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THE COST OF EDUCATION.

America boasts of providing more generously than any other nation in the world for the education of the people. Elmer E. Brown, of Washington, the commissioner of education, figures that in this year, 1907, about $400,000,000 has been spent in the mental training of the young, and about $300,000,000 has gone to the common or public schools. For private and secondary schools there was a liberal provision, as well as for schools which were reformatory in their character or which made for the help of the defective classes.

How much was spent on art, on the refining occupations, on amusements of an elevating character? One cannot surmise. The "waste" in the milder dissipations of life is said to be simply appaling. It would astonish the masses if it were known. Our own Prof. Shortt administered a fitting rebuke to the tendencies of the age when he said, in a recent address, in the west, that the people had reached the civilized stage in their production of wealth, but that in the uses of that wealth they were still barbarians. His sentiments have been applauded, and most heartily in some unexpected quarters.

The young people of the age are not using their time and talents to the best advantage. Diversion they must have, but there are degrees and qualities of it, and it is worth while considering if the highest quality has been reached. Music and literature are declared to be the evidences of culture. Do they hold the dearest place in the affections of the people? If not, why?

HOME LIFE SO PEACEFUL.

Mrs. Welch (wife of Prof. Welch), a visitor to Montreal, at a meeting of the Burns' Club, gave an address in which she repudiated the idea that there wa[illegible] but happiness in the lives [illegible]s Carlyle and his wife. It was Froude who left the impression that the Sage of Chelsea failed to express a proper appreciation of his better half during her lifetime, and that he had occasion to lament it when she had passed away.

Mrs. Welch has studied the character of Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle, and finds that they were devoted in courtship in marriage, and in every relation of life. Emerson is quoted as saying of the couple, after a visit to them at Craigenputtock, that they dwelt on "beautiful terms," and that "their ways were most engaging." A member of the household who had occasion to know whereof she spoke said that there never was anything approaching a jar between the Carlyles. The great writer was deeply bereaved by her death and put it on record that "the light of his life had gone out."

Clearly the evidence of Mrs. Welch is concise and convincing, and it removes a reflection which should not have been passed upon the record of one of the world's greatest men. The suspicion that all may not have been harmonious between Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle, that his critical spirit may have given its liberty to the detriment of her domestic peace, has not affected the general regard for his literary work. It has only affected the admiration which one has for the author, and, according to Mrs. Welch, it has been a discordant element for the introduction of which there has not been a cause.

HIGH OFFICIALS AT VARIANCE.

Rear-Admiral Brownson, of the American navy, has resigned, and his act has occasioned a great commotion. He had to do with the fitting out of the battleships before their departure for the Pacific, and it was at first thought by some that his retirement was a protest against the manner in which the fleet had been equipped and constituted.

There have been differences between the ships' officers and the staff officers on many questions, and the complaint is made that the navy is behind the times because the men on shore think they know more about a battleship or cruiser than the men at sea. Rumor goes further and alleges that the president has had to impress his ideas on Secretary Metcalfe, in order to secure certain necessary and pressing reforms.

Brownson's quarrel originated over the command of a relief or hospital ship, which was given to a surgeon in place of captain of the navy. The rear-admiral holds that the navy officers have few opportunities for promotion, and that the direction of any ship devolves upon the man trained in naval tactics. The matter goes before congress and an interesting time is expected since the committee on naval affairs stands with the rear-admiral, whose courage, under the circumstances, is very much commended.

The fight is particularly keen, because if this appointment goes "the expectation is that the assignment of a surgeon to command hospital ships will be a permanent feature of naval administration." It is a contest between two branches of the service, and it is one which may be acrimonious because of the personal and political influences that will come into it.

WHEN MEMORY IS ACTIVE.

Are you in mood for meditation? The hour for it is at hand; for is not the closing of the year the most appropriate of all times for introspection? There is profit in it, too. Not that any act, deed, transaction or incident can be recalled. The record is complete in that; whatever it is there is no hope for revision. There is some advantage in study, and in looking backward or looking onward one gets faith in looking forward. Let us, then, reflect upon our experiences.

As a nation—a young one, it is true, and yet one feeling the conditions of growth most surely—there is room for thanks. Canada has had a good year, generally. Visited by none of the contingencies that afflict some lands, free from plague and pestilence and great calamities, the people can this night express their sincerest gratitude. Times have been better; at least there have been less pinch and more frugality, and if there are hard lessons for some people, if they have suffered because of their improvidence, the effect will make for good eventually. Peace reigns supreme; there is of the good things of life enough for all; and the hearts of the masses are moved unto expressions of satisfaction.

As to the city. There are some things that will stand inspection. The aim is for the best results, and if they are not reached the inspiration comes to improve upon the past and rise to higher accomplishments. Kingston is not growing as fast as its citizens desire, but it is a goodly city withal, with the spirit of thrift and enterprise, the civic cleanness that is so highly appreciated, the culture that finds scope in so many helpful public movements. Perhaps there is some deficiency in the pride which every loyal citizen should possess, and if meditation upon this fact produces the necessary change it will not have been in vain.

To the individuals there is in the close of the year the occasion for self-examination. The merchant, the manufacturer, the great corporation, take stock. It is the one and only means of ascertaining whether in material things there has been progress. Life is progressive. It carries with it grave responsibilities, and only by stock-taking can one be sure that he has carried himself well and performed his tasks according to even his own reasonable expectations.

The records—whether of the nation, the city or the individual—are, therefore, open now, and they cannot be scanned without some discovery. In no respect are they wholly agreeable. On the contrary here and there the evidence becomes convincing that there could have been improvement, and there is an unconscious gathering of force, of purpose and determination, to build upon the past and to seek success where failure has been felt.

The Israelitish people were much given to monuments. All Canaan is said to be covered with them. They commemorated acts of mercy and deliverance, or touching and tragic experiences. It is not the Canadian's practice to raise stones in testimony of his acts, or as witnesses of his vows and covenants. Nor is this really necessary. The memory is very active, especially at such a time. The events of a twelve month pass before the vision in panoramic form, and most men will have occasion, ere the old year dies, to mentally raise his Ebenezer and say, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

According to custom—a beautiful one which good feeling and good citizenship so warmly approves—it will be in order to wish all, "A Happy New Year."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Anything to repent of to-night?

The old year dies to-night. Let all the feuds of the passing year die with it.

Everyone will turn over a new leaf on the morrow. What is written upon it is the important thing.

Renewed life in the school elections, eh? That was the promise of the council when it passed the last school budget.

Another correspondent is complaining about the auditor's report. Why does the council not see that it is circulated?

Seeing that Ald. Ross attaches so much importance to it, the wonder is that he did not introduce football into the games of the council.

All the officials of Guelph have been asked to resign. That is not the kind of a message the average man desires on New Year's eve.

A lot of small boys have had their faith in Santa Claus shaken this year. It is due to the awful imitations which have been put on in the Sunday schools.

The London Times correspondent has it that the Lemieux mission has not been a failure. The Times' correspondence ought to be more reliable than the New York Sun's.

The people of Toronto will elect their mayor, controllers, aldermen and school trustees on New Year's day. It looks as if the man who gave up his $9,000 a year job to boss the city is going to get the bumps.

The excuse of an alderman—that he did not examine the work of the power house lest he might be considered "curious"—will not do. The aldermen are expected to be posted, and they cannot be and not investigate.

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SPIRIT OF THE PRESS

Educated.

Toronto News.

Canada received this year over 300,000 immigrants. Already they know who Frank Oliver is, and how to vote.

A Sure Cure.

Toronto Star.

If the suffragettes continue to break up meetings in England as they have been doing it will be necessary for the orator of the evening to bring a mouse trap into the hall and release the ferocious animal at the critical moment.

Prospect For Work.

Ottawa Citizen.

The expenditure of $10,000,000 by the C. P. R. in the west next year, together with the construction work on the Grand Trunk Pacific and Canadian Northern railways, should give plenty of employment to labor in Canada.

Money On Paper.

Toronto Telegram.

Canada has only to require all pulpwood to be manufactured into a finished product in this country and the 1,000,000 cords that now go into the United States every year will became the basis of an industry that can put $50,000,000 or $60,000,000 into circulation in Canada.

A Wealthy Tramp.

Toronto Globe.

A man with $14,000 was arrested as a vagrant in New York, but was discharged without a caution. New York is a wealthy city, but still a long way from the condition in which all below the minimum of $14,000 can be adjudged guilty of the crime of poverty.

No Visible Effect.

Montreal Star.

Bye-elections occurring at this time, in the midst of a session of parliament, ought to be regarded as indicating public opinion upon some large questions prominently before parliament; but it would require a microscope to find any such questions at this time, and it is not surprising that the electors have not been able to perceive any amidst the hub-bub of a political contest and the distractions of the holiday season.

MUNICIPAL NOMINATIONS.

Town Of Napanee.

Mayor—H. Ming, by acclamation.

Reeve—John Lowry, M. C. Bogart, Thomas Symington.

Councillors—J. N. Osborne, D. L. Greene, G. H. Williams, A. S. Kimmerly, S. C. Denison, W. A. Steacy, C. A. Graham, A. Alexander, Joseph Light, Dr. T. W. Simpson.

Trustee—Centre ward, D. L. Hill, acclamation; West ward, C. H. Wartman, acclamation; East ward, A. E. Paul, acclamation.

North Fredericksburg Township.

Reeve—Charles Hambly.

Councillors—W. Storms, T. McWain, Edward Sills, S. Baird. All by acclamation.

Portland Township.

For reeve—J. T. Truscott, E. Jt Sigsworth, W. H. Reynolds, Levi Storms, J. Walkins, J. E. Freeman.

Deputy reeve—James Yerke, William Shillington, James Wallace, Zara Reynolds, E. J. Sigsworth and J. E. Freeman.

For councillors—O. B. Henderson, Zara Reynolds, S. Stray, Levi Huffman, S. M. Irish, B. Revell, James Walker, Daniel Gre[illegible] and George Good.

Pittsburg Township.

Reeve—W. J. Franklin.

Councillors—James Gordon, Henry C. Milton, Thomas W. Spence, J. R. Smith; all by acclamation.

Local option by-law will be voted on at polling subdivisions as announced in the advertisement.

Township Of Oso.

Reeve—Jerome Thomson.

Councillors—George P. Butler, Moses Chambers, Robert McVeigh, Jacob Cobb. This is the old council elected by acclamation.

Township Of Wolfe Island.

Reeve—James McAllister, Hiram Davis.

Councillors—George Keyes, John W. Spoor, John Flynn, William Fawcett, W. H. Woodman, W. B. Card, Patrick McGlynn, Grant Grimshaw.

The little daughter of Joseph McLeod, Caledonia, P.E.I., was burned to death.

GANANOQUE NOMINATIONS.

Half the Town Nominated For the Mayoralty.

Gananoque, Dec. 31.—A public meeting of Gananoque was held in the town hall, last evening for the purpose of nominating candidates for municipal honors for 1905. There was a large attendance. Town Clerk McCammon presided. The following were nominated: For mayor, J. A. McCammon, M.D., Robert Sheppard, James Donevan, W. N. Rogers, W. B. Carroll, Hugh Wilson, C. E. Britton, T. M. Cornett, C. H. Bird, M.D.

For reeve, C. E. Britton, Hugh Wilson, J. B. McMurchy, Thomas Dempster, M. McIntyre, James H. Rogers.

For deputy reeve, John B. McMurchy, James Taylor, W. N. Rogers, J. T. Green, S. E. Britton, M. McParland, William Cumpson.

For councillors, six to be elected—John Munden, James Donevan, W. Y. Boyd, M. McParland, J. W. Logan, W. J. Gibson, J. T. Green, R. Sheppard, J. R. Johnson, W. M. Rogers, John Connor, John A. Webster, T. D. O'Connor, W. J. Wilson, W. W. Stafford, Robert McBroom, Louis Fraid, Neil McCarney, Charles A. Watt, W. T. Dustin, J. H. Rogers, Frank Wright.

School trustees, three to be elected, A. P. Russell, Freeman Britton, F. J. Skinner, W. J. Wilson, F. Wright, J. A. Black, L.D.S., T. D. O'Connor, George L. Johnston.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Howe, Oak street, spent some time during the past week with relatives at Athens. William Dorey, who has been spending the past six months at Vancouver, B. C., has returned to town, and will remain for the balance of the winter. Reginald Abrams, Montreal, is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Abrams, for the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Ross of Toronto are the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Toner, Tanner street, for a few weeks. Cadet Harry Lawson, of the R.M.C., Kingston, is the guest of his grandmother, Mrs. William Balloch, First street. Karl Green, of the N.W.M.P., Coults, Alta., is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Green, Stone street. Harold Johnston, of Montreal, is holidaying here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Johnston, King street west. William Harper, of North Bay, is spending some time with friends and relatives in town.

George F. Ellis, I.P.S. of Edmonton, Alta., accompanied by Mrs. Ellis, are visiting in Gananoque, and vicinity. They are both natives of Leeds county. James Runnett, of Peterboro, an old Gananoque boy is spending some time here with his father, Robert Runnett, Charles street. C. H. Pennell, C.P.R., conductor, Calgary, Alta., is the guest of his brother, W. D. Pennell, Stone street. J. A. London, Montreal, spent the past week with friends in town. George Keyworth, of Galt, is spending a week or two with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Keyworth, Osborne street.

Miss Edna Lake, Kingston, spent the past week in town, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Suddaby, South street. Edward Parker, and Miss Parker, of Syracuse, N.Y., spent some time during the past week with friends in town. Mrs. Donley, of Minto, Man., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. William Pratt, King street. This is Mrs. Donley's first visit east since leaving home fifteen years ago.

FIVE FROM ONE PLACE.

Port Arthur Sends Five Prisoners to the Pen.

Sheriff Watson, and members of his staff, arrived in the city, this morning, from Port Arthur, with five prisoners for the penitentiary. They are: Peter Beck, three years for burglary; Charles Scrip, four years, burglary; Henry Simpson and John Grillin, two years each, for forgery, and Joseph Reid, sentenced to three years for assaulting a little girl. Reid lost both his legs in an accident, and is able to get around with the aid of a crutch. Two cabs were used in removing the prisoners from the police station to the prison.

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The Kingston police court wound up the year 1907 with a fine record, there being no cases entered for hearing on the last day.

The change in weather last night was appreciated. This morning the thermometer registered fifteen degrees above zero.

Goldwin Smith Condemns Local Option

WRITING to the *Toronto Globe*, Professor Goldwin Smith thus expresses his views on Local Option

"I do not think it possible to enforce total abstinence. The taste for fermented liquors is common to all races of mankind, and it antedates the beginning of history. This taste the extreme prohibitionist hopes to eradicate by a single stroke of prohibitive legislation. Unless he can eradicate the taste, experience shows he cannot put down the habit. In the attempt radically and suddenly to change the habits of mankind by law, I have no faith whatever, and I appeal to multiplied and decisive experience as a warrant for my unbelief."

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36 pairs Children's Red Felt Slippers, sizes 8, 9 and 10c. regular price 50c. To clear out ..... .39

One small lot of Children's Carpet Slippers, came too late for Christmas trade. Sizes 6 to 2. To clear out this week ..... .17

One lot of about 20 pairs Women's Juliet, leather soles, fur tops, dotted, regular 75c. To clear ..... .59

One large lot of Women's Felt Slippers, felt and leather soles, regular 75c. To clear out ..... .59

One small lot Women's—fancy colors and plain black felt Juliets, fur trimmed, regular $1.50. To clear out this week only ..... .98

One lot of about 20 pairs of Girls' Bright Red Bedroom Slippers, nice and warm, fur tops, regular 65c. To clear out this week ..... .48

About 200 pairs of Baby Button Boots, in regular way would sell at 50c. and 60c. We want to clear them out at once ..... .39

Only a few Men's Slippers left over—
The $1.25 Felt Slippers Now only ..... .98
The 90c. Felt Slippers Now only ..... .75
The 75c. Felt Slippers Now only ..... .59
One large lot of Men's Carpet Slippers—Regular 40c. This week only ..... .30

If you want a pair of Slippers don't lose this opportunity, as we will not carry any Winter Slippers over.

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