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TRUTH BEFORE FAVOR—PRINCIPLES, NOT MEN

THE DEPARTMENTAL EXAMS.

Considerable indignation is expressed throughout the country over the result of the recent departmental examinations and the wholesale plucking of students. It is claimed in the first place that the examination, which is a new one, is entirely superfluous; that the heads of continuation schools are quite competent themselves to decide whether or not their pupils are fitted for promotion to the third form, without submitting the pupils to wholesale public humiliation such as has been experienced in this examination. It is also charged that the papers were examined by a body of green men who "hewed to the line" and even a little beyond it. It is said that so much was this the case that the omission of a "u" in honor, the use of a capital letter where unnecessary, poor chirography and indifferent punctuation penalized many a student.

Some have said, "Oh, well, it was not an important examination, anyway." We have heard this excuse offered, and it is correct—the examination was not sufficiently important to make parents pay three dollars for each pupil who wrote, when it could be omitted without any injury to the pupil. But it was important in the eyes of the young pupil who looked upon it in the nature of a contest and in which about ninety per cent suffered defeat. Many a youngster has become thoroughly discouraged over the result and imbued with a dread for future examinations. As failure in the examination under discussion does not prevent a principal from promoting a pupil if he considers such pupil competent, the absurdity of this competition is still more pronounced.

The Advance is not given to unnecessary cavilling at our public institutions, but it feels justified in saying that there is too much—and not enough—reform in our educational machinery. Some of the actual reforms are retrogressive, and the progressive variety is not sufficiently in evidence.

Just why should the Department lay such stress on reading, writing and spelling? Some of the most highly educated men of our day are deficient in one or more of these subjects, but they lose no prestige as a result. One of the most brilliant men of letters that Canada has known—Goldwin Smith—was a writer whose writing few men would care to decipher and a horror to the printer before the day of typewriters. Horace Greeley was a similar example in the United States. His handwriting was so poor that he himself had difficulty in deciphering it. It appears to us a picaune policy to penalize a student in an examination for inability to make his writing conform to an exact standard or neglect to add superfluous letters in his spelling because the Department says he must. These are very secondary in importance, yet many pupils were plucked on these very things.

It is time the departmental exams. as they are conducted were omitted. The trial has proved them superfluous and absurd and only suitable for making ninety per cent. of the students appear ridiculous in their own and other eyes.

A PRODIGAL TOWN

Owen Sound is certainly prodigal in the matter of making expenditures calculated to benefit the town. It has recently passed bylaws authorizing loans amounting to $40,000.

One of the county town representatives stated at the late County Council meeting that they were taxed at the rate of ten dollars per head of population. This argument was used as a reason why their county assessment should not be raised.

The outside municipalities have only words of admiration for the enterprise displayed by Owen Sound in taxing themselves for the benefit of local industries, but they should not expect the assistance of others by insisting that they should pay more than their full share of the county rate and let the county town out to a corresponding extent.

In conversation with a ratepayer of Euphrasia the other day we were informed that his township is assessed up to the last cent of valuation, and in some instances considerably beyond the figure, yet its local rate is only $1,280,485, while the county rate is $1,800,000.

Mr. Perry Smith of Meaford, caught a salmon trout while trolling last week which has all records broken. The fish weighs 28 pounds, is three feet seven inches long and measures 26 inches in circumference. Mr. Smith is very proud of the catch, and had the fish carefully weighed, measured and photographed.

A strange mortality appears to have overtaken large numbers of fish in Lake Simcoe during the past week, as for miles along the eastern shore they are strewn in large numbers.

Pastor Russell Exposed

Some little time ago The Advance had something to say about the methods pursued by the Pastor Russell press bureau. On Saturday last the Mail-Empire contained a column special article dealing with this fake pastor, which also throws some light on an editorial item which appeared in these columns last week. Three or four papers in this county are publishing the "pastor's" religious sketches and thus assisting in propagating his beliefs. We quote the following from the Mail-Empire article:

"The pastor recently played a joke on most of the newspapers in the United States and Canada, and induced the Mail and Empire, among others, to comment on the decision of the International Bible Student's Association to the effect that there was no place of eternal punishment. This declaration was taken as a good piece of news, and, coming from so authoritative a source as the International Bible Students' Association, it was featured by thousands of newspapers. Now it appears that the International Bible Students' Association is another name for Pastor Russell and his followers, and that what was deemed a most important statement from an orthodox body was merely the opinion of a man who is regarded in many quarters as a fakir, and whose opinion on any religious matter would certainly not be accepted by any regular churchgoer.

"It is said that he graduated from a haberdasher's shop in Pittsburg to his present position. Of the beginnings of the cult of which he is the head not much is public property, but it is certain that in course of time he built up a considerable following, and that he had an elaborate publishing establishment in Pittsburg which he called Zion's Watch Tower. Things were flourishing in a worldly way for the pastor, when his wife divorced him, and the stories that got into circulation about his conduct caused him to leave Pittsburg. He moved to Brooklyn, and there his headquarters have been ever since.

"It seems to be admitted that when he left Pittsburg he changed the name of his organization and the name of his book, which is supposed to be the Magna Charta of his followers. It was called 'Millenial Dawn,' but since has been named 'Studies in the Scriptures,' and has been reissued in smaller volumes.

"It is difficult to say just what the theology of Pastor Russell consists of. He believes that the millenium is approaching, and that it will arrive about a year from next October. It will not be recognized by the general public at first, but the elect, namely, the followers of Russell, will be able to identify it at once and make their arrangements accordingly. Disbelief in all the churches is another plank in the Russell theological platform. He says that the priests are not real shepherds, but that instead of interpreting the Scriptures they conceal the truth from churchgoers. Russell claims to be able to extract the true meaning from the Holy Writings, and it is his views of them that constitute the subject matter of the great proportion of his writings. He has had no classical education, nor is he skilled in the dead languages, yet he cheerfully and confidently undertakes to interpret the darkest sayings in either Old or New Testament, and the meaning of the Book of Revelation is as clear to him as the multiplication table. A recent attack he made on foreign missions, through the agency of the International Bibie Students' Association, has roused the orthodox churches against him, and it may be that he will taste the bitter sweets of martyrdom in the next few months."

THE HINDLE ARSON CASE

To the Editor of The Advance:

Dear Editor,—Kindly allow me space in your valuable paper for the following letter and oblige a lover of fair play.

Quite a reception was given Albert Hindle on his arrival here from Owen Sound on Saturday evening last, to which town he had been taken by Detective Reburn of Toronto and Constable Cook of Ceylon, to have his preliminary trial for the burning of Wm. Curran's sawmill east of this village on July 6 last. Scores of people, young and old, from the village and surrounding country where he is well and favorably known, gathered in the village to welcome him, all glad that he was out of the clutches of the law, for a time at least.

This young man was arrested on suspicion and trailed away to Owen Sound without giving him his preliminary hearing either here or at Flesherton, where he could have had a chance to prove his innocence. A number of men went to Owen Sound on Friday evening at their own expense to hear the trial on Saturday morning, and on meeting Albert on the street when being taken from the jail (where he had been confined for a week), Albert could have used several more hands than he had to shake hands with men who honestly believe him innocent. The star witness for the prosecution, who lawyer Birnie of Collingwood expected to identify Albert as the man he saw running away from the fire, when he was going to it, failed to jump to Mr. Birnie's expectation, handing him out goods, we believe, he did not expect, and did not identify Albert as the man at all.

Of course we all wish that things of this kind should be investigated, and not one of us would turn our hand over to help Albert in any way did we believe him guilty of the act.

Although Albert was sent on for trial at the fall Assizes there is only a very frail case against him and only a small sum was asked as bail, though he could have got ten thousand dollars as bail in and around Feversham where is known.

—R. J. COLQUETTE.

Feversham, July 29, 1912.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for Wharf at Big Bay, Ont.," will be received at this office until 4 p.m. on Wednesday, August 14, 1912, for the constructon of one crib, the stone and gravel approach, and the reconstruction of the existing wharf at Big Bay, County of Grey, Ont.

Plans, specification and form of contract can be seen and forms of tender obtained at this Department and at the offices of J. G. Sing, Esq., District Engineer, Confederation Life Building, Toronto, Ont., and on application to the Postmaster at North Keppel Ont

Persons tendering are notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on the printed forms supplied, and signed with their actual signatures, stating their occupations and places of residence. In the case of firms, the actual signature, the nature of the occupation, and place of residence of each member of the firm must be given.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank, payable to the order of the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, equal to ten (10) per cent. of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the person tendering declines to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or fail to complete the work contracted for. If the tender be not accepted the cheque will be returned

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,
R. C. DESROCHERS,
Secretary.

Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, July, 1912.

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R. J. SPROULE,
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CAME ASTRAY

Pig came to my place about July 9. Owner please prove property, pay expenses and take same away.

—TUCKER PHILLIPS,
Jy25 Rock Mills P. O.

CAME ASTRAY

Boar Pig strayed to my premises on or about July 8. Owner can have it by proving property and paying expenses.

—MARK MURPHY,
Jy25 Maxwell P.O.

Boar for Service

Large Improved Yorkshire Boar for service on lot 138, 2nd West back line. Terms $1.00 1 Aug.

J. A. KENNEDY, Prop.

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We Aim to Give Entire Satisfaction

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Jund27tf Feversham P.O.

Strayed

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Ladies' White Buckskin Shoes, Colonial style—$2.75 and $3.50.
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Ladies' Middy Blouses and Norfolks

MIDDY BLOUSES—Tan color, trimmed and faced with red, navy blue. Sizes 32 to 38. Price $1.00

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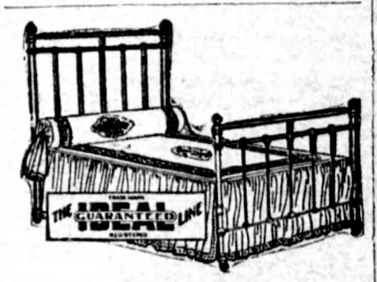
—H. R. DYSON, Prop.

1Sept Flesherton P. O.



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Eggs, fresh	21 to 21
Potatoes per bag	1 25 to 1 25
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Ducks	10 to 12
Chickens	10 to 12
Turkeys	18 to 12
Wool	20 to 22

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