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DOES IT PAY ?

In a former article which appeared in the columns of the LIBERAL we discussed, under the above title, the question when should a boy or girl begin to study the so called higher branches of education. The gist of that article was that the education of Canadian youth should be purely English until the age of fourteen or fifteen, and that even within this boundary, it should be further limited to subjects that bear immediately on the daily affairs of life before anything else is attempted. We admit that this is a purely utilitarian view of the matter, but we contend that it is the only beneficial and safe view for the vast ma- whiskey and tobacco being lowered. jority of school children. And here This seems to have been the last let us remark that no subject of vi- straw. Massachusetts is up in tal importance has been more thick- arms, and even Ohio, the chief ly surrounded with dreams and vis- among protectionist states, has beionary schemes than that of the edu- gan to growl its discontent. Truly, cation of the masses. Eminent "Dear the necessaries of life, cheap writers on education have foretold the destroyers of life," is a motto the near approach of the day when well calculated to astonish and disevery man, woman and child shall may. Without pretending to say be possessed of vast knowledge and how close the connection between graced with exquisite culture, and such a trade policy and the morals these same persons have assured us; of a state, we would incidentally that our own Province of Ontario | observe that already the murderwill be the first to give to the world rate in the United States is the the magnificent spectacle of a na- highest in the world, being about tion of scholars. Assuredly, at first four times greater than that of Great sight, the prophecy has a noble Britain, and six times greater than sound, and holds forth an enchanting prospect. But, fortunately or unfortunately, the wish is father to still worse should the above motto the thought, and we do not hesitate be be acted upon. to say that the wish is just as foolish as the thought is absurd, and will be realized only when all geese shall become swans, and every donkey a fleet and high-spirited charger.

The great aim of education should be to make us all that we are capable of becoming, not to clothe us in flaunting rags and shreds of that which can be only a fungus-growth of affectation as ridiculous as useless. Let us illustrate by a single example. No one will deny that the acquisition of a foreign language is very desirable. But this acquisition is the fruit only of long years of patient and hard study, and above all, of talents of a peculiar and rare kind. Now it is notorious that not one in five hundred who study French, for instance, even acquire more than a smattering of the grammar, and a limited acquaintance with one or two works in that language. In this estimate, we are rather above than below the mark. When it is further considered that no foreign language is ever learned as well or under such favorable circumstances as one's mother tongue, is it at all likely that a young Canadian who has not read Shakespeare and Macaulay will ever wade painfully through a French tragic writer such as Racine, or a French historian such as Guizot? Any adequate knowledgeof French, usually considered a comparatively easy language, can not be obtained under five years of incessant study, and is seldom obtained in a period twice as long.

We do not enter into the question of the benefit, derived even from a smattering, in the way of mental discipline, for we have no faith in it. What sort of mind-training is that which enables a boy to conjugate a Latin verb or to construe inelegantly a Latin sentence, but leaves him helplessly stranded when a plain English letter is to be written?

Let us be honest in this matter. Let us carefully distinguish between a mere fleeting whim and a really

solid desire. Our genuine desires are presentiments of the powers within us, but unless they manifest themselves by arduous labor, coupled with undoubted taste, they are as dead and unsubstantial as faith without works.

PROTECTION.

Evidently the sentiments of Americans are rapidly undergoing a great change on the tariff question. The revenue of that country annually far exceeds its expenditure. In fact, so great is the surplus that it has actually become a nuisance, and it is felt even by advocates of high protective duties that something should be done in the matter. But the mighty manufacturing corporations, possessed as they are of apparently boundless strength in the lobby, are unwilling that their hot-house industries should be touched, and accordingly the only reduction that has been made in the revenue has been effected in the inland department, the duties on that of Canada. This is a bad preeminence, and it threatens to become

As to, the party or parties connected recently with the placing of the cartridges containing dynamite under the pagliament buildings in Toronto, everything seems mysterious, and no person has as yet advanced any good reason for the attempt to, blow up the old structure, although many theories have been brought forward. Every effort is being made to sift the to the bottom and bring the guilty parties to justice. The Ontario Government has offered a reward of \$1000, and it is hoped that disclosures may soon be made, as it would be gratifying to know the true inwardness of the conspiracy.

Sir Charles Tupper has at last been led to see the awkward position in which he has been placed tor some time, in holding the double office of High Commissioner to England, as well as a seat in Parliament, consequently he has resigned the latter, and purposes starting for England on the 24th of the present month. Sir Charles has occupied a prominent position in the Conservative ranks for a number of years and by his retirement, the party is losing one of its best stump-orators, whose name has been inseparably associated with the Canada Pacific Railway.

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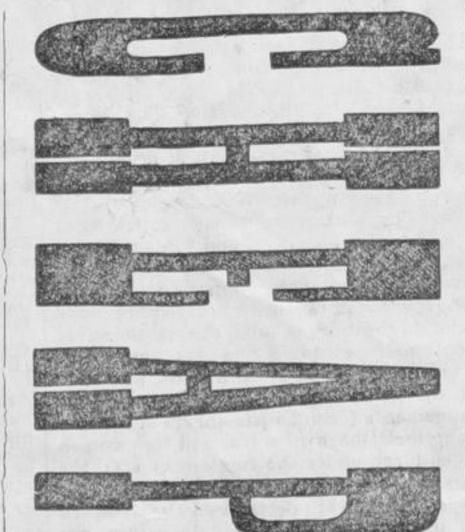
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Court of Revision, for the Village of Richmond Hill, will be held in the Council Chamber, on

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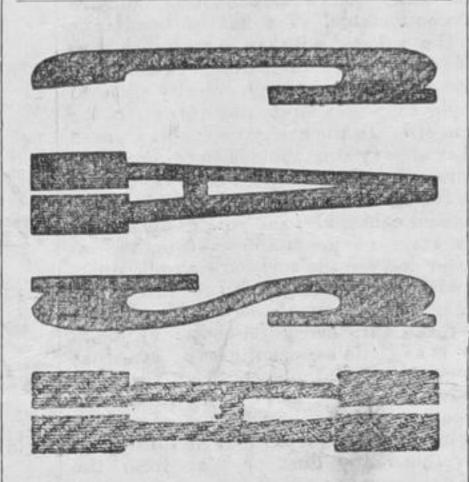
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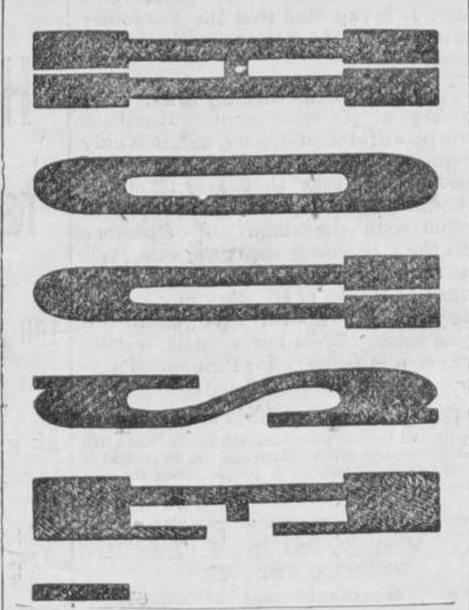
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