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THE KINDERGARTEN

The visit of Inspector Hughes of Toronto to this city, and his address on Thursday evening on kindergarten work should direct public attention more fully and favorably toward this essential part of the work of education. While we speak of the importance of manual training, it is really the second step; for kindergarten training is the foundation of the proper development of eye and hand, but with the all-important factor included: the development of spiritual and moral faculties.

Writing to the Times on this subject, one who is deeply interested in kindergarten work says:—

"Froebel was far ahead of his time, and insisted that we treat our children as individual spiritual beings and teach them to perceive things in this connection, holding that the child comes into the world with a natural sense of the ideal. This sense is to be touched and awakened by using the materials provided in the kindergarten, which can be seen and felt and heard, as a medium for the perception of spiritual truths. 'Now,' Froebel says, 'what can we do for the unfolding of these heart-leaves of the life which contain the whole future man—with all his finest tendencies?' For to Froebel soul-growth is the only reality in education."

"When professional and art schools are opened up for grown-up youth only, they cannot regain what was lost in childhood, let ever so much training be furnished. One can readily see the effect of this kind of education, among the poor and neglected, especially, the little ones whose chances otherwise are small for lessons in love, courtesy and unselfishness here inculcated, and their inculcable value as a foundation for good citizenship, in a class which costs the state much for punishment, without relieving it of constant menace, and all to no purpose for the reclamation of the individual."

Kindergarten work in St. John is carried on under difficulties. If more attention were paid to it our educational system would be more effective and produce better results.

WORK FOR ST. JOHN

There are now in this city lumber and pulp mills and wood-working factories, lime kilns, cotton mills, corn mills, rolling mills, foundries, nail factories, brass works, engine and boiler works, brush and broom factory, paper box factory, cigar factories, biscuit and candy factories, tea blending and packing houses, fish curing and packing houses, pork packing houses, carriage factories, marble works, breweries, soap factories, vinegar factories, saw and other edge tool factories, tannery, axe works, paint and lead works, glass works, wire fence and mattress works, machine shops, and numerous other industries. Harness, clothing, furs, hats, blankets, hosiery, furniture, mantels and grates, stoves, and other lines are manufactured. Spices, coffee, essences, and other such goods are prepared and packed.

In some of these industries only a small number of persons are engaged, and none of them except those connected with the lumber business are very large, although the various ones associated with the iron trade employ many people. The cotton mills have a large wage list. But the most notable point is that all these varied industries are carried on successfully, on a larger or smaller scale. The fact establishes the suitability of St. John as a centre for manufacturing enterprises. There is room for expansion. Persons with capital seeking investment should be sought out and invited to look over this field. Only by having faith in the city and keeping its advantages continually to the front can the citizens hope to see that development they so greatly desire.

ELECTRIC RAILROADS

Electricity may be introduced in the operation of the Transatlantic Railway in Ontario. The chief engineer of the railway, Mr. C. B. Smith, has just returned from Europe, where he looked into the working of electric roads and became convinced that they were operated successfully. The Toronto World, in a report of an interview with him, says:—

"He inspected a number of electric railroads, while on the continent, and found that some of them were greatly superior to the best in America. He was informed that the operation was cheaper than by steam, and that the more frequent service built up the traffic. Motor cars were used for the passenger and electric locomotives for the freight service. The Italian electric roads gave a particularly fine service, the passenger trains running at from 35 to 45 miles an hour, and the freight trains from 27 to 30."

Naturally the World, which favors government ownership, was pleased to add this testimony from Mr. Smith:—

"Mr. Smith found the railway systems of Germany, Austria, Italy, Belgium, France and Switzerland practically all government-owned, though there were a few cases of branch lines being in private hands. 'The ordinary service is much better than ours,' was his tribute to the success of public ownership. For one thing, the general speed maintained was higher, the schedule calling for a passenger train rate of 40 miles an hour, including stops. The trains were not so heavy, as the coaches were smaller, being about 40 feet in length, as against 60 feet in America."

A London cable says:—"The local government board has informed Rev. W. Carleton that it has no funds to be applied to the emigration of the unemployed as suggested by the Church Army, nor is there any other government department able to undertake financial support of any emigration scheme, but the central body, to be appointed under the Unemployed Act, may have power to assist in satisfactory cases the emigration of men and families." It appears to be perfectly clear from the present condition of the unemployed in London that some scheme of assisted emigration will have to be recognized and adopted.

In Toronto last week the Grand Jury recommended the lash for one set of criminals, deplored the frequency of murder, manslaughter and other crimes, and urged more vigorous action by the authorities. In St. John of late there appears to be a tendency to regard brutal assaults as mere trifles, unworthy of punishment. The Ontario thugs should come farther east, where justice appears to be so tempered with mercy that it is scarcely recognizable.

The Ottawa Free Press, liberal, makes these observations:—"The Hon. J. Israel Tarte approves of pensions to ex-ministers. So do Foster, Caron, Haggart and Blair, and even Clifford Sifton does not object to a \$3,500 a year as pocket money. There are few men in their positions who would not approve. It is sometimes well, however, to guard men against themselves."

The cables from Russia show that the work of reform is steadily progressing under Witte's leadership. Count John Tolstoy has been made minister of education; a Jew has been made manager of the South West Railway, and banished Socialists are permitted to return to Russia.

The welcome extended to the British fleet at New York ought to have the effect of a restraining influence upon the anti-British agitators in that city and in other parts of the United States.

The New York election war goes merrily on, with more indictments of Tammany men for frauds committed on election day.

The autumn season continues to present an open and benign countenance to the waterworks contractors and others interested in her moods.

With call money at 25 per cent. in New York the reckless speculator finds little encouragement in any effort to boom stocks.

OTTAWA WANTS REFORM

The Ottawa Citizen states that "There is talk of the formation in Ottawa of a Citizens' Municipal League, made up of those who take an intelligent interest in municipal affairs and are anxious that proper men to safeguard the public interest be elected to the city council. A number of citizens are discussing the formation of such a league and," the Citizen says, "it is hoped to have it under way and exerting influence in the forthcoming civic campaign."

The Ottawa Free Press contributes an interesting paragraph to the discussion, as follows:—

"The aldermen are displaying marvelous activity these days. The city must have a civic auditorium and an up-to-date garbage system. The library must be finished at once or some one will suffer. The railways must not be allowed to mar the beauty of this Washington of the North by constructing freight sheds and shunting yards in the city. But they allow the sidewalks and streets to remain in a most disgraceful condition. The crossings are a mass of mud and slush. There is a lot of cleaning to be done in Ottawa; the citizens should begin the work by cleaning out the present council."

MAN AND MACHINERY

(Toronto Star.)

Type-setting machines were introduced a few years ago in the production of daily newspapers, each machine doing the work of several men. They changed the trade for a time, changed it permanently, but they did not destroy it. Today, notwithstanding the use of these machines, with their high productiveness, more men are engaged in producing a daily newspaper than was the case when type was set by hand. The setting of type by machinery has so cheapened and expedited the work that newspapers have doubled and trebled in size. They have doubled and trebled in circulation; they have grown more numerous. From the backwoods, where men cut and ship pulpwood, through the pulp and paper mills, the warehouses, the printing offices, the ink factories, the type and press foundries, the news-stands, right to the homes of the people, where enlarged and cheapened newspapers enter daily, increased employment has been given to men by the introduction of the typesetting machine. And yet its first effect seemed to be to throw skillful men out of work. Still, it is not true that in such the same way every labor-saving machine in time restores the balance that it temporarily disturbs. In the case of the typesetting machine it was a necessity. Hand-setting was too slow. It could not handle the piles of copy that poured in from all corners of the world. In carrying from news the steel locomotive had outstripped the horse and the telegraph had outdistanced the locomotive. When human hands could not set the type fast enough, the human brain devised machinery that could do it.

THE TARIFF COMMISSION

Toronto, Nov. 13.—(Special.)—The tariff commission opened its session in the board of trade today. Hon. Messrs. Fielding, Fisher, Paterson, Brodeur and Sir Richard Cartwright being welcomed by J. D. Allan, president of the board of trade.

James M. Ewing, president of the Ontario Farmers' Association, laid down as an axiom that the present tariff was high enough for simple protection to the manufacturing industries and that it discriminated against the agricultural interests as producers and consumers. He read a resolution from the association protesting against higher duties.

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ST. PETER'S HIGH TEA

St. Peter's high tea and sale proved a strong attraction last evening and will probably be largely attended during the greater part of the week.

Mayor White opened the tea with an appropriate speech, in which he referred in complimentary terms to the promoters. An address was also delivered by Alderman McGoldrick.

The tea will be continued until Thursday evening.

FAVORS RE-ADJUSTMENT

Rev. G. M. Campbell favors a re-adjustment of Methodist work, and it is believed his ideas are somewhat along the line of those expressed by Rev. A. B. Colcoe in Brussels street Baptist church recently. It is Mr. Campbell's idea that the Methodist work can be re-adjusted in New Brunswick so that a saving in men and money will result. These men and these dollars could then be applied to the work in the sparsely churchled west.

The question will be taken up by the Methodist ministers at their next session.

SACKVILLE.

SACKVILLE, Nov. 13.—The death of Miss Mattie Cook occurred this morning, after a lingering and painful illness of tuberculous peritonitis. Her father, Joseph Cook, one half-brother, and four half-sisters deeply mourn their loss. Deceased was of sterling character, beloved and respected. She was a consistent member of the Baptist church. Her age was 42.

The anniversary services under the auspices of the Epworth League yesterday were very interesting and largely attended. Principal J. M. Palmer gave an excellent address in the morning, subject, "The Relation of the League to the Church."

In the evening Rev. Dr. Crews delighted his audience with a scholarly address; subject, "Moral Athletics." Chas. C. Stewart, president of the league, gave a report and an interesting address. Special music was furnished by the choir under the leadership of Miss Florence Webb. A vocal solo by Miss Lou Ford was much appreciated.

Mrs. S. A. Worrell, of St. John, is the guest of Professor and Mrs. Sweetzer.

Mrs. Hutton went to Fredericton on Saturday to visit her father, Dr. J. R. Inch, chief superintendent of education.

Herbert Paisley, of St. John, spent Sunday with his parents, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Paisley.

Miss Hattie Cahill has returned from an extended visit in St. John.

Rev. Dr. Crews is a guest at the Ladies' College.

A GOOD ATTENDANCE

There was no meeting of the school trustees last night, a quorum not being present. A meeting will be called for next Monday. The report of the secretary for October shows a total enrollment of 7,300; total number belonging, 7,185, made up of 3,489 boys and 3,696 girls.

The daily average attendance was 6,475 being a percentage of 88.8 of the total enrollment, and 90.01 of the number belonging. In some departments of the High school the average was very much higher. In several rooms of that building the percentage was 94.85 and 96 of the enrollment.

At the annual meeting of St. Andrew's Society it was decided that the celebration of St. Andrew's night this year should take the form of a Scottish night. A general committee was appointed and met last night. It was decided by the committee to engage the York Theatre, both upstairs and down. Sub-committees to have charge of the minor arrangements were appointed. A programme of unusual excellence will be given in the auditorium upstairs, and refreshments will be served in the assembly rooms.

An illustrated lecture was given in the Salvation Army barracks in Charlotte street by Staff Capt. McLean, last night. During the lecture 5,000 feet of moving pictures were shown to illustrate what was being done by the Red Cross and social work of the army. Capt. McLean accompanied by Staff Capt. Hodgson, of London, will leave for Chatham this morning and from there they will go to Montreal and Toronto.

LUMBERING OPERATIONS

The Season Closed at Fredericton—Ten Million Feet of Logs Handled at Springhill.

(Fredericton Gleaner.)

One year ago today the river at this point was frozen over. The Fredericton Boom Company are not going to be caught napping and for that reason they started today to take up their booms and have them placed in winter quarters.

On Saturday night lumbering operations at Springhill were concluded for the season. After a let up for a time work had been going on for about three weeks and during that time about 1,500,000 feet of lumber, or between 350 and 400 joints, was handled. This lumber had been rafted by jobbers along the river at the regular boom company's rate and was freighted at Springhill under the supervision of Harry McQuarrie of D. D. Glasier & Sons estate.

The lumber was brought down river, after being hung up, by means of a channel which had been dug at Ruppert Bar under the direction of Robert Atken, who represented the owners of the lumber.

The lumber was all towed to St. John by the tugs of the Sewell and Glasier estates.

Including bank lumber there was about 10,000,000 feet handled at Springhill this season. This amount is below the average.

There is now estimated to be between six and seven million feet of logs hung up between here and Grand Falls. This does not include about three millions of bank lumber which could not be rafted this year owing to the low water.

BIG FIRE AT RICHIBUCTO

Building Once Used as a Summer Hotel Burned to the Ground

RICHIBUCTO, Nov. 12.—A large building known as "The Beaches" and formerly used as a summer hotel was burned to the ground at about 3 o'clock this morning. Mr. Black, the owner of the building, together with other men had been working in it on Saturday and had burned some refuse, and it is thought the fire caught from a defective flue. Several wagons stored there for the winter were destroyed. No insurance.

The building was put up about eighteen years ago by Edward Plante of Fredericton at a cost of some thousands of dollars. Tourist travel was not heavy enough to make the venture pay, so it was abandoned. The building was taken over from Henry O'Leary by the Merchants' Bank for non-payment of a debt of \$4,500. About eight years ago the bank sold it at auction. It was bid in by Mr. Black for \$160.

George Hutchinson, barrister, of Richibucto, and bride, nee Miss Sadie Powell, of Moncton, arrived from their honeymoon yesterday. They will reside at Rexton.

Miss Victoria Cochran returned yesterday from a pleasant visit to Halifax.

Rev. H. A. Meek, rector of St. Mary's Episcopal church, who leaves for Duck Lake, Saskatchewan, about the 23rd instant is to be presented with a well-filled purse.

Auguste Legere, sheriff of Kent, was married recently to Miss Babineau of St. Louis, this county.

H. H. James, who went to Montreal to undergo an operation, is doing nicely. He remained in Montreal three weeks longer. Mrs. James and Miss James will remain with him.

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