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**MODEL SCHOOL CONDITIONS.**

The proclamation of the Education Department with regard to the Model schools, is important. The government will not admit that there has been any reversal of policy respecting these schools but that is what is meant. Thirteen places are mentioned as sites for these models, and Kingston is one of them. The North Bay Model school will also do Model school work, so that there is a gradual approach to the conditions which formerly prevailed, and against the abandonment of which there was an emphatic protest at the time. Applications for admission must be made to the deputy minister not later than August 15th, on a form to be supplied by him, and "no one will be admitted to a Model school who does not agree, if successful in obtaining a teacher's certificate, to teach therein in the province of Ontario for at least the first year of his subsequent teaching experience." A violation of this agreement will lead to the cancelling of the teacher's certificate. Thus an heroic effect is being made to furnish the schools in rural sections with teachers, and as has been without competent instructors since the old county Model schools were closed. These fourteen Model centres will be permanent. They will go far to relieve the school situation, but they may fail to some extent. Every county may yet require its Model in order to meet its wants.

**THE GRANT FOR APPROVAL.**

The question of school accommodation, and the right of propriety of the city providing for the needs of the county pupils, is not a local one. The Globe, on Saturday, contained the report of a committee to which the city solicitor had rendered an opinion. This committee had contemplated the purchase of a site outside of the city limits, and the erection of a school upon it, and the solicitor presented his objection.

He said the proposal could not be entertained. It involved a proceeding which was not legal. "Moreover," said he, "the practice of giving accommodation in the schools at the outskirts of the city to school children who should attend schools in the adjoining township should not be continued, for the city schools have hardly sufficient accommodation for their own pupils."

It was decided to notify the students from other municipalities to this effect. A similar notice was served upon the county of Frontenac pupils, who are in attendance at the Collegiate Institute, and they have so far found no way of helping themselves. There was a disposition on the part of some people to ignore the "approval" which carried certain privileges in the way of exemption from Normal school examinations.

But the situation has been changed somewhat. Now the approval carries with it an increased grant from the government, and the board of education will not be warranted in sacrificing it. This is the latest announcement.

**NO MONEY IN STRIKES.**

Kingston has been hurt, season after season, for years, by senseless strikes, and senseless in that they can and should be guarded against. Take the tie-up which is now in progress, which has gone on for weeks and shows no signs of settlement. It is not a contest between capital and labour, but a quarrel between two divisions of the building trades. It should have been settled by arbitration among the men, and it must be settled that way now if unionism is not to suffer a blow which will be severely felt.

There is no advantage in a strike at any time. A man has the privilege of ceasing to work for any employer, for any individual or corporation, and he only suffers by the operation. But when large numbers are forced out, as the result of any vote in which the majority prevail, then the depression sets in.

The Sydney coal strike has ended, after a continuance of two years, during which time hundreds of men and their families have gone through distress of the cruellest and most humiliating kind. This strike was directed by the United Miners' Association, an American institution, with American ideas and organizers. Over and over again some of the men, in their dire necessity, would have surrendered and accepted the very terms they have at last accepted, and the United Miners' executive would not agree.

Take the new movement in Vancouver, where the carpenters have re-

quested an increase of wages, and the master builders have declined. On June 5th there will be a general strike. All the allied tradesmen in the city, 5,000 of them, will stop work, unless the demand of the carpenters is conceded. This is a crazy proposition. How can the master-builders be forced to give in by tram-pen, electric light and telephone men, and many others not engaged in building, throwing up their jobs? Such a close-down, and similarly "well-nigh perfect," occurred in Philadelphia a year or two ago, involving the loss of millions of dollars, and the original strikers resumed work, when started into it, for the considerations which they refused.

So it is evident that there is no advantage, anywhere, at any time, in a strike. All classes of people, as in Kingston, suffer, and those who undergo the most are the employees themselves. Look at the work which is stagnant in Kingston! Who will make up for the loss and inconvenience of persons who are not personally projected into the difficulty? Who will compensate the men themselves for the loss that is incurred in wages? Who will make good the tremendous waste of energy and money in the Sydney coal miners' strike, or of the strike of the Grand Trunk conductors? What is the pittance that has been doled out to them, the pittance that must sooner or later come to an end, compared with the wages that others, their successors, have been able to make? Is it not really time that parliament, with the workmen's concurrence, passed a law making arbitration compulsory?

**EDITORIAL NOTES.**

The Whig sees in the enlargement of the Locomotive Works to two or three times its present size, a new future for the institution and for the city. Now let every one get ready to boogie the city.

Guelph is to have a street light at every intersection. This is a Tung-tin lamp, however, and not an Arc. Kingston could afford twice as many lamps as it has now if it secured power at a reasonable rate. It cannot produce this power from coal and steam.

The clergy, on Sunday, voiced the desire of the world for universal peace. Generally war was condemned because it was unchristian. Why not have it condemned because it is the reverse of all that the churches contend for, because, as a late general in the army put it, "War is hell."

Capt. Leslie seems to be Toronto's hope with regard to the intake water pipe. Removed from office because he did not accomplish heroic things in a hurry he is being invited to return to his work at his own terms. He is coming to his own, and some members in the council may yet have to do him reverence.

What a blaze of light there would be in Kingston, and on the streets, if the city spent the same sum as now for the purpose and the Seymour company supplied the power at \$25 per h.p.? The city could either cut its bill in two, with the present illumination, or have as much more light at the same cost.

Some Canadian papers are referring to Dr. Macdonald, of the Globe, in a petulant way. It is evident that in journalism, as in the other professions, there is jealousy. The press of Canada should be proud that it has one who is able to stand up with the biggest men of any country. Dr. Macdonald is a distinguished journalist, and the Whig is proud of him.

The church is criticized in one quarter because it is forever taxing the people and "giving them nothing." It gives them high ideals, and that is all it can do. It cannot make men and women live them out or show them in their daily practices. The early Christians were more devoted, without luxurious churches. Perhaps too much is being thought of the edifice and not enough of the service.

The merchants may not keep Saturday, the birthday of the king, a holiday. Why not? Why cannot business considerations in this small burg be so managed that every Saturday afternoon, during the summer months, at least, may be reserved for diversion? If all the stores in a city like Philadelphia can be closed up on Saturday afternoon all the stores in Kingston should be able to do it.

Pamphlets have been addressed to the press and public men of Canada giving the views of the tariff commission of England on the "Problems of the Imperial Commission and the Policy of Preference." But this is a toy commission, working under the direction of Mr. Chamberlain, and of course it condemns reciprocity in trade. The idea is spread that the report is of a government commission. That is the fraud of it.

Of course a girl is never really angry if a young man tries to kiss her, but if she thinks the occasion demands it she can put up a gigantic bill.

**CONDITION OF CROPS**

MAY HAS BEEN FAVORABLE TO CULTIVATION.

The Rainfall Was Sufficient—April Frosts Were Destructive in Some Districts—What an Ottawa Bulletin Shows.

Ottawa, May 30.—The seeding and draining season in the whole of Canada has opened late this year, according to a census and statistics bulletin, but May has been favorable to land cultivation, while the rainfall was sufficient for healthy vegetation.

Fall wheat, which is grown chiefly in Ontario and Alberta, showed an average condition of 82 per cent., at the end of April, being 89 per cent. in Alberta and 81 per cent. in Ontario. In Ontario, however, the April frosts were destructive in some regions; and from 12 to 34 per cent. of the area sown has been reported as winter killed. The central counties, north of Lake Ontario, suffered worst; the average loss as reported being 34 per cent. In the western counties 27 per cent. of the area in crop has been destroyed. In the southern counties, north of Lake Erie, the loss is 10 per cent.; in the northern counties and districts 12.6 per cent., and in the eastern counties, between the St. Lawrence and Ottawa rivers, 15 per cent. For the whole of Canada the area winter-killed is reported to be 21 per cent., and the per cent. condition of the growing crop is 82.

About 12 1/2 per cent. of the clover was heaved out by the spring frosts, and the average condition of hay and clover at the end of April was 80 per cent. Alberta is better than any other part of Canada, its average being 94 per cent. Nova Scotia comes next, with 93.75, and in Quebec, British Columbia and Saskatchewan, the condition is over 90. In Ontario it is 86, and in Manitoba, 85 per cent.

The percentage of total seedling completed at the end of April was 21.35 in Quebec, 44 in Ontario, 47 in Manitoba, 47.30 in Saskatchewan, 66.81 in Alberta, and 76.90 in British Columbia. Manitoba and Saskatchewan had 70 per cent. of the proposed area of spring wheat sown at the end of April, and Alberta and British Columbia 80 per cent.

**PITH OF THE NEWS**

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Amherstburg will get \$10,000 from Carnegie toward a library.

Sir William Gilbert, the famous librettist, was drowned while swimming near London, Eng.

Patsy Canfield, Guelph, was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary for assaulting women.

Seven passengers are reported killed and twelve badly injured in a railroad collision at Indimola.

Toronto is expected to have five and Ottawa three members when the federal redistribution bill is passed.

During service the St. Dominique street synagogue, Montreal, was wrecked by a mysterious explosion. No one injured seriously.

These sales: Perth, 101c; London, 102c; 191c; St. Catharines, 101c; Coburnville, Que., 101c; Watertown, N.Y., 91c to 92c.

Edvard Handley, a fourteen-year-old Walkerville boy, is locked up at headquarters charged with having shot and seriously wounded a playmate.

At Vandahia, Ill., Miss Hazel Schmidt, daughter of an alderman, has been asleep six weeks, and physicians are unable to rouse her from her trance.

The United States congress will not investigate the "kidnapping" of J. J. McNamara from Indianapolis on a charge of being implicated in the alleged dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times plant.

After the return of Superintendent Jordan, from the iron and steel conference, at New York, the Mackenzie & Mann iron mine, at Sellowood, was closed down for an indefinite period. Over-production of the iron mines of America is given as the cause.

In Montreal, last week, sixty-five children under five years of age died.

Mr. Englehart, of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario railway, says the line of railway will be extended five miles beyond Porcupine to the Hollinger mines.

At Lawrence City, Neb., J. A. McVittie, his wife, and two children were shot, and a third child dangerously wounded, in their beds, by James Fidler, a farm hand, who had been working for McVittie. Fidler later shot and killed himself.


**Looked Over Plans.**

On Monday night, there was a meeting of the finance committee of the city council, when the members had an opportunity of viewing the plans for the new Grand Trunk station and freight sheds. Dr. Ryan, chairman of the Board of Trade railway committee, and other members of that committee met the aldermen, and the plans were gone over.

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Mrs. Elizabeth J. McCormack, widow of the late John T. McCormack, of Amherst Island, Ont., died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Frank McFerr, of Minetto, on Saturday morning, after a lingering illness. Mrs. McCormack was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Gilson and was born on Amherst Island seventy-three years ago and came to Minetto to live with her daughter about eight months ago. She was a charter member of St. Bartholomew's church, of Amherst Island. Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Margaret Hill and Mrs. Rose McFerr, of Minetto; Mrs. Mary McMillin, of Ottawa, Ont., and Mrs. Sarah Gilson, of Amherst Island, besides three sons, John McCormack, of Chicago, and Thomas and Hugo, of Amherst Island; also by three sisters, Mrs. Mary Brown and Mrs. Sarah Gilson, of Amherst Island, and Mrs. Margaret Gilson, of Oswego, N.Y. The remains will be taken to Amherst Island for burial.

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