

Young Sessions 23rd Annual Convention Held

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were spent annually in preparation for prevention of war. However, education was continually engaged in battle, in a war against ignorance and inefficiency, Mr. Shaw states.

The Superintendent thought teachers had a greater burden than they should have although they were the most important feature in school life. "We have a wrong idea of school," he said. "It should be made up of play, art, music and literature. They are the things that make life worth while. Art and music are the real stuff of education."

Another great educational need in this province was for co-operation between the teacher and the home. That co-operation was essential for the breaking of the link between the home and school was a difficult undertaking in many cases, Mr. Shaw said, but leadership in making the step should come from the homes.

The speaker said he would like to see better trained teachers in Prince Edward Island, teachers who could become leaders in the community.

The Chief Superintendent's picture of an ideal community was one which centred around the home. The school should not be thought of as a place to confine children, but a community centre of which the people should be proud. An effort should be undertaken to make the school building the finest in the whole district.

"More community life is needed. It leads to happiness which is better than wealth," said Mr. Shaw. He continued that the tendency these days was to find out what children wanted to do and to let them do it, instead of seeing what they could do and making them do it.

The educationist looked forward to the day when all Prince Edward Island schools would have good playground facilities. In the past little consideration was given to recreation grounds for school pupils. "There would have been no difficulty establishing a playground near the schools but there seems to have been an idea that grounds were priceless and the children were worthless," he said.

One question regarding proposed school text book changes, the Superintendent declared "the best text books that can be got are not too good for our children. There is not nearly enough books in the province until the Carnegie libraries were established."

The reasons parents worried over education costs, Mr. Shaw said, was not understanding. "We should do everything to educate our children and make any sacrifice no matter how great to do it."

He urged the people of the province to insist upon more education for Prince Edward Island's teachers, and education "be better than they are getting," he finished.

Welcome By Mayor

Mayor P. W. Turner of Charlottetown welcomed the visiting women delegates to the capital at convention sessions yesterday afternoon.

The world was passing through a period of change, he Mayor said. With all the changes that were taking place there was a corresponding change in the status of women in the world. Women were now free to enter business or politics.

"But along with this freedom," Mayor Turner told the women delegates, "you have been given increased responsibilities. We have at work in all countries, forces of evil—Communism, Socialism and the rest. It is with bodies such as these that we will have to look if we are to uphold tried institutions and customs."

Mrs. M. J. Doyle of Cavendish thanked the city for its hospitality on behalf of the convention delegates. The delegates would endeavor to make the convention a beneficial one for the province and country, she said.

"At this convention we hope to renew enthusiasm which when we return to our homes will spur us on in our endeavors for the intellectual, moral and physical welfare of the province," Mrs. Doyle concluded.

Lecture on Art

The convention heard a lecture on the need of art in the home by Mrs. P. A. Creelman of Charlottetown.

The speaker declared that house-keeping women everywhere needed the uplift of art in order to remain immune from household drudgery. Enjoyment of art was not only the women's privilege, but also her right if only time were taken to learn to create, she said.

The artistic laws of balance, rhythm and harmony underlay everything that existed in the world and what was needed by the women was the key to appreciation, said Mrs. Creelman.

Concluding her address, the speaker recommended two valuable books on art to her audience. They were "Art Training Through Home Problems" and "Art in Everyday Life." Both are available at the provincial libraries.

Committee Reports Submitted

Mrs. Fred MacLaren of York Point, convener of Education and Social Studies, presented the report of the Education Committee.

minutes submitted their reports at the afternoon meeting while at the opening session reports on Canadian Industries by Mrs. W. A. Alley, Murray River, Canadianization and National Events by Mrs. Ivan Linkletter, Northam were others tabulated.

Supervisor Miss F. Jean Bodd, Charlottetown, read her report reviewing the activities of the institutes for the year.

ADULT EDUCATION

Dr. M. M. Coady in his opening remarks paid tribute to the work of the Island Institutes and told the delegates that they had in this Province probably the finest spot in North America.

"You have a mission to perform not only for yourselves but for the rest of Canada," he told them. He came, he said, to talk over the vital issue of the adult education movement.

First he mentioned the need for adult education. The movement is closely associated with education in general which is something which prepares for life.

In a program under a dictator, where a plan is worked out by some one in absolute authority, education does not learn so big.

As time goes on education is being looked at from a more realistic standpoint. It should be a preparation for further development in later life, he said.

"We are definitely come to the point where education should be co-terminous with every day life. To do anything else would be unfair to ourselves and our country," the speaker claimed.

It is a practicable, possible thing to educate grown up people. Many do not believe it is practicable or they did not in the past. Those who hold the view have a low estimate of democracy and have a poor concept of human nature. "If we are to have a democracy, it is an impossibility I say we may as well say goodbye to democracy," he claimed.

"While we are debating the question we have the greatest experiment in adult education being carried on by the Communists. They are instructing the common, and the commonest of the common, in the principles of our economic life. They are at work in Canada and the United States. At present they have a difficult time because they have so much opposition but they are bent on educating Canada, the United States and all the world in the ideas of Communism," Dr. Coady went on to tell the meeting.

The rest of the people sit back and do nothing. All the educated people sit at home during long winter evenings and do nothing to improve themselves and nothing to help others. The Communists will win because they have faith, not spiritual faith but faith that they will succeed with their objects.

There is no doubt about the feasibility of the scheme of adult education. It not only is able to be done but it is actually being done.

How to Proceed

Now as how to proceed. The work was attempted in Nova Scotia where they were short in man power and finances, Dr. Coady said. The adult education scheme had been worked for many years in Antigonish and in 1928 they decided to branch out. The people, principally farmers and fishermen, were scattered so they naturally turned to the little groups and it turned out to be scientific way, for adults learn best, it has been found, in small groups. The smaller clubs were grouped into larger ones which met once a month and the larger ones in turn were federated into still larger federated groups, which met in annual sessions.

From farmers and fishermen the next step was to begin the work in industrial areas and then to work with the women. In the latter work, which is very important, great progress is being made.

Sweden has been conducting an adult study circle movement for many years and they too use the small group.

From 5 to 15 to each group is considered as ideal, the speaker said.

Dr. Coady reviewed the work in Sweden. There they claim no national organization will ever be worthwhile unless the members are grouped into small groups.

In Sweden today they have several national organizations, including temperance, agriculture, fisheries and so on.

The Americans in their work have been very strong on mass meetings. They are always useful at certain intervals as a stimulant but the work is done in the small group.

In Sweden the movement has become so strong that the people went to the Government and asked for money for the furtherance of the movement with no strings attached.

Sweden is the one country in the world which has solved its problems. To my mind it is the most advanced country in the world today," Dr. Coady said. A recently published book, "The Middle Way," tells the story.

In the movement in the United States they started with the financial end of the problem in the belief that that would lead to other things and it has been proving so, the speaker went on to tell the meeting.

Need of Mobilization

"We are mobilizing the intelligence of our nation to fight the

battles of life when we start an adult education movement," Dr. Coady declared.

"If you want a great Canada or a great Prince Edward Island you want someone to go out and mobilize the people and release the energy which is in them," he continued. "That is what adult education is. It may be economic today, literature tomorrow, music or something else the next day."

"If we fail to realize our capabilities to that extent have not lived. That is one of the great tragedies of human life. That was Grey's idea when he wrote the 'Elegy in a Country Churchyard'."

We should see that every boy and girl lives to the fullest extent of it in them to do. The greatness in terms of a nation will be measured in terms of how we are able to take up the stock of opportunities as they offer. The same idea applies to individuals," the educationist claimed.

If a nation is cursed with men of no vision the people suffer as a consequence. It is happening in this country.

"To be sure that we are not missing opportunities we must be organized and ready all the time. We should be organized and in a position to think straight. It is remarkable how many people are crooked thinkers. It is as prevalent among the educated as among the more illiterate."

Medicine is the only realm in which man up to the present time is able to think straight, he told. If a man does not think straight and accept the findings of science he pays the penalty perhaps with his life.

There was a time when one nation led the world in the use of the people in other countries were having a hard time, but it is coming to the point in the world's history where "we are our brothers keepers."

Nations are all one big family in the human race and if any part suffers it hurts all. In this country it is the business of each person to help those who are in difficulties.

Even the energy and brains of the people of Canada is needed so that the nation will be able to stand up against the corroding influence of the destructive movements of today.

Adult education builds character. The weakest link in a dictatorship is that it does not take into consideration the human factor. There is only one way of making a great nation and that is by having the people work out their own problems.

"Our boys and girls will be great," the speaker said, "if we do not work out their destinies," the speaker said in conclusion.

Address on Music

Rev. Mr. McCleary in beginning his address on music told how he was delighted with the address of Dr. Coady.

"Unless we have education we will spell evolution with an 'r' he declared.

With regard to music, he made an appeal to the people to develop the three counties a musical festival to be held once a year with a final one in Charlottetown for the whole Province. In that way a harmony would be developed through out the whole province. It was done in Northern Ontario where the people do have little use for art or art's sake. It is of little use unless it means something. Music is not being exploited enough today and should be taught more in the schools, he thought.

At the close of the meeting, on the led the meeting in a spirited and enthusiastic sing song.

CANADIANIZATION AND NATIONAL EVENTS

Madame President and Delegates: Since we last met in convention, the hearts and the hearts of all true Canadians, have been touched and drawn closer together by the passing of a great and good man—King George the Fifth. We remember even yet that subtle something which for a space seemed to link all the peoples of the earth into one great family, as they banded together in respectful tribute to the memory of one who by linking his life with the omnipotent Power that rules the universe has been able to win a place among the nations un- known to the world's history. It was never to be forgotten moment when our announcers with tense hushed voices said: "The King is dead! Long live the King!" Immediately our hearts' allegiance was pledged to the first-born of our dead Sovereign—this young man whose career had been launched on such turbulent waters—this young man with his far-flung influence over the lives of men. Today we ask ourselves: "How best can we serve him in our little corner of his vast dominions? How can we help make his Empire great?"—and we are reminded that "true goodness is true greatness."

Many of the island women seem to have caught the idealistic spirit of our departed King, and as the questionnaires have come in, I was surprised by the earnest thought that seems to have been given them. So many of them would take them, pressed, that I would like to mention some of them.

To the first question, as to whether or not Canada is becoming more wicked, more than half answered "Yes." Seventy percent claimed that intemperance and its consequent immorality are to blame for this. Many think that unemployment and enforced idleness give time for many bad practices.

Quite a number, however, claim that Canada is becoming a better place to live in—that there seems to be more hope, because of the better facilities for spreading news. When we remember the noble response of the Draegermen in the Moose River tragedy, and the self-forgetful attitude of doctors, announcers, and others, we are forced to admit that there is, in fact, much more kindness of heart, to the question "What do you consider the greatest menace to our young people who will constitute the Canadian citizenship of tomorrow?" a great many answer, "Drinking and

cigarette smoking, especially among women and girls." Almost without exception the remedy suggested is, "Ask the Government for stricter enforcement of the Prohibition law, and have the teaching of the evils of every stressed in our schools." Many maintain that the chief menace to our young people is the lack of Christian training in the homes and the growing habit of using Sunday as a holiday instead of a busy day. There seems to be a very general idea that, in our quest for pleasure, our natures are becoming loo-sided due to the fact that we are neglecting the spiritual side, so necessary to the well-rounded life of man. Impure literature and questionable movies were also mentioned and stricter censorship demanded. In an excellent paper from Heatherdale, it is suggested that parents should strive to have their children follow high ideals, not by the use of restraint and repression, but by a sympathetic comradeship with them, and by setting them a blameless example in our own lives.

To turn to good account the enforced idleness of our young people, and at the same time to improve their health and morals, the study of music and the composition of good poetry and prose might be taken up much more extensively than at present. The beneficial effects of good music on the health and morals has long been recognized by doctors and educators, and good poetry also has a refining and uplifting effect. Some of the questionnaires mentioned having had roll-call answered by names of Canadian authors, but no one mentioned having had Island writers. The names of several of these are already familiar to us all—Mr. E. H. MacArthur, Basil King, and I suppose you all know of others by whose words you have at some time been thrilled.

I wonder how many of you have been interested in the poems and short articles published in our monthly from time to time from the pen of Mr. E. H. MacArthur, of Lorne Valley. Here are a few lines from a poem entitled Canada, which I think you will enjoy, and which seems very appropriate:

On her bosom have been cradled lives that reached the heights of glory, still the fate of many millions guards she in her vast domain; Watchful ever of their welfare, Righting wrongs of darker years, Bravely looking towards the future.

With his hopes and doubts and fears, Reaching out for high ideals, Peace and justice is her aim, Till her loyal sons and daughters Rise to bless her honored name. History courses in the schools may be used to inspire good citizenship by having pupils note and contribute to the quality of good citizenship in historical characters. In particular the nation's leaders, Pupils and teachers might make history scrap-books, containing pictures and articles on the nation's leaders, both past and present. All- round national events should be observed and their significance noted. The spirit of true patriotism should inspire us to be good citizens of the world. Our love for our own country should never interfere with our love for mankind as a whole. We should desire to make our own country the greatest in the world, but not unless it contributes to the sum total of happiness and prosperity.

We are especially glad that Prince Edward Island was this year able to send a delegate to the Conference of the Associated Women of the World at Washington. We feel sure that these women will do what they can to "spread the spirit of international harmony and plead the cause of friendship" between the peoples of the earth, so that they may allow themselves to be led down that third road, the broad, cheerful, fruitful highway, built by the good-will of nations.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to all who by filling out and returning their questionnaires have helped me to prepare this report. As the paper from Rev. Point Institute so truly says: "We are now in a great play, and a large part in the making of good Canadian citizens." And in a recent editorial in one of our Island papers we read: "Today it is generally 'calculated that a woman is not only a person, but also a citizen. From the Institute at Fredericton comes this message: 'We are integral units of society. The Government is not something to support us. We must support the Government.' No Government, however willing, can enforce a law without supporters among the people."

It is through these questionnaires that we can find expression, and make our voice heard. The convictions of a large number of representative women, who are thoroughly in earnest and alive to the issues of the day, cannot be ignored. Then why not take advantage of your questionnaires?

Perhaps never before has our country been faced with such dread possibilities as at present. The greed in Europe, caused by the greed for power, combined with the unscrupulousness of certain of its rulers, sometimes cause one to wonder just what the future may hold for us on this side of the Atlantic. "And what can we do about it?" you say. Nothing, except to use all our influence and intelligence to help make our people truly worthy to be called citizens of our great Dominion. Then we will be prepared for any eventualities.

MRS. IVAN LINKLETTER, Convener.

UNEMPLOYED JAILED (C. F. by Guardian's Special Wire) WINNIPEG, July 14. — Sixteen unemployed agitators who commanded three street cars recently were fined \$5 each by Magistrate E. W. Walsh in City Court today. Unable to pay the fine, they were sentenced to seven days in jail. Yesterday six other unemployed were fined \$10 with 10 days alternative for participating in a snake walk down Portage Avenue. All went to jail.

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MANSLAUGHTER CASE TO GO TO JURY TODAY

The evidence of three witnesses, who were examined in Supreme Court yesterday morning, completed the case for the Crown against William E. Phillips charged with manslaughter. At the afternoon session seven witnesses gave testimony as the defense presented its case. In all thirty-two persons have testified since the trial opened Thursday morning. The case will go to the jury today, it is expected.

A summary of evidence heard yesterday follows:

Summary of Evidence

J. Anthony Reardon, civil engineer with the local Department of Public Works, who had given evidence previously and submitted a plan testified that he had drawn the plan to scale. Questioned by Mr. Shaw he gave additional evidence as to distances indicated on the plan.

The nearest telephone post east of the mark in the bank was approximately 35 feet, he said. From a point on the road opposite the furthest west of two posts, close together in the school fence, to the mark on the bank on the south side of the road was approximately 110 feet.

Cross examined by Mr. Johnston the witness said the school grounds were 200 feet long. It would be most difficult for anyone driving along the right hand side of the road from the east towards the west to locate the school until a person would be in front of the school grounds.

Spurgeon Jenkins, R.C.M.P. constable, testified he saw a car taken on May 18, 1932 registration number. He examined the car. The right fender was dinged and the right headlight broken. The right side of the windshield was shattered. On the outside of the windshield in front of the driver there were some splatters of blood as though it had been sprayed there.

Inside the car there was a fishing rod, a jack handle and in the receptacle on the dash some cancelled checks, an empty ginger ale bottle, a glass, and a package of cloths.

Frederick Cordwell, R.C.M.P. corporal, told of investigating an accident at Bunbury on the evening of May 18. He gave certain measurements he made. On the 18th he found glass on the north side of the road about 15 yards from the centre line of the road. There were marks on the road and immediately to the south was a sod 4 feet long and 2 feet wide lengthwise to the road. There were two other sods 20 by 10 inches and 22 by 13 inches. There was a three strand wire fence along the road. The sods were on the inner side of the fence. The larger sod weighed 125 pounds, the two smaller ones 30 pounds. The sods were taken to the R.C.M.P. barracks. They were produced in court.

The witness measured the distance from a point in front of the school to a circle of foot prints on the road and found it 59 feet 6 inches. From the circle of foot prints to the tire marks in the bank was a distance of 52 feet. From the wire fence in front of the school to the centre of the road was 14 feet.

From a point 73 yards east of a post on the southeast corner of the school grounds the witness had a good view of the southern portion of the school grounds.

From a post 36 yards east of a post on the south eastern extremity of the school grounds he had a good view of the school house itself and the grounds.

He examined the car and found on the right hand side the fender and bumper were driven in on the wheel. The radiator had been driven in with a tendency towards the left hand side. The centre of the bumper was bent. On the left headlight the glass and two bulbs were broken and the frame dinged. The right side did not come in contact with the bank. The right hand fender had a number of specks of blood on it, and on the windshield immediately in front of the driver there were also some specks of blood.

The witness produced photographs of the scene of the accident, taken on May 26. They were all taken from the centre of the road.

Cross examined by Mr. Johnston the witness said he did not make the maximum measurement in any case.

The witness told in reply to a question by Mr. Johnston that a boy had been knocked off a bicycle when it was in collision with a car driven by the witness who was going to get a member of the coroner's jury. The boy was not looking where he was going and ran into the side of the witness' car at the front fender, he testified. He landed on one foot and was not injured.

He would think that a man coming from the east would have a good view of the school house as one coming from the west.

The sods taken from the bank were produced in court. That completed the case for the Crown.

Evidence for the Defence Henry J. Phillips, Charlottetown contractor and father of the accused, was the first witness for the defense. He recalled the 14th of May last. He had been driving his car, a 1935 Ford V8, that day. He was driving it on the streets in Charlottetown and told

the jury of some of the places he called that day.

He did not notice anything wrong with the brakes. He had been driving it the day before and didn't notice any difference in it. At some time after ten he gave the car to his son, Bill, who halted the witness on the street and asked if the witness was through. His son told that he was going to take Mr. McLellan to St. Andrews. He did not see his son between then and the accident.

The witness had been driving the car every day before the accident, and did not notice anything wrong with the brakes.

The crown did not cross examine the witness.

Dominic Doyle, sergeant of police, Charlottetown remembered the 18th of May. He saw the accused that day. The witness was standing at the Capitol Theatre corner and the accused pulled up to and said "do you want a trip to St. Andrews?" Mr. Geo. McLellan was with him. The witness looked at his watch and said it was too near to