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OUR TEACHERS—OUR CHILDREN

In a week or two the public schools will all re-open for the fall and winter term. Many children will be going to school for the first time. Others of the younger pupils will resume their work in the third, fourth or fifth grades as the case may be. The future of these children will in many cases depend upon how they start their school work in these lower grades. This being the case much depends upon the teacher and upon how he or she uses the young pupil just starting out.

In Fredericton some of the best teachers which we have are teaching in the primary and elementary grades. They are a noble band of women who are day after day trying to mould these little minds. Success or failure depends upon these teachers. They probably know the best road to success with their pupils. One poet John Boyle O'Reilly said "Each heart holds the secret, kindness is the word." To rule these young minds by kindness will in most cases prove the right road to success. Years ago pupils entered the classes in fear and trembling. The school master walked up and don the aisle with a rod under his arm. The result naturally was that the child hated the lessons and hated the school room. It was like a night mare to him. We have had just such cases in our city schools but thank goodness these are rare. We have had cases where a teacher gave little girls ten years old and younger ten or more slaps on the hand because the child missed ten questions in arithmetic. This may hardly seem true but it happened in more than one instance in Fredericton schools. We have had teachers who have kept young girls of a more advanced age standing in one position during a whole recess hour for several different days. One city physician made some strong remarks when he heard of this latter case. These cases are in the past however—though not in the distant past.

The educator must study and respect the individuality of each and every pupil committed to his charge. He must remember that individuality can only develop in an atmosphere of freedom. All attitudes of fear or force must be discarded. Corporal punishment can only be considered as a relic of a period of barbarous and primitive relationship between adult and child. Similarly it is questionable if any of the other forms of punishment still found in some of our educational institutions can be logically defended. There is certainly no question that the bitterly sarcastic personality has no place in the ranks of the teaching profession. There is nothing that more quickly withers a child's enthusiasm than the stinging lash of a loosely controlled tongue on the part of the teacher. Some of our best intentioned teachers right here in this city have the fault of making nasty remarks to the pupils in our schools. It withers the pupil before the class and besides being gross bad manners on the part of the teacher, who should be an example in courtesy, it has in some cases which we have known driven many an otherwise promising pupil from school. The child and the parent has his duty to the teacher. The teacher has a strong moral duty to take the pupil, whether in the primary, elementary or high school and to study its individuality, to use the children as human beings are intended to be used. The child has a right to respect the teacher. The parent should see that the child does so. But the teacher should command respect. Slapping for missed lessons will not command respect for the teacher, either from the pupil nor from the public. Neither will nasty sarcastic remarks to a pupil before the school. These "make little" of the teacher, not of the pupil. They however do severe injury to the pupil, as any one with common sense should know. Let parent, teacher and child work together for the good of all and for the development of the future men and women of our country.

KIDNAPPERS.

It is a hardship to be a poor rich man today when the kidnapers are

at our door. It appears that LaBatt was not the first Canadian kidnapped. A Detroit detective says that there have been other kidnappings but they have been kept from the public. He said a Windsor man named Low paid \$30,000 for his release from kidnapers recently. At St. Catharines, Ont. He was dropped from the International Bridge at Buffalo, but rescued. No ransom was paid in this case. The editor of this paper is not afraid of being kidnapped for his money but we hope that the powers that be will take prompt and effective action to curb this kidnapping business right at the start. Canada cannot afford to follow our friends across the border in their out laws programme. We have the most free and comfortable country in God's world to live in. Let us keep it so.

EDITOR TELLS TRUTH

Those of us who are used to reading "puffs" written often times in connection with weddings may find refreshment in the following "true" account of a recent wedding as one editor saw it. After giving the name of the bride and groom this editor continues.

"The groom was a very popular young bum who hasn't done a lick of work since he was plucked in his junior year in college. He manages to dress well and to keep up a supply of spending money because his dad is a soft hearted old fool who takes up his checks instead of letting him go to jail.

The bride is a skinny fast little idiot who has been kissed by every boy in town since she was 12 years old. She paints like a Sioux Indian, smokes cigarettes and drinks poor whiskey when she is out joy riding in her father's car at night. She doesn't know how to keep house. The house was newly plastered for the wedding and the exterior newly painted thus carrying out the decoration scheme appropriately for the groom was newly plastered and the bride newly painted. The groom wore a rented dinner suit over Athletic underwear of imitation silk. The pants were held by green suspenders. The number eight patent leather shoes matched his own state of tightness and harmonized nicely with the axle grease on his hair. In addition to his tag he carried a pocket knife, a bunch of keys a dun for the ring, and his usual look of imbecility.

The young couple will make their home with the brides' parents which means they will sponge on the old man until he dies, then she will take in washing.

"P.S. by editor—This may be the last issue of my paper, but it always has been my ambition to write up one wedding and tell the truth. After that is done death can have no sting."

Mahatma Gandhi never knows where the next meal isn't coming from.

Nebraskan found a fish in his desk drawer after a flood receded. Probably smelt.

TENDER OF THANKS

The members of the Fredericton Branch of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League tender their thanks to the public for the generous patronage of the festival held last week.

To those who assisted us in conducting the festival we wish to express our grateful appreciation for their help so freely rendered.

Fredericton, N. B., Aug. 20th, 1934.
 C. R. Hawkins,
 President Fredericton Branch,
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 Fred I. Haviland,
 Secretary-Treasurer.

Free Vaccination

Dr. J. M. Cameron, Medical School Inspector, will be at the Library, Fredericton High School, corner George and Regent streets,—

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from the hour of 10 to 12 in the morning and from 2 to 4 in the afternoon, for the purpose of vaccinating all children entering Fredericton, Oak, Morrison Mill and Lincoln schools, who have not yet been vaccinated.

EDNA M. FARRELL,
 Secretary Fredericton Sub-District Board of Health.

R. B. Hanson Outlines Work of Early Settlers

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own material interests, and in the end a great ideal triumphed and they left their homes and came to Canada because of their devotion to that great ideal, here to establish a community under the British Flag, and to enjoy the blessings of British institutions. Down through the years they and their descendants laid sure and deep the foundations of this Province. Their contribution to the national life and to the making of this Dominion may never be truly estimated, but history has already accorded to them a lasting and a shining place in the long list of those who made it possible for us of this day and generation to live here in peace and happiness.

Let us therefore here and now pay a tribute of honour and respect to the memory of those who lie here and to those who survived and who against great odds with supreme courage, suffered hardships, faced great difficulties, struggled and triumphed.

One word more and I am done. When you and I during the last few months from day to day open morning papers, and learn what has transpired in Europe, in the far East, in the United States, during the preceding twenty-four hours, when we visualize a dictator like Mussolini in Italy, a Hitler in Germany, when we read with horror what transpired in Vienna a few short weeks ago in the deliberate murder of the Prime Minister of Austria, when we view the actions in recent years of Japan in its relations with China in the far East. To come nearer to us when we read daily in the press of the reign of the gangster, of the apparent contempt and defiance of the rule of law and order in that great rich cosmopolitan country—when we read of strikes and lockouts there, labour troubles often leading to violence and bloodshed. And then turn to Canada with its orderly democratic Government and respect for the rule of law and order, with its freedom, its liberty of conscience, liberty of thought, liberty of speech and liberty of action—Then will be brought home to each and every one of us the underlying principle for which these United Empire Loyalists left the home of their adoption, and came here so that they might live and if need be die, under the aegis and the bulwark of British Institutions, and of the British Flag.

"Ladies and Gentlemen, each of us, should we not as we depart from this place and ponder over these things, reverently grateful say each to himself "Thank God I live in Canada. Thank God I am a British Subject".

Ayrshire-Holstein Field Day at Farm

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competition and the contest was keen.

From 11.30 to 12.30 the Ayrshire Breeders' Club and the Holstein-Friesian Club held their annual meeting and those who did not take part in the meetings were taken on an inspection tour of the Experimental Station.

At 12.30 the guests had lunch on the lawn and activity resumed this afternoon.

At 1.30 an Ayrshire demonstration was conducted by Mr. J. E. Ness, of Howick, P.Q., president of the Canadian Ayrshire Breeders' Association; Dr. L. A. Donovan, Saint John, and Mr. G. C. P. McIntyre, Sussex.

Mr. Leonard Griesbach, assistant to Supt. C. F. Bailey, conducted a demonstration on Feeding for Economical Milk Production, which was followed by a Holstein demonstration, conducted by Mr. W. L. Huntington, P.Q., president of Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada; Mr. Arnold Carpenter, Carpenter, N. B., and Mr. Lorne Logan, Sussex.

Concluding the day, Mr. J. K. King, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, will deliver an address in the Agricultural Hall.

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