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"THE FOOLISHNESS OF PREACHING."

This subject was suggested by the fact that, notwithstanding the voluminous advice given both in the columns of The Guardian and in those of our contemporaries in this and the neighboring provinces, notwithstanding the kindly admonition of friends, notwithstanding all the preaching, over six hundred men and boys from Prince Edward Island and, proportionately, as many from our sister maritime provinces accepted the invitation of the railways to go west on the harvest excursion last Monday.

There is, however, the uncertain but soothing consolation, that, had it not been for the preaching, many more might have gone. The author of our subject, although he recognized "the foolishness of preaching" eighteen hundred years ago, still persisted in keeping it up and, as a result, many in his own day and since have profited by it. And so the preaching may not have been entirely lost. In any case it is the duty of the east to counteract, as far as possible, the misleading features of the pull westward. That there are misleading features none know better than those who have gone there and there will, if we are not greatly mistaken, be a realization of this fact during the present season.

There are those for whom the west has real and tangible attractions. They are those who have no land in the east and no prospects of securing any. For them there are opportunities. They can secure farms at a nominal cost; they can during the greater part of the year secure employment, possibly more remunerative employment than here. For those who have farms in this province or elsewhere in the east, or the pros-

pect of inheriting their father's farm or half of it, the opportunities here, if prudently made use of, are infinitely better than anything the west can offer. This has been proved abundantly by those who have taken a mainly hold of farming propositions here.

One of the great causes of the exodus from the eastern provinces is the unfortunate habit we have acquired of magnifying our grievances. The habit has become an epidemic and until very recently the eastern provinces were a community of grumblers and malcontents. Each believed the worst possible concerning his province and seized the first opportunity to escape from it. Fortunately a better feeling now prevails. The east, and especially Prince Edward Island, has proved itself capable of responding to every honest effort in cultivation and today there is no land under the sun where the farmers' labors are more generously remunerated than in Prince Edward Island. And, what is even of greater value, it has been demonstrated that a few acres well tilled will today abundantly fill the place taken a few years ago by a hundred acre farm, so that there is no longer any need to look for more land. It is known that there is room and to spare in Prince Edward Island and that along with the splendid opportunities for making an honest living there are the comforts and privileges of a Christian land.

These are the things which our young people must be taught and which when learned will turn their thoughts from the inflated stories that are borne to them on the wings of the western wind.

NOTES.

A campaign has been started in New York, Chicago and other United States cities with a view to inducing the ladies to modify—or perhaps we should say magnify—their style of dress. The complaint made is, that the present style of dress is immodest and immoral, and, therefore, inviting disrespect and even inciting to crime. Fortunately in this quiet, modest and healthy province of ours no such complaint is necessary. Our ladies have sense enough to avoid the extremes of fashion that have brought ridicule and even contempt upon their sisters in the ultra-fashionable centres. It will be admitted, perhaps, with fear and trembling, that in at least one particular our ladies have approached dangerously to the extreme, namely, in the style of headwear. This admission is confined largely to little men who occasionally find themselves, in church, theatre or other place of profit or amusement, seated behind one of these modern military creations which have made the Twentieth Century famous. A rear view, under these circumstances is not conducive either to appreciation or admiration and most of us have heard, if we have not uttered, remarks that would make the milliners tremble for their artistic reputation. Perhaps the good clergy of the cities mentioned above, who are interesting themselves in the hair skirts and the hobble skirts, the low necks and the bare arms, will find time to look higher and say something about the hats. We are not making any complaint.

The following is the clause in the School Act upon which the recent decision on the scholarships, for Charlottetown was arrived at. An Act to amalgamate the Prince of Wales College and Provincial Normal School, Section 12 "There shall be two scholarships for the Town and Royalty of Charlottetown established in connection with the said College and Normal School, the candidates for which shall be residents of Charlottetown or Royalty, who have attended exclusively the city schools and shall not have previously attended the said College and Normal School and shall be examined at the time or times the Board of Education shall regulate and direct, &c.

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GENERAL BOOTH IS DECLINING.

TORONTO, August 14—"I am resolved to go on with my work, blind or not blind. It's a great loss, but I am not going to moan about it. The work must go on, and I must work, too. The poor must not be deprived of my help my brain and heart can give them, even tho' my eye is declining strength, and declining years. If I have to do a little less, you will have to do a little more. The work must not suffer."

These were the last words spoken by General Booth, now lying at the point of death, to Commissioner Rees, who arrived in Toronto from England on Sunday last. "Alas, what is contained in the dispatches this morning, is, we are afraid, correct," declared the commissioner this morning, adding that he was afraid the general's eyesight, was doomed.

The general is finding it impossible to sleep. For the past fifty years, on principle, the general has tried to discipline himself to do with little sleep. In his palmy days it was very seldom that he had more than five or six hours' sleep, even when he was conducting three meetings a day. Now, I should say its a very rare thing when he gets more than one hour's sleep a day.

STEAMBOAT AMALGAMATION.

LONDON, August, 14—The Times announces that a scheme for amalgamating the chief steamship companies operating on the great lakes has now been completed with the combined one-sixth of the capital of the company to be held by Furness, Withy and company. Nominations are now being conducted with a view of acquiring several similar concerns.



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PETITION FOR CLEMENCY.

SYDNEY, August 13—Petitions asking the governor-general to commute the sentence of death passed on Harry Thomassen, the German sea man sentenced here in June last by Judge Drysdale for the murder of a shipmate at North Sydney in November last, are being circulated and largely signed. The evidence against Thomassen was purely circumstantial and the judge's charge to the jury of which his lordship promised to send a copy to the department of justice, was rather favorable to the prisoner, so that it is believed that a commutation of sentence may be granted. Rev. Mr. Kinsale, Presbyterian missionary to the foreigners in Sydney, is moving actively in the condemned man's behalf. If he is successful in obtaining commutation of sentence he will then endeavor to get a new trial. He is collecting fresh evidence, which he believes would result in Thomassen's execution was fixed by Judge Drysdale for September 6th next.

PENNIES IN PAYMENT.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., August 14—A chest containing 275 pounds of pennies is on deposit at a bank here today to the credit of Carl W. Stordant, a real estate man. The pennies, more than 40,000 in all, were turned over to Stordant as an initial payment to bind the sale of a downtown restaurant. The purchaser, a penicillin dealer, had taken in the pennies over his bar during a long course of years. He had made a habit of brushing all the pennies he received into a slot which connected with a chest in the cellar.

AUSTRALIA AND PANAMA'S TOLLS

MEIBOURNE, Australia, August 14—Alfred Deakin, leader of the federal opposition, asked Premier Fisher, in the house of representatives yesterday, whether he intended to communicate with imperial government respecting the American government's decision to exempt from canal tolls American coastwise shipping, as it was a matter of vital importance to Australia. Premier Fisher replied that he already had communicated with the imperial government and hoped that the matter would be satisfactorily settled.

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CHEAP FARES TO TORONTO EXHIBITION.

In connection with the Canadian National Exhibition at Toronto which will be held this year from August 24th until September 9th, the Intercolonial Railway will give very low excursion rates which will give the opportunity to many to visit the "Queen City" on the occasion of its great annual fête. The Toronto Fair is the largest and most attractive of annual exhibitions in America, and this year new permanent buildings have been constructed and its extensive boundaries enlarged by new boulevards. Aside from the attractions of the exhibition a visit to Toronto at this season is sure to be enjoyable and with the very low rates prevailing it will be possible for persons of moderate means. From Charlottetown the round trip fare will be \$25.75 good going August 22, 24, 25, 27, 28 and September 4 and 5. A special rate of \$19.85 will prevail on August 23 and 29, and on September 3rd. All tickets are good to return September 11th. Maritime Province travellers will have their choice of two through vestibule trains, the Ocean Limited and the Maritime Express, both of which connect at Bonaventure Union Station, Montreal, with the through Grand Trunk Railway trains for Toronto. It will be well for intending travellers to apply early for reservations. 8-6ME101.

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