

Howard O
Myers



June 28/81

Dear Sir

My attention has
been called to a com-
munication in your issue
of this day, signed "of-
Parent", "Ottawa", and
referring to the recent
School examinations - a
~~letter~~ and which I regret that
you should have pub-
lished without due in-
quiry as to the facts
to which it relates.

Henry P
Wells

June 18/81



I have reason to suspect
that the writer is
not a parent of any
of the candidates nor
a resident in Ottawa;
and his statements are
most unfair to the
gentleman he names
who was only one
of the examiners in
Reading, and to the
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These examinations & our
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for their character and
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to ask you in
the interest of the
public and of school

I found me with the
name of the writer,
of the letter above

~~and for~~
An immediate reply
will oblige

Yours
J. W. Davenport

everybody is speaking about it. The police are still acting on the belief that Lefroy was the murderer of Mr. Gould, while all London is laughing at the stupidity of the police in allowing Lefroy to escape. There is no doubt but that the motive of the murderer was robbery. The inquest on Mr. Gould's body will be opened to-day.

Midnight Despatches.

PROBABILITIES.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 29, 1 a.m.—For New England States: Rainy, followed by clear weather, variable winds, mostly west, stationary temperature and barometer. For Lower Lake region: Local rains, followed by clearing weather, winds mostly west, stationary or higher temperature and barometer.

ENGLAND.

Nailmakers' strike.

LONDON, June 28.—Thirty thousand nailmakers in Staffordshire have struck for an advance of thirty per cent. in wages.

The cable steamer Faraday.

The steamer Faraday has sailed for Newfoundland to complete laying the new cable.

Parnell's American tour.

Mr. Parnell has not fixed the date of his visiting the United States. The object of his visit is understood to be to discourage the exertions of the skirmishers.

GERMANY.

Bismarck.

BERLIN, June 28.—Prince Bismarck is suffering so much he will not be able to leave Berlin for a week. Replying to a congratulatory telegram from the Breslau student body he wrote:—"Your salutary wishes are gratefully received. I hope that the nation will be able to do without me for some time."

valued at some \$60,000.

THE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE GAZETTE.

SIR,—Your report of Professor Moyses's remarks with regard to English work in the examinations, makes him say that "the boys of the Montreal High School are at the bottom of the list in reading." This is a matter of surprise to me and one of great mortification to my boy, who is himself an excellent reader, though he by no means regards himself as being the best in his class; indeed, my disappointment at such a decision is so great, that I am led to enquire into the mode of examination, the classification of the boys and the standard of excellence adopted, and the enquiry proves to me that justice has not been done our boys.

A lot of boys examined in different towns by different teachers of different capacities and possibly by different standards, come here with their ready-made grades, and are classified with Montreal boys, whose system is severe; such classification appears to me a solemn farce, and an examination under the circumstances cannot possibly enable the examiners to form a correct judgment.

The girls, we are told, did better, owing partly to the fact that they had the advantage in pieces, which touched the emotional parts of their nature.

This opinion may possibly be due to the Professor's innate gallantry, though what emotion a page of history can possibly evoke, it is difficult to see.

I think it not too bold a suggestion to make that the examinations, as at present conducted, are more an injury than a benefit to our public schools, and that the whole system should be either remodelled or abandoned.

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R. C. Ser-

UNIVERSITY SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.

To the Editor of the MONTREAL HERALD.

SIR,—I was considerably amused, but somewhat amazed, on reading the remarks of Professor Moyses with regard to the English worker in the examinations, as reported in the HERALD.

The Professor stated that "the boys of the Montreal High School stood at the bottom of the list in reading."

This is a very sweeping condemnation, and one which, I imagine, will not be accepted without demur by those best competent to form an intelligent opinion on the subject.

I do not profess to question the general competency of Professor Moyses as an examiner—though I believe that has been questioned—but, judging him by the same standard as he applies to his candidates, those who have had the privilege of hearing the learned Professor read and recite will, like myself, entertain grave doubts as to the value of his judgment on the subject of elocution.

The Professor remarked "that the girls did much better, which was perhaps partly owing to the fact that they had the advantage in pieces that touched the emotional part of their nature." Now, supposing that the piece chosen as a test reading was a page of Macaulay's History of England, it is rather difficult to see what chance the young ladies had to develop the "emotional side of their natures." Surely none of them shed tears over the thrilling description of King William's entry into London? Perhaps there was some tender pathos in the voice of some of the fair damsels which touched the "emotional part" of the Professor's nature, and caused him to modify his otherwise severe criticism.

Every one knows how much depends, in elocution, upon the quality and character of the voice of the reader; and this leads me to inquire how the Examiners were able to discriminate in the matter of the candidates from Hamilton and Waterloo, whom they never heard! I presume they had to take the report of their teachers, as I venture to think should be done in all cases in connection with this particular branch of education.

Then, again, the method of examination adopted, by which the boy or girl is called before the Examiners and required to read at sight, is doubtless a capital test of nerve, or what is vulgarly called "cheek," but I deny that it is a fair criterion of the candidate's elocutionary powers. I should like to hear Professor Moyses read a poem or a prose composition which he had not had an opportunity of previously studying! No—on second thoughts, I should not like to hear him.

There is a strong conviction springing up in the public mind that the present system of school examinations should be materially modified, if not altogether abolished; and this conviction will be greatly strengthened by Professor Moyses's remarks.

Yours, A PARENT.

Ottawa, June 25, 1881.

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