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SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

The appeal which was made yesterday at the closing exercises of the New Brunswick School for the Deaf, for public sympathy and aid for that institution, was made all the more effective by the fine showing made by the school and its pupils. Resting on the shoulder of Lancaster Heights, amid ample grounds well laid out and commanding a magnificent view, the school building is declared to be one of the best for its special purposes of any in Canada, and it compares favorably with similar institutions abroad. Those who witnessed the class-room exercises yesterday were greatly impressed by the evidence of intelligent progress made by the pupils, who in blackboard exercises showed that they were not greatly inferior to the majority of boys and girls who possess the powers of hearing and speech. When one considers that these children are deprived of the power of learning language as other children learn it, and are confronted by previsely the same difficulty which another child encounters in studying a strange language, the skill and rapidity with which they write in correct English the answers to questions is a very high tribute to their zeal as students and to the patience and skill of the teachers. In a province which boasts of its free school system, an institution for the education of these little ones, who otherwise must live in mental darkness, swayed by stronger passions than those of their more fortunate fellows, should not appeal in vain for public support.

PLAYGROUNDS

At the meeting of the Woman's Council yesterday the chairman of the playgrounds committee intimated that if the city council or school board did not take over the supervised playground work next year she, personally, would not feel like devoting her time and energy any longer to that branch of the work. Public opinion will surely insist that the school authorities, backed by the city council, take up this work, at least to the limited extent to which it has ben carried on by the Woman's Council. There is no danger that the ladies will thereupon abandon all effort to improve the conditions surrounding the children. There is much to be done along the same and other lines; and we have not yet secured the benefit of the great public playground which is available near the entrance to Rockwood Park. St. John is almost alone among cities in its utter failure to provide general playgrounds for the young. This is a fault that should be overcome. In the meantime the school yards, small and mean though they are, should be made of the greatest possible value. It is recognised that playgrounds should have supervision, and this is at once apparent to anyone who watches a crowd of boys and girls at play. The finer instincts are not always in evidence, and there is need of sympathetic counsel and restraint.

OIL IN INDIA

The industrial and commercial possibilities of India have not attracted very much attention, but that the country has great resources is undoubted. It is interesting to learn that there are in India vast deposits of petroleum. An American consul-general, writing from Calcutta to his government, gives the following valuable information:

"India proper has her oil fields, and when they have been properly developed they will without doubt cut a considerable figure in the world's supply of oil produced from crude petroleum. At Kaffir Kot this earth oil exudes from brown bituminous sandstone, and is found floating on the surface of springs. It is also found at Ratta Hotar hills, at Jobba, of Karsan, west of Chakratta, 9 miles east of Kalabagh; at Dhadur, three miles west of Kabbakhi, in the salt range; at Narsingpur, also in the salt range; at Jabba, near Nurpur; in the Algod Ravine at Kafir Kot on the Indus River, and in other places. The Bazar of Dehra Ismael Kahn, on the hills of the Indus, had it for sale as a medicine long before petroleum was discovered in America, or had been developed in Burma. Petroleum was found many years ago in large quantity at a place called Makoom, not many miles from Jeypur, on the Dehing River. But the leads have remained comparatively undeveloped, and it is as yet unknown to what extent petroleum exists in India.

"In Assam the wells near Digboi are the most promising, a company with $1,550,000 capital operating a large refinery there. There are twenty-two wells near Digboi. The yearly outturn is now about 63 tons of candles, 573 tons of paraffin wax, and 1,200,000 gallons of kerosene oil. Nearly all the oil is sold locally in Assam, or in the neighboring districts of Bengal.

"The petroleum deposits of India, including Burma, have scarcely been disturbed, and the magnitude of the possible trade of India in the products of petroleum can hardly be estimated."

TAFT AND ROOSEVELT

Commenting upon an article in Collier's Weekly, on the duties and responsibilities of a president of the United States, written by Mr. William H. Taft, a leading New York journal says:

"Mr. Taft practically avows his own determination, if elected, to follow in the footsteps of his illustrious predecessor, and it is, therefore, interesting to note what he conceives to be the substance of the policies to be 'continued and developed.' He says that 'a president at this time has work before him clearly defined. The enforcement of the law, equally against high and low, the powerful and the weak, should be his first thought. The danger to our country from laxity or favoritism in this is the greatest one we have to face. The conservation of our national resources and their development for the use of all, along the lines of equal opportunity, too, must command his immediate attention.' Likewise it should be his aim 'to give high tone to his administration as Mr. Roosevelt has by surrounding himself with men of earnest, enthusiastic interest in the public weal and of the cleanest but most effective methods.' This might be called 'good Democratic doctrine,' but it is so general as to belong to the category of the indisputable. Nobody nowadays ventures to dispute the validity of the moral law or appeal from the decalogue to a higher authority. The significance of this utterance of the candidate, who doubtless was only a candidate in prospect when it was written, lies in the fidelity which it promises to the policies of Roosevelt. It seems almost like the profession of a disciple of fidelity to the teaching and example of a master, and yet people who have watched the career of Mr. Taft and think they understand his character will persist in believing that if he does not have an original programme, he will have a way of his own in carrying out that which is bequeathed to him."

The American farmer is likely to derive some benefit from the dulness in industrial circles. It will be easier for him to get money to gather and move his corps. Thus the New York Journal of Commerce says:

"In the absence of distinctly increased activity in either trade or industrial circles during the political campaign the sting will also be lost from the usual demand of the agricultural sections of the country for financial facilities for gathering and marketing the great crops. Money market prospects at least may not be considered a threatening influence to Stock Exchange operations. The farmer will this year, according to present indications have no difficulty in securing what cash he legitimately needs to move his products; in addition he will be relieved to a very measureable extent of his usual labor problem, the large army of unemployed in industrial and other circles furnishing a guarantee of an ample labor supply when harvest time comes. The industrial situation, so far as the farmer is concerned, therefore, is merely another instance showing where it must be an ill wind that blows nobody good."

Surveyor General Grimmer favors pensions and longer vacations for school teachers, and approves of teaching manual training and domestic science in public schools. Solicitor General McLeod favors an increased government allowance to teachers. The members of the institute at Fredericton must have been pleased by the addresses of these two members of the provincial government.

The discussion before the agricultural commission at Hartland yesterday, especially upon poultry raising, was very interesting and valuable. It was also shown that the scarcity of good farm help is keenly felt. This is a want that should be met by immigration of a desirable class of farm laborers.

It is a good move to interest manufacturers in the fall exhibition and secure a comprehensive mechanical display. Local manufacturers should heartily co-operate.

It is now expected that parliament will prorogue about July 20th. But there may be a dead-lock over the Manitoba election bill.

Even in Sussex opinion concerning the Ross rifle is divided. Where is Col. Sam Hughes?

CASUALTIES AT TEHERAN.

Paris, June 26.—A special despatch received from Teheran states that in the two days fighting in that city 154 soldiers and 300 nationalists were killed and wounded.

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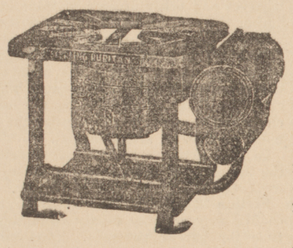

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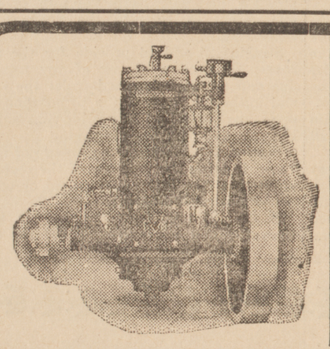

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Exerts the silent forethought of his toil.
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Dumb in the yielding soil; and tho' small joy
Dwell in his heavy face, as spreads the blind
Pale grain from his dispensing palm aside,
This plodding churl grows great in his employ;—
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—Charles G. D. Roberts.

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TO KEEP HIM QUIET.

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She—I certainly do.
He—Well, when I ask your father for your hand, manage to have your mother in the room.—Yonkers Statesman.

A PORTABLE KNOT HOLE.

"Gee! I wished I was an inventor," exclaimed Jimmy, loafing around the ball park.
"What fur?" demanded Tommy.
"I'd invent a knothole w'at yer could carry around wid yer an' stick in a fence anywheres yer pleased."—Philadelphia Press.

CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE.

(Lippincott's Magazine.)

"You say you met the defendant on a street car and that he had been drinking and gambling," said the attorney for the defence during the cross-examination.
"Yes," replied the witness.
"Did you see him take a drink?"
"No."
"Did you see him gambling?"
"No."
"Then, how do you know," demanded the attorney, "that the defendant had been drinking and gambling?"
"Well," explained the witness, "he gave the conductor a blue chip for his car fare and told him to keep the change."

THE ONLY SHADY SPOT.

(Mail and Empire.)

A very stout old lady, bustling through the park on a sweltering hot day, became aware that she was being followed by a rough looking tramp.
"What do you mean by following me in this manner?" she immediately demanded. The tramp slunk back a little. But when the stout lady resumed her walk he again took up his position directly behind her.
"See here," she exclaimed, wheeling angrily, "if you don't go away at once I shall call a policeman!"
The unfortunate man looked up at her appealingly.
"For heaven's sake, kind lady, have mercy an' don't call a policeman; ye're the only shady spot in the whole park."

STARTING EARLY.

(London Answers.)

Wangles was married recently, and there was a regular hail of rice, confetti and old shoes for good luck as he got into the cab. Moreover, on turning round he was struck above the eye by a friendly shoe with rather a heavy heel.
As the cab immediately drove away no notice was taken of the accident, and, despite the large handkerchief tied by his sobbing bride over his injured optic, the blood still flowed down Wangles' face.
When they arrived at their destination the newly created Benedict went out to a doctor to get the bleeding stopped.
"How did you come by this, my man?"
"Well, you see, doctor—aw—I got married this morning, and"—commenced Wangles, when the doctor broke in:
"What! Has she started already?"

A WILFUL MISUNDERSTANDING.

(Tit Bits.)

The reconstruction of the British cabinet by Mr. Aisquith recalls an incident that happened in Pitt's time, when a Scotsman, who was eager to be elevated to the peerage, was the victim of a neat stroke of business. Sir John Sinclair was president of the board of agriculture, and after being in office for several years, he expressed a desire for promotion in the social scale.
"Dear Mr. Pitt," he wrote to the prime minister, "don't you think the president of the board of agriculture should be a peer?"
Pitt at once seized the opportunity to "shunt" the too-eager Scot. "Dear Sir John Sinclair," replied the prime minister, "I entirely agree with you. I have therefore appointed Lord Somerville to succeed you as president of the board of agriculture."
Sir John, on recovering from his stupefaction, went about wringing his hands and exclaiming, "Dear me, dear me, it was a wilful misunderstanding!"

ROOSEVELT, JR., TO BE JUST A LABORER, SAYS LOEB--NO FAVORITISM

President Angry at Insinuations That Son's Connection With the Steel Trust Could Influence Him.

Oyster Bay, June 26.—President Roosevelt has authorized Secretary Loeb to make public a statement regarding the story that young Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., is going to work for the Steel Trust this summer. The President is extremely angry, because he says the story seems to imply that he might be influenced in his attitude toward the Trust by his son's going to work for it.

Secretary Loeb sets forth that the President has no direct knowledge that the firm by which young "Teddy" is to be employed is controlled by the Trust, and that in any event the boy is merely to work as a laborer. The statement reads: reads:

"The story as regards its implication is a pure falsehood. John C. Greenway, who was in the President's regiment, has told young Roosevelt that he will try him on a job simply as one of the ordinary miners and exactly as he tries hundreds of other men every year and is trying hundreds this year.

"Young Roosevelt is at this moment off seeing if there is a chance at another job where he was told he might get employment, having given up going on the Mayflower to the boat races for the purpose of looking up this particular place, which is in connection with a well-known concern. He will probably not decide for two or three months which particular place he will try.

"Except for the publication in the newspapers, neither the President nor young Roosevelt knew that the company for which Greenway is superintendent had any connection either directly or indirectly with the steel corporation. If it has, it will, of course, make no difference Young Roosevelt, if he goes into it, will be hired as a laborer and stand or fall strictly on his own herits.

"The President does not know whether Mr. Greenway's company has any connection with the Steel Trust, but he knows Mr. Greenway well and he knows that not all the officials of the Steel Trust could persuade him to put on or keep off a single man unless it met with his approval. The offer is purely of Mr. Greenway's volition and the President does not believe a human being connected with the Steel Trust knows anything about it.

"The statement that young Roosevelt accompanied several officials of the Steel Corporation on an inspection of works last summer is false. He went out to visit Mr. Greenway, and it was at that time that Mr. Greenway offered to take him on as a laborer, just as any one else is tried."

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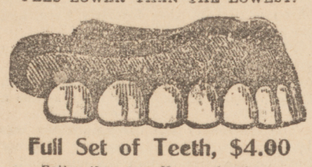

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