

THE EDUCATIONAL HORIZON

—A SATURDAY FEATURE—
Presenting News And Views Of Interest To Teachers And All Others Seeking Improvement In Educational Matters

THE COST OF EDUCATION

By the time the average Canadian child has passed the Public School Examinations (Grade 8), his schooling has cost the community \$500. Some additional expense has probably been borne by the parents without taking into account board, lodging and ordinary living expenses. If the boy goes on through Grades 9 and 10 and continues through first and second years of P.W.C., the cost to the community is another \$550. If from this point he continues through a four-year university course, another \$2,200, must be added. If we assume that the average child does not complete the high school course and if we add something for the expenditure of the parent for education, the cost of a Canadian child's schooling is, in round numbers \$750. Such are the findings of a Report (Cost of Education Bulletin) recently issued by the Dominion Statistician, Ottawa. It is understood, of course, that the parent is also a member of the community and presumably a taxpayer. He could, of course, find out for himself, how much of this \$750 he contributes through his school taxes.

But the cost of schooling is not the chief expense borne by the parent who supports the child until he reaches financial independence, which, as a rule, coincides with the end of his eighteenth year. In the meantime, the cost of food,


clothing, housing and other ordinary expenditures without schooling has reached the total of \$5000.

About two-fifths of this is spent in providing the child with a home. The cost in food was about three-quarters as much and of clothing about one-half the cost of food. Barely thirteen per cent. of the total is spent on formal school training. It costs no more to raise six children than to raise seven, completely illiterate. More is spent on clothing a child than on sending it to school, twice as much is spent on nourishing it, and nearly three times as much on housing it. The money devoted to its formal education can scarcely be considered a very formidable fraction of the total sum involved in bringing a child to the age of self support. It would, no doubt, seem smaller still if seen in comparison with the amount that it adds to the earning power of the child, and perhaps insignificant when considering the wider mental life that education opens up to the individual. It is quite probable that the \$750 could be made to yield better returns in both of these respects than it does at present and will be made to do so as further adjustments are made in our system to these ends, but in the meantime it is difficult to regard the proportion of a child's cost going to its education as excessive.

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Governor - General Reads The Lessons At Divine Worship

Viceregal Party Attends Church Of St. John And St. Stephen; Scottish Guard Of Honor.

Attendance at divine service in the Presbyterian Church of St. John and St. Stephen was the last official act of Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Tweedsmuir, as they concluded their stay in Saint John and left at noon in their private car to return to Ottawa. Lord Tweedsmuir took part in the service on Sunday.

It was a most impressive service which they attended in a church decorated with heraldic shields in their honor and thronged with a merent congregation, in which were included the Lieutenant Governor and Miss Margaret MacLennan, the Mayor of the city and members of the Saint John Common Council, the Judiciary, the officer commanding Military District No. 7 and representatives of local military units, patriotic societies and societies of Great War Veterans, as well as consular.

L. O. D. E. members with the 12 golden standards of the different chapters added a colorful note in the assembly and the veterans were

giving medals. The lieutenant-governor and mayor are both regular members of the congregation and the lieutenant-governor had given up his own pew for the use of the viceregal party. It was marked with a large flag.

Stirring Sermon

Rev. C. J. St. Clair Jeans, the minister, conducted the service. He delivered a stirring exhortation from the text, "They shall ask the way to Zion." He declared that there was a responsibility resting on Christian people to live lives that would be sure and certain guides to quieting feet, and so also he declared must the national policy be formed. "The state, if it is to remain, must nourish itself upon an undying religious faith," was his assertion. The lessons were read by His Excellency.

When the Governor-General and Lady Tweedsmuir and their party arrived at the church they found drawn up in excellent formation, as

a guard of honor the church's troop of Scottish Boy Scouts and Wolf Cubs under Scoutmaster Harold Wetmore and Cubmaster George Lawrence. The p.p.e band was also in attendance and provided appropriate selections. His Excellency inspected the guard of honor and warmly complimented the scoutmaster on the fine appearance and bearing of the troop and pack.

Robert Watson was at the organ and directed the service of praise in which the hymns were "Saviour Blessed Saviour," "O Be Joyful in the Lord, All Ye Lands," the National Anthem and "Crown Him With Many Crowns." The psalm sung was "O Lord Thou Art My God and King," and during the offertory the choir sang the anthem, Taylor's "Lift Up Your Heads." The full choir of the church led in the hearty singing.

In his welcome to Their Excellencies, Mr. Jeans referred to the joyfulness with which the loyal city of Saint John greeted them, whose coming it had eagerly anticipated. His Excellency's name was well known because of the distinct on his

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"Both of us are passionately fond of a quiet country life," she added. "I cannot imagine anything more ideal than living on Shuna, which she said she would like to be married to a man I love."

"Our life will be in no way primitive; there is the castle which I am putting in order and which has 35 rooms, and my fiance and I will have a farm. We shall make our own electricity and I am laying a telephone line to the island."

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Forsake Society To Live Quietly

EDINBURG, June 16—(CP)—Miss Monica S. Allen, Scottish heiress who dislikes cocktail parties and London social life, has married Robert M. Sutherland of Calithness, once her father's gillie (chief outdoor attendant).

They will live an idyllic open-air life on the Hebridean island of Shuna, off the west coast of Scotland which Miss Allen recently acquired.

Her mother, Mrs. Charles C. W. Tennant of Stratton House, Piccadilly, and Mr. Tennant were the two witnesses to the marriage which took place in St. Conan's Church, Loch Awe. It was a simple service.

Miss Allen, who is 22 years old, describes Shuna as her "Treasure Island". She said when her fiance saw it two months ago he was charmed with it.