

# THE SCHOOLS OF WESTERN CANADA

In Some of the Cities and Towns the School Buildings Cannot Accommodate the Increasing Numbers.

One of the most important factors in the building of a new country is the attention that is paid by the authorities to the education of the rising generation. Fortunately for western Canada, the settlement of that new country began in such recent years that it was able to lay a foundation for this work, gained by the experience of older countries. In this way the very best is the result. Throughout the entire country are to be seen the most improved style of architecture in school buildings. The cities and towns vie with each other in the efforts to secure the best of accommodation and at the same time get architectural lines that would appeal. Sufficient to say that nowhere is there the greater attention paid to elementary and advanced education than in western Canada. A report just to hand shows that in Calgary, Alberta, there are eighty teachers employed, and the enrollment 4,228 pupils. In the Province of Alberta there was a total of 46,000 pupils attending schools in 1909. The total enrollment for the year in city, town and village schools was 22,883, and the total in rural schools was 23,165. There are in the province 870 schools with 1,223 departments. At the close of 1909 there was a total of 1,096 school districts in the province. Great attention is paid also to agricultural education. The best uses of the soil and such other matters as tend to make the agriculture less of a drudge and more of a success are employed. When there is the combination of good soil, splendid climate and healthy and advanced ideas in the methods employed in agriculture, we see accomplished the results that have placed western Canada on its present high plane in the agricultural world. There is to be found men of high standing in literary spheres as well as in financial circles who are carrying on farming, not alone for the pleasure they derive but for the profit they secure. Mr. Adler, a wide-awake business man of New York, has a ranch near Strathmore, Alberta. He is highly pleased with his success the past year. He says:

"On July 25th we estimated our crop at 6,000 bushels of wheat. A week later we increased our estimate to 12,000 bushels. A few days later we again increased our estimate, this time to 18,000 bushels, but after harvest in September we found we had 20,150 bushels. If that isn't a record, what is?" he asked.

"This crop was made with practically no moisture," he continued, "and we now have a better opinion of the fertility of Alberta lands than ever and value our lands higher than we ever did before."

Mr. Adler, who has been on the ranch for about a week, leaves for New York Saturday.

This gentleman is conducting a farm on a large scale, and has plenty of means to develop it, and his may not be taken as a fair case. There are, though, instances of thousands who have begun life on small farms in western Canada with but brains and the determination over and above the couple of hundred dollars in ready money that they possessed, and today are owners of large farms and handsome incomes, all the result of their efforts on land that was responsive to the touch of the hand that held the plow. Instances such as these can be quoted if you will communicate with the nearest Canadian government agent, who will also mail you free descriptive literature.

Ignorance. Laura Jean Libbey, discussing in Brooklyn her appearance on the stage said:

"I talk in my monologue about love, marriage and the other interests of the heart. On these subjects women, especially young women, are strangely ignorant."

"They really make me think, you know, of the little girl who was asked by her teacher:

"What can you tell us of Solomon?"

"Solomon," replied the little girl, "was very fond of animals."

"And how, my dear," said the teacher, "do you make that out?"

"Because," answered the little girl, "the Bible says he had 600 porcupines."

The wealth of a man is the number of things which he loves and blesses, which he is loved and blessed by.—Carlyle.

Praise is encouraging; it brings out the best that is in a man and inspires him to do his duty cheerfully and faithfully.—Henry Lee.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets regulate and invigorate stomach, liver and bowels. Sugar-coated, tiny granules. Easy to take as candy.

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# PROGRESS of the WORLD

SOME THINGS THE BUSY WORKER IS DOING FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF CIVILIZATION

## INERTIA OF WEALTH BROUGHT THEM LUCK

Men Actually Becoming Tired of Clipping Coupons.

PHASE OF MODERN PROBLEM

Absence of Responsibility in Second Generation Probably to Blame for Condition That May Well Be Called Deplorable.

"The most tiresome job I have to do," said a certain wealthy gentleman, on his way downtown yesterday to clip his monthly coupons. He actually resented a few hours' toil with the scissors!—or don't they clip coupons with a scissors?—and yet his father laid the foundation of this man's fortune by wielding for ten hours a day an instrument very much more wearying than a coupon-clipping scissors.

In justice to our complaining friend it should be said that his distaste for a task that to most of us would seem quite delectable was not due to physical laziness, for he is really very active and energetic, especially in chasing the perverse golf ball or the elusive fox or in following for many weary hours the scent of game, and he has also indeed added materially to the treasures of his safety vault by business enterprise of his own; but what made cutting coupons a tiresome and dreaded task to him was the meaningless of it all. He and his treasure had become things apart, there was no human relation between them. He probably could not even recall the names of his bonds—they were merely so much engraved paper to him.

Coupon-clipping cannot be more common than many realize. Men who do not want to be annoyed with watching their investments, who are unwilling to have any personal affiliation with their own wealth in active operation as working capital, who don't care to own factories or houses, or farms, or help build up enterprises, or to lend their money and their personal experience to others who could use both, are pretty sure to live off coupons. In time this inertia of wealth without responsibility even becomes so strong that they hate the annoyance of owning and running a house and prefer the colorless inanity of a hotel, or at best an apartment.

This shirking of responsibility and regarding wealth as a mere coupon abstraction has a bad effect both on the individual and on the community. Only a few generations ago the

For the Girl Who Works.  
At first she allowed herself \$5 a week for food. The first two or three expensive weeks of experimenting, of buying perishable things in too large quantities, of stocking up, and of inevitable waste, made her bills for food exceed the amount she had set aside.

Then she began to decrease. At the end of the sixth week she came face to face with the astounding fact that this new move was saving her money.

Actually she was averaging under \$4 a week for her food, and was being better fed than she had ever been since she came to the city. Her breakfast consisted of fruit, toast or reheated rolls, butter and coffee, with now and then an egg.

She improvised a refrigerator for the hot days by setting a pan containing her butter, milk and half a cream cheese within another pan half-filled with water, and then covering it with a cloth whose edges seeped in the water and cooled all day long by evaporation.—The New Idea Woman's Magazine.

To Clean Machine Belts.  
Machine belts sometimes become so saturated with oil that they will not stay on the machine. Of all methods this is probably the simplest for cleaning the leather off and restoring its efficiency. Cull the belt in a tub of sufficient size so there is some space between the coils, then cover with whitening. The whitening should come in contact with the leather at every point on its surface, and if properly covered in this fashion the belt will soon be in good condition, for the whitening will absorb the oil and restore the texture of the surface. Before being put back to use it should be wiped clean.

Moves on the checker board of business are made quickly, and you can afford to be held down provided there is opportunity ahead. The boss has his eye on his employees—don't forget that. He knows who is who. He knows the fourflusher and the producer. He is studying your case while you are complaining you are held down.

Keep Your Mental Grip.  
Many people pass out of this plane of consciousness with sufficient vitality latent in the billions of cells in the body to restore them to life, if life principle could only be aroused, says Orison Sweet Marden in Success Magazine. There are cases in medical history where patients have been apparently brought back from death, even at the moment of impending dissolution, by a reflex or a physician calling to them imperatively, vehemently, to return to life. But generally

the victim's conviction that he cannot get well and that he must die paralyzes and destroys the disease-resisting power of the body, so that there is nothing to check the malady, which may be fatal only because of the loss of faith and the patient's conviction that he cannot recover.

Thoroughness.  
Everywhere thoroughness is rated high. All lines of work require it. It is a quality that employers need most urgently. It is absolutely essential to successful business. A business man can't afford to jeopardize his business by placing it in the hands of the girl who half does her work. He shows that the injurious results of neglect, forgetfulness or indifference may be far reaching.

Drawing with Ruling Pen.  
The easiest way to draw a wavy line with a ruling pen is to use the edge of a coarse toothed comb in which the teeth are fairly stiff. The pen should be drawn fairly rapidly to make a smooth undulation in the line.

wealthy man was the servicable man; his property was held and administered by him or his personal stewards or by his family; today a large part of the actual ownership of wealth is in people who feel no sense of responsibility as to the actual labor that earns the coupon and who feel and recognize no duties connected with their wealth as part of the capital of society. This effect of our tremendous corporate development, with its wide diffusion of ownership and the character of that ownership as reflected in coupons and dividends, is a phase of the corporation problem that seems to have escaped most students, and yet in its larger aspects it may well be the most important feature of the idle rich.

The problem is one class, but the coupon-cutting class is very much larger, for almost every one who has accumulated a few dollars belongs to it, even our savings banks being for the most part little more than instrumentalities for the conversion of the savings of their depositors into coupon bonds. Prior to the last century the only private property of consequence consisted of lands and improvements thereon, including equipment, serfs, live stock, etc. All such property was held and administered by personal contact, direct or indirect, of the owner. The laws of inheritance, primogeniture, etc., grew out of this early character of property, and the property relation socially considered quite as much as out of any sense of family affection.

Only a few years ago the young man who inherited a fortune found it invested in mills or lands or enterprises which his father had built up and which it was necessary to hold intact. The son stepped at once into the responsibilities and human relations of the wealth he inherited. Today he inherits a safe-deposit box.—Baltimore Sun.

Business Girl's Motto.  
Neatness, accuracy and willingness are the three graces of the office world for which I will strive during this year.

I will be prompt and patient and put my whole heart into my work.

I will not gossip about my fellow clerks, but will try to like them and work with them.

I will remember that the things which I must do to earn my bread and butter must come before pleasure, and I will strive toward bigger and better things than I have done during the last year.

For my work is my one monument in this busy world.

A Condition Deplored.  
"Do you think a secret ballot promotes honesty in elections?"

"Can't say that it does," replied the painfully practical politician. "The secrecy of it tempts too many men whom you have paid to vote for you to go back on their words."

Success.  
Never talk or think of failure or adversity. Be determined to succeed, and permit no thought or word to suggest anything else. No matter if things today go wrong. This shall also pass away. The world is your friend, though it may seem at times to be against you. The world seems to be against you because you have not met the world in the right way. Change yourself. Be a friend to everybody—the whole world. Expect everybody to be good to you, and desire constantly to be of real service to man. And ere long fate will change. Believe that everybody is against you, and you rub them all the wrong way. Know that the true side of mankind is a true friend to every aspiring soul, and then place yourself in touch with the ideal in man; meet only his better side, and your life, as well as the life of the world, is made richer thereby. Never think nor speak of failure nor adversity. Think success, speak success, breathe success, attract success, live success, and be saturated through and through with absolute faith in your own success. Believe that the world is for you, that nothing is against you, and so your faith is, so shall it be unto you.—Eternal Progress.

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## HUMOROUS INCIDENT THAT PRESAGED PROSPERITY.

Prosperous Merchant Dates Day of Good Luck From Happening That Then Caused Laughter.

A now prosperous Washington merchant recalls an incident in his early start in business which, slight as it was, remains, he says, vividly in his memory. He had been on the lookout for customers in his little store during the greater part of an exceedingly dark and dismal day. Telling his juvenile assistant to fetch him if necessary, he stepped across the street to see an acquaintance, also a young man who had just started upon a mercantile career in a modest way.

The latter he found to be in the same predicament as himself. He had not had a customer all day, and his affairs generally, had of late been dubious. After discussing this common melancholy situation, the two friends in adversity relapsed into a moody silence, and stared out at the rain, which still continued to pour down "like heaven's wrath."

Suddenly the first mentioned merchant gave a start, as though he had received a shock from an electric battery. A tall individual, dripping with moisture, had stepped into his establishment. He was preparing to cross over, and see if this could be the long-looked for customer, when the tall man came out and proceeded in his direction. Entering the store, he disclosed a funeral visage quite in keeping with his somber garb.

"I beg your pardon, gentlemen," he said in sepulchral tones, "but I represent an establishment which makes a specialty of furnishing mortuary memorials at a very low rate, if ordered at present. Now, you are young men, it is true, but even in the event of your not choosing to purchase a tasteful tombstone for a relative, you yourselves might care to take advantage of my very unusual offer."

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# Good Time Just Now to Replenish That Depleted Wardrobe

THE first clothes event of the New Year is not a change of fashion, but the crucial moment for the purchase of clothes at economies. Unfortunately for the merchants—many women plan for the replenishing of their wardrobes at this season when prices are diminished.

Especially American women are thus clothes-wise. Such women are not only financiers, but are geniuses, therefore they deserve not only the admiration of others less knowing—but their husbands, writes Marion Morris in the Chicago Inter Ocean.

However, a woman must be conversant with values to be able to reap a harvest of economies. The woman who does not, and also the one who has no foresight about styles—may be favorably compared with the man who buys a "gold brick."

This year the knowing woman can easily save more money than ever before. Why?

Prices Must Be Cut.  
For several weeks the newspapers have published many bargain sales of women's clothes—this signifies that the market is crowded and that the pressure was too great to hold out until now. During December, women gave little thought to any shopping except for Christmas, so the market was but little relieved. Now comes the onslaught! And it will be the most drastic cut of prices in years. To explain the reason I must turn the calendar back more than six months. Last May and the beginning of June were quite cool and women did not buy summer clothes until the weather changed. As a result, many stores held back their orders and that prevented the makers from starting on their autumn models. Finally when they did start, labor troubles occurred throughout the country and everything stopped until the early autumn. Unfortunately, the warm weather lasted until later than usual. When the manufacturers started on their winter work they hurried to make up for lost time, thinking that the women who usually bought early would buy later. However, their calculations were overestimated and now the market is flooded with some of the finest attire fashion has created in many seasons. So now there are dozens of advantageous opportunities heretofore unknown even to the clothes-wise woman.

Because a woman can always afford to have several tailored suits—especially when she is able to get the extra one or two at greatly reduced prices. When selecting a suit in a reduction sale it is not wise to choose any kind but one that is plainly tailored—and then not extreme. For instance, it will be just so much money thrown away to purchase a suit with a hobble skirt, as that mode is passe. Neither is it wise to select a novelty fabric that has been the craze of the hour. Broadcloth, cheviot, conservative suitings, velvet and velveteen will prove good investments—especially the three first mentioned, as they can be comfortably worn in the spring. The only time it is advisable to select a rather fanciful suit is when one is fortunate in securing an imported model at about half price—because nine chances out of ten the style will be in general vogue next season.

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As I know of no garment that gives so much comfort and pleasure as a topcoat, I urgently advise every woman to have at least one. And now is her chance to get it, as this has been decidedly a coat season and there is certain to be a surplus. Whether one has a motor or not, there is a satisfaction in having a top coat ready for an unexpected trip; or for one when traveling an European trip in the spring or summer, now is the time to get a steamer coat. Undoubtedly the most charming topcoats in the history of fashion will be sacrificed in spite of their elegant sturdy tweed and homespun fabrics. I should also advise one to take advantage of lowered prices on seal plush coats—as these in the fine imported qualities quite rival Hudson seal, and besides they are certain to be in style next season.

Advisability of Buying Furs.  
Even though one may not have urgent need for a set of furs or a fur coat, I am sure that the purchase of either will prove an excellent investment. But in doing so, only purchase a staple fur. Do not think of buying either raccoon or opossum, as these furs have been popularized this season—and as merely a fur, neither is worth much. I should certainly recommend buying lynx, as this fur is not always modish, but is rapidly becoming extinct—this season there were only 2,400 lynx animals to fill the demand. However, do not buy a fur that is called "Russian lynx," as that is only a Russian lynx cat—genuine lynx comes from Alaska. Skunk, mink, ermine, genuine fox, Hudson seal, moseskin and sable, of course, will be advisable selections.

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As I know of no garment that gives so much comfort and pleasure as a topcoat, I urgently advise every woman to have at least one. And now is her chance to get it, as this has been decidedly a coat season and there is certain to be a surplus. Whether one has a motor or not, there is a satisfaction in having a top coat ready for an unexpected trip; or for one when traveling an European trip in the spring or summer, now is the time to get a steamer coat. Undoubtedly the most charming topcoats in the history of fashion will be sacrificed in spite of their elegant sturdy tweed and homespun fabrics. I should also advise one to take advantage of lowered prices on seal plush coats—as these in the fine imported qualities quite rival Hudson seal, and besides they are certain to be in style next season.

Advisability of Buying Furs.  
Even though one may not have urgent need for a set of furs or a fur coat, I am sure that the purchase of either will prove an excellent investment. But in doing so, only purchase a staple fur. Do not think of buying either raccoon or opossum, as these furs have been popularized this season—and as merely a fur, neither is worth much. I should certainly recommend buying lynx, as this fur is not always modish, but is rapidly becoming extinct—this season there were only 2,400 lynx animals to fill the demand. However, do not buy a fur that is called "Russian lynx," as that is only a Russian lynx cat—genuine lynx comes from Alaska. Skunk, mink, ermine, genuine fox, Hudson seal, moseskin and sable, of course, will be advisable selections.

Simple Bodices  
The first is a simple little bodice of cashmere to match the skirt with which it is worn; it is cut kimono, and has a yoke of satin to match, embroidered with moss silk; this is carried down, outside of sleeve to cuff, which is of satin. Gulpure lace is used for the small yoke and under-sleeves.

Materials required: 1 yard cashmere 46 inches wide, 3/4 yard satin 28 inches wide, 1 1/2 yard lace 18 inches wide.

The second would look well in sprigged nylon made up over a foundation of satin; the slight fullness at neck is drawn into a narrow satin or velvet band; squares of embroidered satin are arranged at back and front.

Materials required: 1 1/2 yard cashmere, 3/4 yard silk on the cross, 2 yards galloon, 1 yard lace 18 inches wide.

The collar and bands round the over-sleeves are bound with silk. The yoke and under-sleeves are of piece lace.

Materials required: 1 1/2 yard cashmere, 3/4 yard silk on the cross, 2 yards galloon, 1 yard lace 18 inches wide.

To Renovate Velvet.  
Velvet is being so much worn this season that a hint on how to renovate it may not come amiss.

The velvet should, first of all, be stretched, pile side upward, over the steam from a kettle of boiling water. As the steam begins to rise, get some one to brush the pile briskly with a stiff brush. Then spread out flat to dry, and afterward brush lightly again.

When the material has been worn a great deal and is very soiled sponge it lightly with benzine.

Auto Bonnet for Baby.  
An automobile bonnet for a baby is a novelty. The headgear is square-cut in shape and is fashioned from blue silk in a mass of shirring, finished with a band of pale blue marabou.