75, at 39c."

"What time does the sale begin?" queried the fair patient, sitting up and reaching for her purse.



More than one Woman

Who has been cured of backache and kidney trouble by the use of Doan's Pills has written us as follows:

Mrs. Wm. Bishop, Palmyra, Ont., writes: I have used Doan's Pills for lame back and know they are an excellent pill, as two boxes completely cured me.

Mrs. J. T. Dagenais, Montreal, Que., writes: One year ago I suffered terribly with kidney trouble. I consulted several physicians and used their prescriptions without success. I saw Doan's Pills advertised, so procured a box and they made a complete cure.

Mrs. J. F. Griffith, Montague Bridge, P.E.I., writes: About six months ago I suffered terribly with weak and lame back. I took one box of Doan's Pills and am thankful to say that they cured me and I have not had any sign of my trouble since.

A Nice Point With Her.

A woman who is trying to live up to recent riches was entertaining a caller the other day. She really was entertaining her visitor, though not in just the way she thought she was.

"That woman," says the caller, "dropped r's (which are liquids), till I wanted to send for my rubbers. When her little girl, aged 9, came in and sat beside us with her feet up on a round of her chair, I admired her as a child who knew enough to keep in out of the wet. But when the child began to chew gum with an energy which was worthy of a better cause I did wish she would swim out into the other room. But she sat and chewed herself into notice."

"Darling," said her mother, "what are you chewing?"

"Gum," said the child, exhibiting a large lump of it on the end of her tongue.

"Who began it?" demanded the mother sternly.

"I did."

"Are you sure?"

"Yes, ma'am."

"Very well, then. I'm very particular," she said haughtily, turning to me, "who begins the gum my children chew."—New York Sun.

Corn Need

Is at hand, for which aching corns, a prompt, safe and painless remedy is needed. This is just what Putnam's Painless Corn and Wart Extractor is—prompt, painless and permanent. All druggists sell it.

The First King Edward Stamps.

When everybody is wondering how soon King Edward stamps will make their appearance, and what they will be like when they do, what kind of a portrait of the King will be employed, how His Majesty will be attired in the stamp picture, whether he will wear a crown, and so forth—it is a little surprising to discover that what are now King Edward stamps were really issued some little time ago, in 1899 as a matter of fact. Newfoundland has stolen a march upon the other parts of the Empire in this respect, and she takes the honor of being the very first to issue a stamp bearing the portrait of the present occupant of the British throne. This came about through no intelligent anticipation of events. Newfoundland simply conceived the idea of paying a very pretty compliment to the Royal Family all round, and so a couple of years ago issued stamps of different values bearing the portraits of different members of the Royal Family. The two-cent stamp was allotted, as it were, to the Prince of Wales, as he then was, and, of course, it is still good. It is just the size of an ordinary Canadian stamp, and is a bright brick-red in color.

The Danger of Piles

Piles are usually caused by constipation, lack of exercise or sitting on wet seats or cold stones. They frequently develop into tumors, fistulae or rupture of the intestines. Dr. Chase's Ointment has never failed to cure piles and put an ending to the wretched itching and uneasiness. It is truly a wonder to all who have used it and is guaranteed to cure every case of itching, bleeding or protruding piles.

The Sin of Fretting.

"There is one sin which, it seems to me, is everywhere and by everybody underestimated and quite too much overlooked in valuation of character. It is the sin of fretting. It is as common as speech, as air, so common that, unless it rises above its usual monotone, we do not even observe it. Watch any ordinary coming together of people, and we will see how many minutes it will be before somebody frets—that is, makes some more or less complaining statements or other, which probably even one in the room or car or on the street corner knew before, and which probably nobody can help. Why say anything about it? It is cold, it is wet, it is hot, it is dry, somebody has broken an appointment; a meal is ill cooked; stupidity or bad faith somewhere has resulted in discomfort."

"There are plenty of things to fret about. It is simply astonishing how much annoyance and discontent may be found in the course of every day's living, even at the simplest, if one keeps a sharp eye out on that side of things. Even holy writ says we are born to trouble even as sparks fly upward. But even to the sparks flying upward in the blackest of smoke, there is a blue sky above and the less time they waste on the road the sooner they will reach it. Fretting is at time wasted on the road."

These Worrying Piles!—One application of Dr. Agnew's Ointment will give you comfort. Applied every night for three to six nights and a cure is effected in the most stubborn cases of Blind, Bleeding, or Itching Piles. Dr. Agnew's Ointment cures Eczema and all itching and burning skin diseases. It acts like magic. 35 cents.—15 Sold by Garden Bros.

An old Scottish woman was walking to church with her family. The auld kirk minister rode past at a tremendous rate, and the old body said to her children: "Siccan a way to be ridin', and this the Sawbath day! A-weel, aweel, a guid man is marifu' to his beast!" Shortly after her minister rode past her just as furiously, and she changed her tone. "Ah, there he goes!" she cried. "There he goes; the Laird bless him! Pur man, his heart's in his work, an' he's eager to be at it."

Suffocating With Croup

Croup is the terror of every mother and the cause of frequent deaths among small children. Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine brings prompt relief to the loud, ringing cough, makes breathing easy and prevents suffocation. It is mothers' favorite remedy for coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis, whooping cough and asthma.

Mrs. F. W. Bond, 20 Macdonald street, Barrie, Ont., says:—"Having tried your medicine, my faith is very high in its powers of curing cough and croup. My little girl has been subject to the croup for a long time, and I found nothing to cure it until I gave Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine. I cannot speak too highly of it."

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