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### MARIPOSA HAS SCHOOL QUESTION

#### Matter Discussed at County Council Session

A deputation from No. 5 School Section composed of Messrs J. Campbell, McLeod, Hore and Jamieson addressed the council in regard to Inspector Steven's report on the school section on Thursday.

The main trouble, according to the speakers, was the idea that a new school was necessary.

Then, too, they believed that nearly everything that had been repaired had been graded lower than ever.

The section was well satisfied with the school they have, as it is comfortable and well lighted.

Mr. Campbell said he had been asked by the trustees to give his know ledge of the case. I have known the school and finished my education there. It was built 50 years ago and to-day it is better inside and out than it was then.

The school grounds have been well kept and the buildings painted regularly.

The sanitary arrangements had been changed as per the suggestion of Mr. Stevens, yet had been condemned.

The school inspectors in this country are always 1 for the people and 3 for himself. It is time we put a curb on the inspectors here in the County of Victoria. The qu non has been asked wheth-

er the child has as much comfort in the school as in the home? In our case the school is just as comfortable Why do some inspectors insist on For all kinds of Granite and Marele having the south wall a blank and no windows and others want additional light from that direction?

Our pupils are facing the west and get light from both sides. If there is too much light surely we can pull down a blind.

Isn't it most ridiculous to have a man order a new school when the old one is perfect?

Mr. Mulligan-Does extra light mean windows?

Mr. Stevens was asked to explain first before any discussion took place. We are following the direction of the Educational Department. Regarding grading of blackboards lower 1 is highest and 4 is lowest. No grading is assigned when conditions warrant such.

Closets with pits are forbidden. The closets built were not under my direction and I knew nothing about the suggested that they might be moved DESTRUCT nearer to the woodshed.

In regard to blackboards, I had graded them first, one. There are different opinions about the school itself, and it does not come up to the regulations required.

I am accused of compelling them to build a new school. I said that you need a new school on a suitable sight and I would like to have the boar talk it over with me. Surely that is not compulsion.

Last year there was not enough money voted by the Department and hence a 28 per cent reduction in school grants was made. On their own account the Inspectors were ac cused of cutting down grants.

The school sight is low, and at times the water flows out across the grounds.

Mr. Campbell is a credit to this country, and because we do not see eye to eye it is only an incident. Because he is so eminently successful in his stock, is no reason to believe he is experienced in inspecting schools under good supervision. I know the situation, having travelled for eleven years in that country.

How would it be to report the case to the Educational Department and have them send some one down to check up my grading? I cannot deviate from my regulations, and I don't believe I have done anything wrong, but have used common sense in every case. I am not afraid of any accusa-

I believe the children should be comfortable in the schools, and especially when the ratepayers are wealthy enough to give them that com-

both sides and I could not give a gods down about 90 per cent, heav- the god of love. He is represented high grade when light must come ing only those idols that are part with a third eye in his forehead and

changes their rules, I will follow his own private gods around with their instructions.

well had been graded four when it was the best water in the country and it should be graded one.

Mr. Stevens showed his report grading the well one and remarks asking for the pump to be fixed.

Mr. Campbell wanted a committee appointed from the council to inspect the school and report, and Mr. Stevens suggested that they call at some of the latest schools such as Oak wood has.

Mr. Campbell believed that Mr. Steven's letter was a veiled threat that a school must be built. When they built a new school, it would outshine any other in the county.

The 25 per cent reduction in grants to rural schools was next discussed and much dissatisfaction was caused

Mr. McKee was asked to slate his objection to cement closets, but he said he did not believe he was qualified to set up his opinion before his superiors.

Mr. Bottum said if the trustees would be freer with the Inspector and talk the matter over it would be sensible.

Mr. Warren was of the same opinion, and thought it was a private quarrel that should not occur.

Mr. McKee believed that it could be best settled by a Government Official Inspector.

to have the matter dropped.

Reeve Howkins said the principal thorn in the flesh was the dread of a new school and not the grading. The but its drainage is bad in spring time. There was no need of having a | will gradually pass, and the intelliwould be advisable to let the Inspecsettle the affair.

the extra expense.

the trustees to meet you and try and understand each other.

A resolution was drawn up to the hists. effect that the trustees meet Mr. Stevens and if then they could not agree, it would be advisable to take the matter up with the Department of Education.

# CHINESE GODS

#### Flowery Kingdom a Godridden Country

The huge and top heavy establishment of Chinese gods is to be reduced. Reforms have followed each other fast in the Flowery Kingdom. First the reigning dynasty, then the pigtails, now the gods, all have gone or are about to go.

Chinese gods, it will be quite a job to dethrone the entire lot, but the gods for the affairs of everyday life, work has been begun by chopping off and to top the list the self-respectthe spurs of the god of war, idwan- ing Chinaman thought it incumbent ti. Kwan-ti dates back to theMan- upon him to make gods of his an-

shock of many a war disastrous to the list became very burdensome. the nation he is supposed to make One of the most interesting of the ever . victorious, but the present gods is one connected with the story events in China have disgusted his of the Christian religion. This god most loyal adherents, and so Kwan- is Ta Mo or Dahrma, a disciple of tilis to lead the way in the carnival Buddha, who came to China from In- three doctors without result, I was The water was poured in on the coal of destruction of idols that is the dia about the sixth century, A. D. cured of a very bad case of Rheuma- in sufficient quantities to smother the natural outcome of the awakening in He is recognized as the first pa- tism, by using two bottles of RHEU- blaze, although the firemen had some

country as China. The Chinese have which taught that passive contemgods for every season, every con-plation along secured enlightenment tingency and every step along the or mystical raion with Reddha. I journey of life. They carry them is said that for nine years he was in les are so overcrowded with them called the legless Dahrma. Because of that in any other country but China the similarity of the name and of an the attention of the board of health ornament that he wears resembling form element has determined to put the apostle Thomas.

If the Educational Department sophers. Any Chinaman who carries him will do so on his own responsi-Mr. Campbell read a letter from bility. Officially they will not be Mr. Stevens in regard to needing a gods at all, but only ugly dolls. The new school. Mr. Campbell said the real idols, officially gifted with power to respond to appeals, will be found only in the temples.

In America, the work of reform is

being carried even further. No Americanized Chinaman is ignorant enough to place any supernatural reliance upon the wooden images that stare into space in the temples, but the altars are permitted to remain because af the religious beliefs of the less advanced Chinamen. Since the era of the sun flag, however, intelligent Chinamen in the colonies in this country have been a little ashamed of the idol worship of the more ignorant classes, and there has been a demand for the demolition of the joss and his satellites. Especially has the intelligent Chinaman called for the passing of the many methods in use for driving away evil spirits. These are in evidence on evcry . Chinese house, in the shape of dragons and demons that are supposed to frighten away the spirits that would harm the occupant. While offering no substitute for these devildrivers, the intelligent element in the Chinese colonies would emphatically insist upon their passing into the limbo of forgetfulness as unworthy of the party that has brought about so great a reform in Canada in so remarkable a manner.

The suggestion has been made at the headquarters of the Chinese Freemasons that a day be set apart Reeve Mulligan and Bottum moved for a worldwide destruction of the gods. It is pointed out that the more ignorant of the Chinamen will be frightened out of their wits at wholesale smashing of idols, and will school was a very nice little building, fear the wrath of the gods, but as nothing will come of it, the scare school as large as Oakwood and the gence of the Chinamen will show that present one might do for a while. It they were wasting time praying to gods to save them when the particutor and the trustees get together and lar gods prayed to could not save themselves.

no use in wasting so much time. survive the coming wave of destructive goddess of mercy, and very po-They had the same misunderstanding | tion the Buddhist deities are in the | pular in China, especially with woin his own section when a new school lead. Budd'ism came to China from men, as she is supposed to instruct had been advised. It had been burn- India about 62 A. D. The religion the stork when a male child is greated, however, and now the new one, is very strong in the superstiwas fine and there was no kick on tions of the Chinese. In fact, some writers claim that there was no Mr. Adair-Mr. Stevens, you notify worshipping of images in this ancient land until the image of Buddha was brought to China by the Budd-

The ancient religion of the Chinese sets forth that Yang and Yin were the two souls of the universe. Yang was the sun god and Yin the moon goddess. . Yang represents warmth and life and the heavens from which these good things came. Yin repreis the god of all good spirits.

ese story of the creation.

ese would not have been the god-rid- such wonders in China. den nation they are today. But new gods came, with new religions, until the nation had gods of the mountains, gods of the streams, gods of As there are about a rhousend the roads, fields and forests, a god for every sickness, a multitude of chu dynasty, and has stood the cestors and worship them, and so

triarch of China, and is the founder MA." E. Gregory. Never was there such a god-ridden of the "Zen" doctrine in Japan,

around in their pockets, their houses a conscious trance until his legs swarm, with them, and their temp- dropped off, hence he is sometimes would be attracted. It has become a Christian cross, there is a current an intolerable nuisance, and the re- belief that Ta Mo is none other than

In regard to the heating, it was a stop to the superabundance of A likely survivor of the god-degraded one, but the light comes from idols, and cut the list of recognized throning edict will be Aizen Niyo, 

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the sides and back of his neck. Kwan Warden Varcoe believed there was | Of the gods that seem destined to | Lin Piu Sa will also die hard. She is It is a puzzling path when one sets

out to fathom the depth and purpose of some of the Chinese gods. Many of the idois, while beautifu! specimens of Oriental carving and construction, appear to be nameless orphans, with no particular mission in life, but supposed by the possessors to be good for any purpose that is desired. These general utility idols are so numerous that the searcher sents darkness, cold and death. Yang after information regarding their use has to give up in despair and come of specters, demons and devils. The back to the more important gods, two, Yang and Yin, were formed of such as the gods of wealth and wisthe subtle essence of heaven and dom, the gods of the seasons and earth, and from the joint operation the supposed benefactors of the cace of the two came the four seasons, These will be hard to kill, and it is and these putting forth all their en- safe to predict that they will survive ergies, gave birth to all the pro- | the destruction coming to the rank ducts of the earth. This is the Chin- and file of gods for some time to come. But they will ultimately all Had the story rested there all have to yield to the determined demight have been well, and the Chin-, mand for reform that is working

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# UNDER HIS SPELL

#### Wright Declared He Was **Immortal**

(Special to The Post.)

TORONTO, Jan. 31 .- That he put her under a spell by massaging her round the head and eyes in order to secure her property was the evidence of Mrs. Harriet Sharp in the police court yesterday against Frances C. Wright, alias Frank Dutton Jackson, accused of fraud. Mrs. Sharp further testified to Wright's declaration that he was immortal, that he was the incarnated Peter, and that it was is duty to usher in the New Era.

Wright was also in the habit of communicating with his brother immortals through the medium of lice. meant "hesitate," and one meant "no," Mrs. Sharp further narrated the prisoner at Niagara Falls, and the signing over of her property. Wright was committed for trial.

#### FIRE BROKE OUT IN COAL PILE-

Shortly after five o'clock last eveing the fire brigade was summoned to a fire in a pile of soft coal north of the coal chutes in the G. T. R. yards. A fire had been smouldering in the coal for some days, (caused it is said by spontaneous combustion) and yesterday's wind fanned the embers to dangerous proportions.

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