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THE EXAMINATIONS

It appears to us that there is just cause for complaint in the way that the Departmental and Entrance examinations were handled this year. In the first place a mistake was made when two questions were placed on the examination paper that refered to matters with which the candidates were not familiar. Of course the Department tried to make amends by allowing full marks for the remaining questions, but the result no doubt would be to confuse and dishearten those writing, and tend to weaken their efforts with the other questions.

The announcement of results in the Entrance examination was delayed in East Grey. They were published for South Grey a week before our own. The papers in the north of this riding had them in time for last week's issue, but those at this end of the riding only received them Thursday afternoon last after their papers had been issued. The newspapers were besieged for several days by anxious pupils, and the telephones were kept more than busy answering queries. In our own case, as soon as the results came, we made it a point to inform everybody interested with whom we could get in contract. We would like to know why some of the papers were given these returns in time to print them, while they were witheld from others? Such a thing has never occurred before and we trust never will again.

There is a probability that these entrance results will be more satisfactory next year, owing to the fact that the matter is taken out of the hands of inspectors altogether and left with the high school examining boards.

We would suggest that a date be set by the Department for the release of these results to the general public so that all will be treated alike and everybody will know when to look for the news. As it is, anxiety is strung out over about three weeks time. The unfairness of the present system is particularly noticeable right here. Markdale, six miles away, which is in South Grey, had their returns a week before Flesherton, which is in East Grey.

We do not attempt to place the blame for the past mismanagement, probably it lies not altogether with any one individual, but a suggestion such as we have made would obviate all futurre trouble and relieve the newspaper offices of a load. The date could be set so as to give the examiners ample time. Candidates would not object to waiting even a week longer if they knew the exact day to expect the results to be given and that they would be given to everybody on that date.

As it has been in the past some schools know the result even before the papers are sent to Toronto for verification. We have know several instances of this kind. This is against the regulations and is not right, and we hope the new regulations will prevent such leakage in future.

A DOG-DAY DISCUSSION

An interesting controversy is raging in a London newspaper over the problem as to whether woman is not nearer to savagery than man. The question has not been fully settled and may never be, because it cannot be. There are those who hold to the idea that woman can sink to lower depths, and raise to more sublime heights than man. It is said, as in the old nursery ditty, that "when she is good she is very, very good, and when she is bad she is horrid." We do not believe such a controversy is worth the ink spilled over it. Woman cannot rise to any higher plane than man, neither can she fall any lower. She is on the same plane, receives the same rewards for virtue (excepting where man acts as arbiter), and the same punishments (excepting where man admisters the punishment). She is "bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh," and to say that woman approaches nearer to savagery than man is an absurdity. We are, man and woman, delivered from the same source at the same time, travelling together towards the same goal, and we are all a jumbled up mass of good, bad and indifferent, with the bad predominating in the male branch of the human family, because he is a tyrant and will not allow the female the liberty with which he himself indulges.

The question under discussion is, however, good enough for a dog-day controversy when everybody feels cantankerous and belicose.

A Painful Admission

The Advance is sorry to say that it was mistaken in saying that the new member for North Grey is a friend of prohibition.

The election night jubilation in Owen Sound would disaipate any such illusion as that. Our informant says that the local option law was not strictly observed there, and that some of the officials suffered a strange fit of drowsiness during the latter part of the campaign, and a remarkable lapse of vigilance.

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The 12th and a Wet Town

Six drunks were arrested here on the 12th for "cutting 'er up" too boisterously and were assessed $3 per. A couple of Indians were among the number. There were several impromptu scraps around town during the day, but no one was seriously hurt. Considering the large attendance, it was quite an orderly crowd. Hanover's chief of police can tell a spicy tale of what he saw during the day. Several visitors—"dead to the world"—were laid aside with wrapping paper over them to protect them from the sun. One big nigger from Owen Sound properly soused got stuck in the mill race and was nearly drowned. Another chap with a real jag on was sunning himself lying full stretch on the lawn at the public library, when Constable Beamish came along and turned the hose on him. William says there's nothing like water to sober a man as this fellow got up like a shot.—Hanover Post.

Tried to Suicide

On Monday evening of last week "Danie" Tindale went to Fergus and took back with him Mr. Jas. Ashwood, who is a bricklayer or mason by trade, to work on Tindale's farm about three miles from that village. The News-Record says Mr. Ashwood's former home was Kenilworth, but he had been working in the vicinity of Fergus for some time. On Tuesday morning Mr. Tindale went out to work leaving Ashwood in the house as he was not feeling like work, having been drinking rather freely. About 9 a.m. he returned to the house when upon entering he found Ashwood in a pool of blood, and a bottle of liquor beside him, having cut his throat with a razor. How long he had lain there cannot be said, but when found was very weak from loss of blood.

A doctor was at once notified and hurried to the scene. Fortunately the man had not severed the jugular viens, but his windpipe was cut almost in two. He at once stopped the flow of blood, stitched up the severed parts and had him removed to the hospital where the doctor has some faint hope of his recovery.—Mt. Forest Rep.

Auto Burglars

Three well-dressed men stole a valuable auto owned by Mr. Claude Pope, 121 Woodlawn avenue, Toronto, late on Monday night, of last week, when the machine was left outside the King Edward Hotel. The car was abandoned after an exciting chase through Orangeville Friday, and after the thieves it is said, had burglarized several places along the countryside.

Leaving Toronto, the thieves, it is alleged, went northwest, and nothing was heard of them until three stores were tampered with or broken into at Streetsville last night. On Wednesday the men are supposed to have left the car in the neighborhood of Cooksville, taken train to streetsville, and shortly before midnight commenced operations.

The first store entered was that belonging to Mr. C. H. McClintock, who conducts a candy business and Bell Telephone Exchange. Shortly after 11.30 Mr. McClintock took a short nap, but left the light burning in the store. The thieves, seeing the light and apparently no person around, immediately endeavored to gain entrance, but attempts to open the door proved futile. They then discovered that one of the windowpanes were loose and lifted it out. The till was then located, opened, and the counter damaged. That the men are expert disciples of Raffles is shown by the fact that they searched through the whole store without waking the sleeping operator. The visitors took about $20 worth of candies with them, and yesterday morning they were traced for a mile and a half along the track towards Cooksville. They had eaten a large quantity of the sweets, and left the paper wrappers along the tracks.

Either before or after the entraece was made into McClintock's store the hardware store befonging to James Gandies was entered, but nothing worth while was taken. At Morgan Bros.' general store the men did their utmost to get in by the front door and windows, but were frustrated. They then resorted to the rear, but barred doors and windows kept them out.

Early yesterday morning three men were seen boarding the train for Cooksville and the residents have reason to believe that these were the thieves. On arrival at Cooksville they left for Orangeville by car, where they caused considerable excitement later in the day. Upon arrival there they became short of gasoline, so entered the Electric Light Company's office and stole a 28-gallon can of machine oil, thinking it contained fuel for the motor. Seeing two grips belonging to the manager, Mr. T.R. Huxtable, containing valuable papers, they immediately appropriated them and dashed off in the car, but were discovered by Chief Constable Wm. Marshall, who gave chase In a high-power car owned by Mr. E. C. Clark. The going was fast and furious for two miles down the Centre road, but the pursuers gained and the thieves gave up the race near a wood. They deserted the car and disappeared among the trees. The car was taken back to the Queen's Hotel barn to await its owner. Later in the evening the men were seen going West on a freight train. —Orangeville Banner.

There was an exciting time at the R. C. Church, 10th line, King, on Sunday morning when the shed was destroyed by fire and eight horses perished in the flames. While the service was in progress a little girl noticed the fire and gave the alarm. The men worked frantically to remove the horses, about forty in number, the fact that the horses and rigs were in three tiers in places and the fire had gained considerable headway and was fanned by a high wind blowing length wise of the shed, made the work difficult. All but eight were rescued and were burned together with an equal number of buggies and the harness. An auto standing in the yard was badly scorched. The shed was ninety feet long and was a substantial structure with heavy beams. There was two hundred dollars' insurance on it. Some effort was required to prevent the church from burning. A fire such as this, with such disastrous results, is without parallel in this district and perhaps in the province. —Bolton Enterprise.

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