



Markdale Standard.

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EDUCATIONAL.

The Ontario is noted for her good school system, yet that is no reason why she should not go on improving. There never was a period when education received as much attention as it does at the present time. The population is a mixed one, English, Irish, Scotch, French, German, Italians, Norwegians, &c., &c., and as many sects as nationalities. The question agitating the minds of the people at the present time throughout the Dominion on the school question is whether or not the different creeds should have different, or separate, schools. In Manitoba a movement has been inaugurated to abolish the Separate School, and strange, but true, we find a vigorous opposition to such a move from a quarter from which we should expect better things. The reason given for such opposition is mainly because the change would necessitate the withdrawing of religious instruction from the public schools. Now let us look squarely at the question without prejudice and ask ourselves, what does religious instruction in our schools amount to? What real good comes from having the bible in the school? We are liable to "fly off the handle" in reference to those questions, especially when a spirit of Partyism runs high. We are of the humble opinion that there should be but one class of public schools in our Dominion for all creeds and nationalities, and but one language taught, that our school system should be purely secular, without any religious instruction or sectarian influence. We believe, as a rule, there is more harm than good resulting from such influence and teaching as it is, besides that class of instruction should be delegated to where it properly belongs, viz., to the church organizations and parental teaching. The youth is the hope of the country and their public school education should be of a high moral character, entirely free from sectarian prejudice or race enmity. Why should not Roman Catholic and a Protestant pupils attend the same school and learn together the same branches and thus grow up to trust and respect each other? Will they not make better citizens, or servants, or masters as the case may be in after life? We believe this question should engage the attention of both press and pulpit, and thus provoke thought and calm consideration, always allowing the better judgement to control mere sentiment.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

Quebec Legislature opened on Tuesday.

About 900 cases of influenza are reported at Cornwall, Ont. All the doctors, with the exception of two, are down with it.

A customs official at Kingston picked up on the street what he supposed to be a glass stone, but which turned out to be a diamond worth \$700.

A despatch from Sunderland, Ont., says influenza in its worst type has set in in that village and locality. Entire families are prostrated with the disease, and although no fatal cases are reported recovery is doubtful with some.

Mr. Meredith's late utterances have had a singularly clear, honest, unprejudiced statesmanlike ring, and are causing favorable comments from the independent press of the country. It looks as though the Equal Rights have been superseded.

An Atlanta, Ga., girl, who has just been married, certainly possesses

unusual business tact. About two weeks ago she made a tour of all the prominent jewellery, furniture, book and china stores of her city. At each she inquired for the proprietor, and on being shown to that person she said: "I am about to be married, and it is very probable that some of my friends may come in here and select me a present. It's horrid to get something you don't like, so I want you to look out for me, and if you can satisfy yourself that a present is to be purchased for me, induce the purchaser to buy something I will now select." The proprietor could see nothing wrong in granting the request and the young lady selected a number of things which suited her taste. They were marked and the clerks notified. From all that can be learned the scheme worked well, and on her wedding night the happy bride had but few presents with which she was not pleased.

The discussion in the United States Congress of the Bills for Unrestricted Reciprocity and Commercial Union with Canada, which have been introduced by the Hon. Benjamin Butterworth and Congressman Hitt, respectively, if indeed these bills reach the stage of discussion, will be of considerable interest to Canadians, not only as indicating the views of the Representatives of the American people upon the trade question, but as an index of their mental attitude in relation to Canada. There can be no doubt that the agitation of the Commercial Union scheme, the articles by Mr. Wiman and others in the magazines, the inquiries of the Senate Committee, and other events of the past year have brought Canada more prominently before the minds of United States politicians, and given them a better idea of her great extent and resources, than any previous discussions or events. It will be interesting to note the effect of this increased knowledge in Congress. So far as Canada is concerned it will be time enough for her to decide upon the acceptance or rejection of any such offers as those proposed, when they have really been made, and their terms are clearly known. There can be little doubt that the movement in favor of extended commercial relations, at least with the American continent, is making considerable headway in the Republic. The Pan-American Congress is an evidence of the growing strength of this very natural and sensible sentiment. That Congress, unlikely as it seems to be that it will bear any such fruits as its conveners fondly hoped, will not be without its educational value. It will probably impress more clearly upon the American mind the fact that other countries are quite as anxious to promote their own interests as to become tributary to the growth and wealth of the great American nation, and that any trade arrangements of an international kind must be reciprocal in the benefits conferred. Though little is known of the actual proceedings of the Congress, it is shrewdly suspected that Mr. Blaine and his coadjutors have already had their eyes opened to this important discovery. It is therefore not unlikely that the Congress, in which Canada is not represented, may lead to a clearer recognition of the great and growing value of Canadian trade. If, as there is reason to hope, beside this conviction another is fixed in the American mind, to the effect that Canadians value their own institutions and mode of Government, and mean to retain them, real progress will have been made towards a better understanding and a less fettered commercial intercourse.

Shipping via the Canadian Route.

The Canadian Atlantic railway is doing a very large business at present in carrying corn, flour, wheat, etc., received from Minneapolis via the C. P. R. Within the last ten days it has received nearly 2,050 car loads, and it now has an order for 7,000 cars from the C. P. R., which in turn has received a demand from the West for 10,000 cars.



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CANADIAN PACIFIC R. R. TIME TABLE.

Table with 2 columns: Direction and Time. Markdale Station, Going South (6:55 a.m., 4:34 p.m.), Going North (12:10 p.m., 8:54 p.m.).

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Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Fall Wheat (\$70 to \$82), Spring Wheat (70 to \$2), Barley (35 to 40), Oats (25 to 26), Pease (5 to 5 1/2), Butter (14 to 15), Eggs (18 to 18), Hay (6 00 to 6 00), Potatoes, per bag (4 00 to 4 00), Wool (60 to 60), Beef (4 00 to 5 00), Pork (5 00 to 5 25).

Monthly Fairs.

- Orangeville—The second Thursday in each month. Dundalk—Tuesday before Orangeville. Flesherton—Monday before Orangeville. Markdale—Saturday before Orangeville. Durham—Third Tuesday in each month. Chatsworth—Monday before Durham. Holland Centre—Saturday before Chatsworth. Priceville—Monday before Durham. Hanover—Monday before Durham.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made, at the next session of the Parliament of Canada, for an Act to incorporate a company for the purpose of constructing, equipping, maintaining and operating a railway from the town of Meaford in the County of Grey and Province of Ontario to the town of Markdale in the County of Meaford in the Province of Ontario, with the usual powers to build telegraph or telephone lines or both in connection therewith, and all necessary bridges, and to take and acquire lands for the right of way, and to acquire lands or other necessities, and to acquire lands or other necessities, aid from the Government of the Province of Ontario, or any Municipality, Corporation or person to assist in the construction of the said railway, and to amalgamate with, connect with, and obtain running powers over any line or lines of railway, and to make traffic and other arrangements with other lands or other companies, and for all other usual and necessary powers, rights and privileges.

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Standard Correspondence. The annual meeting was fairly well attended. Trustees to sell the school grounds was elected Trustee. A debating club here: meeting every at 7 o'clock. School commenced 1890, on Monday. Ford again as teacher. Mr. S. Buchan here visiting friends. time is of an in the little god with having had a hand taken one of Ontario life partner, for person of Miss H. James Hanson, V. of Toronto. Success

Standard Correspondence. "Epistolary" The festive season every one has received which were laid aside of holidays, and set to make up for lost Mr. Albert Walter ed to teach in S. S. We wish him much. The annual school in the school houses 26th ult.; everything factory. Mr. J. De ed trustee in place Bonnell. The Central Ag held its annual mee follows hall on the day, the 3rd inst. that the past year great success, and enormous expense of ting up the grounds just closed, the soci position to take st show of this year s than ever. The for re-elected except tw the place of D. S. Laughlin the place of the directors for Holland respectively

Standard Correspondence. Master George Ba received a severe ki few days ago which small bones in his b The municipal el interesting here on Reeveship was been candidates being su result of the poll p again in the Reev majority of 120, in jority 20 over the E contest. Mr. Wrig not seek the office; of his many friends self as their candid been elected would r He polled a very ge genia ward George young man, defeat Mr. S. Pedlar, ward In Flesherton with J. Sproule and W. testants. Sharp was large majority. Th G. Thompson to ta ed by H. Cairns, Es Owing to the very er on New Year nig Sabbath School an an entire success. of provisions was lef was announced for entertainment on N was very good. A C a number of young nicely rendered and Monday evening in Mills, of Guelph, a Mitchell. The eve ment was very enjoy

Editor Standard: A is a qualified v Egremont; has land of Artemesia, Glenel Proton. Can he vot townships if his na list for each of these Deputy-Reeve? Ple opinion in this matte

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