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SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

To the President, Officers and members:

I beg to submit the following report for the year 1928:

During the past year six meetings of the Executive have been held when the business of the Division was considered and attended to, and one special meeting for the purpose of organizing the sale of Tuberculosis Christmas Seals in the province.

At three of the meetings plans were discussed for ways and means of securing and maintaining a provincial sanatorium. Considerable time was spent in this but no definite action taken pending the arrival of Dr. P. A. Creelman.

Since the appointment of Dr. Creelman as Provincial Health Officer and Chest Diagnostician every effort is being made to arouse public interest in this matter. He is doing excellent work and the details of his clinics will be given in the Nursing Report.

The sale of Tuberculosis Christmas Seals received the same hearty response from the public as last year. The returns from the Gyro Club, which undertook the personal solicitation of the business houses and from the ladies committee of Summerside are well in advance of last year.

We are deeply grateful to the members of these and the Charlottetown Committee for their enthusiastic and untiring efforts in helping with the Seal Sale, and to all those who demonstrated their interest in the prevention of tuberculosis by so generously purchasing the seals. The total amount received to date (Jan. 16) is \$2,293.70. Of this amount 10 per cent. is paid to the Canadian Tuberculosis Association to cover the cost of supplies. \$1200 towards Dr. Creelman's salary. \$300 for the treatment of crippled children, and when the cost of printing, postage, and advertising is deducted the balance will be used to provide sputum cups, etc. for tuberculosis cases, and to conduct chest clinics and follow-up work.

Our thanks are also due to the Committees and canvassers for the annual Red Cross Membership campaign, especially to the busy teachers of the country schools and members of the Women's Institutes who made a house to house canvass in their districts. We regret not being able to report the same splendid results obtained last year but can only hope for a larger membership in 1929. It has been decided by the Central Council of the Canadian Red Cross to dispense with the monthly issue of the Red Cross Magazine and in the future it will be mailed to paid-up members as a quarterly.

This is the first year since the Public Health programme of the Division commenced that no financial assistance was received from National Headquarters. In future the Division must be supported from within the Province. The Provincial Government for the past five years has given a substantial grant of money, and if the present staff and work being done is to be maintained every person in the province must rally round the Red Cross and contribute to its support.

During the year Dr. T. B. Acker of Halifax held two clinics and spent eleven days in examining, treating and operating upon crippled children. The thanks of the Division are extended to Dr. Acker for his very excellent work and the untiring zeal he has shown in doing so much for our crippled children. The results obtained in many cases are marvelous. This noble work deserves the support and interest of all.

Miss Marion Vickerson was appointed to the nursing staff and a Ford Coupe purchased for her work in Kings County.

We are pleased to report the steady growth of Junior Red Cross Branches in the schools. These juvenile clubs are of great educational value to the children not only in spreading health knowledge but in developing humanitarian ideals.

The work done by our nurses has been wonderful—the examination of school children, the arrangements made for securing treatment for those whose parents were unable to pay, the follow-up work done with regard to children, crippled cases and those suffering from tuberculosis.

The thanks of the Division are due to the nurses for the energetic work they have done under the supervision of our Nursing Director who has shown untiring efforts in carrying out the work undertaken by the Division. Our thanks are also due to Miss Arsenault for her able work done in connection with the office.

S. R. JENKINS, M. D., Secretary

REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND DIVISION, CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY, JAN. 1 TO DEC. 31, 1928

I beg to submit the Eighth Annual Report of the Public Health Nursing Service of this Division:

School Inspections

School Health Inspections as usual have occupied the largest share of our nurses' time, and this year we have been able to complete a second inspection for every public school in the province, and for most of them a third inspection. We try to arrange for a yearly examination of the pupils of Charlottetown, Summerside and the incorporated towns. The number of schools inspected this year was 269, an increase of 53 over last year's record. Also 8 additional special inspections were made for skin diseases. 8330 children were examined in the regular inspections, and 334 health talks given. Not only the correction of vision, the dental treatment troubles which have been noted, but the very keen and increasing interest of the children in the nurses' inspections and in so many matters concerning health which they have been taught, augurs well for a better health standard for the province in the future. In Public Health nursing statistics reveal so little of the actual work accomplished; in fact there is no way of measuring the far-reaching

Oratory Championship, 1929

Canadian and International Oratorical Contests

Canadian winner, as in previous years, will be given a travelling scholarship in the form of a trip to Europe, with all expenses paid.

This Canadian winner will also represent Canada in the International Championship.

WHO MAY ENTER

Boys and girls who on February 1, 1929, are less than 19 years of age and who are enrolled as pupils in a high school or collegiate institute or other recognized educational institution below University grade including grades nine and ten.

HOW TO ENTER

In the Province entries may be made, either direct to The Charlottetown Guardian or to the principals themselves.

THE ORATIONS

Orations must be original and must not take more than 10 minutes in delivery. They may be delivered in English or French.

THE DATES

School competitions not later than March 15.

District finals—Not later than April 20.

Provincial finals, in Charlottetown—By May 3.

Canadian finals—About May 15.

European trip—Begins early in July.

International finals—in October.

OFFICIALS

National Chairman for Canada—Main Johnston, Toronto Daily Star.

Canadian Committee—Miss Myrtle Patterson, Vancouver Sun; C. A. Hayden, Calgary Herald; C. R. Morrison, Edmonton Journal; Hon. R. A. Hoey, Minister of Education, Manitoba; Hon. Cyril F. Delage, Superintendent of Education, Quebec; Prof. A. Stanley Walker, representing Halifax Herald; Frank Walker, Charlottetown Guardian.

Department of Education—Professor H. H. Shaw, Director; Principal Robertson, Principal Murphy, Professor Lloyd Shaw, Mr. Braden Jelly, President of the Teachers Association.

The Charlottetown Guardian, in conjunction with newspapers and committees in other provinces of Canada and in other countries of the world, is again conducting the Canadian and International Oratorical Competitions which were so outstandingly successful in 1927 and 1928. In individual School Competitions in this Province, any subject may be used, but in the District, Provincial and Canadian Championships one of the following four subjects must be used—"Canada Among the Nations"; "The Unification of Canada"; "The Peoples of Canada"; "Canada's Economic Development."

The contests will be open, without charge, to pupils, boys and girls, in high schools, Grades Nine and Ten, secondary schools, collegiate institutes and other recognized educational institutions below University grade.

The Guardian again is fortunate in having the co-operation of the Director and Department of Education, the Principals and Faculties of Prince of Wales College and St. Dunstan's University, and The Teachers Association.

The first step in the contest is for each school to hold a contest to determine its own champions. The province will be divided into districts. There will be a competition at a point in each of these districts to determine the district champions. It is at these district competitions that the champions of the individual schools will compete.

The winners of each of the districts will come to Charlottetown, as guests of The Charlottetown Guardian and at its expense, to compete for Provincial championship. The winners of this contest will receive suitable prizes from The Charlottetown Guardian.

Similar competitions will be held in other provinces of the Dominion. Following these provincial championships, the winner from each province will go to a selected city to compete for the Canadian Championship. The Prince Edward Island winner will go to the Canadian Contest as guest of The Charlottetown Guardian, with all expenses paid.

The Canadian champion will be given a travelling scholarship in the form of a free trip to Europe, as guest of the newspapers and committees in the various provinces which are conducting the contests.

The Canadian winner, after his European trip, will go to Washington or some other selected centre to compete in the International Championship.

Under the Auspices in Prince Edward Island, of

THE CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN

With the Co-operation of the Department of Education

By fees and donations the Junior members have raised \$430.87 this year which has provided treatment for some of the 68 handicapped children helped as follows:—

Orthopedic cases	16
Massage and corrective exercises	9
Eye Glasses	19
Tonsil and adenoid operations	22
Dental treatment	2
Medical cases	2
Other	1
Total	68

Crippled Children's Clinic

Dr. Acker held clinics in Charlottetown on two occasions during the year and once in Summerside. A total of 208 examinations was made: 158 for children and 50 for adults. As 67 of the children examined were new cases we figure that with those examined in previous clinics we now are in touch with more than half the crippled children in the province, a great number of whom have been benefited. In addition to the many cases examined Dr. Acker did 14 manipulations and 5 operations. As well as applying plaster casts and taking plaster moulds.

Tuberculosis Work

The outstanding event of the year with regard to the Tuberculosis Work

was the appointment of Dr. Creelman as Provincial Health Officer. This, I believe, is the first time in the history of the Province that there has been a full time Health Officer and, as the premier health organization in the province, the Canadian Red Cross Society must express its profound gratitude to the Government and the Canadian Tuberculosis Association for their co-operation in bringing about this most useful addition to the agencies for the benefit of our people. Dr. Creelman will ably perform a long and urgently needed service and under his leadership the building of a provincial institution for the care of our tuberculosis is assured.

Again this year this Division handled the Sale of Tuberculosis Christmas Seals for the Canadian Tuberculosis Association with the same marked success as last year. All the returns are not in as yet, so we hope that when the final counting is made the amount realized will be larger than in 1927. We were glad of the opportunity to further co-operate with the Canadian Tuberculosis Association by making the local arrangements for their Annual Meeting during the convention of the Canadian Medical Association here last June. Chest clinics were held during July and August by Dr. Wherrett and Dr. Creelman in 17 centres when 287 examinations were made. Of the 280 new cases examined, 81 were found to have tuberculosis or to be suspicious cases. Since Dr. Creelman's permanent arrival he has established a weekly clinic in Charlottetown every Saturday morning and once a month in Summerside, and 30 additional examinations have been made, making a total of 297 for the year. Greater efforts have been made to get in touch with these cases in the homes and the nurses have made 314 tuberculosis visits, as against 107 last year and 10 in 1926. It is absolutely heart breaking to visit some of these homes and see tuberculous cases which should be in a sanatorium, not only for their own good but also for the safety of their families, then to leave again with that hopeless and discouraged feeling of having been able to help only by advice instead of action.

Home and Office Visits

The total number of home follow-up visits was 2822 which were made with regard to school and pre-school aged children, infants, cripples, pre-natal, tuberculous and general cases, also the British settlers. This is an increase of 1243 over the number made last year.

The number of visitors to our office for advice or to be weighed was 4682.

Other Activities

Seven Home Nursing classes were completed, 86 women being enrolled,

and 71 attending 75 per cent of the lessons. These were organized by the Women's Institutes of Mt. Albion, St. Roche, St. Felix and for the Short Course, also in Kensington, Souris and at our headquarters in Charlottetown.

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