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A GOOD INVESTMENT.

Medical inspection of school children is only one of the progressive steps resulting from up-to-date health laws, but it is an important one. It has been made plain enough that many pupils are backward in their studies because of disease, sometimes not apparent, or malformation which is easily treated if taken in time. Careful medical eaxmination of the school children is therefore necessary and it is a highly paying investment. In this connection an interesting report has pust been made public by the United States Public Health Service, from which the following paragraphs are taken:

"Backward children are not always, perhaps not often, backward because of either mental deficiency or slothfulness. Many of them are backward solely because of such ordinary and easily remediable defects as adenoids, near-sightedness or bed teeth.

"A case in point was recently reported by the official representative of the Public Health Service in the eight sanitary districts of Vermont in which the Service is co-operating in a rural health work project.

"Medical inspection of one of the graded schools in October, 1919 showed that it had been thought necessary to instruct in a special room sixteen pupils who had seemed to be unable to keep up with their respective classes. Physical examination showed that each of the sixteen had some serious hampering physical defect (chiefly enlarged tonsils, adenoids or defective hearing or eyesight) which, rather than any mental handicap, was the probable cause of their ability.

"Through the co-operation of the school directors the facts were brought to the attention of the parents or guardians of the children and all were set right before the end of the year.

"On re-examination of the pupils the next December (1920) it appeared that all of the sixteen previously backward children had caught up with their proper grades and were keeping up in them with their classmates. A year later, in December, 1921, some of these sixteen children were among the mental and physical leaders in their grades."

The New York Herald declares that this is "one of the most astounding instances of mental stimulation in human beings through improvement of physical conditions" ever brought to its notice. It is further proof, as the Herald says, that the place of the physician and the nurse in schools is well established.

MR. HANSON HEARD FROM.

Mr. R. B. Hanson, M. P. for York-Sunbury, has been heard from in Parliament. While Mr. Putnam of Colchester was speaking on the debate on the address, Mr. Hanson asked him if he would like to have the Intercolonial Railway return to the halycon days of Hon. H. R. Emmerson. Just what Mr. Hanson meant by this remark is not clear but he probably intended it as a sneer at a former Minister of Railways. As the Moncton Transcript points out when Mr. Emmerson was at the head of the railway department the I. C. R. was conducted in the interests of the people. It was Mr. Emmerson who first advocated the acquisition of branch lines, and during his ministration the Canada Eastern branch became part of the government system. He secured a good bargain for the government and it will be generally conceeded that the constituency which Mr. Hanson represents in parliament was greatly benefited by his policy. If Mr. Hanson during the present term of Parliament is able to do one-half as much for York-Sunbury as Mr. Emmerson was able to do for it during the short time that he was Minister of Railways there will be no kick coming on the part of his constituents.

TIRED OF IMITATIONS.

Professor Onelli, sponsor for the statement that there is a Plesiosaurus roaming the widths of Patagonia and that he proposes to go down and ferret him out, now qualifies his first tremendous assertion by admitting that maybe he is mistaken and that the animal sought is a Glyptodon after all. Headlines writers will greet this change of front with rousing cheers since Glyptodon is three letters shorter than Plesiosaurus and seems to be a darn sight easier to speel. The world at large, however, is entitled to rise up in arms over this equivocation. It has been prepared to expect a Plesiosaurus, the demand for a Plesiosaurus has been created in the public mind. The world is tired of imitations. In this case it will stand squarely against acceptance of inferior substitutes.

A number of the delegates who attended the opposition convention here last week, went there with the determination of getting rid of the "old crowd," that is to say the men who were responsible for the patriotic potato and Valley Railway steals. Messrs. Baxter and Jones heard of this and smiled. They came, they saw, conquered and departed. It is now generally conceeded that the emissaries from Ottawa put one over on the would-be reformers. The old guard dies but never surrenders, but in this case it did not die, nor did it surrender.

Here are the facts: Short skirts are prettier than the long draggy kind. They represent an increased apprec iation of beauty on the part of women All phases of women's garb from hats to shoes are indefinitely easier to look at than were the horrers worn ten or twenty years ago. Modern de signers of women's costumes deserve a vote of thanks.

Athletic contests said Judge Taft in a speech to the Yale alumni in Washington do not help coleges. Of course they don't. It never was intended that they should. Colleges were orginized to help athletic con tests.

The alleged threat of the Russian Bolshevists to stay away from the Genoa conference bears a striking resem blance to the declaration of the small boy that if he can't have cake he wont eat his ice cream.

The tireless wireless we are informed in a newspaper story now transmits kisses; but we simply cant work up enthusiasm over this here new syn thetic osculation.

And yet the man who thinks efforts to establish peace are futile will keep on trying year after year to make grass grow on his lawn.

Somehow the boast that man has conquered the air reminds us of the continual ringing of the victory bells by the Germans.

The Oakland (Calif.) traffic cop who arrested his wife for cutting a corner later probly learned something to his disadvantage.

Farm girls are said to be flappers too recalling the modest violet born to flap unseen beside a mossy stone.

Switzerland has ample proof that it is not exclusively filled with riding masters French waiters and Alps.

The supposition is that Lloyd George wil reign just as soon as he gets time.

France has a fund of common sense and eventually she will resign herself to giving up the impossible.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

There is too much free speech for people who don't agree with us.

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It's absurd to talk about different grades of whiskey. All whiskey is down grade.

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One supposes the golfers are now oiling their golf clubs or doing what ever they have to do to them.

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Often when a man looks over his month's output of canceled checks he wishes he had never learned to write.

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Only extremely nervous people will get scared at the talk about a prehistoric monster. Prehistoric monsters don't bite.

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Mind reading would be a convenience to people who are not sure of their own mental attitude toward this and that.

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Notwithstanding there has been no report on the subject from the dietists young men doubtless have discovered that there is no food value in face paint.

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"Nature is too busy" says a philosopher "to turn out beautiful men." The demand for homely men is too heavy. They are needed for the beautiful women to marry.

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Now some French scientist says man is by nature a quadruped and should go around on all fours to have perfect health. That would benefit the shoe dealers.

Every egg is fresh when it is laid no matter how old the producing hen This is mentioned here for the benefit of any who may have the idea that only young hens should be permitted to lay.

HAPPY THOUGH MARRIED.

Editor Daily Mail,

Sir,—Can modern women and men be happy though married? Most certainly they can and 99 per cent of them are.

There are many kinds of people just as there are flowers. If a woman marries a cactus she should know to a certain extent that a cactus has thorns and must be treated correspondingly. If after a courtship she wants a cactus it's all right but if she thinks, "Well, I know he is a cactus now. but I'll take all that out of him after we are married," she would better apply for divorce before marriage. But if she loves cactuses and admires the thorns and lovely blossoms (for even the cactus has lovely flowers) and treats him appropriately she will be happy.

At times she may for get about the thorns and get her feelings hurt, but as she always knew he was a cactus she can blame no one but herself and should love as he is. For no one can make another over. A rose or a dandelion will remain so forever.

People should marry only those persons who are congenial to them who like the same book, music, food amusements. After marriage they must treat each other with as much courtesy and love as before.. The wife must always keep herself looking as nice after as before the wedding and the husband must court his wife as he did, the wife trying to be as sweet and entertaining as ever. Each must do everything for the pleasure and comfort of the other.

That is marriage. I am positive We have tried this way for twenty eight years and love each other more every year.

Only one couple of our acquaintance has separated, and in that case each wanted to dominate the other. They picked flaws; the wife was the aggressive one. She wanted to be as she said a "baby doll." But baby dolls should never marry.

People should get acquainted with each other before marriage, as marriage is supposed to be forever. Parents are very much to blame for the trouble young folks have. They should teach their children to be good husbands and wives; they should teach them that marriage is no more full of flowers and rain bows than any other walk of life and that life is full of storms and sunshine. Prepare them to know how to overcome obstacles. It's a great wrong done young people, when they start out on the sea of life unprepared in any way.

Life at best is more or less beset with many problems and unless folks set themselves to be patient and helpful, sympathetic and kind under all circumstances they will be more or less unhappy.

Marry for love only. Nothing else is worth while.

E. M. L.

Fredericton March 27th 1922.

Powell Not Candidate.

St. John Globe: Talking with the Globe about the Provincial Opposition convention on Friday last, H. A. Powell, K. C., requested the publication of the statement that the presentation of his name was absolutely unauthorized and contrary to his expressed wishes. When he was approached some time ago he told the questioner that he was not in politics and would not on any account allow the use of his name in a party convention. In spite of that his name was put before the convention and Mr. Powell naturally feels that he was the victim of a great injustice.

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