# BACK ACHES

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**Doan's Kidney Pills Doing It.**

Few people stop to consider what an aching, paining, lame back means,—fail to recognize that it is the kidneys beneath the back that are the source of the trouble.

The pain in the back is simply the kidneys' cry for help. Will you go to them with the right remedy?

Doan's Kidney Pills are the right remedy. They have cured hundreds of aching backs in Ottawa; have cured thousands of cases of severe kidney disease throughout the dominion.

Many people are coming forward and speaking a good word for Doan's Kidney Pills. One of these is Andrew Maleary, 584 Lisgar street, Ottawa.

He said that for five years he had been greatly troubled with severe pains across his back and hot flushes extending up between his shoulders and over his body. When he stooped he could not straighten up again without pain intense over his kidneys.

"I saw Doan's Kidney Pills favorably mentioned," said he, "and got a box at the drug store, and must say that I experienced relief from the first few doses. I continued to improve right along, and am now free from pain of any kind, and feel quite restored to my usual health."

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10 dozen Sailors in all the latest shapes, ranging in price from 25c and upwards. All other styles Ha's up-to-date. Everybody buy a new hat.

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Sold and recommended by all druggists in Canada. Only reliable medicine discovered. Six packages guaranteed to cure all forms of Sexual Weakness, all effects of abuse or excess, Mental Worry, Excessive use of Tobacco, Opium or Stimulants. Mailed on receipt of price, one package $1, six, $5. One will please, six will cure. Pamphlets free to any address.

The Wood Company, Windsor, Ont.

Wood's Phosphodine is sold in Kingston by W. H. Medley and Henry Wade, druggists.

## New Blacksmith Shop.

EMUEL MILK, FORMERLY IN THE EMpire of N. Wilmot for many years, has opened a Blacksmith and Horse Shoeing Shop on PRINCESS STREET, in rear of S. S. Corbett's Undertaking Establishment, where he will be prepared to do first-class work. A call is respectfully solicited.

EMUEL MILK.


Thomas Collop, a prominent citizen of Chatham, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head.

# THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

## RELIGIOUS TEACHERS HAVE A WORDY COMBAT.

**Myddleton Wood Roundly Criticized—He Would Not Allow a Question by Dr. Evans—Only One Man Authorized by God to Preach—a Religious Swindle.**

Myddleton Wood, Catholic Apostolic evangelist of this city, spoke yesterday afternoon in the Oddfellows' hall, Princess street. His subject was "The Second Coming of Christ." In his enthusiasm some strange and incomprehensible statements were made. It was but a mere handful of people who listened to the address and were partakers in the excitement that followed; but had they known what was to come after, the hall would never have held them. It is a universal and an unquestionable belief that christianity makes men better and holier. It should and does make them gentlemen; yet many a one's belief is oftentimes badly shaken by proclaimers of the word. "How these christians do love one another" seems to have a deep meaning.

In his address yesterday Myddleton Wood said that there was but one God and He was personal—a distinct, individual person, and one unknowable. We had come to a time when, as the Jews did, we ask, "Who is God?" If the papers stated correctly 700 people went to the city hall Tuesday night to hear a principle, not the true God, discussed. God had a purpose, and in it time was an element. The word of God was not always understood, but because a poor worm of the earth did not understand the words of the God of heaven, was it any reason they were not true? Every word written in the bible was true, historically and prophetically. To say that Jesus did His works on earth to prove that He was of God is a devilish misunderstanding to say the least. Our dear, deluded brother in the city hall the other night made the same mistake. Christ came at the end of the Jewish dispensation. The parables in Matthew related to His coming. The tares as well as the wheat were to bring forth fruit. Paul tells of the final result of the harvesting of the tares. There is only one faith and that is centred in the living God. This dispensation is nearly as old as the others; the signs of the times point to a nearly ripened harvest. That sign is the denial of the living person of God. Jesus, after dying, went down into Hades and preached to the captives there. Then in human form he went up into heaven, and there now abides, looking down upon us. Jesus Christ is in the spirit to day. Many christian scientists, spiritualists, etc., deny that Christ is in the flesh, and that is the spirit of anti-Christ. Holiness movement meetings were filled with talk about "the spirit"—another sign of anti-Christ.

"That poor, deluded brother," exclaimed the speaker, "said at the city hall the other night that man is good. He is not good; if he were he would not need a Saviour. If our Methodist and other brethren knew the harm and fearful delusion resulting from their teaching not to smoke, dance, drink, etc., as if many negatives made a positive! they would fall upon their knees for forgiveness."

A voice: "That is not the teaching of the Methodists." But the speaker went on.

"Will you allow me to ask you a question?" asked Rev. Dr. Evans, who was in the audience.

"No, sir!" was the quick rejoinder. From all parts of the audience came the cries of "Question," "Question." But the speaker commanded Dr. Evans, who had asked but a polite question, to be still. The energy and tone of voice during the rest of the sermon were scarcely suitable to a talk on a religious topic.

Regarding the scriptural translation of a Greek phrase touching the coming of Christ, Rev. Mr. Wood said it might be construed to mean, "He has come, is come, and is coming," thus embracing the past, present and future tenses.

After the meeting was over Dr. Evans approached the speaker, telling him he was dishonest, and that he himself knew he was, in palming off such stuff upon an audience. "Your statements will not allow such argument," exclaimed the doctor forcibly; "a child could purchase them. There is no such rendering of the Greek translation as you gave. Quoting Greek when you can't read it!" scornfully ejaculated Dr. Evans.

In conversation the doctor said there was no scripture to prove that Christ went down into hades and preached to the captives. The whole thing was preposterous; it was a religious swindle. He had never heard such humbug in his life. In his seventeen years of ministry Dr. Evans said he had never been insulted as he had that afternoon; the speaker would not allow of a gentlemanly question. "My religion has at least made me a gentleman," declared Dr. Evans. "He says he has authority from God to preach, and thinks that we other preachers have not. If he is the only representative of Jehovah, God has made a bad choice to say the least."

As the few remaining ones were passing out the hallway Myddleton Wood demanded that they should move aside and not block the door. This again resulted in a few more words between the two clergymen. Dr. Evans declared he was not blocking the doorway, when his wordy antagonist placed his hands upon him to shove him aside. "Don't you put your hands on me," exclaimed the doctor, his "righteous indignation" plainly manifesting itself, "or you'll be sorry for it ever afterward!"

The tall form of Myddleton Wood disappeared down the stairs, white his smaller sized brother's displeasure and indignation increased as he discussed the events of the past few minutes.

"Everybody who is for Dr. Evans hold up their hands!" shouted somebody, and nearly every hand went up. The address will be continued next Sunday and the energetic little doctor declares he will come and get a hearing, too, if possible.

### Church Paragraphs.

The majority of the church choirs are busy practising Christmas music.

The series of Sunday afternoon talks concludes next Sunday with an address by principal Grant.

Rev. Archibald Duncan Dunkin goes to Vankleek Hill and Rev. Mr. Garrett, Whitney, succeeds him at Janeville, a subject of Ottawa.

Queen street Methodist Sabbath school had 416 in attendance yesterday, the largest number at any one session in the history of the school.

Last evening Rev. S. Houston, Cooke's church, preached an impressive sermon on "The Unpardonable Sin, or Blasphemy Against the Holy Ghost."

A fifth of the subscription list to the fund of one million guineas, which the English Wesleyan Methodists are desirous of raising next year, has already been promised.

The principal of Queen's college yesterday offered up an earnest prayer on behalf of the controllers of the local civic government, an example which might be profitably followed by even the mayor and aldermen.

## PONTON IN THE CITY.

**Calling Upon His Many Friends—He Hopes For The Future.**

Kingston was visited on Saturday by a celebrated personage, known throughout the continent as "Billy" Ponton, of Napanee bank robbery fame, who has stood trial twice, but will have to undergo the ordeal once again before knowing his fate, and from recent events it is almost a certainty that he will come out of the unpleasant business a free man, clear of suspicion and able to resume his place in the world. If popular opinion would free him without the tediousness of a trial, he would stand forth at once, clear of the law and its exactings.

Ponton is very well known here, where he has many friends, in fact it is a rare thing to meet an enemy or one who holds the slightest belief that he is guilty of the crime charged against him. Everywhere he went during his brief visit here Saturday he was extended the glad hand of friendship and assured that success was desired him in his struggle, and that his friends would rejoice to hear of his acquittal. He feels very grateful for the interest in his behalf taken by the citizens of Kingston, and for the many expressions of kindness in his behalf that had reached him.

The reason of his visit here was to complete terms with George A. McGowan, with whom he has engaged to represent the Frontenac cigar factory "on the road." His engagement begins at once, in fact he returned to the city from Belleville to day to prepare his samples, and expects to start out to morrow or Wednesday at the latest. He realizes that there is more money in commercial business than in working for a banking concern at meagre salary. He is not so constituted that he can subsist on air, and it is not likely he will return to the banking business, therefore his entry into "trade" became a matter of necessity.

Ponton possesses a strong personality which impresses itself favorably upon all with whom he comes in contact. He is a remarkably "big boy" for his age; his blonde hair and rosy cheeks adding still to his youthful appearance. It is hard to credit this mild mannered, good natured youth with so great a crime. His bearing seems to resent the thought.

He is cheerful and hopeful for the result. He feels the need of funds to prosecute his defence, though he says his friends have stayed by him nobly. He has the greatest respect for E. Gus Porter and his ability. Ponton's mother mortgaged everything she possessed to obtain money for her son's defence. Two years ago "Billy" Ponton played hockey here with the Napanee team against Frontenacs.

## OFFICERS OF THE 47TH.

**Discuss Their Annual Training—The Men in Command—Good Treatment.**

On Saturday morning last a meeting of the officers of the 47th battalion was held at the Windsor hotel for the purpose of completing arrangements for their annual training in Fort Henry, beginning on January 3rd, such as the appointing of a caterer for the officers' mess, deciding on the winter outfit of officers, the order in which the companies would go into the fort, etc.

There were several applications for the position of caterer, but these dwindled down to three. After considerable discussion the contract was awarded to gunner Fowler, "A" field battery, who lives in the fort. As to the winter outfits the majority decided upon caps and gauntlets of black Persian lamb and regulation great coats.

Companies Nos. 1 and 7, under command of Capt. Ferguson and brevet major Mabee, will go into camp on January 3rd; companies Nos. 3 and 6, Capts. Amey and Bell, on January 17th; companies Nos. 4 and 5, Capts. Sharpe and A. H. Hunter, on January 31st; company No. 2, Capt. Knight, on February 14th.

The commanding officer will command the first contingent, major Clarke the second, Lieut. Col. Spooner the third, while Capt. and Adj. Rewson will command the last. It was decided to request the chaplain of the regiment, principal Grant, to preach to the first contingent in one of the city churches on January 8th.

The band of the battalion will not be brought into camp but the buglers will. Some of the remains interested in their comfort bring 250 men instead of forty-two, so that no difficulty will be encountered in securing the very best men. The financial condition of the battalion was found to be in a highly satisfactory condition. The officers all expressed their appreciation of the treatment they are receiving at the hands of the militia department, and will do their best to make the experiment a success.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

**Works Of Supererogation.**

KINGSTON, Dec. 9.—To the Editor: So many people have asked me what is meant by works of supererogation that I will ask you to give the following definition from the Century dictionary: "Works of supererogation in Roman Catholic theology, Works done beyond what God requires, and constituting a reserved store of merit from which the church may draw, and decree to those whose service is defective." I do not vouch for the accuracy of this definition in every respect, and it is only fair to add that I believe the doctrine is not and never has been of faith in the Roman church, but it shows itself practically in the granting of indulgences and in such advertisements as the following, taken from the Canadian Freeman of Wednesday, November 30th: "Athens church debt reduced from $2,000 to $1,200. All those who will send me one dollar or more, I promise them that they will have part in all my masses, offices, prayers and all the other good works that may be done by me until my death." The bishop cut the declaration of the fourteenth article concerning the doctrine it condemns "by them men do declare . . . that they do more for His (God's) sake than of bounden duty is required." Father —— evidently thinks that he can do more good works than are necessary for his own salvation, and kindly offers, for the small consideration of $1, to hand over a share to others who are less fortunately situated.

ROBT. W. RAYSON.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

**Pithy Paragraphs About Persons At Home And Abroad.**

H. Robertson, spending a few days at Toronto, returned home on Saturday last.

A. Lovick, of the city, to attend the wedding of his sister, returned to Rochester, N.Y., yesterday.

A. D. Stevenson, for many years associated with the Rebellion & Gananoque company, is seriously ill.

Miss Effie Reid, Watertown, N.Y., is in the city to spend Christmas season with her mother, Mrs. Reid, Colborne street.

For asthma use Clarke's Kola Compound. You can get samples at Sills' drug store.

# INCIDENTS OF THE DAY.

## PARAGRAPHS PICKED UP BY OUR BUSY REPORTERS.

**The Spice of Everyday Life—What the People Are Talking About—Nothing Escapes the Attention of Those Who Are Taking Notes.**

"Kitchener" neckwear only at Oak Hall.

Renfrew's water works and sewerage system cost $74,184.06. The revenue is $2,501.97 and expenditure $1,091.29.

Fur lined gloves $1.25 pair at Oak Hall.

Military hair brushes in leather cases from $2 a pair. E. C. Mitchell.

When I call Madge a rosebud
Her glances are glad;
If I call her a dairy,
Why, then she gets mad.

Dressmaking and mantle making by the day or week. Miss K. McNamee, 62 Earl street.

Extra heavy "Klondike" underwear $1 suit. Oak Hall.

The poet sang of woodland ways,
Sweet singing birds and such as that;
The poet's wife then sold these lays
And bought a stuffed bird for her hat.

For variety and low prices in pretty fancy goods see E. C. Mitchell's stock.

For chapped hands use Sills' Cream of Witch Hazel. 25c. bottle at Sills' drug store.

Oh, Blame is not with language bold,
Let courage still be strong;
No matter if it's hot or cold,
'Tis sure to change ere long.

Men's fine gloves. Reindeer at $1.25 pair lined. Oak Hall.

The five teachers of the public schools who were discriminated against by the board of education will demand an investigation of their cases.

The loser of a package of Xmas cards on Saturday night can have them at this office.

"Kitchener" neckwear, strictly high grade silks, 50c., four-in-hands or puffs. Oak Hall.

The steamer Chieftain left the government dry dock on Saturday, and this morning the steamer Armenia entered for repairs.

All the latest novelties in footwear at Abernethy's.

In the removal of the old frame house in the upper portion of Ardelay park an historic landmark will be forever removed. The old house is associated with the earlier military history of Kingston.

Heavy driving and working mitts 40c., 50c. Genuine buckskin lined $1. Oak Hall.

The president desires to say that members of the Kingston reform association and young liberals are invited to be at the Wigg hall this evening at eight o'clock to take part in concert and presentation.

Buy the boy a camera for Christmas. Nothing would please him more. $5 and up. E. C. Mitchell.

A great many drunken men were seen on the street Saturday night. Perhaps the industry of the license inspector to make his usual calls is being taken advantage of by the license holders.

If your duties are a burden, it is because you are not well. Miller's Compound Iron Pills will correct this condition, and work will become a pleasure. Sold by all drug stores.

Everything that's good in perfumes. Prices from 10c. to $3 a bottle. See our stock. E. C. Mitchell.

It is a pleasing sight to see a line of a dozen or more sleighs driving to and from the mill shed site and the King street breakwater. It is a sign of life, and it is pleasing to know the working classes are kept busy.

We don't give coupons or trading stamps. But we cured customers never suffer by dealing here. Oak Hall one price clothing and furnishings.

Fine perfumes, cut glass, a cigar case, a sterling silver cigar cutter, cigar moistening box, ash tray, tobacco jar, tobacco pouch, cigar holder or a box of cigars, and get it at E. C. Mitchell's.

Merchants entered splendid business Saturday, in the evening especially. Christmas crowded the stores, some to get their Christmas shopping done in advance. Prosperity seemed pressed in every article of merchandise during the evening.

By their action on the stomach, liver and bowels, Milburn's Worm Powders cure all such troubles as lack of appetite, biliousness, dizziness, sallow complexion, etc. 25c. a box. All druggists.

## THE AFFAIR CALLED OFF.

**For Lack of Interest no Branch Can be Formed Here.**

The adjourned meeting of the commercial travellers was called for 7.30 o'clock Saturday afternoon, but at the expiration of hour only M. S. Sutherland, F. Oberndorfer and H. F. Parent put in appearance, consequently no business could be transacted. It seems strange that Kingston, a city affording residence of 100 commercial travellers, cannot affect a branch of the association, which every other town in Canada has. Monthly meetings could be held and not less than twenty-five could be guaranteed to attend. Some seem to think the sole object of forming the association is to arrange for an annual dinner, but this is only an after consideration. "I for one get enough to eat and do not need to attend public dinners," said a commercial man to me. "It was solely for the benefit of the travellers that I joined to see the association formed."

M. S. Sutherland, B. W. Robertson and W. S. R. Burton are candidates for the office of director of the Kingston branch of the dominion association. Two are to be elected. The annual meeting takes place at Toronto on the 29th inst.


## Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure

Is An Absolute Cure for Catarrh.

You may have tried so-called catarrh remedies and found them of no lasting benefit. You may believe, as many people do, that catarrh cannot be cured. You are mistaken. Catarrh can be cured, and it is being cured every day by Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure.

The superior excellence of Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure was thoroughly tested by Dr. Chase in his practice before it was offered for public sale. Since then the testimony of thousands of grateful men and women has proven beyond a doubt that Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure is an absolute and permanent cure for catarrh.

Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure is delightfully soothing and healing. It clears the head at once, makes breathing free and easy, relieves the pressure on the brain which causes headache, restores hearing, sweetens the breath and completely cures catarrh.

25c. a box, blower free. At all dealers or Edmanson, Bates & Co., Toronto, Ont.


## CITY AND VICINITY.

**Says He Was Robbed.**

John Shanahan, who was before the police court this morning on a charge of drunkenness, claims that he was robbed of $19.

**Pratt's Iron Pills With Arsenic**

For impoverished blood, general debility and impaired digestion, 25c. McLeod's drug store.

**St. George's Hall.**

Christmas sale of work and afternoon tea Tuesday at four o'clock. Tableaux, concert and band in the evening.

**Stricken With Paralysis.**

On Saturday last, John Miller, engineer, father of William Miller, assistant chief of the fire brigade, was stricken with paralysis. He is in a low condition but is expected to rally.

**Great Sale Of Ready-Made Clothing.**

Parent is selling boys' and youths' overcoats, all wool, for $3.50; boys' suits for $2; men's overcoats, all wool, for $5; men's pants, extra value, all wool, for $1.50. Wear and fit guaranteed.

**Very Comfortable Indeed.**

The temperature of Convocation hall was very comfortable yesterday afternoon, and those who assembled to listen to the usual weekly address were not obliged to keep on their overcoats and jackets. The results of an extra shovel of coal added to the furnace by the janitor was appreciated by the audience.

**Will Not Be Interviewed.**

The acting warden of the Kingston penitentiary was to day asked if there was any truth in the rumors afloat that Robert Mackie had been interviewed by United States detectives and put through "a sweating process." The warden said "No; and he will not be, with my consent, while I am warden."

**College Boys' Work.**

George O'Hayne, the clever young Royal military college graduate, who returned last week from Dawson City, leaves shortly for England to practise English bankers and book lakers in Dawson money. Be sure to ask him to buy a horse, Mr. Hayne was an Upper Canada college man. Another successful Royal military college man at Dawson City is "Poly" Strickland, a graduate of 1894.

**Pratt's Iron Pills With Arsenic.**

An invaluable digestive aid to nerve force and blood producer. 25c. McLeod's drug store only.

**At The City Hall.**

On Saturday night Marks Bros. played Chuck a Mountain Wait," to a well filled hall, Mr. A. Bell taking the leading role. Albert Denier increased his popularity, if that were possible, as well by his songs as by his part in the comedy drama. Special mention might be made of the work of Knox Gavin and Jennie Pratt. There were some excellent specialties between acts, but, if anything, too many of these were introduced. To-morrow night's "The Duke's Daughter" to-night, an especially strong attraction.

**Where The Canadians Go.**

Four young officers of the Canadian militia have been gazetted to appointments in the British army. They are Lieut. Duncan E. Campbell, Royal Grenadiers, Toronto, to a second lieutenancy in the Lancaster Fusiliers; Lieut. Ernest R. Jones, from the 2nd regiment C.A., St. John, N.B., to a like appointment in the Cheshire regiment; Capt. Robert St. P. Musgrove, from the 43rd battalion, Perth, Ont., to the Royal Sussex regiment, and Lieut. Henry Skinner, from 46th battalion, Port Hope, Ont., to the Hampshire regiment.

**Fire On Saturday.**

Between ten and eleven o'clock Saturday morning the house occupied by Robert Coal Dealer, owned by John Wilson, was burned to the ground, together with all the outbuildings and contents. Almost the entire contents of the dwelling were destroyed. The flames catching, there was no means of saving them, and they went up in smoke, together with their contents, including any grain, potatoes, etc. Acres and a roll of sod helped the conflagration. The buildings were also consumed. There was no any insurance.

**Promoted To Managership.**

George A. Parker, for six years connected with the Bank of Montreal, Montreal, has been promoted to the managership of a new branch being opened at Alvinston, Ont., near London. During their residence here Mr. and Mrs. Parker have made scores of warm friends, who regret to see Mr. Parker's promotion, which is regarded as the departure from this city of himself and wife. Mr. Parker was treasurer of St. Andrew's church, and Mrs. Parker was one of the busiest workers in the interests of that church and in behalf of the different local charitable societies.

**Was Dockage Warranted?**

Inspector Kidd in his report, and on which the committee based its conclusion, charged the owners of the new dockage of neglect, and in his remarks, of the report, he asked:

1. Has been longer about work since he commenced Fridays.

2. Rough and work not always neat; works faithfully and takes an interest in the whole school.

3. Has improved very much in her teaching and management since last year. Her room is much better than formerly.

4. Has improved during the year and is now doing good work.

5. Has improved in teaching and management since last year. She is faithful and hard working.

The principals speak favorably of the teachers. Without some one man stating that such reports were not the action of the board of education.

**The Late Mrs. James Dunn.**

The late Mrs. Dunn, who died at her home in Richmond on Saturday last, after only a few hours illness. She was the widow of the late Hon. James Dunn, who preceded her about seventeen years ago. Deceased was born in Richmond in 1826, and was a resident of Napanee for a number of years. She was one of a family of eight, of whom only one survives, viz., Mrs. David Lock, a brother, Edwin Rathbun, died only four years ago. Six children, Archibald, Deseronto; James, on the homestead; Mrs. Peter Burton, Richmond; Rev. Edward, Lindsay; Mrs. S. Fessenden, Cardiff, N.Y., and Arthur, Toronto, are left to mourn the loss of a loving mother. The funeral was held at the late residence on Tuesday afternoon. Rev. Dr. Carleton officiating the services, and interment took place in the Western cemetery, Napanee, followed by a large number of friends, showing the esteem in which the deceased was held. The four sons of the deceased acted as pall bearers.


Cucumber salt skin and cream is the only preparation fit to use on chapped hands or rough skin. Unlike the glycerine preparations it penetrates the skin, healing instantly. 25c. a bottle. McLeod's drug store.


# THE CONDITIONS COMPARED.

## RELATION OF CANADIANS TO EARLY PIONEERS.

**National Weaknesses And How They Can Be Overcome—Educational System Can Be Improved—Government Should Assist In Providing The Best Class Of Teachers In Public Schools—Fuller Scientific Study Will Assist In Advancing The Nation.**

Professor Goodwin delivered the regular weekly address in Convocation hall yesterday afternoon, giving a brief but interesting sketch of the present condition of Canadians in relation to the past and to the future, and giving a few facts which influence us as a nation. In reviewing the life of the early pioneers of Canada, he pointed out the privations they endured, and their primitive mode of existence. Their whole energy was expended in obtaining substence, no time being left for educational improvement, and very little for study of matters religious. The same conditions may be found at the present time in rugged parts of Ontario. Such early qualifications left the people limited to their ideas, but with increasing population and growing communities, these improved and people emerged from their narrow thoughts, and more so after confederation, when telegraph and railway were introduced to take the place of stage routes and slow portaging. The pioneer was the right man for his time, a rugged person being required for the rough work to be done.

The people today, with their greater advantages, social, political and religious, stand and look for guidance for future life, and ask what education is best suited to a fuller development of the powers within them. Among the national weaknesses is the consideration of work as an evil, and men will strive hard to save their children from the same hard work they themselves pursue. Too many reach manhood without any distinct object in view, or with the hope that some easy occupation will fall to their lot. However, the great majority of people recognize the truth that nature rejects the idle. A fuller development of the intellect is necessary, a more study of art and nature. Great Britain has long determined to be a cultured nation, and always has a small army of them to call upon for government and for other national departments. Every nation should have the same source of strength. Men should cultivate an unselfish foresight. The natural resources of the country should be developed without waste, for successive generations must also find a living. Scientific knowledge will assist in this. Canada may well take lessons from England, for instances, in election trials, which in this country have become sordid, childish.

National weaknesses are readily recognized, and education will assist in overcoming them. The educational system of this country can be much improved. For instance, in public schools, when children learn to read they should be taught to read and think out the thoughts contained therein, instead of mere reiterating, spelling and parsing. The best libraries should be found in every school, open to teacher and scholar, and containing the best works on art and scientific subjects. The government should enact a law fixing a maximum salary for teachers, and a tax of two cents should be fixed to raise the minimum salary, which might be supplemented by government grants. New Brunswick follows a similar system, and that province is ahead of others in education and advantages and the teachers enjoy a better salary. The teacher is the key to the situation. His work must be above the value of a three hundred dollar employee. What can be expected from the children of the institution is left in the hands of children a few years older. The pupil teacher system, like many business houses, enters enough underpaid clerks, who perform their duties in a perfunctory manner. Competent instructors should be provided with competent salaries.

To the care of the nation, it is our duty to use the best means of increasing the material wealth, and help all to rise above the plane of poverty. The inner life also, the best means must be provided for, and there is no development degeneration is feared, and a few generations of such people would mean the creation of more lower asylums and penitentiaries. The public in their efforts in increasing the country's wealth, as property will not be kept idle, and money will not be utilized in making millionaires to the detriment of the masses, will see that all this and on top the greatest scientific study is the proper one.

In the discussion followed the relative advantages of the support of study in universities and technology, and of the influence of the universities in moulding society. He urged activity for humanity wants training not merely activity, not specialism.

**Mackie Will Testify.**

Before Mackie had left the court room after receiving his sentence he said to Ponton: "I will not be a witness at the next trial, I will be willing to come and testify on your behalf." His offer was accepted, and it is hoped the authorities permit Mackie will be a witness at the next trial, which will take place in April.

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