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FRENCH IN SCHOOLS. The opposition in the Ontario house and their organs throughout the country are making a desperate attempt to work up an issue for the next campaign over the French language in the schools of Eastern Ontario. During the past ten or fifteen years there has been a steady movement of the French from Lower Canada into the border counties of Eastern Ontario. They have taken the places of the original settlers, who have in their turn gone to the western states or north-As a consequence of this remarkable change some of the sections have

French is, as a matter of course, the language spoken. the problem arising out of the changed situation. Mr. Mowat can have a law passed forbidding the children to speak the French language in the schools or in any other place on pain of deportation to the sister province. This would please the Meredith-Creighton-Craig set who urge a rough-and-ready method of solving the complex problems entering into our national life. Or the sacred air of the arena can be preserved from the pollution of the hated French language by a decree which will make it necessary for the little ones to learn English at home or on the road-side, in order that they shall receive instruction in English and in English only. Let us suppose that thirty new pupils of French origin come to the school after the holidays. They know nothing but French. They may not even know a word of English. They must receive instruction in the French language. They could not receive it in any other language. Mr. Ross, the minister of education, has arranged that English is to be taught in all schools; but while they are learning

English language, and this will be accom-plished without causing friction or dis-

EDITORIAL HOTES.

Mr. John Bright, statesman and philan trophist, after a long and painful illness, died on Wednesday in his home near Birmingham, surrounded by his family.

The tory Toronto Telegram somewhat andidly remarks: "Never was a leader rich in possibilities of greatness handicapped by a poorer crowd of followers than the gentlemen who sits behind Mr. Meredith in the Ontario house. With few exceptions they are a painfully inefficient crowd of duba."

The tory and Orange Toronto Telegram under the heading "Fooled by their Leaders" says : "Ontario Orangemen are unfortunate in their selection of standardearers in parliament. They individually believe in the principles they profess Their loyalty in the cause is not lip loyalty. They are in intention its servants, and if their acts defeat this intention the fault their acts defeat this intention the fault is with the men chosen to speak for the society in parliament. An Orange leader in the cabinet or looking for a portfolio is possessed by a quietude compared to which the dumbness of the oyster is tumult. He effaces himself completely and is scarcely more influential than a telegraph boy in shaping legislation. Their failure to meet the present emergency carries small comfort to an association that has allowed itself to be used as the elevator upon which professional Protestants rose to office."

Hamilton Times : "An 'Old Farmer vrites to a rural exchange giving his opinion of the reason why Canadians who work hard have not much money to spend. He finds that the estimated expenditures of the Dominion government, including interest on the public debt, amount to over \$40,000,000, while the total exports of Canada for the year just closed are:

In other words it has taken all the horses, cattle, sheep, lamb, butter, cheese, pork, wheat, barley, peas, oats and all other farm produce exported from Canada to meet the demands of the Ottawa government, who are now prating about the prosperity of the country and loyalty in order to lead the public mind from our serious financial position. They speak in the interests of monopolies and combines, but never in the interests of farmers. Do they give a passing thought how we are to raise interest on our mortgages or to place us in a position to secure better prices for stock, grain, wool, etc.?"

COMMUNICATIONS.

Sir. - As the voting for the repeal of the Scott act will be on the 4th of April I would columns of IBE Post. Fathers, think of the temptations you will put before your boys if the act is repealed; think of the surse of liquor to this country; think of the misery that is caused by drink; think of the happy family circles that have been broken up by the use of intoxicating drinke; think how drink is continually sending men and boys to our prisons, and amount of money it takes to keep up places. Fathers, I am sure if I were those places. Fathers, I sm sure if I were to ask you if you are going to let your boys go to destruction by drinking liquor you would say "No." Then work for temperance and do all you can to keep liquor out of their reach, for certainly if they cannot get liquor they never will become drunkards. It is well known that the Scott act has not altogether stopped the sale of liquor, but it has put a heavy check on the business and has made it a disgrace. The man who sells drink under the act breaks the law sa does the man who steals, but the sin of their usually effects but few, while the evils which follow the sale of drink are in numerable. Christian men and women, wherever you are and whatever may be your calling, let your influence be seen by all, and make use of every opportunity to persuade people to vote for the act.

School Boy. SCHOOL BOY. Oakwood, March 27th, 1889.

Abase of the Queen's English.
[To the Editor of THE POST.]

extraordinary success with which his career as a teacher had been attended, particularly become wholly or largely French, and while he was English master in Toronto collegiate institute. After reading one of his articles one can scarcely believe that he ever held the position of English master in any collegiate institute, or even in a common school. An of words, etc. Of all these the editor of the Warder displays the most invincible ignorance

lesue of that paper. In the first paragraph he draws our attention to somebody's "fearless

draws our attention to somebody's "fearless courage", as if there were any danger that "cowardly courage" would be understood. He says: "The French have a perfect right to their language and to conduct classes in it." Every school buy, who knows anything about English grammar, knows that the conjunction and is used to connect similar constructions, and therefore is improperly used above, where it is made to connect the preposition phrase, "to their language" with the infinitive phrase, "to conduct classes in it."

We read again that "Mr. Craig brought before the house the question of text books, and the prevalence of schools in which French is taught. He demands reform in all these." As there are only two things is which he demands reform, the English master ought to have written "both these."

In the article on Railway Bonuses we have, "The enormous sum of two bundred and ninety-five dollars were granted." If the old rule for the concord of subject and verb is good for anything it ought to be made use of here. In the next paragraph we read, "The Dominion government has since given liberal assistance to railways in all parts of Canada, and these roads being largely built by the funds of the peop e, theref re, etc." Again disregarding one of the most elementary rules of syntax, as well as good usege, in employing the conjuaction and to consect entirely different grammatical contractions.

English the usual rural school instruction in arithmetic, geography and other branches goes on in French. What practical difference does it make? That plan simply must be followed, or the little ones will remain in ignorance for two or three years while they acquire a knowledge of the English language. Mr. Ross is grappling with the difficulty in a practical, common-sense way, in fact, the only possible manner; and the opposition leaders shew a singular lack of intelligence and rare particanship in endeavoring to make capital out of the question to the prejudice of the Mowat administration. Under the plan adopted by Mr. Ross all those people will in time have a good command of the English language, and this will be accomplished without causing friction or discussions.

[To the Editor of THE POST.] DEAREST SAM, -You are a soldierreat soldier-Sam. I saw you myself-a ading attraction in Mowat's proce rahed, shouted, howled) than you. And again last summer at Lindsay-arrayed like a prince, mounted on a magnificent white charger, and looking bold as a lion, you led down the streets the true and the brave of the county and closed the gates of Derry with your own hands. Expleits like these deservedly place you in the front ranks of soldiers. What is Northwest In

So too, Sam, you were a great teacheryou taught English in the Toronto collegiate institute. Your success was "unequalled." You imparted to your pupils some measure of that ease in writing, that taste in the selection of words, that delicate phraseology and that delicate style which bristles out weekly in the Warder. So in return for the bag of testimonials you "taught the sons and daughters of those cleraymen to manhood and womanhood," and no doubt your example and teaching served as an antidote for any defects in style or occasional irregularities in their

There can be no doubt of it. These testimonials ought to be accepted as positive proof. I heard your brother, Jim, say one time that the worst teachers usually had the largest stock of testimonials. Jim always had a habit of giving you away,

the largest stock of testimonials. Jim always had a habit of giving you away, Sam. Yet I don't suppose there was anyone in the audience but me who knew to whom he was referring.

Barr should have believed what you told him. It was decidedly bad taste on his part not to publish those testimonials in extenso, nor that picked letter and suppress the one marked "private."

He certainly deserved a severe castigatiou, and I saw by last week's Warder that you had been trying to give him one. I always said, Sam, that the mud business was your peculiar forts. The only trouble with you is that you go at it a little too vigorously. You pile the mud up so high on the start that it hides the other fellow from your view, and while you throw at random the pile kind of rolls back on yourself, and you get awfully besmeared while the other fellow is around the corner laughing at you. When I shewed Sir John the last Warder he said you were a "d—n fool," but Sir John is always a little rough in his expressions. Hudspeth, "good easy man," wondered that living so long in Lindsay as he has that he knew nothing of your "facts."

I think, Sam, the next time you had bet-

man," wondered that living so long in Lindsay as he has that he knew nothing of your "facts."

I think, Sam, the next time you had better be a little more careful; roll the mud up solid and try to drive an occasional ball home. I was sorry to see that you had run the whole dictionary of bad words out in one article, which if properly husbanded might have lasted you for years.

As a soldier, Sam, you should know that when you want to shoot a man you should not throw a pile of powder down in a heap and put a match to it and burn your own clothes, while a small charge in a Snider would have telling effect. Attention to a few of these matters would no doubt make a decided improvement. And you know, Sam, that I believe that the remarkable circumstance that you, a man of undoubted ability, in fact magnificent parts, have been such a dead failure heretofore, for instance in the school book question and the Durham inspectorship, (and in fact you have never succeeded in anything you have set your heart on,) is owing to a lack of attention to cetails, and I am shaking with fear least some such blundering will cause you to lose North Victoria yet.

Be careful, Sam, and now is the time to stand by Sir John, and support the allowance of our "estates bill." Couldn't you raise a dust about Mowat now. Something about the bible in the schools, or the separate school law, and draw public attention away from Sir John, so that he can do comething substantial for us now. My eye is upon you, Sam.

IGNATIUS LOYOLA.

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IGNATIUS LOTOLA.

Jesuit's College, March 20th, 1289.

The Practical Varue of Religion. [To the Editor of THE POST.] I noticed in last week's Post a letter by resolved to write you an indignant protes against such a flippant and mischievous way o dealing with a subject of deepest interest, and be paid to those who are bent on the salution of the question, is marriage a failure? Then there are the usual tea meetings, missionary meet

reach his esteunding conclusion that the sinstrucks oul will be landed "just as estimatorily" in the happy hunting grounds by any of the paganisms, ancient or modern, as by any form of the paganisms, ancient or modern, as by any form of the religious of antiquity, or fram a comprehensive survey of that modern field of inquiry, compassive religious? Then it is true that men may gather grapes from thorns and figs from thistics. If the vague superstitions, the mythe and the absurdities of the Egyptian, Greek and Roman religious could land souls in heaven, why did they exercise such a deteriou ating and corrupting influence ever the minds of the people who accepted them? Compare the mysteries and involutious of the religious of India—Brahmanism, Buddhism and Mahoumedanism—with the grand simplicity of Christianity; compare the doctrines of the former with the latter concerning God, man, sin, redemption and the future state, and any which are more glorifying to God and more worthy of man's scoophance.

By their fruits ye shall know them. Will the intelligence, moral and social life of the countries where Buddhism and Mahoumedanism prevail equal the progress, the enterprise and the pure domesticiffe o be found in all Christian communities? Will India with its suitee, its child marriage, its caste, its cruel and disgusting orgies indulged in at religious feativals, or Tarkey with its fierce and relentless fanalicism and its polyamy, enter the lists of comparison favorably with Great Britain or our own Dominism? If the absurd paragraph means anything it probably means that religion is helpful to men only in this world, and if such be the case one religion is as good or as bad as another. What is this but the baldest secularism, the teaching of George Jacob Holyoke, Charles Bradlaugh, Robert Ingersell and all the bitterest opponents of Christianit; It is then a matter of unconcern to any man whether his beliefs are right; r wrong, his religious convicious true or false? That is the only legitimate conclusion. If the deco

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P. O'NEIL, JOHN McCU \ IG.—41-3.

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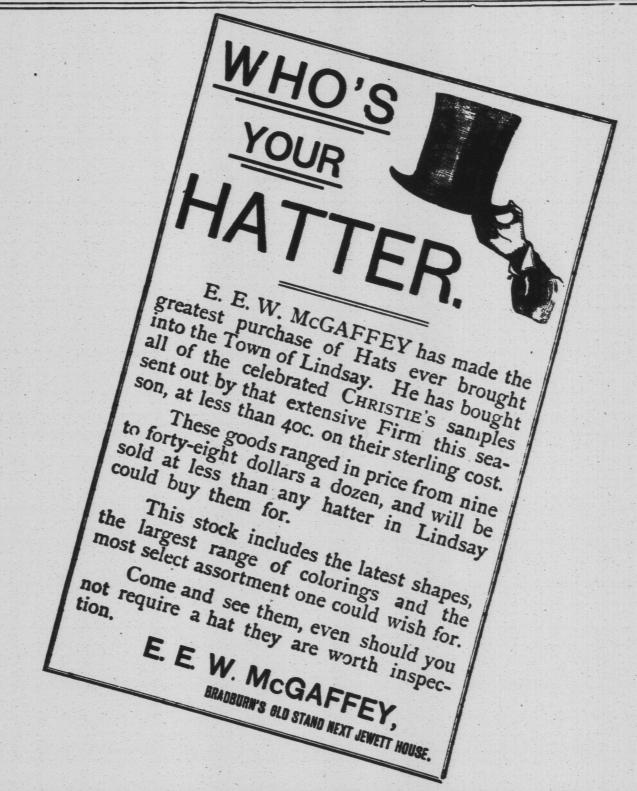
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