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SCHOOL DISCIPLINE

Quite frequently these days complaints are heard to the effect that some of the teachers in the city schools rather overstep the bounds in administering punishment to pupils of tender age. Occasionally reports are also heard concerning altercations between male teachers and boys who are old enough to know how to behave themselves. No doubt the teachers are often provoked into adopting stern measures, but it must not be forgotten that corporal punishment as a means of correction is not often resorted to in the average home nowadays, and except in extreme cases it might very well be done away with in the schools. The average parent who would not think of whipping his child at home is apt to get warm under the collar upon learning that the little one has had rough treatment from a school teacher apparently for some trifling cause. The work of a teacher is very nerve wracking and often produces a state of temperament which bodies no good for the pupil who is inclined to stray from the straight and narrow path. It is important that instructors of the young should have patience and they should endeavor to keep their tempers under control at all times. No one denies that discipline has got to be maintained in the school, but there is room for a difference of opinion as to the best means to be employed to attain that end.

The average teacher, if he or she is well informed, should know enough in this enlightened age to refrain from striking a young child over the head with a ruler, even with the open or closed hand, and if this practice is resorted to in the schools it should be stopped. We do not believe that conditions are any worse in Fredericton than elsewhere, but it is not an usual thing to hear of a school fracas in which blows were exchanged between teacher and pupil. A little enquiry on the part of the trustees might be the means of shedding some light on the manner in which discipline is maintained in the schools of the city. There should be no ground for the complaints on the part of parents which are heard altogether too frequently. If conditions are not as they should be it is the duty of the trustee board to provide a remedy.

THE CRAWFORD MEETING

Returned soldiers and other ultra loyalists, who invaded St. Dunstan's Hall in a body last evening, succeeded in preventing Mr. Lindsay Crawford, the Toronto journalist, from speaking on behalf of the Self Determination for Ireland League. Mr. Crawford has been speaking at different points in the Maritime Provinces and has aroused considerable feeling among an element of the population. He has been accused of making seditious utterances, and some people appear to have got the idea into their heads that the British Empire rests upon such an insecure foundation, that a speech from Mr. Crawford might have a tendency to bring about a collapse of the whole fabric. In this city a party of war veterans, urged on by people who did not participate actively in the great world struggle, were able to prevent Mr. Crawford from delivering his message. The plan was well organized and well staged. There will be some people, including many who have always pretended to be great sticklers for equal rights and free speech, who will rejoice that Mr. Crawford's meeting proved a fiasco, while other citizens, just as loyal and just as patriotic, will see in the incident cause for deep regret.

Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, former minister of lands and mines, was chosen as leader of the provincial conservative party of Ontario at a convention held in Toronto this week. Hon. Mr. Ferguson was a member of the Hearst government, and a Royal Commission is now at work probing matters in connection with the department he administered. Recently one of the judges in commenting on the work of the commission, said: "Apparently reputable men have placed themselves within the clutches of the law." No hint was given as to whom His Lordship referred, but probably the new Tory leader can supply the information.

The local graft organ professes to a feeling of disappointment over the reconstruction of the provincial cabinet. It says:

"But we confess, that, as we have intimated before, we would rather have seen Premier Foster solve his problem, and it could have been solved by a coalition of the regular parties in the Legislature on a well recognized principle."

A coalition government at the present time would, no doubt, help to solve the problems of the graft organ, but it would be decidedly against the interests of the province.

Providence Journal: The editor of Playthings estimates that four-fifths of the toys being shown by retailers this season are of American manufacture. There are nearly fifteen hundred large and small toy factories operating in the country, and this year their total business will amount to between \$30,000,000 and \$35,000,000, or an increase of some \$20,000,000 over 1914. The factories consume 50,000,000 feet of choicest lumber annually.

Charles Ponzi, the Boston financial wizard, has pleaded guilty to a charge of using the mails in a scheme to defraud the public, and was sentenced to five years in the Plymouth County jail. The court took into consideration only the first count of one indictment of forty three counts.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: In Denmark farmers are required to number and initial each egg sent to market. If one or two eggs are bad, the farmer is fined; if three are bad, he is boycotted. At that rate, the average bunch of eggs the American consumer gets would get the producer hanged.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Peace has broken out again.

Free vocal music at St. Dunstan's last night.

Any woman can fool a man, but it's sometimes difficult to keep him fooled.

There are a thousand good talkers to one good thinker.

Christmas gives the tightwad, if he has a soul at all, a chance to relax his grip.

Anyway, we know that the women are not guilty of bootlegging. Unless of course, they carry it under what remains of their skirts.

No man is such a spendthrift that he can get rid of his money faster than his friends could do it for him.

There seem to be numerous misguided humans who don't believe that an apple that is grown in their native state is fit to eat.

There will always be tragedy so long as women trust their daughters with men their husbands wouldn't trust to open an account.

Cities were never intended originally as special places for the erection of billboards. That idea developed within recent years.

In Kentucky a man was fined \$50 for shooting his wife. Just enough to sustain that section's reputation for gallantry toward the fair sex.

Look at the driver of a coal truck. His face and hands indicate that there is plenty of soft coal. Nevertheless he is a cold weather angel, one of the really important men of the town.

BLUENOSES STOCKING UP

Halifax, Dec. 3.—With the period of the bone-dry law which Nova Scotia is to have as a result of the liquor referendum on Oct. 25, probably only a month away, there is a decided increase in the amount of liquor which is coming into Halifax from outside the province, and it is expected by traffic men that the amount will increase to an even larger degree between now and the first of the new year.

Montreal liquor houses in particular are doing a big business with Halifax liquor consumers or those who expect to be consumers after the dry period sets in. In addition to those who are buying in large quantities with the idea of having a cellar to resort to for the next few years, many are clubbing together and buying a case to be divided among them, thus getting their drinks cheaper than if they bought it by the bottle.

There is considerable liquor coming into Nova Scotia also from the West Indies and from Great Britain nearly every boat which lands here having consignments on board. Traffic and customs men say that the amount of money to be sent out of the province before the new law comes into effect may reach into the hundred thousands.

EUROPEAN RED CROSS DRIVE DECEMBER 7

Organization is Completed—
Ashburnham Branch Red Cross Active in the Matter.

The Committee, who have been appointed to assist the Ashburnham Branch of the Red Cross Society in making the Drive to raise funds for the relief of the insufficiently nourished and starving children in Central Europe, held a meeting Wednesday evening in the Board of Trade rooms with Col. Loggie in the chair.

It was decided to make the Drive for funds on Tuesday, December 7th.

Canvassers were appointed and allotted certain districts as below:

Queen St., above York and Westmorland Streets—Adj. Miller and A. Murray.

Queen Street—Carleton to York and York Street, Geo. H. Clark and H. S. Campbell.

King and Carleton Street—R. B. Wallace.

Queen Street—Carleton to Regent and Regent Street—H. T. Brewer and Jas. Lemont.

Queen Street below Regent and St. John Street—Col. Osborne and R. S. Barker.

Special contributions will be solicited from a number of citizens by Lady Ashburnham and Col. Loggie.

As it has not been considered wise to conduct this drive on a house to house basis few calls will be made except at the business houses.

This means that many who would like to contribute will not be solicited. In this case it will be appreciated if any of the above will leave their contributions with Mr. Taylor at the Royal Bank.

TYPHOID GERMS CHANGE ANIMAL

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London, Dec. 2.—In a laboratory of the Oxford Museum a number of the tadpole like creatures known as the Mexican axolotl are now changing into a sort of frog under the encouragement of a diet of thyroid gland. A number of varieties of axolotl do not naturally change from the tadpole state at all. They die as tadpoles. But a diet of thyroid changes all this.

Julian Huxley grandson of the famous Professor Huxley has among others, demonstrated beyond any question the power of this drug to produce such development in a creature that in nature does not reach this stage of growth at all. His experiments support in a more striking particular the experience of doctors in the effects of thyroid on ill-developed children; and the great mystery lying within this thyroid influence is being slowly penetrated.

BRIDEGROOM SENTENCED

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 3.—John F. ("Chick") Dillon, who had enjoyed a one day honeymoon by courtesy of the Superior Court, which postponed his sentence for automobile thefts, came before the court accompanied by his bride today and was sentenced to confinement at hard labor for two years in the House of Correction. The couple took the court's pronouncement without show of feeling.

TOWN TREASURY IS EMPTY

Warren, Mass., Dec. 4.—Warren was unable to pay its school teachers when their monthly salaries became due today. There is no money in the town treasury and the town is unable to borrow further money this year for the reason the assessors made an error of about \$13,000 in making up the tax assessment.

Outstanding taxes amount to about \$43,000, but there is no indication as to when these may be collected.

FUNERALS

Late Frederick Chase
The funeral of the late Frederick Chase took place Friday afternoon from the home of David Chase, Westmorland Street. The service was conducted by Rev. G. M. Young and interment was made at the Rural Cemetery. There were numerous floral tributes.

Late Mrs. Martha Haines
The funeral of the late Mrs. Martha Haines widow of Roderick Haines of Devon took place Friday afternoon and was largely attended. The service was conducted by Rev. Z. L. Fash and interment was made at Sunnybank Cemetery.

Mrs. R. H. McGrath, who accompanied her father, Patrick Gallagher, on a trip as far west as Winnipeg, where they spent some little time has returned.

Down where the cannibals reside possession of a 725-pound bride would worry a man to death.

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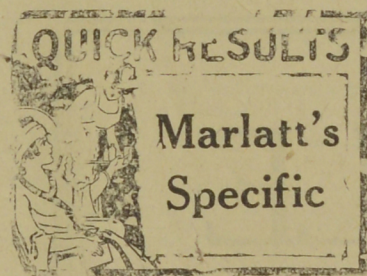
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