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opinion.

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we're getting a fair deal. In fact we think we're being soaked. Some of our neighbors feel the same way."

Bruce of Ontario has added some words to the already extensive volume of disapproval registered against the written examination which constitutes the standard test in the Canadian educational system.

his belief that ability, personality and character were far more important than capacity to memorize studies for written examinations. He favored the plan whereby a student is judged by demeanor and work throughout the term than by the result of the written examination.

It is reasonably certain that the time is coming in our educational programme when the written examination will be supplementary rather than primary in testing the proficiency of students. How many individuals prominent in business or in public life who quit school thirty years ago could remember the propositions of Euclid or could translate a sentence into Latin today, yet that was the sort of thing they had to drill on mentally when preparing for graduation. As things have turned out, it would have been more advantageous to have had a course in contract bridge.

It is encouraging, however, that so many practical people in the educational profession and outside it are devoting so much time and thought to the task of evolving a system that will be more effective in training youth for the modern life task. It is a fairly definite conclusion that the method employed up to the present is faulty, very faulty. It is not so easy to know just what is the best method, but there are many reforms that could be introduced advantageously right away and one of these would be to relegate the written exam to the less exalted status.

Whether or not this new found prosperity lasts, nothing will ever shake the invincible belief of the Maritimer in the fine quality of his products.

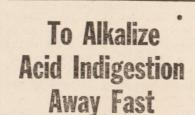
There are oyster beds in Nova Scotia so rare that the delicacy of their product, it appears, is worthy of Utopia.

If you mention salmon you learn immediately of the quantities of the Restigouche and the sturdy fish of the Bay of Fundy which men catch in Saint John Harbor.

If you mention strawberries, you learn of the curious fogs around Amherst which make for slow maturity and consequent finer flavor.

Even Nova Scotian hay, you learn with some surprise, is hay that makes horses run faster and pull harder than any hay the world over. Horses cry for it.

and the tidal rivers are of such importance that the Moncton papers, in the prominent box in the fnont page which western papers reserve for closing wheat prices and weather forecasts, announce proudly that "The Bore Will Reach Moncton at 10:27 a.m."







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