



**SIXTH SAFETY WIN**

For the sixth consecutive year the Maritime district of the CNR has won the safety award presented annually by the vice-president and general manager of the Atlantic region, D.V. Gonder returns the trophy to the safekeeping of David Blair, district superintendent. Watching is D. W. Kyle, safety supervisor for the region. (CNR Photo)

**EDUCATIONAL HORIZONS**

**More Junior Colleges Will Come Into Being**

Many changes in educational thought have taken place in the past two years. Indeed, in some things like the curriculum, matriculation requirements, and even school construction, complete reversals of thought and practice are taking place right now. The "social service" theory of education with its tendency to water down the standards has been attacked from all quarters because it has not provided sufficient education to any group of students, able or slow, and because it meets neither the demands of every day life nor the complexities of democracy in this fast-moving age.

**MUST WORK**

In place of the "social service" theory there is developing, what might be called, a "responsibility" theory. We have found out that the public can't expect schooling without good school accommodation and competent, well-paid teachers. Schools are being attended to (if they are paying attention to what happens their graduates) that watered-down standards don't pay. And pupils have found out that nobody can give them an education; they must work for it.

In numerous educational discussions which are taking place, much attention is being given to necessary changes in high school and college facilities. Canada hasn't enough university accommodation, except in the Maritime provinces, and existing crowded accommodation makes increased university facilities essential.

High school construction has increased by leaps and bounds, but in their case it is the standards that are worrying people. At matriculation roughly 20 per cent fail, and about 60 per cent of those who pass do so with third class standing which is scarcely a satisfactory level at which to leave school. Automatic grading and inflated marks in the early years are the chief causes of this situation.

**ADVANTAGES**

One change which is coming quickly is the increased use of junior colleges. As principal of one, I have been asked many questions about its operation, and I have been invited to set down the advantages of this type of institution.

Already hundreds of junior colleges have been established in the United States within the last two years, and they have been frequently advocated and officially recommended in Canada. The purpose is, where possible, to

take off the load from the first two years of the universities and to remove the last two years of high school from the expanded high schools.

**6-4-4 SYSTEM**

The system which appears to be developing rapidly is, what has been called, the 6-4-4 system. Primary schools should include only the first six grades, secondary schools should be confined to the four grades, — seven to ten, and the junior colleges would handle the last two years of high school and the first two years of college.

"We feel," said the Ontario Royal Commission on Education, "that junior colleges should be an integral part of our publicly supported system of education." "We therefore recommend that the educational system be organized in three stages as follows: (1) elementary education... a six-grade programme ending at about age 12; (2) secondary education, comprising a four-grade programme, ending at about 16; (3) further education comprising all post-secondary education to be offered in junior colleges and technical institutes."

The thinking of the many others who have written or spoken on this subject has been along the same lines.

**IN THE LEAD**

It is interesting to note that Charlottetown has long had this arrangement. The primary schools carry pupils to the end of grade six; two secondary schools provide grades seven to ten; and Prince of Wales and St. Dunstan's give the final two years of high school along with the more advanced years.

Indeed two members of the Ontario Royal Commission on Education visited Prince of Wales, W. H. Clarke and Dr. Sidney Smith, and commented enthusiastically on the wisdom of combining grades 11 and 12 with the upper years.

The advantages are numerous. On the material side, the junior college is far and away the most economical of all educational institutions to run. As Mayor Nelms of Ottawa and the Chairman of the Ottawa School Board have been discussing publicly lately, the high schools simply can't afford to provide the necessary laboratory and library facilities and the essential specialists' teachers in adequate numbers for just two grades, that is grades 11 and 12.

**GO TOGETHER**

In turn the universities are having trouble financing the instruction in the advanced and

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methods should change. The teacher must know more about his subject, and the pupil must do more on his own. Indeed the use of primary methods in senior high school years is one of the chief reasons for the failures and low marks at matriculation. The junior college overcomes this; indeed, in many large high schools, grades 11 and 12 are put in completely separate buildings with a staff all their own in an attempt to overcome it.

**MATURE RAPIDLY**

From the standpoint of the young people, the grade 11 and 12 students are with their age group in a junior college, to them a vital and stimulating factor. In a secondary school with six grades or more the 16 to 18 year olds are a minority in a 12 to 18 year range. In a junior college they are a majority in a 16 to 20 range which is a totally different and far better arrangement. Young people mature rapidly from 16 to 18 and a juvenile atmosphere and juvenile instruction may slow down that rate of maturity.

From grade 12 in a high school to first year university is a large jump — so large that the freshman failure rate is everywhere going up by leaps and bounds, as practically all university reports indicate. But the transition from second year to third year junior college (the same level) is comparatively easy. And the change from fourth year junior college to third year university is likewise convenient. The reason? The junior college can ensure the logical progression from senior high school subjects into college work, while the university which gets its students for the first time in the freshman year, can't assume universal competence at matriculation and must start in at the beginning in all subjects.

**FEWER DROP OUT**

Moreover, junior colleges encourage students to go farther. Once young people have gone through two years there, they are encouraged to go on; and when they have done four years there they are encouraged to complete two more years for a degree.

The junior college can most conveniently cater to the different groups of students. It has the staff and facilities to prepare, not only those who are going on to university, but also those leaving early to go into employment. And it can cater to both the top students and the rank and file. Prince of Wales, for example, has everywhere and for a long time had an enviable record of providing a thorough grounding for its top students. And best of all they come back and tell us how much they ap-

preciated it later. In addition, the College provides extra instruction in the basic subjects for those who need it most and are behind in them.

**VARIED APPROACH**

One of the commonest current criticisms of high schools everywhere is that they have not succeeded in looking after their top and bottom students properly because it is the average that is catered to. The junior colleges are in a position to service students of all three groups who wish to get ahead. They have the staff, library, laboratories, and student activities to provide the programs suited to the abilities and interests of a variety of students.

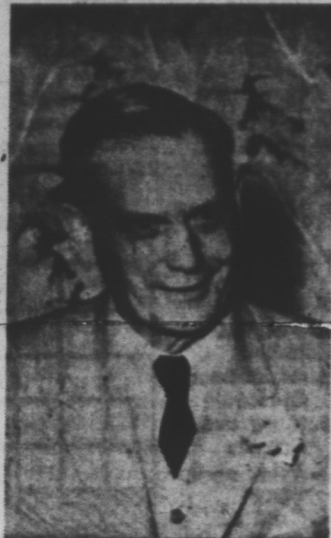
Years ago there was a criticism (Continued on page 11)

**Souris Merchant Greatly Mourned**

The sudden passing on March 10th of Roy C. MacLean, prominent Island business man of Souris, was learned with great regret by friends and relatives throughout the province. Death came to the 78 year old president of Matthew & MacLean Ltd. in the form of a heart seizure while he worked in his office. The career of this Souris senior citizen, distinguished for his vigor of mind and youthfulness of appearance, was marked by outstanding leadership given to many activities and organizations in his native town and province.

Roy Clifford MacLean was born in Souris in 1881, the second son of John MacLean (later Senator) and his wife, Matilda Jury. He grew up in the merchantile atmosphere of the Souris business started by his father and Oriah Matthew in 1869. Educated to that end he attended the local school and Prince of Wales College with further training in the Merchant's Bank of Prince Edward Island, in which he served at Charlottetown and Sydney, N.S. being manager at the latter branch for several years.

Returning to Souris around 1904 Mr. MacLean entered the partnership of Matthew and MacLean and was one of the original directors at the time of its incorporation in 1908. At his death he was not only president of Souris's oldest firm but also had for ten years been president of the Associated Shippers, Inc. of P.E.I. which he had helped form in 1932. His knowledge and interest in the growing and marketing of pot-



R. C. MACLEAN

atoes was profound and his advice and counsel to growers will be greatly missed.

**FOUNDER OF BAND**

In local activities he was one of the founders in 1904 of the Souris Citizen's Band, an organization which for many years raised much money for community betterment. Upon incorporation of the town in 1910 he became a member of the first council and in February, 1912 won the first election ever held in Souris for a mayor. Incidentally, his opponent at this time, H. H. Sterns of Heberdale, Souris, who later moved to Edmonton, Alberta, died a week or two after Mr. MacLean. The tenure of mayor at this time was one year only, and Mr. MacLean was re-elected the following year by acclamation. Two other terms (1928-1929) and 1931-1932) completed Mr. MacLean's services in the office of mayor, but for many years he continued in the council as chairman of the financial committee.

Other organizations to which he gave much time included the Eastern King's Board of Trade and the Carry-on-Canada Corps in both of which he served as president. R. C. MacLean, however, will probably be remembered best as the father of the Souris Hospital. His tireless devotion to the preliminary organization and erection of a building, and his ten years of sustained effort as chairman of the Board did much to assure the success of this institution.

**SPORT BOOSTER**

As a sportsman, Mr. MacLean's activities ranged from

hockey in his youth he played for Souris, Prince of Wales College and the Charlottetown Victorias) to rifle range shooting, ice-boating and hunting and fishing in later years. In all of these he was adept and from them all he took considerable pleasure.

In the first World War Mr. MacLean, as a Lieutenant in the artillery commanded a draft which was raised for the No. 5 Seige Battery and later served in France with the No. 11 Seige Battery. He returned to Souris in May of 1920.

Not the least of his services were devoted to the activities of church and lodge which counted him a faithful attendant and active worker. He was a past master of Orient Lodge, A.T. & A.M. at Souris and had received his 50th year pin in 1957. In St. James Presbyterian Church he was treasurer for some years and later in St. James United Church was secretary of the Official Board for more than quarter of a century. A perfectionist in many ways, his minutes and records were most meticulously kept.

**GRACIOUS HOST**

In his home Mr. MacLean was ever the gracious host. Many from far and near gathered last June to wish him and Mrs. MacLean the very best on their 50th wedding anniversary. Mrs. MacLean, who survives, was the former Adele Sterns of Souris.

Others surviving include a son Alan of Souris, and daughters Jean (Mrs. A. S. Reed of Covehead), Adele (Mrs. Clifford Townhend of Rollo Bay), Rena (Mrs. Gustave Gingras of Montreal), and Nora of Souris. An elder son Rowan

predeceased him many years. His sister, Rena MacLean, who went overseas with the first contingent in 1914 as a nursing sister, was killed in 1918 when the hospital ship Llandovery Castle was torpedoed and sunk. Others surviving include a brother, H. D. MacLean of Souris and several grand-children.

The funeral services were on Thursday from the home with his pastor Rev. W. A. MacQuarrie, D.D. of St. James United Church officiating. Burial was in Souris West cemetery. The large number attending from many parts of the Island and the numerous floral tributes bare silent recognition to the worth of the departed.

Palbearers were Creighton Dixon, Donald LeBrecht, Keith MacKenzie, John Chaisson, Joseph J. MacDonald and Albert Mallard. Flower bearers were Claude Richards, Ray Campbell, Melvin MacPhee, Theodore

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