

Brief Presented By Superintendent Parker

Following is the text of a preliminary report made by Mr. K.A. Parker, Superintendent of City Schools, before the Select Standing Committee on Education of the Legislature yesterday morning at its public hearing in the Legislative Chamber:

As one who is engaged professionally in education, it is a privilege to have this opportunity to submit some observations which appear, pertinent to our present situation.

Before listing positive recommendations, it may be helpful to make some general statements which will serve as background to evaluate my suggestions. First, as a relative newcomer to my adopted province, I am greatly impressed with the tremendous physical resources with which this province is endowed, basically, agriculture, fishing and the natural beauty of this favoured island which provides practically unlimited basis for the development of our tourist industry. Second, I am equally impressed with the human resources, as represented by the various racial groups which have developed this province, such as the Scotch, English, Irish and French, etc. In short, we have the best which the human race has so far produced.

I do not believe that it is an over-simplification to say that our continued development and use of these great resources, depends almost entirely on the strength of our educational system. Unfortunately, there does not seem to be concrete evidence that substantial numbers of our citizens in the community or in government have recognized the significance of this thesis. Otherwise we would not be faced with many of our present problems, problems which have compounded themselves as a result of our teachers who in quality of our future citizens has steadily deteriorated in recent years.

SITUATION GRAVE

Unless this Province can provide its children with educational opportunity under the guidance of teachers who have the necessary academic and professional qualifications, there can only be one result, namely, steady deterioration of our way of life with its attendant resources remaining undeveloped. The period of history in which demands that citizens anywhere should receive the highest possible training in their schools. The day is past when the farmer, fisherman and tradesman can exist competitively with only a knowledge of the 3 R's and a few simple arithmetic. Now we can only expect to find a supply of qualified teachers if the conditions of employment and salary scales are reasonably comparable to other vocations demanding similar educational background. It is on these two counts that our whole situation centers. All of our efforts must be coordinated and directed towards the solution of these two basic problems. What can be done about it with our present limited financial resources? A great deal if we have the conviction that action is imperative to hold up our heads with citizens in the other nine provinces. We shall be judged by what we do first for ourselves.

The first immediate step is to find ways and means of restoring the morale and prestige of our teachers presently employed, now at a dangerously low ebb because of poor working conditions and low salaries. The most serious factor is the failure of the Department of Education and the local school district to recognize the qualifications of their teachers by a realistic scale of supplements based on qualifications and experience. For the vast majority of our teachers, there is practically no monetary incentive to improve their educational status or to give continued service to their school. When school districts pay the same supplement to a permit license teacher as to one with a First Class License, or even with a University degree, and in June, Rev. M.C. Currie, Rev. W.H. Brown, and Rev. Geo. Killen, together with the following Elders: Mr. R.A. MacKenzie, Mr. D.J. Riley, Mr. R.S.P. Jardine, Mr. W.G. Foster, Mrs. James Marchbank, Lure, and Mr. James Marchbank.

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P. E. I. Presbytery Meets At Zion

The March meeting of the P.E.I. Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Canada was held Tuesday in the Hall of Zion Church, Charlottetown, with the Moderator, Rev. L.M. MacNaughton, in the Chair, and the Clerk, Rev. T.H.B. Somers, at the desk. The following Ministers were also present: Rev. D.A. Campbell, Rev. Donald Nicholson, Rev. J.D. MacKay, Rev. M.C. Currie, Rev. W. H. Brown, and Rev. Geo. Killen, together with the following Elders: Mr. R.A. MacKenzie, Mr. D.J. Riley, Mr. R.S.P. Jardine, Mr. W.G. Foster, Mrs. James Marchbank, Lure, and Mr. James Marchbank.

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Coming Events

- Bingo Hope River tonight
- Card Party - Hampshire Hall Thursday, March 21.
- Unloading cattle Co-op Feeds, Thursday and Friday Vernon River Co-op.
- Rummage Sale, L.M. Montgomery Chapter I.O.D.E., Kirk Basement, Friday, 22, 7 p.m.
- Double Header North River Rink tonight Cornwall vs. Dunstaffnage 7:30 North River vs. York at 8:45.
- Rummage sale, L.M. Montgomery Chapter I.O.D.E., Kirk basement, Friday 22, 7 p.m.
- 3 act comedy "Maid of Money" Vernon River Hall Monday, Mar. 25, Roads permitting, Curtain 8:15.
- Showing at Morel Friday, "Run For Cover" starring James Gregory, Viveca Lindfors, and John Drake. This one is another thriller. Show time 7:30 p.m.
- Don't miss variety concert and play presented by Southport Players in Pownal Hall Thursday March 21st at 8:30. Sponsored by Pownal Women's Institute.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS TABLED IN LEGISLATURE

The following questions and answers were tabled in the Legislature yesterday:

UNSATISFIED JUDGMENT

Mr. R.R. Bell asked the Provincial Secretary-Treasurer the following questions:

1. As of March 1, 1957, what is the amount of the Unsatisfied Judgment Fund?
2. How many claims were paid in the year 1956-57, and the total amount same?
3. Is this Fund maintained as a distinct and separate one free and apart from general revenue?
4. As of March 1, 1957, what was the indebtedness of the Province to the Bank of Montreal?
5. What security does the Bank hold for said indebtedness?

Answers:

1. As of March 11, 1957—\$128,991.25
2. 15—\$14,933.01.
3. Yes.
4. (a) Current Account, \$312,331.37; (b) 4 1/2 per cent Treasury Note, 5,500,000.00; (c) 1956 Debenture Account awaiting refunding under authority of the Prince Edward Island Refunding Act 1956, Chapter 34, \$1,425,624.79.
5. Treasury Note for (a) and (c).
VETERINARY SERVICES

Mr. Leo Rossiter asked the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:

- (1) Give names of the veterinarians receiving a subsidy, and amount received by each in year 1956 to 1957.
- (2) Were any of these veterinarians employed by the General Government during 1956 on the following:

Brother Dies In Newton, Mass.

Mrs. Kelsey J. Burhoe, Charlottetown, received the sad news last evening of the sudden death of her brother-in-law, Mr. Louis Harris, Newton, Mass. His many friends of P.E.I. will mourn his passing.

Mr. Burhoe leaves this morning by plane to attend the funeral services.

CHEQUE STOLEN

Merchants and banking businesses are advised that an undorsed family allowance cheque in the amount of \$30.00, payable to Mrs. Frances Clinton is believed to have been stolen from their mail box on the morning of March 20, 1957. Kindly keep a look out for any person attempting to cash this cheque and advise City Police.

Inserted by—
C. W. MacARTHUR,
Chief of Police,
Charlottetown, P. E. I.

Junior Women's Church Meeting

The monthly general meeting of the Junior Women's Association of Trinity United Church, was held on Monday evening in the Social Hall of the Church. The President Mrs. George J. Tweedy, presided.

Group Eight was in charge of devotions and the meeting opened with a reading by Mrs. Harold Goodwin, and prayers by Mrs. George Shelton. During the following business period Mrs. Tweedy gave a report on the recent Father and Son Banquet held in Trinity, to which the Junior W.A., catered by providing a delicious turkey supper, which proved to be a splendid success.

The recently completed project of the organization was finalized, that of the placing of draperies on the windows of the various classrooms flanking the Social Hall. This work was carried out under the direction of Mrs. R.P. VanAlstine.

Two members from Group Nine will assist with canvassing during the approaching Red Cross financial Campaign.

Consideration was given to a novel money raising project in the organization, which will take the place of the annual Junior W.A. tea usually held in October. This was outlined to the meeting by Mrs. Sheldon Carson, the Vice President, and was definitely decided upon as a project for next fall.

Refreshments were served following adjournment of the meeting.

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His Honour the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Prowse entertained Members of the Legislature and Deputy Ministers of the Crown at Government House last evening. The occasion was the annual Legislative dinner.

In the Georgian Reception Room a note of spring was struck with a bouquet of pussy-willows, daffodils and tulips. The dining table was white with a silver basket of centred chrysanthemums and candelabra completed the appointment.

FUNERAL NOTICE

Members of True Brothers Lodge, No. 8, A. F. & A.M., are requested to meet at Hampton United Church Thursday at 2 p.m. to attend the funeral of our late Brother, J. Warren Villett, P.M.

BY ORDER OF D.M.

The Robertson Memorial Lecture

at
Prince of Wales College

will be delivered by
DR. O. M. SOLANDT

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