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ATTENDANCE IN SCHOOLS SWELLED BY NEW LAW
Inspector Stuart Talks About Classification and the Adolescent Law.

Inspector Stuart, of the public schools, in his annual report discusses the classification and attendance in a very practical way. He says:

For several years the total enrollment has been practically stationary. Since 1921, the first year in which the Adolescent School Attendance Act affected the attendance, there has been a significant change in the classification, as the following statement of comparative enrollment, by grades, for 1921 and 1923, will show:

	1921.	1923.
Kindergarten-Primary	220	240
Junior First	681	554
Senior First	247	483
Second	277	483
Third	563	639
Fourth	419	517
	2,706	2,758

It will be observed that the total enrollment in the kindergarten-primary and junior first grades is 187 less in 1923 than in 1921, while the Third Book enrollment increased by 76 and the Fourth Book by 99. These, of course, are the grades in which the attendance was swelled by the new law. We now have two more teachers engaged in Fourth Book work than in 1921, and should have more still, as most of the classes in these grades are crowded. The additional rooms and teachers were found by reducing the number of Primary classes.

Last month (November) was not typical, because of the prevalence of scarlet fever and chicken pox, but an analysis of the causes of absence from school may be interesting. The aggregate possible attendance for the month came to 57,426 days. The possible attendance is calculated by multiplying the total number enrolled by the number of school days in the month, making, then, due allowance for pupils who entered late or withdrew before the end of the month. The annual attendance was 50,169 days or 87 per cent. of the possible. There were, therefore, 7,259 days' attendance lost from various causes. Personal sickness or exclusion under the Health Act accounted for 5,769 days, or about 78 per cent. of the total absence. In a normal month this would not amount to more than about 2,500 days. Twenty-eight pupils were absent under employment certificates or certificates for Home Employment for a total of 543 days. For 1,107 days' absence the teachers report satisfactory reasons were given; for the remaining 442 days the explanations of absence were not acceptable. It thus appears that with respect to 99 3-4 per cent. of the total possible attendance the pupils were either present or their absence was due to necessary or urgent causes.

All Cannot Be Eliminated.
 It must not be assumed, however, that all unnecessary absence can be eliminated. Many parents are careless; and in many cases their control of their children is feeble. Most of the 442 days consisted of casual absence for a day or half-day at a time for causes which in well ordered families are avoided, such as visiting relatives, doing errands, occasional casual employment, etc. The majority of the pupils offending in these ways have a good or fairly good general record for attendance; and absence without the knowledge of the parents is very rare. There are, of course, cases where a sufficient attendance is difficult to secure, owing to the greed, ignorance or helplessness of the parents. If it were not for the excellent work of the attendance officer conditions would be much worse, as a comparison with years previous to her appointment would prove. Some delinquent parents offend through shiftlessness rather than wrong intent. There are others who seek to evade their parental obligations through crass ignorance or selfishness and compliance can be secured only under compulsion. A reasonable application of the penalties of the law would be wholesome. For the whole of last year the actual attendance was over 91 per cent. of the possible attendance, calculated as described above, and Kingston ranked among those cities having the highest standing in this respect in the province.

Adolescent School Attendance Act.
 The number of public school pupils exempted from attendance under the provisions of this act is now less than thirty. This is an unexpectedly small number and indicates great care and firmness on the part of the attendance officer. Whether the number so exempt can be kept as low as this is uncertain, depending upon general economic conditions in the city.

I have gone into the matter, in detail, with the Provincial Attendance Officer; and have his admission that, in view of the small number out of school with Employment Certificates or Home Permits, and the further consideration that, at present, no suitable school accommodation is available, it does not seem expedient to press for the establishment of part-time courses. It should be noted that all of the 28 pupils now exempt could not or would not attend special part-time classes. Some would prefer to carry on the work of the regular classes with a view to passing the entrance examination. In other cases, owing to peculiar cir-

cumstances, it would be inexpedient or impossible to require attendance. Most of the girls having Home Permits could not attend unless some provision were made to relieve them at home during their school attendance. Deductions for such reasons as these make the list of those who could attend quite small.

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On the way home he began to think it over. "It took me ten years to learn how to make money out of my business," he remarked to himself. "There are evidently reasons why the market goes up and down, just as there are reasons why one color blends with another—guess investing must be a business in itself."

It is, consult your banker before taking a fling at it.

WHY THE WEATHER?
 DR. CHARLES F. BROOKS
 Secretary, American Meteorological Society, Tells How.

Severe Early Winter Weather.
 In marked contrast to the mildness of November and December in eastern North America stands the coldness and snowiness of the same period in the southwestern United States and northern Mexico, and in western, central and southern Europe. Over the North Atlantic and Pacific are big high pressure areas, usually centering between latitudes 30 and 35 degrees. During the first half of this winter these highs over both the Atlantic and the eastern Pacific seem to have been unusually strong and several hundred miles north of the usual winter positions. Seemingly in consequence of this displacement, great masses of air entered the plateau regions of the United States, piled up and overflowed strongly southeastward and southward. Hence, northerly winds were frequent in California, Arizona and New Mexico, and unusual cold, snow and rain occurred in the southern plateau and northern Mexico.

Meanwhile, western and southern Europe were experiencing even stormier weather than our Southwest. Tremendous floods, unprecedented snowfalls and avalanches, and westerly to northerly gales have featured in European dispatches since early November.

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Mixed the Notes
 By MARION E. LEIGHTON.

Doug Cushman pulled the comfortable old barrel-chair up in front of the glowing stove, swung the camp's only rocker alongside and motioned his gloomy guest into it.

Supper had been cleared away and a long evening loved ahead. To one it meant merely an evening of rest and unexpected companionship after a hard day's toil; to the other an interminable period of misery which time alone could alleviate.

With his pipe glowing comfortably, Doug elevated his feet to the heat and puffed contentedly into the atmosphere.

"Spill it, Ted," he invited cheerfully. "Tell me what calamity brings you down to Whiteville and into the wilds of the Million Acre Lot; has the T. B. Dexter company gone into bankruptcy?"

B. Dexter of the company shook his head.

Doug, little realizing the depth of the tragedy involving his companion, continued the conversation.

"Lucky dog you are, Ted. Nicest little wife a man ever had—business like a million dollars—everything—and look at me! Bachelor sceler for a lumber concern in the wilds of Maine—no home excepting where I hang my hat, and good prospects of dying alone in my old age."

Dexter forced a wan smile. "Your prospects are as good as mine at present," he replied gloomily. "Better, if I mistake not, a certain young lady's sentiment toward you."

Doug showed interest. "Young lady! Who is she?" he queried.

"Alice Blake."

Doug flushed. "Did—did she inquire for me?" he stammered.

"Nobody else," shortly.

It took Doug half a minute to recover from this. Then he changed the subject.

"But you haven't told me your troubles, Ted," he reminded the other.

Dexter turned a set face toward the barrel-chair. "Doug," he said hoarsely. "Flo has left me."

Doug's feet came down with a bang, and he stared blankly at Dexter.

"Florence! Left you! You're joking!"

Dexter shook his head in abject misery.

Doug placed a hand on the other's arm. "Tell me about it," he sympathized.

"There isn't much to tell," after a moment. "She had seemed sort of restless and preoccupied—perhaps, discontented, I don't know, for a month. I came home from the office the other night and found this. Read it yourself."

He handed his friend a folded piece of note-paper and sank into the depths again while Doug read:

"I can stand this horrible life no longer! Please don't try to detain me—it is useless. Our marriage was a mistake and could result only in falling apart. I shall have my lawyer arrange for a divorce as soon as possible. Good-by!"

Doug regarded the note with a puzzled frown. "That gets me," he admitted. "Doesn't sound like Florence at all. But it's her writing, all right. Do you try to cheer her?"

"I searched the town high and low. Nobody had seen her. Nobody knew where she was. I stayed around for two days, hoping against hope. Couldn't stand it any longer—gave it up and came down here."

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TELLS OF WILD AUSTRALIA.
 Visitor Describes Northwest Coast, Which Abounds in Mineral Wealth.

The northwest coast of Australia is one of the least explored portions of the world, and a recent visitor, E. J. Stuart, has given a graphic account of an expedition along its shores.

Mineral wealth, land capable of vast farming developments and a sea, teeming with sea creatures, were to be seen along the coast. The water on the reefs teemed with fish and shellfish, and the coral here is exceptionally fine. On a fine morning large stingrays can be seen flopping about in all directions in the shallows, and white and blue cranes walk daintily over this wonderful scene. The dawn is heralded by the screech of thousands of cockatoos, which feed on the islands.

It was in such a spot that the author once witnessed a curious sight.

"I saw a bird in difficulties on one occasion when I was out shooting snipe and was wending my way back to the schooner with a good bag," he says. "The bird had its wings spread and was apparently tugging at something on the ground. It proved to be a snipe which had been caught by the bill by a live cockle when the tide was low."

"I caught the bird and tried to extricate his beak, but I had to carry him on to the schooner with the cockle attached, where I cut the hinge of the bivalve. On releasing the bill I found that it was badly bent, but I straightened it with my fingers and then dipped the beak in water, which was greedily drunk. The bird then walked along the deck, shook himself and flew away."

According to Mr. Stuart, Dr. Rougemont, whose accounts of wild Australia were given in a derivation twenty years ago, was by no means the liar that has been supposed.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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