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THE SIGN OF FAILURE.

The departmental examinations are over, and there are a good many anxious hearts. And there are quite a few that are not anxious. These are in that indifferent class who idle away most of the study season, who show no appreciation of the teacher's work, who will try every new member of the staff and make his life as miserable as possible. For a long time current report had it that some of the candidates would be up against it when the testing time came around. Some of these candidates presented themselves when the examination papers were handed out, but their stay was short, and their names will not appear in the honour list later on. The fruits of indolence and inattention will now be seen. It does not pay to roast the teacher when the sure and certain result is failure and humiliation.

A PASSING EMOTION.

A spasm of morality has come over the people. They do not want the moving pictures of the prize fight to be put on exhibition. All decently disposed persons appear to be ashamed of the event at Reno.

Even Jeffries himself, bowed in shame, has gone off to his home in Southern California and seems to be anxious to forget about his meeting with Johnson as soon as possible. He should be willing to surrender the \$86,000 he received as his share from the Vitagraph with his regrets that he ever made a meeting with the negro possible. Who cares for the pictures anyway? No one who has any regard for himself, and society cannot afford to tuck under its nose the evil propensities of passionate men.

CALLED TO ACCOUNT.

W. J. Taylor, of the Woodstock Sentinel-Review, is a modest man, generally, but he is courageous the while, and deserves the thanks of all travelling persons for his effectual action against an offending government agent. This agent, representing the Canadian government, and he roused Mr. Taylor unnecessarily; was rude in the extreme, and finished by putting him off the train at Windsor.

Mr. Taylor laid his case before the government, and a prompt enquiry followed. It resulted in the confession of the official that he had mistaken his man, that he thought he was addressing one with whom he had had a difficulty, and not until afterwards was he aware of his error. An inspector of the department found evidence in support of Mr. Taylor's complaint, and the offending official tendered to him a written and verbal apology.

That may be the end of the case, and it may not. The government should not trust the enforcement of an act, a duty requiring diplomacy, deliberation, and discretion to any rash one, and the Taylor experience may suggest a remedy. Canadians cannot complain of American incivility when their own officers are so lacking in the qualities they should so largely possess.

OTTAWA'S GREAT NEED.

The suicide of a suspended official does not and should not affect the enquiry into any department of government at Ottawa, and to the end that efficiency and economy may be effected. The civil service commission may be working out and securing the purposes for which it was designed, but apparently it is not doing one thing. It is not discovering the leaks in the public service, and it is not reducing the cost of official supervision.

At the last session of congress a sum of \$100,000 was appropriated to meet the expenses of a commission, whose duty it will be to investigate all the departments of government. It is not that there is a suspicion of grafting, on a wholesale plan, or otherwise, but that the conviction prevails there is extravagance and waste, and that they should be stopped. Senator Aldrich, a business man, one of the reputed financiers of the nation, boldly asserted that if the affairs of the United States were conducted as one of those of the captains of industry or the great corporations there would be an annual saving of \$300,000. There is something in what Mr. Aldrich says, and it will be money well spent if for \$100,000, about three thousand times as much as can be saved to the revenues of the country.

In like manner it may pay the Ottawa government to appoint three men, corresponding with the ability of the commission that made the first report three years ago, in ability, courage and experience, and invite them to

see where a saving can be effected. The general belief is that the civil service in Ottawa is over-manned. There is not only a disposition on the part of men to crowd the departments but to live on a scale that is altogether out of keeping with the salary list. Hence the scandals that have broken out from time to time.

Hon. Mr. Murphy may correct the evils in the printing bureau, but the need of the hour is a general purification or a general re-organization such as would undoubtedly occur if the public business were run like the business of the individual or industrial institution.

DESERVED A SNIB.

A while ago a Hamilton man, an ex-police officer, returning to Canada from Europe, via New York, had an unfortunate collision with an American immigration official. So rough and uncalculated for was his usage that he made a complaint about it, and the matter was referred in due course to the dominion immigration agent at New York. That officer has reported that the proceedings were not marked, in this man's case, by anything unusual, which makes the Hamilton Herald express its surprise.

"Is it to be understood," says our contemporary, "that the customary procedure at the port of New York, in the cases of Canadians who are returning home from Europe by way of New York, is for the United States immigration officials to insult and browbeat them, to hang huge labels on them, to subject them to rigid medical examination, to put them into tug-boats and dump them on Ellis Island, and keep them imprisoned there for hours without food. If this is so Canadians who visit Europe would do well to steer clear of New York when they return home."

A mild protest to say the least of it. Had any Kingstonian shown a similar disregard for Canadian interests and suffered in consequence, the Whig would have been inclined to say, "Served you right." What possesses any Canadian to stray off through American territory, spending his good money on American railways and hotels and boats, when there are operated in connection with our great railways, and independently, some of the finest ships afloat?

If one wants to smile upon his cousins to the south, and receive only snubs for his smiles, he should preserve a discreet silence. This is plain speech, but it is necessary occasionally.

THE NEED OF QUEEN'S.

Every one who is interested in who is not who realizes the large place it fills in the public eye will hope that Prof. Jordan will remain in the city and as a member of the university staff. He was one of the happy few which the late Dr. Grant made during the time he was engrossed with educational issues. He saw in Dr. Jordan not only the scholar but the enthusiastic teacher, and it was not long after the discovery until he was a member of the university staff. That he has won distinction in his department has been made quite clear by the call that now comes to him from Knox College.

If he removes to Toronto the loss will be keenly felt outside of the college halls, because he was a loyal and devoted citizen, modestly carrying himself on all occasions, yet not hesitating to wield an influence for good whenever he could. Queen's really needs him—the Whig will be excused for saying this—and all like him, and if the conditions, that prevail, growing out of the struggle for separation from the church, operate against their ascendancy or contentment, great will be the regret.

The average layman may not know what is for the best within the college and church, and may not be warranted in boldly offering an opinion, but it does seem a pity that when the question that divides the supporters of both was so near a settlement in Halifax it was not disposed of. Upon the result of that vote many contingencies depend.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The polling in Manitoba on Monday. It is time there was a change of government when even the conservatives are protesting against some of its transactions.

"Jeffries Can't Come Back." Neither can the Borden Tories, albeit they've tried often enough, remarks the Toronto Telegram, in a moment of extreme candour.

The profession that contributes most to the happiness of the marriage license issuer is the teachers'. All over the province there are farewells to the school rooms and talk of orange blossoms.

Public school teachers are not scarce—or not as scarce as they were—but they have caught the spirit of the times. They want higher initial salaries than the schedule of Kingston provides.

The flags will be raised on the Toronto schools on July 12th. What a concession in a city where most of the men in public life are Orangemen and

where there are supposed to be able to do as they like!

Ten of Hamilton's teachers have decided to see whether matrimony is what it is cracked up to be. It is fitting, of course, that the ambitious city should lead in a cause at once so pleasant and popular.

The arithmetic paper cannot have been so very hard after all when every candidate who entered at Preston passed the entrance examination. Either that or the Preston scholars are great on mathematical trick problems.

According to the Farmers' Advocate the present Commissioner of Agriculture was selected because he could be re-elected, not because he had any ideas he could spread with satisfaction. When the farmers' papers have no use for Mr. Duff it is time he packed his grip.

The Ottawa Journal is impressed with the fact that Sir Wilfrid Laurier would not spend a couple of months in the west except on political business. Well, if he cannot make more of a stir than the Borden combination, a couple of years ago, he certainly will have lost his grip.

The Manitoba teachers, 165 of them, and a really good looking lot, have gone on a trip to England. They sail from Montreal on Monday. Some of them will not come back. They cannot fail to capture some of the young vicounts and marquises and dukes that have so far escaped the matrimonial lasso.

The United States state department does not know of any appeal that has been made to The Hague regarding the rights of the whalers or sealers in the Hudson's Bay. Uncle Sam is altogether too innocent for one who has his long and varied experience. He must really see that the boys at Washington are not carrying their jokes too far.

The Medical Council resents the criticism of the profession, and especially of Dr. Young in his paper, the Medical Journal. But they have profited by his charges of extravagance. There will be more economy hereafter. It was awful, "an absolute disgrace," to accuse the council of graft, but the expenses will be reduced. Looks as if the wounds were deep.

The Man On Watch.

The Lampman notices that Dr. Ryan, of the Lockwood asylum, declared an old Midland townsman insane when he married a thirty-year-old lassie. There are husbands in Kingston, he says, who wish that the good doctor would get into the witness box and declare that they were insane when they wedded their wives, and secure release for them. However, the Lampman thinks that the old Midland lad, who is just eighty-two years old, was quite sensible when he picked out a thirty-year-old.

Since the town fire brigade has had no work to do for forty days, the Lampman is of opinion that its members should have been put to work to doze water on the burning sod in Macdonald park during the past ten days. In former years, that park used to be watered. Its beauty has been marred by the lack of water this summer.

Since Councilman William Craig resigned his leather-cushioned chair in the town council chamber, there is no one to prevent the town fathers from taking a good long vacation of three months. Last year Councilman Craig brought the people's representatives to the town and the result was that a vacation of less than two months was taken.

The kids of Kingston are lucky little beggars, the Lampman thinks. They do enjoy the one-cent days on the street cars and their rides to and from Ontario park, where they can frolic, and buy peanuts and ice cream. The poorer kids of Montreal would envy their little Kingston comrades enjoying the pleasures of the parks and the lake breezes. And by the way, the Lampman asks, did you ever see the kids swarm on the cars? If you have not, just go to Ontario park on some

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one-cent afternoon, and see what happens when a car arrives, and the hundred youngsters are ready to embark for home. They come at the car like a swarm of bees and are in possession in an instant, climbing over the disembarking passengers and into the seats. It is an amusing sight to watch. The Lampman does not agree with those town councilmen who are forever declaring that the street car company takes everything it can get from the town council and gives nothing in return. He just wants to point out that the depreciation in property values in many parts of Kingston, if there were no cars running, would more than balance anything that the council has given the car company. What if the use, he asks, of hammering the company when it tells the people plainly that the profit from running the cars is next to nothing.

In a recent issue, the Canadian Freeman editor made this statement: "If the city council would reduce the water rate for baths, it certainly would be doing a wise act. Then there would be no excuse for some of our government officials not presenting a clean appearance." When the Lampman read this item a week or so ago he thought there would be a police court case, or an action entered in damages, but he has heard no protest as yet from the government officials.

THE TOWN WATCHMAN. COFFEE ON WEDDING DAYS.

Custom in Countries Where They Raise It. There is a custom in the coffee-raising countries, says a resident of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, "which is unknown in other parts of the world. When a child is born in the coffee country, a sack of the best grain is set aside as part of the inheritance to be received on attaining its majority. Usually the sack is the gift of some close friend, or relative, and it is guarded as jealously as if it were a gift of gold and bonds. No stress would induce a Brazilian parent to use coffee which was made the birth gift of a child.

"As a rule, it is sealed with the private seal of the owner, and bears a card giving all particulars about the variety of grain, its age on being sowed, the birth of the child to whom it was given, and other details, which are very interesting when the seal is broken. Generally the coffee is opened for the first time when the child marries. The coffee for the reception or marriage feast is made from the legacy, and, according to precedent, this must be the first time the sack is opened. After the coffee is made for the wedding feast the sack is carefully closed and sent to the new home of the young couple, and should keep them in the staple for a year at least."

JUMPED HIS HOTEL BILL. And Did a Little Borrowing on Princess Street.

A man who went under the name of Devlin, of Montreal, worked the flim-flam game on several parties in Kingston on Friday. He was staying at the Iroquois hotel, and got away without paying his bill. At a Princess street store he ordered a large number of articles, which he was to call for, and incidentally borrowed half a dollar from the manager to pay a blacksmith who was unable to cash his cheque. He failed to come for the goods or to return the money. Up-town he called at a house and tried to borrow a little from one of the family on the pretence that he was the friend of an absent member of the household, and was a little short. No doubt he stung others here.

Clancy-Hyland. A quiet wedding took place at the parsonage, Newburgh, on June 29th, when Rev. M. E. Sexsmith united in marriage Miss Bessie Clancy, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Clancy, Wesley, and Elmore Hyland, a prosperous young farmer of Reidville. The bride was becomingly attired in a travelling costume of blue, and was assisted by the groom's cousin, Miss Laura Hanna, while Duncan Clancy ably assisted the groom. The happy couple took the afternoon train for Toronto and Niagara Falls, returning by Kingston. On Monday evening a reception was tendered the happy couple at the home of the groom. The presents were numerous, useful and costly, testifying to the esteem in which the young couple are held. They will reside at Reidville.

Learned in Penitentiary. When Jan Krawick came to the penitentiary, he could neither read nor write. Now he can do both after a year. He was sent down for three years for receiving stolen goods. Shortly after his wife sent him an alphabet, and now he can write a good letter in his own language.

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