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### Educational Systems

We have had nearly seventy years of our so-called free school system. Has it proved a success? Any living thing has to go ahead or else go back. It cannot stand still. Our present school system certainly hasn't made any progress in recent years. Therefore it must have gone back. And results prove that it has gone back. It is today responsible for more illiterates in proportion to the population of the province than any other province in Canada.

While the cost of our educational system annually increases the value yearly decreases in this department, which calls for a shaking up from its foundations, in the best interest of the common people of the Province.

That the best interests of the people are not served by the present system is proven by the recent provincial matriculations which has brought forth adverse criticism all over the province.

A system of education which says that the examiners and those who set the papers are infallible, and that those who fail by a mark or two, through accident or for somewhat similar reasons are denied the right of appeal, or a new trial which is given to the criminal, is rotten to the core.

A somewhat similar condition seems to exist down in Nova Scotia so far as examinations are concerned, and the gifted editor of The Eastern Chronicle claims that "the provincial examinations and the arbitrary way in which an autocratic department handles its affairs is responsible for more illiterates going out into the world than that of any other country in the civilized world."

Speaking of the farce system of carrying on the provincial examinations in that province the Editor of The Eastern Chronicle in regard to those who failed:

"A whole hard year's work has been lost and there is now nothing to do but turn their thoughts in another direction or spend another year in rehearsing the same work, and the year lost is one that never can be regained.

"Then, there are those who have failed by a mere point or who through accident have been denied the advancement. There are cases where they feel they have not been rightfully judged. Possibly the examiners have made a mistake. That might be so but there is no relief. The examiners are infallible, says in effect an edict across the bottom of the return, as issued by the autocratic department of education.

"It is a cold blooded defy to the youth of this province. No give and take. It's just bang, and the door is shut.

"One cannot conjure anything more calculated to inspire a revolutionary feeling, to beget a sense of resentment for constituted authority than this arrogant announcement across the foot of the official returns as issued to the youth who have failed. No word of encouragement. No softening of the chagrin of defeat. No opportunity for reticement. For many a young person standing on the threshold of womanhood and manhood it is the hardest day of their young lives and it sinks into their conscience, a grudge and resentment that will not soften with the years.

"But the performance is in keeping with the educational system that at the end of seventy years of a free school system, is today responsible for more illiterates and grade-sixers going out in the world as citizens than that of almost any other country in the world."

This is just what The Daily Mail has contended in regard to our own system of education.

When young men and women in New Brunswick are denied the right of a supplementary examination, and are unable to enter the Provincial Normal School because they failed in a paper given by a person who should never have been assigned to give it, their future is at stake and the parents who make the sacrifice to send them to school have to suffer. That is the case here.

The present government is not responsible for our existing system of education. It has for years been controlled by a band of people who are the hardest people in the world to cultivate modern ideas—teachers. This is one good reason why there should be at the head of our educational system a business man of modern ideas to keep a proper balance. The future of our boys and girls is to be controlled by a lot of fossils without somebody having a check rein to pull them up once in a while.

### Sir Samuel Wins a Round

One of the admirable qualities of Hoare statescraft is Sir Samuel's ability to score in any direction off a single situation. Wednesday he used the Spanish crisis and scored three ways. Strong as were his utterances qualifying Great Britain's position in the civil war controversy, his sharp words denying the official attitude toward Europe and the defeatist elements of labor and pacifism at home were stronger, and relatively of much greater importance.

Rearmament by Britain, he said, represented a determination to prevent another world war, and "if our programme is fully and punctually carried out we shall succeed in that determination."

So much for Europe. But behind that statement was condemnation of the pacifism that has been practiced in Great Britain. It is not too much to accept it as the most candid assertion that pacifism of the kind can no longer influence British policy that has yet been made by a member of the Government. In case there was any misunderstanding as to whom he meant and to what he referred, Sir Samuel supplied a candid interpretation.

"As a rule," he said, "the parties of the Left are pacifists. Ours are militarists, but militarists who want war without armies, navies or an air force. Many of them seem to want war against one of the factions in Spain." In a sentence the Lansburys, the Cecils, the Angells and the Morrisons are revealed.

It is not impossible that Sir Samuel was urged by personal feelings to say what he did. Such ridicule—it was certainly that—does not come without cause, and Sir Samuel has plenty of cause. It was the pacifism he refers to that so successfully disarmed Britain as to leave her powerless in comparison with her neighbors. It was the insistence of the same pacifism under the disguise of public opinion, that forced her to attempt action in the Ethiopian situation, which her reduced defenses could not support, and, in turn, forced the "outrageous" Hoare-Laval peace plan, for which the same "public opinion" demanded, and got, temporarily, Sir Samuel's political career.

All things considered, it was fitting that Sir Samuel Hoare, reinstated as First Lord of the Admiralty, should have the privilege of putting militant pacifism in its place. There he could use a European situation, to no small degree a product of its policy, was the vinegar in the wound.

### SNAPSHOTS

Surely it is not a man in the city employ whose name is on the black list in one of the chain stores for carrying goods too far from the counter.

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The police recently arrested a small pup weighing about a pound. Its owner was fined eight dollars and costs by the Junior Police Magistrate. What about those big police dogs which make life miserable. Are they afraid of them?

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What protection have strange house maids coming to Fredericton to work? We know cases where they are insulted on the street night after night by young men old enough to know better. If the police cannot give these girls protection the girls should carry canes for their own protection.

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The City Council might ask the Police Commission if they would please see that these girls are protected. If the Aldermen were sufficiently humble the Police Commission might consent to do something.

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Some Nova Scotia editors seem to have the same opinion regarding the autocratic educational system and examinations that The Daily Mail has. This is a case where paid officials who are out of touch and not the people who rule.

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Hon. Mr. Rogers enjoyed our scenery but he also recognized the fact that people cannot live on scenery alone.

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A milkman who short of milk, takes the money and the bottle without saying anything and makes good the following day. Perhaps his cows are temperamental and won't sit on the bottles some days.

### DAILY FOREIGN NEWS COMMENT

#### Germany's View of Present Day British Foreign Policy

The present German policy is carefully calculated and is based on the following opinion of the present day position of the British Empire. They believe that:

(1) England's main objective is to keep her huge empire as cheaply as possible.

(2) English participation in a war could not bring her any further substantial gains, but might result in great losses.

(3) She will therefore be extremely cautious and unwilling to enter a war; if possible to avoid it.

(4) However even wars in which it takes no part may be very dangerous to the British Empire if they lead to changes in the relative strength of the various nations and menace her policy of the Balance of Power.

#### France, Belgium and Holland

##### British Bulwark

As France, Belgium and Holland are Great Britain's continental shield, England would like a friendly understanding between France and Germany as she does not wish to have to come to France's aid in the event of a war between them. France can not offend England by refusing to negotiate with Germany, for fear that England might seek another alignment of interest. The Germans expect no change however in France's "fundamental attitude," but regard French hostility as of little importance, as long as she is divided by domestic factions.

#### Germans Consider Eden's Policy Faulty

The Germans feel that Eden's faulty policy, and the disordered French internal situation, paved the way for an Italo-German agreement, "for which the German attitude during the Abyssinian venture created a favorable basis."

#### English Week-end Great Shock Absorber

The Germans feel that the English week-end with the absence of the British Cabinet for their week-end holiday, and the entire national cessation of business over Sunday, is a great shock-absorber. From now on we may look to see German diplomatic coups initiated on Saturdays when possible. They feel that what causes alarm Saturday is received in England calmly on Sunday and by Monday is accepted with a sigh of resignation.

—H. M. P.

### 100,000 Grade

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hundredweight at their nearest loading stations. It is proposed to make arrangements with the railway companies for transportation of these inferior animals to the packing plants at reduced freight rates, while the government will bear a large proportion of the freight charges on processed meat to foreign markets, not including Great Britain. The packers are to process the animals into boneless meat and tankage at bare cost and will be guaranteed against loss by the Government of Canada.

#### Anticipated Results

It is believed the plan proposed will have the following effects:

Removal of the atmosphere of demoralization which now surrounds the livestock markets and the cattle-men of Western Canada.

Removal of 100,000 head of inferior cattle will go a long way toward cleaning up the type of meat which has burdened the domestic market in recent years.

Taking the processed meat from these poor quality cattle from the Canadian market will leave a better market for the choicer grades of cattle and enhance prices for prime beef.

Feed relief costs on large numbers of cattle will be reduced.

The plan will provide funds which the producers may use for foundation herds or for the necessities of life.

### Our Mail Bag

#### WILMOT GUIOU'S SIGNS

Fredericton, Aug. 22  
Editor of The Daily Mail.

Dear Sir:

If I am not mistaken the two signs on Wilmot Guiou's store about which you were asking the other day, used to be: "High Water Mark," and "No peas in our Vegetables." Please let me know in your "Snapshots" if I am right or not.

Old Time, and Admirer of The Daily Mail.

(Yes, you are right. Wilmot Guiou's store was near where Cecil Holder now keeps. Mr. Guiou, like other merchants, used to keep his vegetables in baskets in front of his door. Sometimes the dogs used to back up and do damage to the contents of the baskets, so he had two stands made about three feet from the ground and on the front were painted the signs mentioned above.—Editor Daily Mail)

### Further Searching

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just before the huge battle cruiser Repulse hove into sight, the official report said.

The master of the Gibel Zerjon was informed he was free to proceed with his vessel, and the British warships turned back toward Gibraltar.

Scarcely had the Spanish government announced that it did not propose to exercise its right of search on the high seas when word came that a Spanish government warship had stopped the steamship Gibel Zerjon, flying the British flag, ten miles from Melilla.

Immediately the battle cruiser Repulse with two destroyers was ordered from Gibraltar to investigate. With the crew standing by and decks clear the Repulse swept by Europa Point at 20 knots.

For a time wires buzzed excitedly. Then the tension eased. Later advices indicated the Gibel Zerjon had suffered no damage. It was assumed the Spanish warship acted under a misunderstanding. British authorities intimate that the despatch of the Repulse was precautionary and that no serious sequel is expected.

On instructions from the Foreign Office, Sir Charles Wingfield, British ambassador to Lisbon, refused to accept a note of protest from the Spanish insurgent government at Burgos regarding the alleged bombing of rebel strongholds by French-built planes flying French colors. Britain has not recognized the Burgos government.

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