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THE KINDERGARTEN

The movement to have the kindergarten made a part of the public school system in the city of St. John is one which ought to succeed. New Brunswick in this, as in the case of technical schools and some other matters relating to education, is behind most other provinces. So far as St. John is concerned, it may be hoped that the time is near when we shall have satisfactory technical school instruction made available for the older children, and the kindergarten made available in all the school buildings for the benefit of the little children.

The reports submitted at the annual meeting of the Free Kindergarten last evening showed that a most valuable work is being done. For the current year the estimated expenditure is \$2,400, of which \$800 is granted by the city council. It becomes necessary for the ladies who are so unselfishly laboring from year to year, to keep the kindergarten schools open, to raise in one way or another some \$1,600. Of course the amount will be raised, but it will involve a good deal of hard work on the part of a few persons. The citizens at large might well have the cost of the kindergarten added to their tax bill, and the increase would be so extremely small as hardly to be noticed.

Mr. T. H. Estabrooks suggested at last night's meeting that a vote be taken at the time of the civic elections, the voters being asked to indicate their willingness or otherwise to have the kindergarten made a part of the public school system. If a favorable vote were recorded, as undoubtedly it would be, no difficulty would be encountered in securing from the legislature the necessary authority for the adoption of the system.

Whoever has taken the trouble to learn about the actual benefits conferred upon little children by the kindergarten course does not need to be told of its great value to the community. At the present moment the St. John school buildings are over-crowded, and there must soon be an additional building erected on the west side and one on Douglas Avenue. It should be decided in the construction of any new school buildings to provide not merely for kindergarten classes, but for the use of the buildings for social center work.

The board of school trustees naturally regards innovations from the viewpoint of those who have to make the money at their disposal as far as possible, in order to meet the urgent demands upon them. When the citizens make up their minds, however, that something more must be done, they will provide the funds, and thus simplify the task of the school board. There should be no haggling about the question of the cost of providing the children of the city with the best opportunity to secure the benefits of education, and the kindergarten is regarded in countries where most attention is paid to education as an essential part of the system.

THOSE WEST SIDE BERTHS

Now that Mr. Swan, the harbor expert, to whom reference was made by Hon. Mr. Rogers, has arrived in St. John, the city council and board of trade should do everything possible to facilitate his study of the harbor situation. It is important that a decision be arrived at as quickly as possible upon the question of the length of the new harbor berths at West St. John. As soon as that is decided, the building of the wharf should be begun, and the minister pledged himself to see that this was done, as well as that the two steamship berths now under construction should be pushed forward with such speed as will guarantee having them in readiness for use a year hence. All that the city is called upon to do at the present time is to decide the question of the length of the steamship berths, and advise the government of its decision. Mr. Rogers and Mr. Hazen expressed themselves strongly in favor of retaining the 400 foot neutral strip, and Mr. D. McNicoll holds the same view. The citizens will doubtless attach considerable weight to the views of the harbor expert on this point. Whatever the decision, the citizens must take care that the blame for any delay in providing needed facilities on the West Side cannot be laid at their door.

FREE PUBLIC SERVICE

A very interesting movement in England is the organization of the Cavendish Association, whose purpose is to enlist young men of culture and of leisure in voluntary public service, or perhaps it would be better to say social service. At a meeting held in London recently Premier Asquith and the Archbishop of Canterbury were on the platform, and at a meeting in Manchester were Sir Edward Grey and Lord Hugh Cecil. It is therefore clear that the movement is one which appeals to men of opposite political and religious sympathies. From a report of the meeting in Manchester, we learn that Sir Edward Grey stated the object of the association to be "to get men, especially young men, to take up as far as they had time and opportunity some form of public service, so that they might feel they were in the

best and fullest sense citizens making some contribution to the service of the state." It is proposed that the association have branches all over the country, and each local branch will have members experienced in public work who could say to the young men of leisure, "These are the things which in our district want doing, and this is the way they ought to be done."

Sir Edward Grey in his address declared that the need of the state for public service is greater than ever before. It is necessary to solve the problem of how to make life in a crowded industrial community tolerable to those engaged in industry. Those who stood aside from public service would neither understand the problems nor the way in which they might be solved. Sir Edward significantly observed that "citizenship does not consist in the possession of rights, but in the performance of obligations and the rendering of service to the state." The Cavendish Association puts before its members the Christian spirit, and lays stress upon the motive from which people should work. Lord Hugh Cecil pointed out that the association endeavored to put an end to divisions, and bring all classes of people into common touch. It would aim to get at the bottom of the distresses of society, in order to avoid if possible superficial treatment.

In his address at the London meeting Premier Asquith said that from those possessing a liberal education and any surplus of means or leisure there is due, as a voluntary tax upon what in our consciences we must not of an admitted increment of social advantage. That is a notable phrase, and is worth thinking about. The Archbishop of Canterbury declared that there was a common spirit of social service marking all classes in the country at the present time which was in striking contrast with the ideals set forth half a century ago in Disraeli's *Sybil* and Kingsley's *Alton Locke*.

There is much significance in the fact that such a movement as this is inaugurated with the hearty support of the foremost churchmen and statesmen of the time. The social conditions which exist in all countries reveal such extremes that universal unrest has been aroused, and the student of affairs, whether churchman or statesman, or a plain man of business, realizes the need of social service, animated by a really Christian spirit broad enough to put aside sectarianism and unite in earnest effort for the common good.

There was a time when Canada was sorely grieved because an embargo was placed by the home government upon Canadian cattle. Now Canada is placing an embargo on cattle, sheep and swine from the old country.

Lord Haldane tells the people of Great Britain that there is no cause for gloomy forebodings in relation to the defence of the Empire. Of course the armament makers and militarists do not agree with Lord Haldane, but their motives will not commend their predictions to an observant public.

With a harvest valued at \$110,000,000 the province of Saskatchewan may fairly regard the outlook with cheerfulness. Incidentally it may be remarked that New Brunswick has had a very valuable harvest, and is enjoying the benefits of a market which would have been made still more profitable if reciprocity had been adopted. In New Brunswick as well as in Saskatchewan a larger free market will stimulate production.

We are told that the Intercolonial Railway will have a million dollar surplus, and that the government is ambitious to have this surplus greatly increased. It would be much more to the credit of the government and to the advantage of the people of Canada if, instead of attempting to roll up a big surplus, the management would make the railway of wider use throughout the territory which it serves. The trains which are being hauled for the C. P. R. between St. John and Halifax, the first of which went forward today, will not add to the surplus of the Intercolonial, whatever it may do for the Canadian Pacific.

Railways Need the Money. Washington, Nov. 24.—That railroad earnings are not commensurate with the increased cost of operation, higher taxes and wages, and additions to equipment necessary to meet commercial demands of the country, was submitted today to the Interstate Commerce Commission by representatives of the railroads arguing for an increase in freight rates.

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BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25.
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Hon. F. W. G. Haultain, chief justice of Saskatchewan, and formerly leader of the province, was born at Woolwich, England, fifty-six years ago. He was for some years premier of the Northwest Territories.

Rev. John Forest, ex-president of Dalhousie University, Halifax, observes his seventy-first birthday today. He entered Dalhousie in 1881 as professor and was appointed president in 1885, retiring in 1911.

Alexander Laird, general manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, was born in Ballater, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, sixty years ago today. He came to Canada as a young man and entered the bank as a clerk in 1877.

Rev. T. C. S. Macklem, provost of Trinity College, Toronto, is fifty-one years old today. He was born in Chippewa, Ont., and became head of the College in 1909.

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The large number of salutations that unscrupulous dealers declare to be the work of the old masters is amply testified by Robert Henry, an artist. "Take, for instance," said Mr. Henry, "the work of the illustrious English artist, George Morland. He lived 100 years ago. The indefatigable Morland painted in the course of his life, about 4,000 pictures and of these—"

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