

**LEADING THE WAY IN REFORM OF EDUCATION**

Radical Policies Adopted by Province of Alberta

Loans to Teachers — Homes Are Also Provided for Them — Are Enabled to Marry.

Here are some of the radical policies in education administration which have been put into effect in the province of Alberta, according to Hon. George P. Smith, minister of education, who has been renewing old acquaintances in Toronto.

State money is loaned to prospective school teachers to enable them to take their training course.

Homes for rural school teachers are being provided.

Every private school is inspected by provincial inspectors to see that an adequate standard of education is maintained.

These are things not being done, as far as Mr. Smith knows, any place else on the American continent.

**Loans to Teachers.**

Loaning state money to prospective school teachers is certainly a novelty, but Mr. Smith reports that it is getting results. He holds very strongly to the view that one of the first duties of a department of education, if not the very first, is to provide competent teachers. Certainly, unless it does this, all the rest of this work goes for little. Some time ago he was impressed with the necessity for raising the standard of teachers' qualifications and with this end in view a full year's training course was inaugurated. At the beginning of the first term of this new course it was disconcerting to find that the training schools were only about half filled. Inquiry indicated that prospective teachers, particularly young men from the rural districts, the very class most desired, could not afford to take the full year's course. An emergency meeting of the cabinet was held and decided to offer to loan the money to take the course to those who would sign a declaration that they wished to become teachers and could not afford the expense. Within ten days the training schools were filled. This year about one-third of the teachers in training have taken advantage of the offer. The loans are repaid in two years.

**Take Education Seriously.**

"No state or province in America is providing homes for teachers, but they do it in Scotland and in Denmark where they take their education seriously," said Mr. Smith.

In Alberta each rural school teacher's home must have a minimum of five acres of land. The house must be built according to government specifications, and furnished according to government specifications. The province bears one-third of the expense, the school district the remainder. Boarding out the teachers thus becomes an obsolete system. Under the new arrangement the teacher can marry, raise a family, and look forward to a settled life. His land enables him to keep a horse and cow, raise his own vegetables and with his salary attain a degree of comfort. Under the old arrangement it was often found that even when teachers were available there was no accommodation for them.

A full supply of first class teachers is our great need," said Mr. Smith. "In some districts we have a foreign element and if there is a shortage of teachers, these districts are sure to suffer, and they are just the districts where a good Canadian education is most essential. We have innumerable problems to work out, but it is worth while."

**Inspect Private Schools.**

Inspection of private schools is imposed under the Truancy act, the province taking the view that if children are not attending the state schools the province is entitled to see what standard of education they are receiving in the schools they do attend. If a proper standard is maintained, considerable latitude may be allowed these private institutions, but English must be the language of instruction.

**RED CROSS MISSION TO VIRGIN ISLANDS Will Provide Nurses and Librarians.**

The inhabitants of the Virgin Islands, the three tiny islands off the eastern end of Porto Rico bought recently by the United States Government from Denmark, are soon to know what it is to have American Red Cross workers living permanently among them and helping to keep them in good health as well as looking after some of their other needs.

Miss Joanna Colcord of New York City will sail for the islands on November 6 as the permanent field representative of the Insular and Foreign Division of the Red Cross. She will be accompanied by two Red Cross nurses and two librarians. Miss Colcord has for the past six years been superintendent

of the Charity Organization Society of this city. She recently visited the islands and became enthusiastic over the opportunity for a civilian social worker to help interpret America to the people of these new possessions.

**Red Cross Gives Libraries.**

The librarians will be in charge of libraries on the two larger islands, St. Thomas and St. Croix. These libraries equipped and stocked with books, are gifts from the Junior department of the Red Cross to the children of the island. It will thus fall to the Red Cross to assist in appealing to and educating the reading tastes of the people of the islands. It will cooperate with the Department of education of the islands.

The Red Cross nurses will assist in the work of the hospitals on the islands. These were civilian municipal hospitals under the Dutch regime. Ever since we bought the islands the navy medical staff has been operating them and the Red Cross has sent medical supplies. The nurses will also visit homes. They will be the first to carry visiting nursing work into the islands.

Ninety per cent. of the inhabitants of the island are of African descent. The others are largely Danish. The total population is about 26,000. The Red Cross workers will find travel exceedingly difficult on St. Thomas and St. John where one has to resort to horseback as soon as he leaves the city. St. Thomas has no distinctive industry, its

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**MINISTERS SUPPORT LEAGUE.**

London, Eng., Oct. 27.—A campaign has been inaugurated by the National Free Church Council in support of the League of Nations. The 10,000 ministers of England are being asked to make special references to the league in their sermons.

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**ADOPTION MAKES GIRL SISTER OF OWN MOTHER**

Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 27.—Judge Landis in permitting an adoption order in the local court caused a complicated relationship. The court allowed Joseph Deemer, of Columbia, to adopt as his daughter, Mrs. Anna L. Mack, who is his granddaughter. Mrs. Mack's father disappeared thirty-eight years ago. Mrs. Mack's mother and her husband joined in the petition. The adoption makes her legally a sister to her own mother. Further analysis might find her an aunt to herself.

**GIRLS TURN PIPE SMOKERS ON ADVICE OF DOCTORS**

London, Eng., Oct. 27.—English women smokers are turning from cigarettes to pipes. The principal cause for the change is the advice of physicians, who tell the women patients that, if they must smoke, it is healthier to use pipes and cigars than cigarettes. One well-dressed girl at a promenade concert pulled a briar pipe from her bag and lit it in the middle of the concert.

**CZAR'S GEM FOR CARUSO.**

Denver, Colo., Oct. 27.—Enrico Caruso has purchased a six carat diamond, once the property of the Czars, according to a local jeweler, who says the singer offered him \$5,000 for the Czar's diamond and another small stone, which he accepted.

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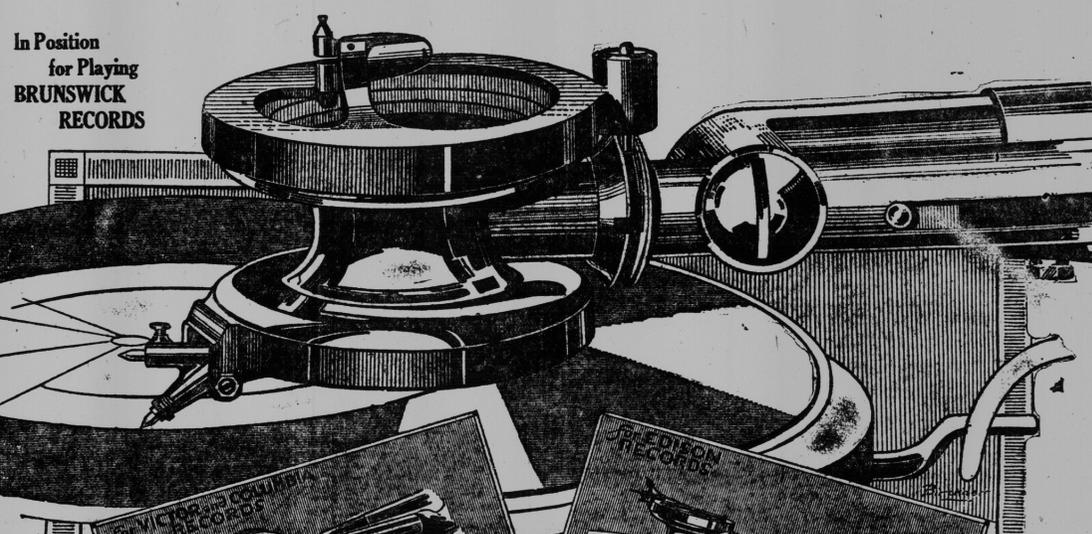
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