

REDUCE HOURS OF STUDY.

New York, March 29.—The board of education today voted to reduce the hours of study for pupils in the first year of the elementary schools of this city from five to three and a half hours and abolish such studies as have been termed "frills and fads." This does away during the first year with the teaching of sewing, physical training, organized games, physiology and hygiene, and to a great extent with instruction in drawing.

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THE ASSUAN DAM CANNOT BE RAISED

Theory of Vertical Pressure Causes Change of Plans and Gigantic Dam Will Remain as at Present.

New York, March 29.—The Sun publishes the following cable from London: A new theory regarding the stress upon masonry dams, which has been brought forward by the mathematicians, Atcherley and Pearson of University College, London, has, at least for the time being, put an end to Sir William Garspin's plan for raising by twenty feet the gigantic dam at Assuan, which has already proved such a blessing to Egypt. This was an important part of the huge scheme for the further irrigation of Egypt, which was destined to bring millions of acres under cultivation.

NEW THEORY OF PRESSURE. Sir William Garspin, through the calculations of his engineering staff, was satisfied that according to all the accepted theories of dam construction the factor of safety was simply sufficient to permit the dam being raised to the proposed height.

But last October Sir William was informed of the new theory that in vertical sections of dams under water the pressure was more severely strained than in horizontal ones. Therefore, while a

dam designed under rules which have hitherto applied may be safe in regard to cracking horizontally, it may be liable to crack vertically.

WILL LAST FOR CENTURIES.

The Egyptian Government asked Sir Benjamin Baker, consulting engineer of the Nile reservoir, to go to Egypt and give his opinion as to raising the height of the dam after inspecting the results of two years' wear and tear. Sir Benjamin has now reported that all thoughts of raising the dam must be postponed for another two years. He is decidedly of the opinion, basing his conclusions on the new theories, that there is very little hope of raising the dam to any appreciable extent, although the calculations submitted to and passed by him before the promulgation of the new theory were correct in all respects. He adds that the vibrations on the masonry dam, due to the rush of water in the sluices, are absolutely negligible and that the dam as constructed is perfectly safe. He adds that he has perfect confidence in the stability of the dam and there need be no anxiety on that subject. It will last for centuries without difficult or costly works of maintenance.

EXPERT SAYS ENGLAND FAST GOING CRAZY

Due to Changing From an Agricultural to an Urban People—American Cities are Still Crazier.

CHICAGO, March 30.—Dr. H. N. Moyer, one of the most noted experts in mental diseases in the city, has made an answer to the charge that "Chicago is going crazy." He shows that the other big cities are going crazy as fast as Chicago. He says:

"The fact is that the insanity ratio in both New York and Boston is increasing faster than in Chicago. New York's proportion is one out of every 349; Boston and New England, one out of every 320; while Chicago has only one out of every 300. New York has the finest private insane asylum in the world. Chicago has practically none."

"You can readily see that some one supports those magnificent asylums. There is no doubt about the cause for the increase in insanity. City life causes insanity. Poor food, poor homes, with no sun and bad air; improper clothing, worrying because people are behind in the race, drives people crazy."

"The cure? Live in the country. It is the coming to the city, grinding and pinching and failing to make both ends meet that drive people crazy; the cure for insanity is: Live out of doors and laugh—even if you cannot put cash in the bank."

"The worst feature is that in families where insanity is a tendency mental derangement means moral derangement of the worst kind."

"There were 1576 commitments for insanity from the detention hospital last year. The increase is slightly in advance of the increase in population."

"There has been a large increase in Jewish insanity. This is accounted for by the fact that Chicago has received a large number of Russian Jews who came here from Russian persecution, often after frightful experiences."

"England is fast going crazy, because it is changing from an agricultural to an urban people."

THE PRICE OF GAS IN MASSACHUSETTS

Several Towns Get Their Gas at Less than a Dollar—Experiments in Long-Distance Transmission.

The annual report of the Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners was sent to the Massachusetts Legislature recently. There under the supervision of the Board 144 corporations and the plants of eighteen towns and three cities. Eleven companies have been chartered under the general laws within the year, the largest being the Provincetown company with capital of \$200,000. Companies at Nantucket and Framingham have been placed in the hands of receivers.

The board records certain inconclusive experiments that have been made during the year in long distance transmission of gas under high pressure. As a result of price reduction petitions the board has ordered the Chelsea Gas Light Company to reduce its prices for gas to \$1.10 per thousand, and for electricity to sixteen cents

per kilowatt hour; the East Boston Gas Company to establish a rate of \$1.20 per thousand; and the Newburyport Gas & Electric Company to drop its price ten cents, to \$1.40 per thousand.

Twenty-six petitions for new stock or bonds have been heard. In twenty cases the full amount asked was granted. No petition was refused. The total amount of new securities asked for was \$1,632,200. The amount authorized was \$1,346,200. The large issues allowed were those of the Lowell company for \$200,000 and those of companies in North Adams, Malden, Cambridge, Worcester and Brockton, for \$100,000 each. There was no increase in the number of municipal plants during the year. Accidents incident to the gas and electric business are reported as follows, suicides being included: From gas, 60 fatal and 123 non-fatal cases; from electricity, 6 fatal and 15 non-fatal cases. The total valuation of gas companies of the State, made by the local assessors, is \$28,945,846. Those of the eight Boston companies—of special interest as compared with the Brookline, \$3,176,700; Dorchester, valuation claimed for capitalization purposes—are as follows: Bay State, \$1,942,000; Boston, \$5,511,200; \$608,700; Jamaica Plain, \$345,200; Pipe Line, \$961,000; Roxbury, \$889,500; South Boston, \$739,100; total \$13,077,000. The dividends paid ran from 12 per cent down to nothing. Those of the eight Boston companies were as follows: Bay State, 5; Boston, 5; Brookline, 10; Dorchester, 10; Jamaica Plain, 10; Pipe Line, 5; Roxbury, South Boston, 3.

Thirteen companies voluntarily reduced the price of gas during the year. Lynn has the cheapest gas, averaging 90.3 cents on a gross rate of \$1.10. Lowell is the only other city which gets gas at appreciably less than \$1, though the Dedham and certain of the Boston companies give discounts, which brings the price a fraction below the dollar mark.

About Rheumatism.

There are few diseases that inflict more torture than rheumatism and there is probably no disease for which such a varied and useless lot of remedies have been suggested. To say that it can be cured is, therefore, a bold statement to make, but Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which enjoys an extensive sale, has met with great success in the treatment of this disease. One application of Pain Balm will relieve the pain, and hundreds of sufferers have testified to permanent cures by its use. Why suffer when Pain Balm affords such quick relief and costs but a trifle? For sale by all Druggists.

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SPORTING COMMENT.

Different hockey terms must be employed down east to those used in this section of the Dominion. The expression "cross-check" puzzled a Halifax reader of The Herald, and he sends the following letter to the Sporting Editor:

Halifax, N. S. March 25, 1905. Sporting Editor Herald:—Sir,—As a reader of your valuable paper, I would ask you a small favor. Would you kindly inform me what a cross-check in hockey is, and how it is placed in execution? By answering the same at your earliest convenience you will greatly oblige.

John J. Power. This question could be best answered by means of a set of diagrams, but as our artist never saw a cross-check, he would not consent to make a bluff at describing one. So we'll try to make it plain in words what a cross-check is.

A cross-check is designed to injure or cripple an opponent. A player grips his stick firmly, raises it across his chest, and charges an opponent, with the weapon held out stiffly in front of him. The stick is so held that the section of the wood between the holder's hands catches the said opponent in the teeth or across the eyes, or in the nape of the neck, or at that point of his anatomy where it will do the most damage. The cross-check is most often applied when the opponent has his back towards the attacking player, and when he is in a position to be most effectively shaken up. It is a favorite device of reckless points and cover points, and it takes the steam out of aggressive forwards in short order. Compared with a stiff cross-check, a body-check is as gentle as a summer breeze. It isn't a blow, it is a vigorous push, with the weight of the body behind it, and the impetus that a hockey player acquires in the course of a malevolent rush.

A cross-check is often used by a forward to neutralize a body-check. For instance, when a forward is dashing up the ice, and sees that he cannot avoid the cover-point's body-check, he naturally puts his stick out in front of him, and across his body, to protect himself. Unless the defence man is wary, he will get all that is coming to him. The cross-check is condemned by the rules and punished by the referee, but as long as hockeyists use sticks, so long will cross-checks be given and received.

—Montreal Herald.

Amherst, N. S.—March 30.—The four Maritime leagues, namely, the N. S. League, the N. B. League, the P. E. I. League, and the C. B. League, finished the season of 1904 in a very successful manner. Two of the trophies were won by the same club, as in 1904. Contrary to precedence, the Halifax and St. John clubs were near the bottom of their respective leagues.

The Nova Scotia Amateur Hockey League was organized in 1904, with the following as contesting teams: Windsor, Truro, Wanderers and Crescents of Halifax, Ramblers of Amherst, and New Glasgow. The Ramblers won the championship, with the Wanderers second, and Windsor and the Crescents tie for third. In 1905 the same club won, with Truro second. Out of a schedule of thirty games, twenty-nine were played, the Windsor-Ramblers game being postponed on account of blockades, and afterwards called off. This game would not affect the standing of the clubs. The positions and percentages of the teams are as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Won, Lost, Unplayed, Pct. Ramblers 9 0 1 1.000, Truro 7 3 0 .700, Windsor 4 5 1 .441, Crescents 3 7 0 .300, New Glasgow 3 7 0 .300, Wanderers 3 7 0 .300

The New Brunswick League, in 1904, was composed of the Neptunes and Mohawks of St. John, Trojans of Fredericton, Sackville, Marysville, and Et. Stephen. The Sackville and St. Stephen teams were tie at the close, but the latter won in the play-off. In 1905 St. Stephen was forced to drop out owing to poor rink accommodations. Marysville also retired. The Victorias of Moncton, and the Sussex Club, applied for admission, but only the Victorias were admitted. Sackville won the championship handsily, with Moncton second. One game was unplayed at the close, that between the Trojans and the Sackville. The standing was:

Table with 4 columns: Won, Lost, Unplayed, Pct. Sackville 8 0 0 1.000, Moncton 5 3 0 .725, Mohawks 3 5 0 .375, Neptunes 2 5 1 .285, Trojans 1 6 1 .142

In the P. E. I. League the contesting teams were the Victorias and Abegweit of Charlottetown, and the Summerside Club. The Abegweit won after a hard fight. (This however is a disputed point here—Guardian.)

The Nationals of Sydney, the Victorias of North Sydney, and Glace Bay, lined up for the fray in Cape Breton. The Glace Bay Club soon gave up, leaving the other two to fight it out. The Nationals won after a play-off, the teams being on equal terms at the close.

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