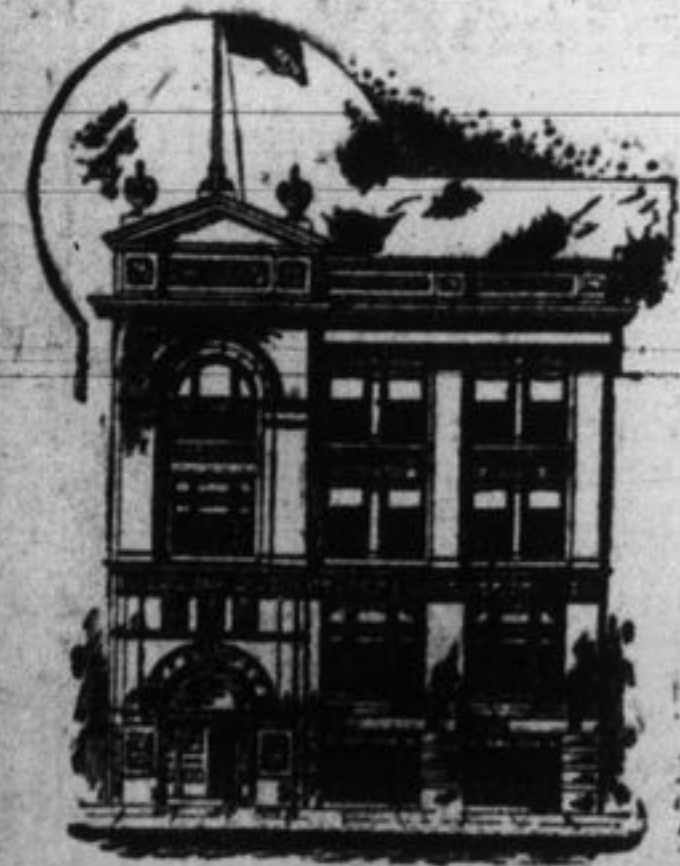


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A good motto: Do not let your outgo exceed your income.

How would it do to tax rents? They have reached luxurious figures.

Is it so that really the high cost of living is only the high cost of luxuries?

Ho! ho! The lettuce and radishes are up. We see cheap vegetables ahead of us.

Even Sir Henry Drayton cannot do as Joshua did—command things and prices to stand still.

Read the Whig ads. and—well, it will pay big profits to the readers who act upon the suggestions.

Are husbands henpecked? We dare not offer an answer that is audible. Let every man answer for himself.

As soon as profiteers hear of over-production, look out for reductions that years of governmental work could not bring about.

A forecaster says June will be a rainy month. Real moist, he says. Thank goodness the hose can be still kept on the shelf.

Bryan is to bob up again in San Francisco at the Democratic convention. But the lights will fade as he orates. He is known.

A moderate tariff policy! That sounds good and should let a great body of Canadians walk under the same banner. It is sane business.

Oregon does not want to be president of Mexico. He looks over the records of Diaz, Huerta, Madero and Carranza and says, "No, thanks."

Yes, sir, potatoes once sold in Kingston for 25c a bag. Hogs at that. But there are no hogs nowadays either in the human or animal kingdom!

Cut down on non-essentials. Get down to hard pan. Work hard, save, buy thrift stamps and some day our children can have the comforts we enjoyed before the war.

Ice! This is a new commodity on the market just now. And it is costly, too. Three months back we would have given anything to have gotten rid of it. Peculiar people, are we not?

The stick of candy that rejoiced one's heart in childhood days and which cost one copper, is now worth eleven cents. And the kind old gentleman is not handing many of them out to the school children.

SCHOOL EFFICIENCY TEST. Should mere examination results be the only efficiency test of a school? According to Mayor Nickle, the Kingston public schools last year passed seventy-six per cent. of the pupils who tried the high school entrance examination, while of the Collegiate Institute pupils who tried the university matriculation only thirty-eight per cent. passed. But just as a baker cannot make good bread with poor flour, so also a teacher cannot make a scholar out of a dull lad or out of one whose capacity for scholastic attainments is very limited.

Might the Kingston Collegiate Institute figures rather prove that parents are sending children on to the secondary school in an effort to get them into the university when they are not fitted for higher education? Perhaps the other three-eighths who failed to pass the matriculation ex-

amination in literature, languages, mathematics and science would excel in other things for which a technical school would fit them. Every boy or girl who enters high school is not fitted for the university. Many of them are only wasting their time in continuing at the study of literature and science, when they might make better mechanics, farmers, nurses or stenographers.

Perhaps the dissection of the Collegiate Institute four-year record in matriculation work may serve a good purpose if the conditions are studied out, and a list of those who failed to pass would have to be secured. It is not fair to say that because the Collegiate Institute has failed to pass more than two-fifths of the pupils in the matriculation tests, its staff are inefficient when it is well known that there is a great deal of neglect and idleness on the part of many pupils whose fond parents are too easy with their sons and daughters, and do not see that they study as school lads and lasses did years ago, when amusements were far fewer than they are to-day.

CORNER-STONES AND BABIES. The most interesting corner of a newspaper for those who have a real taste for news is the section devoted to births, marriages and deaths, and of these by far the most interesting is birth column. The reason is obvious; for that is God's way of sweetening and cleansing the world. What a baby cannot do cannot be done.

We have spent some years now talking about the war; would it not be better if we talked about babies? Listen: During the years 1809 to 1815 everybody in England was talking about war. Yet in those years what a host of heroes were born! In 1809 Gladstone was born in Liverpool, Tennison in Smeraby, Oliver Wendell Holmes in Massachusetts, Charles Darwin in Shrewsbury, and Abe Lincoln in Old Kentucky. In the same year Chopin saw the light of day in Warsaw and Mendelssohn in Hamburg. In 1813 the children of Blantyre ran home to tell that there was a new baby at Neil Livingstone's store. But at the store there was no such excitement. Through the long spring evenings half a dozen men talked in that odorous store about how the war was going, about how it fared with Neil Livingstone's two brothers who were fighting with the Iron Duke, about the chances of ultimate victory over Napoleon. But no one thought of the baby; that is, no one but his mother. And yet the birth of David Livingstone was of profounder influence to the world than the birth of Napoleon Bonaparte. The plain fact is that while we think God manages the world by big battalions abroad, all the while He does it by beautiful babies at home. And sometimes we find numbers of men forever talking about "the Empire" who would advance its interests much more if they would mind their "own little bit of empire at home," while their wives got the dinner. For any future the Empire has is bound up in the babies. It seems strange, then, that so few people are interested in babies. But it has always been so. There never is a room for a baby; there wasn't any room when Jesus was born.

The church has done much to dignify the advent of the baby and to throw a charm around young life. That is why there is so much significance in the laying of two corner-stones this week in this Christian community—a corner-stone of a day school and a corner-stone of a Sunday school. These things mean more than if a town hall and court house, jail and asylum had all been planned in a single hour.

For whether we like it or not, as the future lies with the babies, and as the twig is bent the tree will grow. Better schools and better Sunday schools—this way lies the only hopeful sign of the future world. Let us take care of the babies of to-day, they are the leaders of to-morrow.

TRAINING OF TEACHERS. In dealing with the situation relative to the Faculty of Education, of which the University Schools are an integral part, it might reasonably be urged that any proposed change should not be made until the question has been reviewed from every angle," remarks the Toronto Globe.

If removed to any other city in the province, could the Faculty be given the facilities that exist at the University Schools, the university itself, and all the splendid institutions and organizations with which it is affiliated and associated, and which are situated so close to one another? There is a continuity of inspiration in the present system, and there are working advantages that appeal very strongly to all who consider the question carefully.

Twelve years ago the Ontario Government abandoned the policy of training candidates for the higher teachers' certificates in a separate "normal college" and assigned this work to University Faculties of Education. This policy had already commended itself in the training of the members of other professions besides that of teaching, notably, in the training for the medical profession, where the University Faculty of Medicine had supplanted almost entirely the independent medical college.

In England, Scotland and the United States the training of teachers

had come to be regarded as a proper university function, and Ontario was simply adopting a practice which had met with success in other democratic and progressive countries.

Since the establishment of the two Ontario Faculties of Education, the movement for the professional training of teachers in university departments, faculties and schools (all three names are used) has grown very rapidly. According to recent information given out by the United States commissioner of education, there are now 250 universities and colleges in the United States which train teachers for public and high school teaching. All the newer universities in England (Manchester, Liverpool, Sheffield, Birmingham, etc.) do the same, and the University of Oxford in co-operation with the English Board of Education (the central authority) has recently undertaken to establish a department of education for the training of elementary and secondary teachers quite similar in its general aim and the scope of its work to the Faculties of Education in Ontario.

The following are extracts from a recent address by the director of training in Oxford on the subject, "The Universities and the Training of Teachers": "We shall also, I think, acknowledge the board's wisdom when it confines itself to general principles and look to the universities to initiate and devise. The first condition of high efficiency in any educational scheme is, I am sure, that it shall be the creation of those who work it."

We quote again: "That the education of teachers is a task for which the universities are peculiarly fitted few will contest. No other institutions could do the work so well, if they could do it at all. Nowhere could we find conditions so well suited to counteract by anticipation the narrowing influence of a teacher's life as in the universities, where learning and research are pursued for their own sake, where any tendency to narrow specialism is counteracted by the simultaneous study of every important branch; where students congregate of every kind and class, destined for every variety of career; and where this universality of type finds a parallel in a many-sided social life.

"It may not be irrelevant to suggest that in making this task of educating teachers their own the universities are merely returning to their original function of producing masters, men qualified to teach the arts they have studied. "The universities are of course as much concerned with the academic as with the professional training of the teacher, and the calls upon them are likely to increase as the old type of special training college tends to disappear.

"That the professional as well as the academic education of teachers should be carried on in the universities seems equally clear. The same general considerations apply. It is essentially post graduation work. The theoretical side of it demands teaching of university standard. The only possible alternative is to assign training to colleges devoted exclusively to the purpose. But such specialized institutions inevitably develop an atmosphere which influences both students and teachers in just the direction which it is most important to avoid."

The question that arises is: Was the Minister of Education well advised when he decided to cut out the faculties and do the work in the normal colleges—a retrograde step that is demonstrated by reading the views of educationists all over the world? Queen's and its friends, as Toronto University is doing, should show the fallacy of the contentions of the minister's advisors in the issue at hand.

PUBLIC OPINION

Lucky Sometimes. (Philadelphia Record) The shivering populace may console itself with truth expressed by the poet: "It is not always May!"

One Luxury Untaxed. (Woodstock Sentinel) However some luxuries have escaped. Perhaps the budget makers did not know the luxury of tired feet wearing old shoes.

What Really Hurts. (New Orleans States) The Baltimore American says the profiteers are certain to go to hell. Maybe so, but we would be greatly obliged to them if they were to stop giving us hell before they go.

Can't Scare Them. (New Orleans States) Somebody says that the constant regular or irregular use of beverages containing alcohol will sooner or later make trouble for the kidneys. But this will not frighten millions.

Rippling Rhymes

OPTIMISM. Are you sad and weary hearted, are you full of prunes? Come and see my lyre get started, hear my cheer-up tunes. Do you think you've cornered sorrow? I have griefs, as well; but I'm banking on to-morrow; hear my blithesome yell. I have done a lot more weeping than I'll do again; I have seen and seen the reaping done by other men; I've had spuds and hoped to cook them, greens I wished to eat; but the sheriff came and took them, in the name of Pete. I have lost an aunt so stately that she beat Lenore; even yet I miss her greatly, but I keep no more. For our tears bring home no bacon, bring no feller in; when we're stricken and forsaken, it is best to grin. Are you beaten down and broken, finding life too hard? Come and hear a glad word spoken by a corned bard. Single sorrows soon are double if you weep and sigh; nothing scares off Old Man Trouble like a courage high.

—WALT MASON.

of people who are ready to make oath to the fact that they would feel infinitely better than they do now if they had a little kidney trouble.

LOOKS LIKE IT. (Chicago Tribune) Apparently it is the purpose of the revolutionists in Ireland to reduce the country to that aspect which led the Irish soldier in one of the best of war stories, to inquire: "How long have yer had home rule?"

Walking. (Winnipeg Free Press) To foot it leisurely with eyes open and shoulders erect, an understanding companion beside one, is to have silence or speech as the mood dictates. Some there are averse to talking themselves, who like to listen as they walk. With choice spirits, there is safety, however long the stretch may be. And the end brings sleep as a delicious concomitant to leg-weariness.

The Worker's Duty. (London Free Press) The worker upon his part must get away from the idea that quality production spells idleness for him sooner or later. The fact might be proved over and over again in the experience of everybody's life that where there is abundance there is prosperity and happiness. It is, therefore, the duty of the worker, in whatever sphere, not to seek to limit production, but rather to encourage it. Nothing would make labor so cheap as famine.

FAMOUS QUOTATIONS AND THEIR ORIGIN. THE DEMON RUM. Now that the prohibitionists have just won their greatest victory of all ages in making the United States of America "dry" it is of interest to note what some great men of the past have had to say on the subject of alcoholic drinks. In the "Iliad," Homer (Greek 1-900 B.C.) remarks: "Inflaming wine, pernicious to mankind." Solomon says, in the Bible: "Wine is a mocker; strong drink is raging." Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth color in the cup; at the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." Pythagoras (Greek 540-500 B.C.) founder of the practical school of philosophy, says: "Drunkenness is an expression identical with ruin." Shakespeare, in "Othello" says: "O thou invisible spirit of wine, if thou hast no name to be known by, let us call thee devil." Robert Hall, (English 1764-1831) says: "Call things by their right names. Glass of brandy and water! That is the current but not the appropriate name; ask for a glass of liquid fire and distilled damnation." McDonald Clarke (1792-1842) calls the saloon, "The horrible light-house of hell."

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SYDENHAM CONDENSARY. About Fifty People Will Be Employed by Bowes Co. The fact that a new milk condensary has been established by the Bowes Company, of Toronto, in Sydenham means a great deal for the village. Many workmen are engaged in erecting one of the most up-to-date condensaries in the Dominion. Had the company searched the whole province they could not have secured a better location than they have at Sydenham. On one side of the building they have the main line of the Canadian Northern Railroad, while on the other side they have abundance of fresh water.

The building is of brick and concrete blocks. For some months there were one hundred men at the work, but this number gradually decreased while the work had advanced until at the present time there are about fifty. It is stated that if everything goes along well the factory will be open in a couple of weeks. This industry means a lot for Sydenham, as it is expected that about fifty people will be employed in the condensary.

Dr. J. H. Mullin of Hamilton, was elected as president of the Ontario Medical Association.

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Mr. Mitchell passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Dan Gray, Roblin, on Sunday. Burial took place at Harlows on Tuesday.