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MISDIRECTED ZEAL.

"Many a shaft at random sent, finds a mark the archer little meant."

The above well known couplet seems to be applicable to a communication emphasizing alleged defects in the jury system which lately appeared in the Toronto Globe, over the signature of an official of the New Brunswick Department of Lands and Mines and copied by the Daily Mail. It might be explained here that the article was intended for the edification of people living beyond the bounds of this province, and its author had nothing whatever to do with its reproduction in the Mail. It was copied because it bore the signature of a citizen of Fredericton and referred to a matter which we believed to be of general interest.

The writer of the article referred to cited a land case in which he had been called as a witness, and while he generously gave the jurymen credit for possessing practical knowledge relating to the axe and the plow, he scarcely considered them capable of rendering a decision on matters foreign to their line of thought. He went on to say that one of the good men and true slept part of the time while the case was going on, and another appeared to be absorbed in the pages of a magazine. The jury, according to his version of the matter, found contrary to admitted fact, and on the case being appealed to the Supreme Court a new trial was ordered because of improper communication with the jurymen by one of the prominent witnesses of the case.

Unfortunately for the writer of the article the case he cited as an example of a mistrial by jury, has been recognized as one quite recently before the courts of Northumberland County, and which at the time attracted considerable public attention. Members of the jury and others interested in the case are reported to be greatly incensed over the effusion which appeared in the Toronto paper, and make no bones about saying that the reflections cast upon them were entirely unwarranted, and altogether unbecoming a public servant of the province. Naturally enough there have been protests to the Department of Lands and Mines, and as the incident presents something of a problem it is difficult to forecast at this stage just what the outcome will be.

Although the article complained of was written thoughtlessly, and apparently with no intention of wounding the feelings of any person, it appears to have had the opposite effect. While Hon. C. D. Richards, Minister of Lands and Mines has made no statement for publication in regard to what action he may take in the premises, those acquainted with that gentleman need not be told that any attempt on the part of an official of his department to reflect upon or hold up to public ridicule honest, hard working, respectable citizens of the province can merit nothing but his strongest disapproval. As a responsible minister who has made his own way in the world and is now faithfully administering an important department of government, there is only one viewpoint which he can possibly take, and that is that the article which appeared in the Globe reflecting upon citizens of Northumberland County called upon by law to serve as jurymen, was ill-advised, unwarranted and unjustified by the facts of the case. Indeed, we are informed that as soon as the minister's attention was called to the offending letter, he sought out the official responsible for it and reprimanded him very severely for his exhibition of bad judgment.

We are living in a democratic age and the people have a right to expect from public officials fair play to all classes and the honest and faithful discharge of the duties for which they are paid from the treasury of the province. The great majority of public officials, we are pleased to say, are exemplary citizens who have a high sense of their responsibility to the public, and in all matters foreign to their public duties make it a practice to rigidly mind their own business. This is precisely as it should be. There are some, however, who without any apparent motive except a burning desire to rush into print, sometimes unwittingly give offence to people, who while perhaps moving in

humbler walks of life, stand just as high in the integrity of their lives, and render just as good service to the province in their own particular sphere as do those on the public payroll. The boon of responsible government was not secured for the people of this province without a struggle, and now that we have the blessings of responsible government it is the duty of the elected heads of departments to keep subordinate officials in check, and see to it that they do not under any pretext whatever wander on the wrong side of the line which separates democracy from autocracy.

Marion Talley disappointed a New Rochelle audience the other night because the full amount for her appearance, \$3,000, was not in her manager's hands in the form of a bank draft before the performance began. Miss Talley and her manager must be laboring under the mistaken idea that she is a professional heavyweight champion.

If you go to anything shocking to be shocked you have no right to protest if you are shocked, rules the German Minister of Interior, who provides a remedy by saying, "Don't go!" He didn't mean it as theatrical criticism, but it was.

"Good-looking legs mean most to a woman in this world," says Dr. Marie Davenport of Vienna. Whether they will mean anything in the next world is a problem on which spiritists and theologians do not agree.

The screen is so much more realistic: An actor was "beamed" during the filming of "Casey at the Bat," while De Wolf Hopper, who has recited it for 35 years, has never had to dodge as much as a tomato.

Now that children are spending so little time in the home, parental education seems to be developing aemic tendencies. The old folks will have to develop a system of self-education.

In pioneer times Grandma may have gone out at 5 a. m. in zero weather to pour a kettle of hot water on the pump, but she never drove to town in chiffon hose.

Crime has certainly made great strides, when you recall that 20 years back thieves would steal window weights from vacant houses to sell for old iron.

Prisoners in the city jails of Cleveland get no food the first day. That's one place where the first 24 hours are the hardest.

One trouble with the general situation is that too many men with poor equipment are trying to take the hills of life on high.

In the original fairy tale version, a Cinderella was not necessarily a young thing who was suing some old party for a half a million.

Some Chinese patriot executed a couple of Pekin editors without trial. Perhaps, as a class, we haven't such a hard row to hoe over here after all.

Perhaps that judge who has ruled that poker is a game of chance failed to come through with four Kings the night before.

As we understand it, a split infinitive is like a shift play, all right if you use it right.

Some folks have the reputation for serenity. The truth is they are only dumb.

BLAMES THE CHURCHES FOR O. T. A. DEFEAT

Toronto, Dec. 27—"Much of the blame for the disaster of Dec. 1, when the Ontario Temperance Act was defeated, must be attached to the churches," declared Rev. L. F. Kipp, editor of the Canadian Baptist, as a mass meeting held in Massey Hall yesterday afternoon, under the auspices of the Canadian Prohibition Bureau.

The churches, Mr. Kipp said, had ceased to teach temperance, except on special occasions; and the temperance societies, once found in almost every congregation, were now almost extinct.

"A furious temperance campaign for a few weeks occasionally, will not teach prohibition sufficiently," said the speaker. "There must be a continual teaching of the danger. We must seek to make government control as harmless as possible, and take full advantage of any local option clauses the act may contain."

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Who remembers when a Paisley shawl was a hint of affluence?

Last week was a remarkable winter. To those who liked it, and many did, it was delightful.

Nothing in all the world shines much brighter than the optimism of the average boy.

Human nature, being the same the world over, nothing is gained by moving.

Another striking characteristic of human nature is that it resents being reformed by a professional reformer.

After all the youthful hardship in learning to spell Constantinople the name is to be changed to Mustaphakemal.

"An ideal breakfast to me," remarked the Man on the Car, "is one of bacon and eggs, toast and coffee and an uplifting thought."

Christmas always brings to mind the old-fashioned woman who knit a dozen pairs of wrist-warmers.

If there are those who doubt the educational advantages of co-educational institutions there is this discovery by a Colorado College girl: "Men are all fools."

Memory is a blessing in that it enables us again to see all the good friends and pleasant places of the past, while the pain of snubs and stubs is gone forever.

Man alive climbs into bed feeling absolutely certain he checked the furnace fire, gets comfortably warm and then climbs out and goes downstairs to see.

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JOHN S. SCOTT,
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OWEN SHEPHERD,
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A RUBBER APRON
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A CUSHION TOP
A BOX OF HANDKERCHIEFS
A WOOL SWEATER
CORDUROY KIMONA LENGTH

A BRIDGE SET
A PAIR OF BATH TOWELS
A BATH MAT
A BATH TOWEL SET
A PAIR OF LINEN TOWELS
A LINEN TABLE COVER
A PR. FANCY PILLOW CASES
A BABY BLANKET
A PR. OF WOOL BLANKETS
A DOWN PUFF
A SILK BED SPREAD
A WOOL BED COVER

A SUIT OF SILK PYJAMAS
A PAIR OF SILK BLOOMERS
A SILK STEP-IN
A SILK CHEMISE
A SILK VEST
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A VOILE NIGHTIE
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FOR SALE—Strictly fresh York County Eggs, Sixty five cents a dozen, while they last. Currie Bros., Queen street.

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WANTED—Odd Jobs of Work such as sawing or piling wood, shoveling snow, etc. Satisfaction guaranteed. Apply to David Ross, care The Mail.

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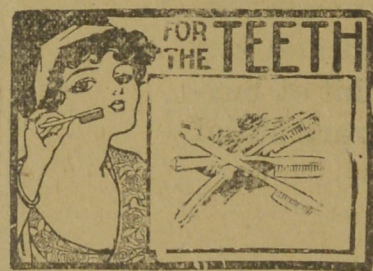
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