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Raw Deal by School Board
The closed door School Board which has been doing business in secret in an antiquated form for many years, pulled its rawest deal yesterday when that mysterious organization—or a few of them—met in their star chamber at the High School Building and appointed a resident of Brockville, Ontario, as Secretary of the Fredericton School Board to fill the vacancy caused a few months ago by the death of Rupert D. Hanson. The gentleman appointed to the position is Guy Dunning Scovil, formerly of Saint John, but who for some time has been a resident of Brockville, Ontario. Mr. Scovil's father, the late William E. Scovil, died in Saint John some years ago.

The new head of the Fredericton School system is a graduate of Arts of the University of New Brunswick and later took a post-graduate course at the University of Toronto. He was prominent some years ago in Maritime Province rugby circles. What qualifications Mr. Scovil possesses or where he got the pull that places him in the position over the heads of several local schoolmen who were applicants, does not appear. This is just another evidence of the way in which the arbitrary closed door School Board has of doing things. This is the rawest deal which this body has yet pulled off. Mr. Scovil may be a very estimable gentleman but there were several estimable gentlemen who have given years of service to the city schools and who were in touch with local conditions and any of whom should possess qualifications to fill the position without bringing in an outsider. The Daily Mail intimated on two or three occasions that applications had been received from residents of the Upper Provinces but we did not think that even the arbitrary School Board would go so far as to consider these applications over the head of others from local men.

This is another startling evidence of the result of any organization conducting business behind closed doors and keeping their affairs a secret from the public which pays the bills. The Daily Mail has long contended for an open door School Board. If these meetings had been open and the public knew through The Daily Mail what was going on there would have been a clamor for giving the appointment to a local man. As long as the citizens stand for a closed door meeting of an organization that spends over a hundred thousand dollars of the citizens' money every year, just so long will such things happen. The whole affair is an outrage and an insult to the citizens of Fredericton.

Care of Feeble-Minded
In a recent address given by Dr. Mabel L. Hanington before a local service club, the necessity of institutional care for people of sub-normal mentalities was emphatically stressed. Dr. Hanington, who has been actively engaged in awakening public interest in mental hygiene work throughout the province, referred to the disastrous results which follow as result of feeble-minded persons being cast into a world which they are unable to understand. This thought warrants the deepest consideration on the part of every thinking person both from social and economic aspects.

According to police officials here, the cases of juvenile delinquency handled in the local courts, can be attributed to the mental deficiencies of the offenders. Many of the delinquents, whose ages range from 10 to 17 years, do not realize their obligations to society and the ordinary methods of punishment prove hopelessly ineffective. The courts were not instituted to handle psychological cases, and yet in this province no provision has been made to take care of delinquents whose mentalities make them unfit subjects of society.

It is not the intention here to discuss the causes of delinquency, which are chiefly the results of mental deficiency and improper environment, but rather to point out the vital necessity of coping with the problem in the manner suggested by Dr. Hanington. It is an accepted fact that discipline is a necessary restraint upon behaviour for some specific good purpose—good for the individual discipline or good for the social group of which he is a part. Experience, however, has proven that court discipline of certain juvenile offenders has been entirely lacking in effectiveness. A striking example of this was seen recently in police court here when a youth, possessing kleptomania tendencies, was arraigned on theft charges. His police record dates back several years during which time he has made several appearances in court. It is obvious that the subject is in need of mental care if he is to be developed into a useful member of society.

Thus, it is evident that some method of correction must be found in the cases of youthful offenders, who persistently lapse into practices for which they had previously received legal punishment. It is economically and socially unsound to dismiss the problem as insoluble, and the time has certainly arrived when this demands the serious consideration of administrative authority.

The Mental Hygiene Committee of the Provincial Council of Women is making splendid progress in educating the public to the need of institutional care for sub-normal people, and it is confidently hoped that the government will take steps to implement the proposals advanced by those who are aware of the acuteness of the situation, in this province.—Saint John Free Press.

And So to College
Ancient Romans had a name for those higher studies which only the upper classes could pursue, in contradistinction to the trades practiced by slaves. These were called the liberal arts, studied and practiced by free-men.

These days the term liberal arts includes the study of philosophy, history, literature and other interests which lead to the academic degrees of A.B. and A.M.

Today the other studies are termed useful arts and skills. An annual survey of 593 American colleges and universities just issued shows a decline in the proportion of students of the liberal arts. In the past three years the freshman enrollment for liberal arts has dropped from 75 per cent. to 69.8.

Gains are noted in enrollments for business administration, engineering and agriculture.

Without absurdly trying to belittle any substantial course of study, it can be stated that ample dignity attaches to the useful arts. Life cannot successfully be solely utilitarian nor can too many persons enjoy the luxury of scorn of the useful arts.

Perhaps too many parents think that social standing has its basis only in emphasis of education in the liberal arts.

SNAPSHOTS
Congratulations to The Citizen, Saint John, on the enlargement and new dress of its paper. This shows progress. Best wishes, Brother Thorne.
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The School Board went the limit yesterday. What do you expect from organizations which do business behind closed doors.
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An effort should be made to fence well known dangerous air holes in our river ice. The locality where the boy was drowned today has been a bad one for years.
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This department is never so happy as when it is instructing the young. Today's pearl of wisdom is this: Don't fall for that bunk that the world owes you a living. The cemeteries are full of chaps, who checked out while trying to collect it.
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Three things that make a mere mortal perfect in your sight are ignorance, motherhood and politics.
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The reporters who used to write about the folk blinded by drinking wood alcohol—what do they write about now?
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Saving clippings and souvenirs is easy. The hard part is to remember, a year later, why you thought them worth saving.
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Blessed are those who have enough yet worry about their poverty. They are lucky if that's all they have to worry about.
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Who extended the official welcome to the guides on behalf of the city?

Gov.-General
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lice attached for protective duty and others.
On Christmas Day, Lord Tweedsmuir and the Vice-Regal entourage will attend service at St. Bartholomew's (Anglican) Church, after which he will visit the Canadian Legion shelter. There he will be present at the Christmas dinner for the indigent ex-service men cared for in that institution.
His Excellency plans to go for a walk or indulge in some skating in the afternoon, while in the evening will be held the Christmas dinner for the entire Rideau Hall staff, with the Governor-General presiding.
This function will not be pretentious—the customary English Christmas dinner, it was explained, with turkey, plum pudding and mince pie. Of course, there will be the usual Christmas crackers and jollification accompanying them.
Lady Tweedsmuir will be absent. Her Excellency now being on the ocean en route to Canada. She will disembark at Halifax on New Year's eve.

Telegrams
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overlook someone to whom they wish to send a Christmas and New Year's greeting and only discover this at the last minute, which makes it too late for their message to reach the recipient in time for Christmas, stated D. A. MacNeill, superintendent, Canadian National Telegraphs, here. A Christmas greeting by telegraph, however, steps into the breach and is delivered on Christmas morning. Special low rates have been put into effect this year for Christmas and New Year greetings telegrams and many are availing themselves of this more personal method of extending Christmas and New Year greetings at a distance. Greeting telegrams can also be used for delivery within the confines of the same city or town.
"A great many telegrams will be forwarded this year from Santa Claus addressed at the 'North Pole,' to the kiddies letting them know that he will be around Christmas Eve, as usual, distributing gifts to good little boys and girls," Mr. MacNeill continued. These Santagrams can be arranged for by parents at the nearest telegraph office.

Rebels Announce
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Spanish tanker Campeado, 7,932 tons which had sailed with a full cargo from Casablanca, Morocco, and of a fishing boat, which sailed from Tangier with 12 Spanish fishermen as crew.
Details of the sinking of the Kom-somol, a 4,500 ton Russian government freighter, have been a mystery. Russia obtained Great Britain's aid in seeking to learn the fate of the ship and its crew and Russia was reported ready, if it was proved that the nationalists sank it, to ask international denunciation of the nationalist navy as pirates or, if that failed to provide protection for its merchantmen.

MARRIAGE NOTICE
MARTIN-HARRISON.—In Winnipeg on Tuesday, December 22, 1936, Irene Pickard Harrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Harrison of this city to Charles Wilson Martin, Queenstown, County Cork, Ireland.

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Canadian Officers and Families Sail For Old Country
(Special to The Daily Mail)
MONTREAL, Dec. 23—Several Canadian officers, including Col. C. R. Pearkes, V.C., D.S.O., M.G., general staff officer, are sailing with their families in the Canadian Pacific liner Montrose from Saint John, N. B., on Christmas Day, the liner calls at Halifax, December 26 before proceeding to Glasgow and Liverpool.
The liner's passenger list includes: Mrs. Pearkes, John Pearkes; Flight-Lieut. and Mrs. W. De Van Vliet, R. C.A.F., Flight-Lieut. and Mrs. A. L. James, Flight-Officer W. E. Bennett, R.C.A.F., Flight-Lieut. C. W. Morrison, R.C.A.F., Wing-Commander and Mrs. G. O. Johnson, M.C., R.C.A.F., Flight-Lieut. and Mrs. A. L. James, Misses Irene and Claire Van Vliet, Miss Sandra James, Miss Jean and Miss Doreen Johnston, all of Ottawa.

Sir Henry Cole
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a grapevine in such a manner as to form three panels. The large center panel pictured a happy family party, all members of which were holding wine glasses filled to the brim.
On smaller panels, at the left and right of the center, were figures representing two acts of charity, "feeding the hungry," and "clothing the naked." Underneath were the words, "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."
The card was openly criticised by friends of temperance, who claimed that the design promoted wine drinking and served as a bad example.
But the resulting publicity instilled the idea of sending cards at Christmas.
The first American cards were printed in Roxbury in 1874 by Louis Prang, a German immigrant, who used works of the most famous artists of the time for decoration and soon led the world in the Christmas card industry. His first cards, however, were sold in England and it was not until the second year that he sold them in America. His reproductions of oil paintings are said to have been excellent.
Today the Christmas card industry stands high in the United States and this year card publishers are enjoying one of the best sales of their experience.
Now, in the shops, there are displayed cards for every conceivable type of holiday greeting, suited to all positions in life and all grades of pocketbook.

Italy Reported
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insurgent-held Cadiz, according to this account.
Private information from Valencia, present seat of the Spanish government, disclosed that Anarcho-Syndicalists now hold the upper hand in that city, Madrid and Barcelona.
Possibility Germany may send several divisions to Spain "and again present the world with an accomplished fact," was suggested in The Evening Standard tonight.
"Herr Hitler has pledged himself to insure General Franco's victory," the paper's diplomatic editor wrote. "The assistance which he has sent 'secretly' has not been sufficient.
"The possibility cannot be excluded that he may decide to mobilize his army on a war footing to send several divisions openly to Spain and again present the world with an accomplished fact.
"Against this may be set the undoubted fact that for geographical reasons Spain is not the country which German military experts would choose as the springboard for a possible European war.
"The forthcoming Anglo-Italian agreement should also act as a deterrent against extreme advances in this part of Spain."

Ten trimotor bombing planes purchased in Germany by the Portuguese government landed here today.
The new ships are Junkers all-metal machines, each capable of carrying 4,400 pounds of bombs, mounting three machine guns, equipped with radio and photographic apparatus and with a cruising range of 750 miles. Each has room for 40 men aboard.

Closed Door
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on the teaching staff of any of our New Brunswick schools.
This is another evidence of the arbitrary way in which the Fredericton school board carries on its affairs. If as has been contended by The Daily Mail, the meetings of the board were open to the public as they should be everybody would know who the applicants were, and no hole and corner, secret appointments could be made. The school board has done a great many arbitrary things but this last move beats them all. It is said that the appointment was made with only a few of the trustees being present at the meeting. One leading trustee informed The Daily Mail yesterday afternoon that he did not even know there was a meeting of the board. After the meeting adjourned the acting secretary of the board rang up all the trustees who were not present as well as those who were present and warned them not to talk of anything that had transpired at the meeting. The press yesterday afternoon were refused any information as to whether the new secretary of the board was to be a local man or one imported from Ontario. The Daily Mail through its own secret way of getting information got onto the fact that an appointment had been made and so stated, but this paper was off in regard to the man appointed, as we were sure that it was going to be a local man. As long as the citizens of Fredericton put up with secret meetings by trustees who are spending hundreds of thousands of dollars of the people's money just so long will these things occur. Mr. Scovil may be a very estimable gentleman and he has estimable connections in this city, but it is a poor compliment to the local applicants when we have to go outside the city, and even outside the province to select a secretary for our Fredericton School Board. It is a wonder that an experienced Ontario teacher would come down here at the Fredericton salary.
Observer, who generally sizes up the local situation in good shape writes The Daily Mail as follows in regard to the situation:
The old adage, "A prophet is not without honor, save in his own country," seems to have been strictly borne out in the long-awaited appointment of a supervisor of the Fredericton schools. This appointment was made yesterday, according to the Saint John Telegraph-Journal, but strangely enough the local papers are forced to take second place in the announcement of this piece of purely local news. Another scoop for Saint John.

Some time ago the writer summed up the qualities which in his estimation, the holder of this position should have. The writer is unaware as to how many of the requisite qualities the successful candidate may or may not possess. According to the news item the candidate's academic qualifications do not rank ahead of those of several of the local applicants. The incomprehensible feature of the thing is the appointment of a man from Ontario in preference to local applicants, some of whom were quite well qualified.
The successful candidate is an example of a class of teachers who, not satisfied with the salaries paid in this province a few years back, emigrated to other provinces where the salaries were more attractive. They willingly and gladly shook the dust of their native province from their heels, and struck out for the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. Of late, however, the location of the pot of gold seems to have shifted, and situations in this province compare more favorably than they once did to those elsewhere. Hence the sudden eagerness to be back in their native province once more.

It does not appear at the time of writing whether the salary this position is to pay will be as lucrative as the successful applicant may have thought. It is difficult to think of the Fredericton School Board paying a salary good enough to attract a teacher on the staff of an Ontario Collegiate School. The local School Board is not noted for the payment of large salaries, so it is said. Presumably, in this case, they have departed from their usual rule, or else

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the gentleman in Ontario is being badly fooled, and will be quickly disillusioned.

The news item plays up the fact that the successful candidate is a former Saint John boy, and that he is married to a Fredericton girl. That may be all true enough, but what is that in the face of applications from qualified men who are at present residents and tax-payers in Fredericton? These local men have been in the employ of the School Board for some time and have rendered faithful service. They had the added advantage of knowing the local schools and their needs. It is a direct slight on the part of the School Board to their own teachers. It is equivalent to saying, "We don't consider you people measure up to the standard required for a supervisor of our schools."

Of course there is another possible explanation. Such positions as the one under discussion are often filled by means of what is commonly called "drag" or "pull." Some interesting food for thought might be found by considering the composition of the School Board at the present time in relation to what is known of the successful applicant.

We are continually being told that we ought to patronize home merchants. Presumably the axiom could be extended to cover the patronage of home talent of any kind. It seems only logical that it should. Public opinion should be pronounced in its condemnation of such actions as this appointment. The writer has never joined in the disapproval that the activities of the School Board have aroused from time to time in the city, because he realized the peculiar problems that confront such a body. But this time the Board by this latest action has definitely put itself beyond the pale. It deserves no consideration from the public since it gives none to them. This is the considered opinion of one who is no fanatic, but a person of experience; one who has seen enough of the world and its problems to be able to formulate a mature judgment.

This appointment is an outrage to the teachers and to the general public of the city.
"Shall we have a friendly game of cards?"
"No, let's play bridge."

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INCREASE GROSS REVENUE C. N. R. IN PAST WEEK
(Special to The Daily Mail)
MONTREAL, Dec. 23—The gross revenues of the all-inclusive Canadian National Railways system for the week ending Dec. 21, 1936, were \$3,754,676 as compared with \$3,490,836 for the corresponding period of 1935, an increase of \$263,840.

CITY ELECTION
THE ELECTION FOR ALDERMEN AND MAYOR FOR THE CITY OF FREDERICTON
For the ensuing year will be held on
MONDAY
the 11th day of January 1937
at the Polling Places as follows:
DIVISION NO. 1.—For all voters residing or owning property above the northwest centre line of Carleton Street, prolonged, at or near the City Hall, in the said City.
DIVISION NO. 2.—For all voters residing or owning property in the remainder of the said City, at or near the County Court House, in the said City.

NOMINATIONS
Every candidate for the office of Mayor or Alderman shall be qualified to vote at the election for which he is nominated and shall be nominated by at least TWO ratepayers residing in the City of Fredericton, and qualified to vote at the ensuing election for which such candidate is nominated.

Every nomination paper, with the certificate of the City Treasurer, shall be filed with the City Clerk or at his office, and not later than FOUR O'CLOCK on the afternoon of MONDAY, the FOURTH DAY OF JANUARY, 1937, and the City Clerk, before receiving such nomination paper, shall ascertain from the same that the requirements of the Election Act have been complied with.

No candidate is qualified to be nominated for Alderman unless at the time of nomination he is a resident of the Ward for which he is nominated.

The acceptance of each candidate and the signature of at least TWO resident qualified voters, who must sign the nomination paper, shall be proved by affidavit attached to the nomination.

In case of a contest, each elector shall be entitled to vote for one candidate for Mayor, for ONE candidate for Alderman for Wellington Ward, for ONE candidate for Alderman for St. Anne's Ward, for ONE candidate for Alderman for Carleton Ward, for ONE candidate for Alderman for Queen's Ward, and for ONE candidate for Alderman for King's Ward.

Dated this 19th day of December, A.D. 1936.
FRED I. HAVILAND,
City Clerk.