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PROVINCIAL LAY ORGANIZATIONS FOR HEALTH WORK ARE INSTITUTED

Child Welfare, Anti-Tuberculosis and Social Hygiene are Aims

Provincial lay organizations to carry on the fight against tuberculosis and venereal disease and to promote child welfare work were formed yesterday afternoon at the conference held in the Health Centre and these organizations are expected to form local organizations to create a big public sentiment for public health work in general.

W. B. Snowball, Chatham, was elected president of the Social Hygiene Association; Mrs. W. A. Ferguson, Moncton, president of the Child Welfare Association and Dr. L. G. Pineault, Campbellton, president of the Anti-Tuberculosis Association.

The officers elected were as follows: Provincial Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis: President, Dr. Pineault; Campbellton; vice-presidents, first, E. W. Mair, Woodstock; second, Harold Ritchie, Newcastle; third, George A. Taylor, Fredericton; secretary, H. A. Armstrong, Campbellton; treasurer, Miss Irene Barber, St. John.

Provincial Social Hygiene Council: President, W. B. Snowball, Chatham; vice-presidents, first, Dr. W. C. Kierstead, Fredericton; second, Miss Agnes Hebert, Edmundston; third, D. S. O'Leary, Newcastle; secretary, Mrs. William Phillips, St. John; treasurer, G. E. Barbour, St. John.

Provincial Association for Child Welfare: President, Mrs. W. A. Ferguson, Moncton; vice-presidents, first, W. S. Sutton, Woodstock; second, Mrs. R. J. Miller, Grand Falls; third, Mrs. G. Wilford Campbell, St. John; secretary, Cecil Gilmour, Moncton; treasurer, J. S. Gregory, St. John.

Want Grant Continued.

Resolutions were passed urging the Federal Government to continue its grant of \$20,000 to the campaign against venereal diseases and recommending the provincial organization for the prevention of tuberculosis to endeavor to arrange for the acceptance of the Dominion Government grant of \$1,000 towards a survey for tuberculosis work to be conducted in some district in New Brunswick, preferably in the northern part. This grant will need supplementing by local contribution.

The afternoon session received the reports of the nominating committee and the committee on constitution and adopted both reports.

Miss Meiklejohn spoke of child welfare work in New Brunswick, declaring that experts had been surprised at the rapid strides made in the last few years. It was the fight of science and knowledge against ignorance and prejudice and the great need was for education. Relief measures could accomplish comparatively little.

Statistics showed that 45 per cent of infant deaths in 1922 were due to neglected prenatal conditions and 75 per cent of these deaths were preventable. Prenatal work was greatly needed. The prenatal conference at the Health Centre, she hoped, would succeed and an endeavor would be made to establish similar conferences throughout the province. More public health nurses were needed and more general support. Miss Meiklejohn said the 11 hospitals in the province, which had nurses' training schools, had no prenatal work and did not care to take free maternity cases if they could help it. To her mind hospitals were first and foremost for the poor and these conditions should not obtain.

Hearty applause was given Miss Meiklejohn's emphatic statement.

Infant Deaths.

She went on to tell of the loss of 1,200 children in New Brunswick in 1922 in infant deaths. The infant mortality rate in the province had been reduced from 134 to 103, the figure for 1922, and in St. John it had been reduced from 137 five years ago to 68 for the present year, according to calculations on one-third of a year's figures. Clean milk in St. John was largely responsible for the sharp drop.

Miss Meiklejohn touched upon pre-school age care and medical inspection in the schools and told of remedying defects in school children by the traveling clinics sent out by the Red Cross Society, the future fate of venereal clinics rested with the Department of Health. She referred to the clinics in the Health Centre and to the summer camp which it was hoped in time to make a provincial organization to combat tuberculosis.

As educational measures for child welfare.

Miss Meiklejohn spoke of medical inspection in the schools, Junior Red Cross which had now between 3,000 and 4,000 members, and had been the means of bringing children to St. John for surgical treatment, the public health nurse, health classes, home nursing classes and general publicity work. Under the heading of preventative measures she referred to vaccination for smallpox, inoculation for typhoid and diphtheria, isolation and existing legislation. Measures which needed to be adopted included revision of laws, the making of county surveys, supervision of all foster homes and proper

care for the feeble-minded, especially in rural communities.

Miss Meiklejohn showed an interesting series of slides demonstrating conditions in New Brunswick which undermined child life. She deplored the use of "pacifiers" which she said had killed thousands of babies, and criticized seating accommodation in country schools as well as their other general health conditions. Women on school boards were urgently needed, she said.

Dr. Mabel Hanington.

Dr. Hanington spoke of medical inspection in schools and what it was possible to accomplish through medical inspection by way of remedying defects in childhood. There had been 300 tonsil and adenoid cases treated at the General Public Hospital in one year as the result of medical inspection in St. John, and the dental and refraction clinics at the Health Centre had school children patients. The same problem existed in the rural districts where there were not these remedial measures at hand, and special efforts must be made to get defects attended to.

Dr. Hanington agreed that an educational campaign was the crux of the matter and spoke of what could be accomplished by health talks in the school and talks to mothers. She stressed the need of care for the feeble-minded, telling of the success of the opportunity classes in St. John which are attended by 96 pupils. A provincial institution for the segregation of the feeble-minded was an urgent need, Dr. Hanington said.

Dr. Kierstead.

Dr. Kierstead agreed with Miss Meiklejohn that the hospitals in the province were not the democratic institutions that they should be and that a great campaign to change the public opinion in health matters was needed. He was gratified that the convention had arranged for more centralization of direction and control of public health effort, so that local organizations might function under provincial leadership. He believed the Government should be criticized for stalling public health work, and not for spending too much upon it.

He deprecated the giving of grants where more effective work could be done by a good worker giving effective study to the case. He advocated a thorough organization of the care of the poor, declaring no home should be broken up because of poverty only and the mother should be enabled to care for her children in her home. There was grave need, he said, for a provincial officer for the supervision of delinquent and neglected children, and if Miss Meiklejohn would take over that position no better person could be found.

Dr. Roberts paid a tribute to the work of Dr. William Warwick, as medical health officer in St. John, and to the Junior Red Cross as one of the greatest auxiliaries the Public Health Department had with regard to young people's work in the province.

Local Committees Named.

Subject to the consent of those absent, local committees were named as follows:—Campbellton, Mrs. Beatrice Somers; Dr. L. G. Pineault, Mrs. W. H. Miller; Chatham, Mrs. H. D. Morris; Mrs. H. B. McDonald, and W. B. Snowball; Edmundston, Mrs. Agnes Herbert; Dr. P. H. LaPorte and J. W. Hall; Fredericton, W. C. Kierstead, Mayor R. L. Phillips, R. B. VanDine and Dr. J. A. Wade; Grand Falls, Mrs. R. J. Miller, Dr. B. Puddington and G. Bradley; Moncton, Mrs. Reid McManus, Mrs. Harper Allan and Mrs. James Friel; Newcastle, H. H. Ritchie and Mayor D. S. Creighton; Sussex, Mrs. L. D. Moffett, Mrs. Clark Elliot and J. C. Mills; St. Stephen, Rev. E. P. Wright, Mayor Walter DeWolfe and Dr. E. V. Sullivan; Woodstock, Dr. W. D. Rankin.

CONTRACTS SECURED IN THE ARGENTINE

Buenos Aires, May 27.—A contract involving the expenditure of 100,000,000 pesos (\$74,150,000 at present rate of exchange) for opening a new diagonal avenue in Buenos Aires and the construction thereon of 10-story office buildings has been signed between the municipality and George Nolan Inc., of New York.

A Whence From Warsaw

Young Thing—"Why do you drink my health every time you take a swallow of that liquor?"

Escort—"You don't suppose I'm drinking this awful stuff for my own health, do you?"

A Spur Needed

Helen, aged six, was showing her mother's caller how fast she could run when after a few efforts she remarked: "But I can't show my best running unless something is happening back of me."

TOKYO JAZZING IT UP



Jazz architecture is Tokyo latest. Authorities have forbidden construction of permanent buildings for a while yet, so enterprising merchants are selling upon the opportunity to vie with one another in gaudy structures. Here, for instance, are a motion picture theatre and music shop. Though constructed of thin wood coated with stucco, they look like stone.

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