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P.E.I. WILL HAVE ONE OF FIVE BEST SCHOOLS IN THE WORLD

Such Was the Statement of Professor James W. Robertson Yesterday Afternoon.

A GREAT BOON TO BE CONFERRED ON THE PROVINCE

Manual Training, Domestic Science and Nature Studies, Will be Taught in Addition to the Ordinary Branches at the Consolidated School. —If Successful More Will be Built in the Province.

An enthusiastically appreciative audience from all the districts which will compose the new consolidated school gathered in the Hazelbrook Baptist Church yesterday afternoon and completely filled it to meet Prof. J. W. Robertson and hear discussed an institution described by him to be "one of the five best schools in the world." For almost two hours they listened to him with the deepest attention and long before he had concluded it is safe to say there was not a person present who did not feel the very great boon to be conferred upon that section by the man to whom Prince Edward Island owes so much of her recent prosperity and advancement.

The chair was occupied by Dr. Anderson, Superintendent of Education, and among those present were Hon. D. Farquharson, Dr. A. McKinnon, Mayor Warburton, Prof. Macoun, Ottawa, Prof. Collier of the Manual Training School, A. McDonald, of the P. E. I. R., and representatives of the Patriot and Guardian.

Dr. Anderson expressed his pleasure at the large audience, showing the great interest in the matter to be brought before them. Every day he was receiving grateful evidence in appreciation of the school. In the U. S. the universal opinion was in favor of Consolidated Schools even by those at first opposed. Many Island districts are envious of the good fortune here. The boon was of the first value and he was sure all would be satisfied. In the U. S. these schools have made a great increase in pupils and this will be among the good results here before the arrival of Professor Robertson, Prof. Macoun gave a short address on Fruit Growing. Five years ago he had noticed the Island was particularly adapted for fruit growing and

since then it has improved. Winds breaks were needed for orchards or a protected position on sloping ground. The land should be thoroughly prepared, the trees should be bought in local nurseries. To get apple trees to grow rapidly you should cultivate them and get them of the best kind. Start right and you will likely continue right.

Professor Robertson was then introduced in a most felicitous manner by the chairman who referred to him as a man whose name was a family word in the province.

The professor taking up the theme of the previous speaker compared the child to the apple tree being cultured in the Kindergarten—the child garden. Its culture means the rooting out of the weeds and the bringing up of good. The schools of P. E. Island have done much and so there is more need of an advance as such indicates a former excellence.

The great mission of the school—All life is war and the school has prosecuted a great warfare against ignorance, want, and where ignorance is there is want and disease, in the last it might be more effective. Education has a great effect on the character. Character is made by doing. The greatest life on earth went about "doing" things. So education can be improved by having the children do things. Education also determines the occupation and the wealth of the people. Wealth is not everything but it is a basis for enriching life and making better conditions. Then money is a good servant. The highly educated develop industries for occupation of the people. When you send away your cheese you get back money but when you send your boys what return do you receive? Better education would make more employment for our young.

Education cannot be bought; it is a series of experiences which in the young should be like the experiences of later life. This the schools have not given as well as should be, and this is the whole object of education.

Your boys need power to do the things well that belong to your conditions of life. They should be taught to observe closely; this is the beginning of the power to manage. Thirty years ago the child went to school to learn the three R's. But meanwhile they were trained by having to do things outside; the girls the milk to make in butter and cheese and the boys more chores to do. These boys and girls got a training outside the school. Conditions have now changed and the boy must have those experiences in the school in order to put him on a level with those of former times.

Now a child must have ability under the three H's, with his hands to do things, with his head, and with his heart to rid him of selfishness and fit him for public service. The baby is helpless, ignorant and selfish; when it develops it grows to helpfulness, intelligence and unselfishness in the home and the world. These are the series that should be taught in the schools. Improvement should be made and then we will have better training.

A good school needs a good teacher, one of experience. Now in sixty per cent of the schools, the teachers change every year. This is indeed pitiable. A man should teach as his life work but he must have adequate compensation. In a big school you can pay well for experienced teachers.

A good school needs children that are

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as much as possible on a level, good building, and good equipment. The school should be the best building in the locality. Why? Children are plastic and spending much time there are impressed for life. Rooms with pictures, nice grounds, etc., would have a marvellous effect for tidiness and cleanliness. The mind will envelop itself in its environment and the child will have a home like the school is. The Lord put man in a garden; do we have anything like that in which to raise our children?

Good supervision and good conditions are also required. We should get these improvements one by one. To begin with you might have better teachers. A consolidated school would give you better teachers, more children and improved buildings. The experience of over 1000 such schools in the 17 States have proved this. There 70% have cost less, 18% as much and 12% more. [Prof. Robertson here gave instances of two such schools he had visited in Ohio with similar localities to Hazelbrook; and showed the great advantages in attendance, reduced cost, etc.] Canada has 750,000 school children and not one half are getting a good school education and 52% are absent each day. These are our conditions.

Consolidation for making the course more effective.—In a big school there would be a garden where the children could manage plants, write about them in school afterwards and read about what they didn't know. Manual training should be in the school. The Professor showed the difference between the old school and the manual training ones. The children read their books and are passive and receptive; they read and then do work at their benches. So books are not opposed to the benches in the manual training. This training helps them to think into things, to apply their thoughts to materials. Two years of manual training make good citizens of the boys in the New York reformatory. They learn self control. Manual training is thus the fundamental way of reforming manhood to God's way.

Prof. Robertson then outlined Sir William McDonald's scheme of consolidated schools in rural districts of which the establishment of manual training in the City schools was the preliminary step. Nature study will also be taught. This is the application of manual training to plant life. In the school garden the boy will learn rotation of crops and the father would soon be studying with his child. In winter would be the work in physics—the science dealing with the forces of nature. The girls would learn domestic science.

The offer of Sir William was then outlined—to build a school to make the garden; to convey the scholars and to teach beside the ordinary work the above branches. He will pay for three years all above the ordinary district expenses. Then if the people desire they can go back to the old schools. The difficulties will vanish as the work proceeds and the children will get at least three years of superb education in one of the five best schools of the world.

Besides this, fifteen teachers will be taken to English each year to study in an institution being built there and then disseminate their knowledge.

The children will be taken to the school in vans in charge of competent drivers. This will teach punctuality. In early spring the plans will be got ready, the plot selected, the contract for the building let and the school opened after the autumn holidays. He hoped soon to see fifteen or twenty such schools within the province. Professor Robertson closed with an eloquent appeal to stand faithfully by the school for three years and if it is found good to speak well of it to others; and if it was the grand success he hoped it to be then would be a triumph over ignorance, a warfare accomplished and a noble victory won.

After brief remarks by the Federal members, and Mayor Warburton a hearty vote of thanks to Sir William, Professor Robertson and the other gentlemen present, moved by Rev. J. C. Spurr, seconded by Rev. D. McLean was passed unanimously and the meeting closed with the National Anthem.

CHICAGO MARKETS.
CHICAGO, February 12.—(Special).—There was no market to-day, this being Lincoln's birthday.

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CANADIAN TRADE IS EXPANDING

Exports, Imports and Duties are Increasing.

TORONTO RAILWAY MEN TO ASSIST MACEDONIANS

May Strike Again—Exploits of a Very Enterprising New Brunswick Burglar.

CANADIAN TRADE STILL BOOMING.
OTTAWA, Feb. 12.—(Special).—The trade returns for seven months show an increase in the total aggregate trade of the Dominion of twenty-one millions over the same time last year.

LARGE INCREASE IN DUTIES.
The increase in duty collected was \$2,421,170.

BOTH IMPORTS AND EXPORTS GROWING.
The imports show an increase of about two millions and exports over two millions.

STREET RAILWAY MEN MAY STRIKE.
TORONTO, Feb. 12.—(Special).—The street railway employees may strike as the company officials refuse to reinstate a dismissed electrical worker.

THE BURGALAR WAS JAILED.

BATHURST N. B., Feb. 12.—(Special).—The authorities while investigating robberies at Hinton's store and at Holden-raber and Rosenbergs got information that Fred Thibodeau at present in jail waiting trial for theft was the man wanted.

STOLEN PLUNDER IN HIS CELL.
On going to the jail the constables found Thibodeau had cut a hole through the floor under his bed and was getting in and out of jail at will.

In his cell was found a lot of plunder from the two stores burglarized.

BORN
In this City on February 8th, to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Chandler a daughter.

MARRIED
At Murray Harbour South on the 6th February by the Rev. E. Gilis William White to Hattie Roberts both of Lot 64.
At West River, on the 11th inst. by Rev. W. B. Thomas, Charles W. Crosby, of Beauce, to Hannah C. Crosby, of West River.

DIED.

In this City, Feb. 12th, Garfield Newberry, son of John and Mrs. Newberry aged four years and six months.
[Funeral this afternoon at 2 o'clock.]
In this City, on the 12th inst, Matilda Blanche, infant daughter of Frederick and Lillian Hensler, aged ten weeks.

ALL IRELAND UNITED.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—Speaking in this city to-night on the recent land conference at Dublin, Mr. John Redmond denied the existence of any split in the Nationalist ranks on the land question, and declared that all Ireland was ready to accept a settlement based on the proposals put forth by the conference.

PIRATES ARE CAPTURED BY GUNBOAT

Relief Funds for Swedish Sufferers Growing

TORONTO RAILWAY MEN TO ASSIST MACEDONIANS

Garibaldi Raising Volunteers—Saxon Court Divorce Allows Both Parties to Marry.

PIRATE SHIPS CAPTURED.
LONDON, Feb. 12.—(Special).—The British gunboat Harrier has captured three pirate ships in the Red Sea with their entire crews.

THE SWEDISH RELIEF FUND.
The Government representative supervising the relief measures in North Sweden says the American contributions now amount to over \$20,000. Sweden has contributed \$125,000.

TO ASSIST THE MACEDONIANS.
ROME, Feb. 12.—(Special).—General Garibaldi who raised a force of Italian volunteers for Greece during the war with Turkey is now organizing a volunteer force to assist the Macedonians in the rising against Turkish rule.

PRINCE FREDERICK'S DIVORCE.
DRESDEN, Feb. 12.—(Special).—The decree of divorce granted the Crown Prince Frederick permits both parties to marry again.

PRINCESS CAN'S MARRY GIRON.
The Princess however, cannot marry Giron and get recognition under German law.

CANADIAN STOCKS.

Daily Quotation List Furnished by G. E. RYKERT & CO., MEMBERS OF THE MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE

Stock	Feb 11	Feb 12
Montreal	137 1/2	137 1/2
Quebec	120 1/2	121
Edmonton	374	375
Fort St. J.	115 1/2	115
Halifax	102 1/2	103
Sigon	122 1/2	123
Donation Coal Comm.	69 1/2	69 1/2
Dom. T. and S. Com.	96	96 1/2
Fr. R.	87	87
Bonds	111 1/2	112 1/2
Nova Scotia Steel	88 1/2	89 1/2
Montreal Power ex div.	72	72
Consol. Superior	72	72
Ogilvie Preferred	72	72
Bonds	72	72

ARIZONA OPPOSES COMPROMISE.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 4.—The legislative assembly today received a despatch from Marcus Smith, delegate to congress saying that Senator Quay advises the acceptance of the plan proposed by the opposition to admit Arizona and New Mexico as a single state. The legislature unanimously adopted a resolution sustaining Delegate Smith in his opposition to the consolidation of the two territories.

MINTO SENT PROVISIONS TO STANLEY

When Passing her En Route to Pictou

THE STANLEY'S POSITION

Midway from Wood Islands to Toney River—Minto Will Give Her Coal Today.

TIDINGS FROM THE STANLEY.
PICTOU, Feb. 12.—(Special).—The Stanley is outside this harbor, stuck in a fresh ice floe.

LATER.
MINTO PASSED IN SIGHT.
The Minto arrived here at 6.30 this evening.

She was within six miles of the Stanley to-day and sent her some provisions.

STANLEY'S PRESENT POSITION.
The Stanley is lying in the ice about half way between Toney River, N. S., and Wood Islands.

THE MINTO TO THE RESCUE.
The Minto will leave at seven o'clock to-morrow morning to take coal to the Stanley. She will then proceed to Georgetown.

AN OFFICIAL DESPATCH.
Mr. Lord received the following telegram from Pictou, last evening:—

"Welsh boarded the Stanley twelve miles North West of Pictou Island to-day. Brown reports satisfied Welsh has done all that can be done to free ship. One hundred men would be of no use. Wants coal. Minto try again to-morrow."
(Signed) A. FINLAYSON.

ALASKAN TREATY RATIFIED.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—In the executive session lasting only an hour and a half yesterday the Senate in addition to confirming a large number of nominations ratified the Alaskan boundary treaty and came near taking similar action on a commercial treaty with Greece which was reported by Senator Culham of the committee on foreign relations.

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