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lege when they asked for a slight increase in salaries, not very long ago.
HON. MR. LEPAGE: What did you tell them when they asked you?

NO MONEY FOR THE TEACHER
DR. MACMILLAN: They never asked us for any increase. But you are not in that position. They did ask you and what was the answer? The "revenues of the Province will not afford it; we have to provide another five or six hundred thousand dollars for our big Minister of Public Works; we have to spend so much money in the Agricultural Department; we have to give \$30,000 of the public revenues of the province to those who are enforcing the Prohibition Act;" and so on. I do not think you would have received any criticism if you had acceded to the request of those who were doing probably the greatest work in this Province. We talk about our fine educational system, and what is the keystone of the whole thing? Isn't it the Prince of Wales College? Look at the principal of that institution; how long is he there? Only forty years—not long for any one to be slaving in the interests of education. How much does he receive? \$2500. Take his assistant; how much does he get? \$2100. How long has he been there? Twenty-one years. Take the next man, how much does he get? \$1800. How long has he been there. Twenty years. How many children has he to provide for? Ten. Do you want any further arguments? A man who spends a lifetime in the interests of education in this Province and cannot get a salary to live on, come to this Government and is turned down. Two or three thousand dollars would have covered the whole thing, so far as the teachers at Prince of Wales College are concerned.

HON. MR. LEPAGE: Why didn't you give them an increase, if you are so interested in them.

DR. MC MILLAN: We never had a delegation waiting on our Government.

HON. MR. LEPAGE: They knew it was no use.

DR. MC MILLAN: They never tried us. My hon. friend from Rustico cannot wiggle out of that way. He has got to accept his responsibility as a member of this Government. Doesn't he think they were entitled to it?

HON. MR. LEPAGE: Sure.

DR. MC MILLAN: He is not the worst one in the crowd; I will say that for him. But you know what happened in the College within the last two or three years. You know, when you assumed power, that there was a man qualified in teachers' training and there was a young lady as his assistant. You know they both resigned, he to take a more remunerative position in a neighboring university and the young lady, I believe, to get married. She left anyway—for which you cannot blame her. But here is the point: Did you ever fill their positions? The question was asked a few days ago, and the answer given was: Yes, we have the services of Mr. Lloyd Shaw. Now, Mr. Speaker, I would like to know how Professor Shaw can give his services in the Prince of Wales College, and he a teacher at Mount Allison University. He simply comes here in the summer, after the other university closes and gives some instruction for a few weeks.

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WRONG PERSPECTIVE

What about Miss Hughes' place? Did you ever fill it? The point is that the staff at that institution was too small even when we were in power, and the number has since been reduced. You say the work is going on just the same. It is going on because those professors are being overburdened with work. A man who has to teach twenty-seven periods in one week is a man who is overworked. Go and ask them how they get along! If you expect a staff that is under manned to do more work, you have a perfect right to pay them an adequate wage. But no! Road machinery and gravel are apparently more important in the eyes of this Government. They could have taken \$3,000 or \$5,000, or \$20,000 out of their travelling expenditure and given it to those men, and it would never have been missed. Which would be the greatest "revenue earning investment"—giving the teachers of Prince of Wales College an adequate remuneration, or putting it into gravel? Which is of the most permanent value, the adequate education of the youth of the Province, or the provision of smoother roads for tourists? I submit that this Government has not the proper perspective. They have an exaggerated idea of the importance of one thing, and everything else has to sink into insignificance and take a back seat.

A VICIOUS CIRCLE

For some years past there has been a demand for better and more ade-

quate teachers' training in Prince of Wales College. We endeavored to do that demand by appointing a man who was very competent, and who did his work well. This Government has allowed that gentleman to depart; they have seen that the teachers' training department is suffering. There is no training of any importance being given, and consequently the teachers are not being properly trained for their profession. Thus a vicious circle is established. They go into the school without proper training themselves, how are they going to train the youth of the country properly. The result is very evident. They are sending to Prince of Wales College pupils who are just a little less trained than themselves; and my hon. friends who occupy the Government seats are responsible for that condition, because they have not taken that interest in the work which is necessary; and so long as they are there we may expect that vicious system to be propagated.

NO TEMPERANCE TRAINING

I would like to ask them how much agricultural training is given in the Prince of Wales College? I would like to ask how much Temperance education is given in the public schools in this Province. My hon. friend from Summerside (Hon. Dr. McNeill) endeavored to say something on that point, but the only instance of Temperance education he could cite was some question of other, asked in the examinations. I remember

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Lea Government's Neglect Of Educational Measures Scored By Dr. W. J. McMillan

Education And Public Health Emphasized By Charlottetown Member As Of More Importance Than All The Government's Expenditure On Imported Gravel And Highway Machinery.

Provincial Legislature, April 29
Speech of Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan, Charlottetown, on the Budget, continued from Wednesday's Guardian:
Last year in this city a toxoid campaign was undertaken which consisted of the injection of a harmless substance at periods three weeks apart. This is a measure of public health designed to make children immune to diphtheria. It has now passed the experimental stage, and we are glad that in other parts of the Province it has also been carried out. The figures for those completing the treatment last year are as follows: Charlottetown, 1733; Queen's County (country), 2614; Summerside, 490; Prince County (country), 1884; King's County, 1786; making a total of 8,477. We believe that diphtheria can be successfully controlled in this manner and I think this is evident from the results already achieved in Charlottetown. There were 27 cases of diphtheria in this city in 1928, 26 cases in 1929, and only five cases in 1930—and those five cases developed in those who had not been inoculated. I happen to be City Health Officer and have been for the past fifteen years, and naturally I have been in close touch with work, which was carried on with the co-operation of Dr. Creelman and the others doctors of the city, and also the Red Cross nurses.

SOUNDS WARNING

That is the kind of work which I believe is of the most importance to Prince Edward Island, and I am firmly convinced that more money must be expended along that line. I do not wish to discuss here matters that should properly be discussed before a body of medical men, but there are other diseases which are obtaining too great a foothold in the City and which, if not controlled, will become a very serious menace to our public health. My hon. friend the

senior member from Summerside (Hon. Dr. McNeill) referred to this matter the other night, mentioning particularly the conditions prevailing in Charlottetown and Summerside. He is perfectly right. Those diseases are dreadful, and the result will be worse than the result of tuberculosis. That is a matter to which I want to direct the attention of this new Provincial Health Board when it gets into operation. It is a matter, too, on which the Government will be compelled to spend more money. We may as well begin to face the situation. No matter what Government is in power we must expend more money in fighting the disease to which I refer; we simply cannot help it. If we don't, we are going to reap a reward that will fill the hospitals and Falconwood in the years to come. It is a matter the most serious that any body of citizens can face. You talk of borrowing money to gravel the roads and to pay for power machinery—or being solicitous for the tourist traffic! There are matters of far more serious import than the neglect of which you will reap a dreadful penalty.

JUNIOR RED CROSS

Part of the report of the Provincial Board of Health deals with the work of the Junior Red Cross Society. The growth of this work the report says has been thrilling:

"Prominent educationalists for some years have regarded Junior Red Cross as one of the best methods of teaching health and civics in the schools and our Island teachers are certainly appreciating its value. At the end of the school year in June we had 3742 members in 190 Branches. From September to the end of December this number has greatly increased and there were on Dec. 31st 5,090 members in 234 classrooms organized into Junior Red Cross Branches. This success is due largely to our organizers, Miss MacLean's contact with

the teachers at their conventions and her visits to 296 schools when she spoke to 448 groups of children. . . . The Juniors through their own efforts have raised since Jan. 1st, \$608.48 for the Children's Fund which has helped treatment for some 99 children during the year. This makes a total of 518 of our Island children for whom this Division has arranged medical, surgical or other treatment in the past ten years. This is only a small part, however, of the 7,000 treated through the Canadian Junior Red Cross during the same period."

There is another most important part of Red Cross Work to which I wish to refer; that is the crippled children's work. During the last year two large clinics for crippled children were conducted by Dr. T. B. Acker of Halifax, when 247 examinations were made, 187 for children and 60 for adults.

Do you realize, Mr. Speaker, what that means, that during two visits this distinguished surgeon made there were 187 children presented for his examination and treatment? It is estimated that in this Province we have 400 crippled children. In the last four years we have examined and treated over 300. That is of the kind of work, to my mind, that is of the most importance to this Province. The point I wish to make is this that when the public health nursing service is absorbed in the reorganized provincial health department, along with your two provincial health officers, your two sanitary officers and the whole organization equipment, you must not allow the Red Cross programme to go by the board, because, if you do, all that Junior Red Cross and crippled children work—which is essentially Red Cross work—will be left unprovided for.

FIRST THINGS FIRST

In speaking on the Budget, the Premier used the expression "revenue

investment"—meaning there-by gravelled roads. Let me draw his attention to the great revenue-earning investment possible namely, the correction of those crippled conditions in children, because you are taking those that are handicapped and giving them a fair, square chance in the battle of life. We all know how difficult it is in these years that are beset with all kinds of trouble, and how hard it is to make a success without any physical handicap. When you are preparing children, physically or morally, for the battle of life you are doing the greatest work that a Government can be engaged in.

We hear a lot about the success of the Provincial Exhibition last year. There were about 179 prize horses, 503 prize cattle, and a lot of wonderful swine, and so forth. There was also at that exhibition a booth in which health lectures were given. It was conducted by the Red Cross Society. The same society, at my suggestion some years ago, started a course of lectures on public health to the first year students at Prince of Wales College. The lectures are given by the physician of the city and the chief Red Cross nurse. So you will see that the activities of the Red Cross Society are very far reaching. We have the satisfaction of knowing that the Society in this Province is doing more general work than in any other part of the Dominion.

EDUCATION

A matter that is closely identified with Public Health, so far as children are concerned, is Education. You will notice that there has been very little said by those who comprise the Government of this Province on this important subject. We have been given a great many statistics regarding the number of stills they are finding in Quebec and Montreal; about the number of bootleggers operating on the St. Lawrence; about all the desperate things that are going on in every part of Canada except Prince Edward Island. But when it comes to one of the fundamental concerns of this Province, the speeches will speak for themselves. A few words have been said by the Premier about Education, and that was about all we have heard on the subject from that side of the House.

NO ACTION TAKEN

I asked a question the other day: Who is the Minister of Education in the present Government. And the answer was: "No appointment has been made."

I asked: "Was the Board of Education reorganized in accordance

with the Act which was put on the statute books a year ago? You will remember, Mr. Speaker, that there was to be a complete reorganization of the Board of Education in compliance with the wishes of the teachers in an accordance with the recommendations made by the MacMillan Commission on Education. You will remember, too, that a great spurge was made in the Patriot newspaper commending the Government for complying with the Commission's recommendations in passing that statute. But what was actually done? Nothing, as usual. Why didn't they do it? At that time I challenged the sincerity of the whole thing; I said it was only a Barmecide feast, this thing that they were putting on the statute books to take a referendum to see whether the teachers would be paid more salary or not. It was only a gesture, an empty sign. Was I not right? Why, they could not even reorganize the Board of Education in compliance with their own law, those men who sit there and say: "We have carried out the Prohibition law to the fullest extent." Look how my hon. friend from Rustico smiles with satisfaction! His maternal solicitude is evidently tickled. I will come to their Prohibition enforcement later; but their inaction with regard to the Board of Education was just like everything else. The statute was only a gesture. We had another example of the same thing the other day, when they were going to revive statute labour after condemning it and putting it out of operation three years ago. Now, on the eve of the election, they make a political gesture. The same can be said of their Ticket of Leave Act—another gesture on the eve of the election. Another example was the census which they took of the aged people under the pretext of preparing to give old age pensions. All political gestures; and it has been the same with Education. They did nothing to reorganize the Board; nothing to appoint a Minister; nothing to pass a Referendum Act. When that measure was going through last year they admitted that it could be a referendum on anything, that it might even be a referendum on the admission of beer and light wines under the Prohibition Act. That was admitted by the promoter, and probably that is what they intend to do. I see my hon. friend from Rustico looking serious now; I hope I am not giving away any secrets, because he is supposed to be the dictator of Prohibition administration.

HON. MR. LEPAGE: There is more than me laughing.
DR. MACMILLAN: Of course. Some one would have to laugh first before you would know how to laugh. (laughter) I wonder what they told teachers at Prince of Wales Col-

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Complete printed reports for 1930 will be distributed and the work of the Institution is open to the public and all are cordially invited to attend. The clergy are asked to announce to their congregations on the Sunday previous.

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