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Boston Professor Holds State-wide Contests in Schools.

Boston.—School children are better spellers today than they were in 1879. This was demonstrated by a state-wide spelling contest recently carried on by the Boston University school of education under the direction of Prof. Guy M. Wilson. A bulletin announcing results has been issued by Professor Wilson after months of work. The bulletin states that nine-year-

olds in 1879 averaged 69.2 on the word "which," last year the average was 76.0. On the word "whose" in 1879 the average was 54.2; this year, 60.0. On the word "too" in 1879 the average was 23.0; this year, 79.4.

The test was undertaken as a means of judging whether modern methods of teaching spelling are efficient. Seventy-nine towns took part. The words were selected on the basis of a class median of 73, determined by calculation, for the respective grades. Seven of the 79 towns finishing the contest were up to or above standard. The percentage of correct spelling for all towns was 58.76; standard 78.

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LIBRARIES FOR THE MARITIMES.

A Paper Read by W. C. Milner, Dominion Archives, at The Kentville Meeting of The Maritime Board of Trade.

According to a late Dominion Educational report, the annual expenditure of the various Provinces of Canada for library purposes is as follows:

New Brunswick	\$ 8,615
Nova Scotia	16,932
Alberta	72,047
Saskatchewan	72,433
British Columbia	86,020
Manitoba	87,762
Ontario	872,000

Thus Nova Scotia and New Brunswick stand lowest in the scale for public expenditure for books. Nova Scotia expends one dollar to fifty-four expended in Ontario, or on the basis of population, one dollar to seven in Ontario. The total sum expended by the Government for books for libraries in 1922-23 was \$505,000, in 711 rural and urban schools. The New Brunswick paid \$166.88 for school library books for reprint issued last year.

The number of males studying history was in rural schools 715; females 575 more. In high schools, boys 216, girls 177.

Sixty years ago Joseph Howe invested a thousand pounds for books for Nova Scotia students. That seems to have been the beginning and end of any serious attempt to establish provincial libraries.

A peculiar feature of the school libraries is that there is no history of this Province to be found either in the school curriculum or in the school libraries. Halifax, Miramichi, Campbell's and Allison's histories are out of print and not available for libraries or students. How can the sons and daughters of the Province know anything of the stirring and romantic events of their country when they have no access to the records? Let us compare this condition with Ontario.

The Maritime Provinces with their half a dozen public libraries cut a poor figure beside Ontario, which possesses 453 public libraries and 237 travelling libraries. No community there is too small or too remote to be inaccessible to good books. There are two classes of libraries—the first "Library Associations" which are voluntary societies composed in each case of ten or more persons, who are incorporated and capable of owning property. These have developed from the old Mechanic's Institute established in 1833. They receive in each case a Government grant and are therefore under Government regulation. These in the year 1914, numbered 250 and had 41 reading rooms attached. They reached communities aggregating 150,000 people. They expended that year \$40,000 of which \$17,000 was for books. The Government contributed \$10,000 to the fund. They contained 436,000 volumes and circulated 552,000 books. Those societies while doing excellent work are not as progressive as those belonging to the second class, the Free Library system, which is the pride of that Province. In 1916, 186 of them had been created. The total expenditure for them was \$580,000; volume in libraries 1,470,000; in circulation 5,600,000; Legislative grant \$28,000; expended in books \$100,000. In Toronto alone there are fifteen public libraries. In Nova Scotia the Government has established one only and that at Halifax. New Brunswick does not possess one.

The people of Ontario taxed themselves under the original Act (1851) half a mill on the taxable assessment of any community provided with a library. A majority of the rate-payers of any school section or town can obtain the public grant, by voting to agree to the tax levy. The tax is in no case to exceed 50 cents per capita of population in such towns or districts. Each library is ruled by a local board composed of responsible officials, connected with the schools and municipality.

The Government also supplies free travelling libraries to locations not otherwise provided with them. The Maritime Provinces can be supplied with the McGill Travelling Libraries, which Moncton, Summerside and Truro have taken advantage of. The family of the late Hugh McLennan of Montreal, as a memorial to him, established this well considered and most useful benefaction by which any community can possess the free use of books, by paying a nominal fee for boxing, the cost of the books and freight being paid by the McLennan family.

An American traveller and author of note travelling through the Maritime Provinces, declares there are whole districts (English) as destitute of books as Russia, the breeding place of Bolshevism. The process of inducing an ignorant people to read is a long and tedious one, but it is a duty thrust upon the Government. A public library has been termed the poor man's university. It is more. It affords a certain guarantee of law and order and respect for the settled institutions of the country and as police measure it makes a substantial return to the tax-payer for his ex-

penditure. A youth habituated to reading becomes as a rule a good citizen. He counts for civic order and thrift. He pays taxes and keeps the community institutions alive. The criminal statistics of the country show the enormous preponderance of the ignorant amongst the inmates of jails and penitentiaries. The tremendous expense attending criminal justice as administered by the law constitutes a serious tax because the vicious classes are recruited from the ignorant. Is it not time that the people of the Maritime Provinces took a step ahead—came abreast of more progressive communities and made a more liberal provision for books in places that need them?

On the other side there is grave danger of falling into the error that the sole object of education is to fit young people for earning a living in a profession, or a business, or in manual labor. Something more is required for all. They should be educated for citizenship, for home life, for social relations, for the right use of leisure. A clerk, a mechanic, a farmer, needs this liberal education just as much as a lawyer or an employing manufacturer. The franchise, in the United States, as in Canada, is almost universal. To use it rightly calls for a knowledge of history, of the institutions of the country, and of the questions on which political parties and groups differ. The foundation at least should be laid in schools.

The record of the Western Provinces is probably surpassed by that of the adjoining States of the Union. Maine possesses 55 free public libraries, New Hampshire 48 and Vermont 22, all centres of educational effort. Ontario and the Western Provinces economize in every direction except in books. Ontario purchased last year 170 sets of the "Makers of Canada." This year it ordered \$21,000 worth, including the "Pioneers of Canada." Alberta ordered 100 sets of the "Makers of Canada," and the other Western Provinces about 400 sets. These large purchases represent large expenditures, but the education of the people, the same as any large commercial or industrial work cannot be carried on without capital.

\$7,684,200 SPENT BY TOURISTS IN NOVA SCOTIA.

Col A Mcginty, President of the Nova Scotia Publicity Bureau has made the following announcement that the number of tourists entering by each of the various gateways of the Province was as follows:

Via Yarmouth and Digby	31,865
Pictou	542
Halifax	1,132
By train overland	25,000
Motor car overland	43,867
Grand total	102,456

The total number of motor tourist cars entering was 10,181, as follows:

Overland	9,139
Via Digby	475
Via Yarmouth	410
Via Pictou	113
Via Halifax	58
Total	10,181

A check on cars at different periods revealed the fact that the average number of passengers carried was 4.8. Thus the total number of tourists entering with cars was about 48,868.

It is estimated that the visitors remained on an average about two weeks and expended on an average about \$75. The estimate is therefore, that during the tourist season of 1924 the sum of \$7,684,200 was distributed in new dollars throughout the province.

THREE MONTHS FARM COURSE.

More signed applications for entrance to the new "Three Months Farm Course" which commences at the Agricultural College, Truro, on January 7th next have already been received than for any course held in the last two years. Evidently the prospectus has appealed. This course is held when boys can be spared from the farms. It embraces practical instruction in all branches of agriculture and general educational subjects, including bookkeeping as well. Tuition is free. Full information can be obtained by writing to M. Cumming, Principal, Truro, N. S. 39-11.

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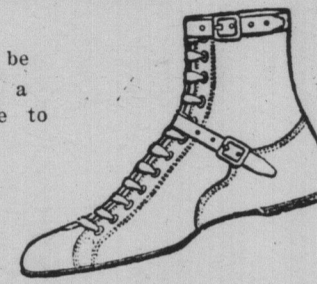
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The printing press is beginning to play a dominant part in our colored people's political and social life. It consists of about 300 newspapers and a dozen magazines. With his migration northward the negro is becoming important in politics. In some of our large cities he already holds a balance of power. With his wondrous advance in organization he will soon become a national political factor which will have to be reckoned with. He is slowly forcing recognition from the labor unions. In Social service the National Urban League is doing praiseworthy work and is country wide in its range.—Wm. M. Markoe, S. J., in America.

CHARGES AGAINST R. B. HANSON, K. C.

Before Barristers' Society of N. B. Unprofessional Conduct is Alleged—Appeal in His Case Begins.

Fredericton.—Charges of unprofessional conduct against R. G. Hanson, K.C., M. P., for York-Sunbury, were filed by Dr. T. Carleton Allen, Registrar of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick, at the meeting of the Council of the Barristers' Society of New Brunswick last night. The charges were in connection with the alteration of a decree in the matter of the Nevers infants.

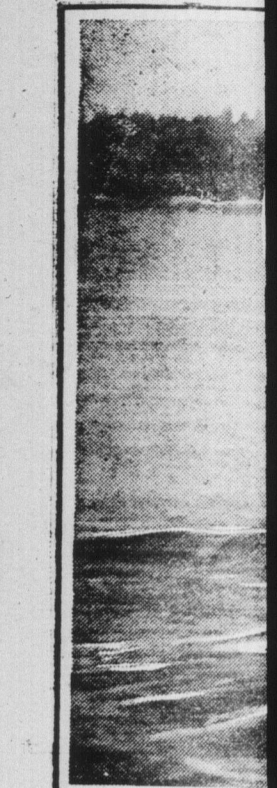
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SMUGGLING ON HUGES SCALE

Revenue Officers Are Un- With Present Situa

Ottawa.—The Departm- toms and Island. Reve- seized of the seriousness- sent situation with respec- gling, and is as much d- cause of the loss of reve- as Canadian manufactur- reason of the destructive- occasioned through the- bringing in of commodit- duties have not been pa- Department as at present- appears to be practically- cope with the situation- appropriation for inspect- appraisal of goods and pre- vice is about \$55,000 per- cluded in the preventive- the up-keep of half a doz- and it is estimated that- \$100,000 is available for- a sum entirely inadequ- with the present situat- ary of 3,000 miles.

In the past smuggling- on in a comparatively su- day it has become a wh- tic, and it is estimated t- with it a sum of not less- lion dollars will be requi- ventive services. Inm- estimated loss in revenue- the neighborhood of \$150- is little doubt that the- of the coming session will- be increased. In the mean- ion Smuggling Preventi- tion, formed by the m- for the purpose of coo- the Department, is prep- conference with the Min- toms this week.

A TAX ON MAIL ORDER

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