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ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETINGS.

THE annual school meetings will be held throughout the province next Tuesday, the 19th instant. We hold many meetings throughout the years, annual and otherwise, but we feel sure that none of these excel, or even equal in vital importance, the annual school parliament, in which the people of the province assemble to lay plans and make preparation for the carrying on of the teaching and training of the men and the women who in a few years will be the backbone of our province.

At the forthcoming meeting there will be matters of much interest to look back upon, matters of vital concern to arrange for. It will be the duty of every man and woman in every school district to attend these meetings for without general unanimity and the willing co-operation of the whole district can satisfactory results be expected. We trust, therefore, that every one who can possibly do so will make it his business to attend.

Looking backward over recent years, we have the splendid example set by His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Hertz in offering a valuable trophy for the best kept school grounds. Competition in this respect has not been as widespread as might have been wished. Nevertheless many schools have been greatly benefitted, many school grounds redeemed from their former wilderness state and been greatly improved. It is hoped that this essential to wholesome school life will be given a new impetus at the coming annual meeting and that the seed so generously sown by His Honor will bear abundant fruit in the beautification of the school grounds of the whole province.

In this connection the splendid work of the Women's Institutes in connection with our schools must not be overlooked. The value of the work they have done in raising the tone of the schools in their respective communities is incalculable. We sincerely trust that every Women's Institute will be fully represented at the annual meeting. We trust also that on every School Board to be elected there shall be at least one woman, preferably more. We have faith in women's influence on our schools; it has been fully justified in what the Women's Institutes have done in recent years, and we hope to see this fully recognized and given a new impetus at the coming annual meeting.

The efficiency of the teachers is a matter that will no doubt receive the careful attention, perhaps the penurious attention of the rate-payers. We trust that penuriousness will not be a factor. The teacher is worthy of his or her hire, and the hire hitherto has not been any too generous. Undoubtedly some teachers are worth more to the school and to the pupils than others. The worthy ones will become all the worthier for being generously treated, the unworthy ones will do all the better for being given an increase in salary. Gratitude is a large factor in human conduct, while ingratitude is a smothering influence in the lives of even the best of us. Teachers who conscientiously feel they have done their duty and have something to show for it in the success of their pupils and in the general conduct of their schools, very properly feel that they are entitled to more than empty wordy praise at the annual meeting. They would much more appreciate an increase in tangible dollars and cents, even if only a small increase, just to express the appreciation of the parents. Also, those teachers who have had odds to fight against and whose success has been less spectacular would in all probability do much better if the appreciation of the parents were expressed in even a small increase

in salary. We look forward to encouraging reports from all our schools at the coming meeting. Nothing succeeds like success, and if all the meetings ring out their optimism regarding the coming year, and make good their faith by a generous appropriation for the various needs of their respective schools, we feel that the coming year will be the opening of a new and brighter chapter in our educational system.

POLITICAL JOBS.

POLITICAL offices are not always given because of fitness for the position, but because of party services rendered. This has been and is one of the weak spots in the party political system and one that is not easily overcome. The doctrine that to the victor belong the spoils, if carried out literally is a pernicious one. Fitness for the position should be a first consideration, should be sine qua non in making any appointment. We have more than once seen important positions, filled by incompetents, the only reason for their appointment being that they had been faithful to their party, or had been bound to the party by blood or other ties. Public opinion is strongly averse to nepotism. It is only when partyism is at full flood that even the strongest partizan has the courage to commend it.

Offices are also frequently given on sympathetic grounds. The applicant is poor, has a family to support, the parents need the son or daughter to remain with them, therefore the position is sacrificed to such an one and the service is proportionately demoralized. How often do we hear the remark made: Oh, he or she does not need the position; he or she already has a good position, or the parents are well off and they need no assistance. The argument is as indefensible as the partizan one and is put forward only by the small and the envious. It is not worthy of a passing thought. The public are entitled to the best public service that can be provided for the money available for the purpose. Fitness and efficiency, regardless of party services or party affiliations, should be the only qualifications looked for, particularly in matters concerning the public well-being. Governments have more than once been wrecked by nepotism and more than one government has won popular favor by recognizing merit and fitness in the ranks of its opponents. The people are paying for their public services and are entitled to the best service that can be secured, and to their credit be it said, they are satisfied even if that service be secured from the ranks of opponents. Partizan opposition to efficiency is but temporary. Efficiency may always be relied upon.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The present appears to be a good season for Acting Ministers. Next week the city will belong to the visiting and resident doctors and should be an exceptionally healthy one.

The end of another week and a glorious one! Next week brings us to our longest day, and starts us on the road to shortening days, lengthening nights and another Christmas.

Reputation and character are entirely different things. A person may have an enviable reputation, but be in reality a low character. The former is worth its face until the latter is found out.

The heavy rain of yesterday morning will no doubt be blamed for any undesirable road conditions that may arise, but at this season of the year the roads should not be in such a condition as to be affected by occasional showers.

Notes by the Way

THE approaching tourist season has already produced a mass of attractive illustrated literature which is being very widely distributed. All the Provinces are advertising in this way their scenic wonders and beauties, cataracts, mountains, historic spots, splendid highways, fine hotels, parks, anything that might lure the stranger who is taking a vacation to visit them. Tourist travel is a seasonal activity of increasing importance. It started spontaneously years ago and being found profitable it is now being whipped forward by artistic advertising.

According to government statistics revenue from summer vacationists in the Dominion grew from \$83,734,000 in 1920 to \$190,463,000 in 1926. But in the same year it was estimated that Canadian vacationists spent over ninety million dollars abroad, while absent from their homes. That would reduce the net revenue from tourist traffic in 1926 to \$100,000,000, and this would be further reduced by the very considerable sum expended by Canadian tourists in their vacations in other Provinces than their own. It counts as tourist traffic alike if vacationists come from the States into the Dominion or from inland Canada and down to the seaside in the Maritimes.

The profits may be over-estimated, but still are very real to hotels and transportation companies operating by rail or water carriage. And there is little doubt that the volume of traffic will be larger this year than it has ever been. Our Tourist Association is doing excellent work, but cannot be expected to indulge in costly publicity expenditure to the extent that other Provinces are doing. Yet we are gaining from year to year in the larger number of conventions, annual meetings, and large parties of distinguished visitors that come hither, all of whom are welcome, and none more so than the coming Medicine Men will be.

The Tourist Bureau of Quebec in an attractive booklet stresses the excellence of the paved highways of that Province, of which many pretty views are shown. Among the "Facts About Montreal" these are noted: Population, 1,000,000 (1,200,000 including suburbs). The largest city in Canada, the fifth largest city of America, the Canadian commercial, industrial and financial metropolis. It is the second French city in the world by its population. Its port, 1,000 miles from the Atlantic, is open eight months of the year, is America's principal port after New York, and the chief port in the world for wheat export. Montreal has a floating dry dock 600 feet long and 135 feet wide, accommodating vessels up to 25,000 tons. Its wharves are 8 1/2 miles long, and the harbor railway 65 miles long.

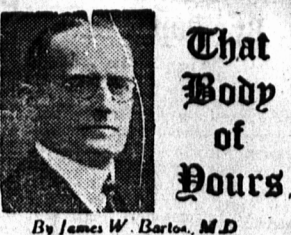
Montreal is headquarters of Canada's two great railway systems, the Canadian National and the Canadian Pacific. It has 250 churches, 105 of which are Roman Catholic, 34 Church of England, 35 United Church, 38 Jewish synagogues, 21 Presbyterian and 10 Baptist. Two universities (Montreal University for French students and McGill University for English students) and a number of classical and commercial colleges give superior training and education.

Montreal has grown vastly in population, wealth, industry and trade since the writer visited it in 1866, and during six weeks inspected its interesting features and sketched them for the Saint John Telegraph. At that date New Brunswick bank notes, and notes of other eastern banks, were not current in Montreal except at 20 per cent. discount while United States notes or coin were current at face value. And all travel between the Maritimes and Montreal went by way of boat to Portland and thence by the Grand Trunk Railway. And the railway was in a shockingly dilapidated condition.

Trial by jury has been the subject of increasing hostile criticism, especially in the United States. Recently Judge Hopkins at Welland, Ontario, followed with an attack upon grand juries as part of a system that has outlived its usefulness. In olden times there was need for such a body, he said, but now that every case is investigated by a magistrate and the accused committed for trial at a higher court that need is gone. Visiting public institutions, once considered a major part of the grand jury's duties, was described by the judge as unnecessary, as there are Government inspectors who are better fitted to perform that work.

The Parliamentary session was not at all satisfactory to the Toronto Globe. The leaders on both sides are scolded by the leading press exponent of Liberalism in an editorial on "Front and Back Benches," the opening paragraph of which reads thus: "True to tradition, Parliament,

Learning does not necessarily imply wisdom. Exaggerated humility is one form of conceit. No man should attempt to command until he has learned to obey.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

SURGERY VS. MEDICINE

I read a story recently in which was recounted the desire of a young graduate in medicine to become a brilliant surgeon. However in order to earn money with which to take a surgical course later, he begins practice, meets a young woman, falls in love and is married. The course in surgery never comes, but a family and happiness helps him to forget it to a great extent, with however an occasional longing for the course in surgery. The story goes back a bit and shows how his father and grandfather also had both the longing to take a course in surgery but had both married and continued as general practitioners.

Now this worship of surgery is not unnatural. You see practising medicine is like defensive work, fighting the enemy who has come into your territory. But surgery is like going into the territory of the enemy and scoring your points.

However as surgery is really only a "last resort" the profession has been trying to correct conditions before they get that far, and so the X ray, ultra violet ray, radium and other forms of treatment are being used today and most brilliant results obtained in goitre, stomach and intestinal ulcer, skin cancers, and other ailments formerly thought of only as surgical conditions.

Dr. P. Krause has made a critical analysis of 1342 cases of the severe form of goitre treated by the X ray. The percentage of cures was 80, that of failures 18. In 5 per cent the symptoms grew worse.

Dr. Glasford, in a study of 2032 cases which underwent operation reports 82 per cent of cures and a death rate of a little over 5 per cent. Thus you can see that the results obtained by the X ray treatments are about as good as those obtained by operation.

Further, when a case is in an advanced state showing rapid loss of weight, extreme nervousness, and a very rapid heart, it makes a poor risk for operation. It is in these cases that brilliant results are obtained by the X ray treatment. So we think of this and of the thousands of cases of stomach and intestinal ulcer cured by straight medicinal treatment, that is the use of alkalies and careful dieting, and also of the wonderful cures by radium in skin cancer, and the cancers where the radium can reach, we cannot but realize that after all the field of medicine, preventive medicine, is of much greater scope than surgery and that the day is practically at hand, when we think at least as much of the brilliant physician as we do of the brilliant surgeon.

Health Services of Canadian Medical Association

SCARLET FEVER ANTITOXIN

During the past few years there was discovered a scarlet fever antitoxin which gives the same satisfactory results in the treatment of scarlet fever as have been secured in the treatment of diphtheria with diphtheria antitoxin.

Scarlet fever is caused by a certain disease germ which gives off a poison or toxin. It is this toxin which, in some cases, kills, and which in all cases does more or less damage to the various organs of the body.

The scarlet fever antitoxin counteracts the toxin. Given early and in sufficient quantity it not only cures but prevents the damage which may be so serious.

Those who are responsible for the care of children should appreciate that the life of the child, when attacked by sickness, may depend upon prompt treatment. Certainly, in two diseases, scarlet fever and diphtheria every hour's delay endangers the life of the child.

In Canada there were 362 deaths from scarlet fever during 1926. This loss of human life is, of course, serious. In addition, there is a much larger number who recovered, some of whom are more or less permanently damaged.

Scarlet fever antitoxin, like diphtheria antitoxin, should be made freely and readily available throughout Canada for the saving and conserving of human life.

Questions concerning Health, addressed to the Canadian Medical Association, 184 College Street, Toronto, will be answered by letter. Questions as to diagnosis and treatment will not be answered. In the session just concluded, made poor use of its time. There was the usual waste of time at the beginning and the usual haste at the ending—the talk-fest and the scramble, neither of which contributes to dignity and efficiency in the transaction of public business.

Happenings Of The Week

FRAME will never come without a bit of real hard working; Wealth won't come along the road To one who's always shirking. A lucky chance won't help you on Unless you're out to grab it; For sitting still to wait and see May soon become a habit.

This world is for the working ones. It seems there's no denying That all the prizes won't be yours Without a bit of trying. So next time that your luck is out And things are looking blue— Just stir yourself, and see how much A job of work will do.

Mrs. James Paton, President of the Queen Mary Needlework Guild, has received the following interesting letter from Her Majesty Queen Mary:

Buckingham Palace. Lady Cynthia Colville presents her compliments to Mrs. Paton, and is commanded by the Queen, to thank her most warmly for her really lovely gift to Her Majesty's Maternity Home, Hampstead. The Queen is indeed grateful for such lovely clothes, which will be a great joy to the inmates of the Maternity Home, and which prove such a welcome and ideal birthday gift to Her Majesty. The Queen greatly appreciates the kind thought that lies behind this delightful present, and further desires Lady Cynthia to thank Mrs. Paton very much for the beautifully painted card expressing her good wishes. These kind wishes and their delightful expression from across the sea, have given Her Majesty very real pleasure. May 28, 1928.

Lord Byng of Vimy, former Governor-General of Canada, took his place in the House of Lords on Friday for the first time, following an agreement on the question of payment of dues for his elevation to a viscounty. Lord Byng of Vimy was Governor-General of Canada from August, 1921, until October, 1926.

The Prince of Wales will take the salute at the Menin Gate on August 8th. Major Harter is in charge of arrangements for the four-day pilgrimage of 10,000 ex-service men and women to the battlefields and Ypres which the British Legion has organized. The Prince of Wales will be staying privately at Le Touquet and will motor over to Lille on August 7. The next day he will go to Ypres and take the salute during the great march past the memorial.

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Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

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WISE OR FOOLISH—A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish man despiseth his mother.—Prov. 15:20.

PRAYER—Happy is the home where the wisdom of God lives in every heart.

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A GREAT TREASURE—Better is little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure and trouble therewith.—Prov. 15:16.

PRAYER—May every home be rich in peace and purity, love and loyalty.

MY DAD

If I could speak the finest words In language which the proud heart stirs, Then could I feebly tell in part Of him who rightly claims my heart—My Dad.

If I could sing with sweetest voice, Songs which brave men have made their choice, I could not hope to sing the praise Of him who guarded early days—My Dad.

If I could paint, or use the chalk And make the yielding canvas talk; I'm sure I could not rightly plan The picture of this Godlike man—My Dad.

If I could preach like John or Paul, And to my sermons give my all, Then I should fall in being true To him a man, clean, through and through—My Dad.

If I could look beyond the stars, And hold sweet converse with Friend Mars, No information would reveal A man so jealous of my weal—My Dad.

If I could fly out into space, Map out a course from race to race, And many continents explore, Returning, I should still adore—My Dad.

And when I reach the Other Side, And into beauteous glory glide In heaven with Christ; there side by side I'm sure I'll stand with pardoned pride—With Dad. —By Frances E. Cooper.

The Public Forum

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

RACING JUDGES

Sir,—Now that another racing season is about to be inaugurated it may not be untimely to again urge the importance of better judges. It is a trite and hackneyed subject that has at about this time for many years been brought from the limbo, dusted off and paraded before the attention of the purveyors to racing with apparently little effect upon their unimpressionable minds, yet the necessity of continuing to do so seems undiminished for there is perhaps nothing in all of the ramifications of the sport which needs so much consideration and gets so little as this subject of competent judges. No man who has had experience in racing has failed to realize the injustice and indignity of submitting himself to the authority of judges who have been selected merely because they are prominent in the community, and who have no more knowledge of racing and the rules of racing than they have of the laws of the planetary system, or the tenets of pagan philosophy. Why do we select men of special qualifications for our starter and license them, yet permit men with no experience or knowledge whatever to act as our judges, when the fitness of the latter demand far the greater consideration? The trotting rules are far from being simple. On the contrary, they are a complex code and one must have become familiar with them by long study to know how to apply them correctly and justly. Even the deepest knowledge of the rules, however, does not alone qualify a person to be a competent judge, for he must possess the judicial temperament and the mental balance in order to see that the application of the rules furthers the interests of right and justice as they are intended to do. A man may read works on electricity all his lifetime but he cannot become an electrician of much note unless he has some natural genius and some practical experience, so a man who can repeat every trotting rule from memory may be a "bone-head" when he goes into the judges stand.

No man should be permitted to act as a judge unless he is licensed, and no man should be granted a license until after a careful examination of his fitness. The process by which licenses are now dealt out to would-be starters is one altogether too facile.

It is true that the rules require information as to the good character of the applicant, knowledge of the rules and ability to do the work, but the licensing authority rarely exacts this, especially since the fee

of five dollars for the privilege was established. The authorities of the sport have never manifested a strong predilection for turning down a proposition that possessed a milled edge, and so almost any person who is not under suspension can become a starter, but the judges are chosen from the best available "among those present." There are a few good starters and very many of the commonplace variety, but they all average better than the judges because they have perfected themselves for their work according to their ability.

When presiding judges are licensed after scrutiny of their qualifications, and recompensed for their services the same as the starter, we shall see improvement in that very much neglected feature of the sport.

I am, Sir, etc., J. M. NICHOLSON, Charlottetown

HOUSEHOLD SCRAP BOOK

By ROBERTA LEE

Cooling Dishes On Ice

When cooling a hot dish on the ice, place a rubber ring from a fruit jar on the ice, set the dish on this rubber and it will not slip off.

Poaching Eggs

When poaching eggs, sprinkle salt in the water before the eggs are broken into it. This prevents the eggs from sticking to the bottom of the skillet, and the skillet can be easily cleaned.

The Cistern

The water in a cistern can be purified by throwing about one quart of powdered charcoal into it.

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH

By W. L. Gordon

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Do not say "as far as I know." Say "so far as" to express limitation.

OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: gasoline; the i is pronounced as in "police," or as in "sin."

OFTEN MISPELLED: bass (lowest male voice), base (bottom). SYNONYMS: protect, defend, shield, shelter, uphold, support, befriend.

WORD STUDY: "Use a word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. Today's word: PREVALENT; prevailing; predominant. "It was a prevalent characteristic of his nature."

Modern Etiquette

By ROBERTA LEE

Q. How long before the appointed date of the wedding should the invitations be sent? A. The invitations should be sent two or three weeks in advance.

Q. What does a clever man or woman often add when making introductions? A. A word of comment that will help the two persons to start their acquaintance on a friendly basis.

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PEDLAR LICENSE Sir,—Under the caption of Pedlar's License in your issue of June 9th "Merchant" has made some sweeping statements. He emphasized the fact that men on this Island selling cloth are not residents of the Province. From what source doth he obtain his information? Has he perused the assessment roll of Charlottetown or Summerside? He would be well advised to do this ere he classes these people as non-residents. In a whining plea on behalf of the tailoring business he is careful not to mention to what extent this small industry is helping the orphans of P. E. I. He does not state that these poor mothers are asked to make a pair of pants for the miserable pittance of \$1.75. He does not state that there are many tailors working in the City of Charlottetown for \$12 to \$15 per week, while at the same time he demands \$25.00 for making a suit from anybody who buys goods anywhere outside his store. How much of his profit does he give to the orphanages—or how much to the Red Cross Society whom he urges to work on his behalf? Considering the prices obtained by the tailors for their wares he should be ashamed to admit that the mothers of orphans have to work for a small fee. The shoddy pedlar has never menaced the tailoring industry—his illicit transactions have always militated against his own progress—but there are on Prince Edward Island at the moment at least four men who have only the best and who in time will revolutionize the tailoring industry. If the industry is going to survive it will do so only by cutting the prices now obtained for made to measure suits by at least 15 per cent. Any men selling cloth on Prince

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