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TECHNICAL EDUCATION

The federal government will have general support in its proposal to take up in a complete and comprehensive manner the question of technical education. Although the matter of education comes within the sphere of provincial government, none of them will, we imagine, be disposed to grumble if the Federal Government offers its assistance in an effort to evolve the best means for establishing a complete and effective system of technical education, the benefits of which shall be applicable to the whole country. It will be admitted that a matter of so much importance can be dealt with much more satisfactorily by the Federal government than would be the case if any one or more of the provinces took up the work. It is scarcely likely for instance, that any one province would care to incur the expense which would necessarily be entailed if the enquiry which it is proposed to make is to be thorough and exhaustive.

The Federal government will obtain the services of efficient and representative men who will form a commission which will investigate the whole question of technical education. The commission will travel all over Canada, meeting employers and employees, boards of trade and other organizations connected with commerce and manufactures. It will study present conditions, ascertain their defects and the most feasible means of removing them. It is then proposed to have the commission visit the United States, Great Britain, Germany and other countries. In short, gain information from every source that is available.

This is a wise course to pursue, as it must be evident that the result to be secured by any system must depend to a very great extent on the soundness of the principles and methods on which it is based. Canada should take the fullest possible advantage of what has been done in the same field by other countries. Their experience, the mistakes which they have made, and the results obtained by the various systems in operation in various countries, will all be available for the guidance of the Canadian commission, and when all these circumstances have been carefully considered and tabulated by the proposed commission, it should be possible to formulate an efficient system of technical education for Canada.

THE OUTLOOK PROMISING

The reports in the press of all parts of the Dominion indicate that the outlook for business during the coming season is most favorable. The consuming power of the people appears to be much greater than it was a year ago, notwithstanding the higher prices that are now ruling for commodities in many lines. There is no lack of employment and, indeed, throughout the entire country there is a demand for more help than is available. From the industrial centres in Ontario and Quebec come reports that manufacturers generally are busy and factories and shops working to their full capacity. The flood of immigration has reached higher level than in any previous year at the same period, and the transportation companies anticipate that the influx will continue for some time to be very large, judging from the reports they receive from their agents on the other side of the Atlantic. This immigration in itself is an important factor in the general situation. A very considerable proportion of the immigrants have some means, and although in many cases the individual amount may be small in the aggregate it reaches a large amount. These newcomers also increase the demand for the necessities of life while in a short time after arrival they become incorporated in the army of producers in different lines of industry and thereby contribute to the wealth of the country. Taken all round the outlook for the coming season is very good.

WESTON'S WALK

Having already covered nearly 3,500 miles from the Pacific Coast, the walk of 20 miles from Yonkers to the New York City Hall should be only a pleasant forenoon stroll today for the wonderful old man who recently walked seventy miles on his seventieth birthday. Starting from Los Angeles to cross the continent in ninety days, Mr. Weston had thirteen days to spare. His average has been about forty-five miles a day, frequently under conditions of great difficulty.

As a physical feat this is remarkable. Again and again young, strong men have accompanied Weston for a few miles of his long tramp and have retired nursing chafed feet and stiffened muscles. No wise horseman would undertake to ride a horse across the continent at a longer average of daily distance. Horse psychology does not compass such control of mind over muscle, of grit over effort as Weston's.

People nowadays walk only too little for their well being, a fact which is probably attributable to the increased facilities for avoiding the exertion entailed in walking. What with automobiles, bicycles and motor boats, a man need scarcely walk at all; not even upstairs to bed since the advent of elevators. But the man who walks will find that he is the better for it, both physically and mentally.

To walk, to run, to swim and to row or paddle a boat are primitive accomplishments that wise men will never neglect.

Lord Kitchener has promptly nailed the report industriously circulated by Opposition organs that the Government in some way was responsible for his failure to visit Canada. The famous general explained on his arrival in England simply that he had not time to visit Canada, saying, "I made the journey as quickly as possible and did not even have time to go to Washington. I feel it would have been a poor compliment to Canada to have passed through it in such a hurried way."

Sometime ago, a question which was much to the fore with the people of the United States was what to do with their ex-presidents. At present the main question which is being discussed in leading circles, seems to be what will the ex-president do with them.

The Chatham World describes as "a misuse of language," some remarks made in these columns a few days ago, with reference to the dismissals by the Hazen government of Liberal office holders. We imagine Mr. Hazen would describe The World's now famous reference to him as a "week-kneed and back-boneless leader," in much the same words.

HUNDREDS SAW PAT.

Pat certainly took with the crowds that attended the Bijou last night. Hear him tonight in his song, "O'Reiley," he will also introduce a buck and wing dance. Mr. Munro is singing Garden of Roses. The pictures are good.

BOUGHT A CANOE.

Mr. William Tweddall, representin the great fur house of Halt, Renfrew & Co., Quebec, is here on his annual business trip. Yesterday he closed with R. Chestnut & Son for Sponson motor canoe for use on Lake St. Joseph P.Q., where he owns summer cottage.

KESWICK DRIVES

Mr. Elwood Burt's drive of seven million feet on the Keswick stream reached his mill at Cardigan on Tuesday. The logs are jammed for a distance of three miles above the mill and make a very interesting sight.

Mr. Burt brought out another large drive on the Keswick this spring for Randolph Baker, and it is now in the booms at Douglas.

THE FORD AUTO.

The Ford auto, for which Anderson and Walker are the agents is rapidly coming into favor here. It is a splendid car and sells at a remarkably low price. Mr. Fred E. Blackmer, the well known jeweller, purchased a Ford this week, and another has been sold to Mr. R. M. Campbell. Others who have lately become Ford owners include Mr. A. A. Shute and Mr. W. F. McManus of this city, and Mr. Elwood Burt of Burt's Corner.

CLASS ELECTIONS.

The classes of 1912 and 1913 at the U.N.B. have elected officers. The officers for '12 for the ensuing year will be president, H. F. Barnes; secretary, W. H. Teed. The officers of 1913 will be, president G. A. J. Balkum; secretary, N. A. MacKenzie.

ST. JOHN COUNCIL

SWORN INTO OFFICE

St. John, May 3.—Mayor Frink and the new council were sworn into office today. In His Lordship's inaugural address, he condemns the present system of civic government, and asks for a committee to take up the matter.

Touching harbor matters, the mayor urged that efforts should be renewed to get the government to take over the west side harbor property, and that the matter of the transfer of lots to the C. P. R. be settled one way or the other without any further delay.

He directed attention to the fact that the city does not itself own much land suitable for sites for new industries, and advised that care be taken to conserve such lands on the shores of Courtenay Bay and near the railway in Lancaster.

He also insisted that the city should have a recorder, who would devote his whole time to the service of the city.

Touching the matter of civic by-laws, he urged that they be modified and enforced. The important statement was made that the civic departments are costing too much. In regard to street paving, the mayor insisted that no paving should be done until it was known that the water mains, sewerage pipes and telephone conduits are in proper condition.

Matters relative to civic loans, exemption of municipal bonds, city property on Courtenay Bay and others of interest were touched upon.

OFFICERS OF U. N. B.

SOCIETIES ELECTED

At a general meeting this morning the officers of the various societies of the University of New Brunswick were elected for the ensuing year. The result of the balloting is as follows:

DEBATING SOCIETY

President, J. B. McNair, '11; 1st Vice-Pres., G. H. Cockburn, '12; 2nd Vice-Pres., P. Kuhring, '13; Secretary M. A. McKinnon, '13.

UNIVERSITY FINANCIAL ASSOCIATION

President, Edington, '11.

UNIVERSITY MONTHLY STAFF

H. G. Deedes, '11; J. B. McNair, '11; H. C. Belyea, '11; J. T. Hebert, '12; E. R. Macnutt, '12; A. N. Carter, '13; Business Editor, W. P. Loggie, '12; Corresponding Editor, C. J. Jones, '10.

Captain Hockey Team, W. K. Willis, '11.

Captain Basketball Team, G. P. Rigby, '11.

Vice Captain Football Team, H. G. Deedes, '11.

UNIVERSITY AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Hon. Pres., Prof. Day, Pres., H. G. Deedes, '11; Vice Pres., W. H. Teed, '12; Secretary, P. Kuhring, '13.

Election of secretary of U. F. A. and class representatives to the Athletic council are postponed until fall.

HEARING POSTPONED.

The case against the Nason brothers, which was to be heard today, at Oromocto, has been postponed one week.

CROWN LAND SALE.

At the Crown Land Office today, a tract of land on Eel River, Parish of Richmond, was bid in at \$2.05 per acre by Mr. J. G. Murchie.

FITTING UP QUARTERS.

Major Doull, the new commandant of the R.C.R. is having fitted up the quarters in the officers' barracks formerly occupied by Col. Chénic and will be joined by Mrs. Doull, some time next week.

ENLARGED HIS CAFE

Prof. Washington has found it necessary on account of increased business to enlarge his cafe, and has secured a lease of the adjoining store in the Edgecombe block. He has had the place fitted up in first class style and is now in a better position than ever to cater to the public.

BROKE HIS LEG

Mr. Charles Cronkite, a well known resident of Southampton, had the misfortune to fall in the yard of the Grand Hotel last evening and fracture his left leg above the ankle. He was removed to the Victoria Hospital, where Dr. Weaver rendered the necessary surgical aid. Mr. Cronkite brought a raft of logs to the city on Friday and was to have returned home today. His friends will sincerely sympathize with him in his misfortune.

WATER FALLING FAST.

The water in the river is steadily falling and it is expected that the steamers will be able to use the Star Line wharf within a couple of days.

Reports from up river today was as follows:—

Woodstock, N.B.—Water fell six inches. Few logs running. Cloudy and cool.

Edmundston—Raining. River dropping slowly. Few logs running.

Grand Falls N.B.—Rained all night and still raining. Water falling fast.

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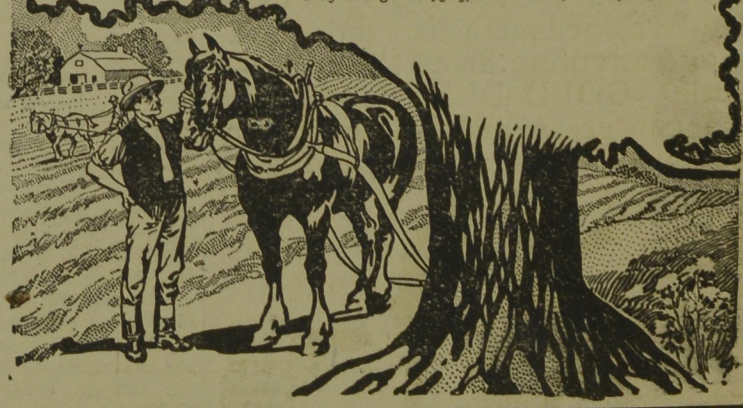
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