

# TEACHERS INSTITUTE ANNUAL MEETING

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but do other people. The result of the present school system was unsatisfactory. Not two per cent. of pupils complete the course, and this in many cases not because of financial reasons but because the school course did not interest the child. Thus undesirable citizens were produced. The remedy was Vocational and Industrial teaching. This would increase attendance and raise the standard of education and civilization. 89 per cent. of the undesirable of the town left school in Grade V or VI. Industrial education would have saved them. Temperance and other societies were trying to overcome the great social and moral evils of the day, but they were dealing with the finished product. The schools could prevent the idleness and poverty that produces undesirable. Skilled workers produce more wealth to the benefit of both themselves and the country. Industrial and agricultural education would save the state.

Prin. Stuart urged the curing of so much inattention at school, which results from either the carelessness or poverty of parents, by intelligently effective compulsory education. Child labor should be abolished and poor children assisted by the State until through with school. The poorest should have equal chances with the others. Every uneducated citizen is a weakness and menace to the State. The average child has a poor chance in a miscellaneous school. Good graded schools can be secured all over the country by consolidation of the smaller schools. Blackville, with five or six miscellaneous schools within three or four miles was an ideal place for a big consolidated school. The latter might cost a little more but it would pay to give the pupils a better chance with less grades to a teacher. We must change our methods at once. The West is filling up, and our increase of population must soon cease to emigrate and stay at home and learn to live in smaller space. To do this they must have instruction in Agriculture. China is now sending steel rails to America cheaper than the local product, and the white man must soon increase his producing power or see his standard of living descend to the level of the Asiatic. Hence more efficient industrial education is needed. But the aim of the schools should not merely be to develop refinement, skill and power, but to cultivate an independent thinking, investigating spirit that will produce a generation of workmen who will see to it that when they labor every worker shall receive the full product of his toil, the man who refuses to do any useful work being compelled to keep his hands off the industry of others.

Inspector Mersereau agreed with Mr. Stuart that if the white man was to maintain himself in competition with the more virile Asiatic he must adopt better methods of education, else the white would disappear before the yellow as the red had before the white. He called upon Mr. Steeves to supplement Mr. Murray's address by speaking on the Agricultural side of the question.

Mr. Steeves spoke along the same lines as in the afternoon interesting his hearers as thoroughly as he had the Teachers earlier in the day. Adjourned.

### Friday Morning

Institute resumed at 9. Miss Ida C. Lynch read a paper describing just how she and several other Chatham teachers had taught primary Nature Work.

1st, the children's attention had been drawn to plants in general.

2nd, the plant's work—to find food for itself.

3rd, the plant going to school, with the Sun as teacher.

4th, What the plants study, that is, how to prepare their food—cook it; and where to buy it—from the earth, air and water.

5th, sending the plants to school—planting them in earth, damp sawdust, blotting paper, etc., so that their growth by absorbing water may be observed.

6th, the development of the root to draw food from the soil.

7th, how the food comes from the soil, and how the little plant breaks through to the air.

8th, the cooking of the plant's food in its leaves.

9th, the development of the flower to produce seed that there may be a new plant next year.

In the autumn the little tots were taught to observe all the insect and other inhabitants of the garden, to discriminate between useful and harmful birds and insects, &c., to observe the winds, &c., and to arrange seeds they brought. Caterpillars were caught and their transformation observed. Many useful subjects were taught along with the Nature Study as incidental. The children were always interested and delighted with the study.

Inspector Mersereau, the President, Mr. Steeves, Mr. Hetherington, and others expressed themselves much pleased with the paper.

Prin. Stuart spoke of the humanizing and civilizing influence of Nature Study. Children were far more merciful to and careful of harmless birds, animals and insects now than they used to be. This was the result of Nature Science Studies.

Mr. Steeves spoke highly of the pioneer work in Nature Study done by the late Drs. John Brittain and G. U. Hay.

Mr. Murray read a paper on Manual Training, covering pretty much the same ground as his speech of the night before. He said that of those who leave school early, 5 per cent. leave because of illness or death; 10 per cent. from mental inefficiency; 10 from vicious habits; 10 put to work by selfish parents; 10 go to private schools, but 45 per cent. leave because they find school dull and uninteresting. The present system tends to discourage manual work. But if boys were used to manual work in schools they would take to it readily afterwards.

The paper was discussed by Messrs. Stuart, Daley, Barry, Hetherington and Mersereau.

Mr. Barry, who had taken manual training himself would like to have a chance to teach it in Newcastle.

Prin. Hetherington graphically described the great industrial schools of Liverpool, Belfast, Hamburg and Geneva. He thought industrial education could be had without manual training in the elementary schools.

The Inspector defended the experimental methods of the last few years. Clay modelling led up to something better. Now, any girl who has had manual training can make a decent box and act in an emergency.

A very valuable paper on How to teach Bailey's Botany to advanced grades, was sent by Dr. Philip Cox of the U. N. B. and read by Inspector Mersereau, who referred in very feeling terms to Dr. Cox's great work in this county. It was resolved to ask the Chief Supt. to have the paper printed in the Educational Report.

Adjourned.

### Friday Afternoon

Secretary-Treasurer's report showed receipts of \$24.50 and expenditure of \$26.50 since last institute; cash on hand, \$28.25.

Audit committee reported Sec. Treasurer's accounts correct.

On recommendation of Pres. Harri- son and motion of L. R. Hetherington the Sec. Treasurer's salary was increased to \$10 a year.

On recommendation of the Resolutions Committee, the thanks of the Institute were extended to R. P. Steeves, Dr. Cox, all who helped in the public meeting, the Trustees, the people of Blackville who boarded the teachers, and the L. R. C. and M. S. N. C.

On motion of Messrs. Hetherington and Stuart, a vote of thanks was given Misses Lottie and May Underhill for their work in preparing for the Institute.

On recommendation of the Nominating Committee following officers were elected: President—L. R. Hetherington, M. A.

Vice-pres.—Miss Ida C. Lynch, Sec. Treas.—H. H. Stuart.

Additional members of Executive—Misses Sadie B. Hogan and E. Jessie Fowle.

Next meeting of Institute will be in Chatham on last Thursday and Friday of September next.

Mr. Barry read a well prepared paper on Physical Training.

He showed that Physical training was needed to keep the child in health, without which mental progress would not be satisfactory. It also tended to develop the pupil's self control and moral character. It should be given regularly and systematically, gradually proceeding from easy exercises to difficult, all faults being corrected by the teacher. Good ventilation was needed. Sports should be encouraged. Wellington once said that the battle of Waterloo had been won many years before on the English football fields.

Mr. Barry's paper was discussed at length by Inspector Mersereau, who emphasized the importance of Physical Training to prevent the race from deteriorating and to enable us to keep our country from our competitors.

He also advised teachers not to tolerate dirty schoolhouses.

Interesting discussion followed on keeping schoolhouses clean, on Primary Reading and Farm Arithmetic, and after a most helpful and enjoyable meeting the Institute closed.

The following enrolled: Miss Jean Adams, Strathadam; Miss Josie H. Appleby, Derby Jct.; Miss Mary Attridge, Blissfield; Miss Estelle B. Bamford, Doaktown; A. L. Barry, Newcastle; Miss Katie C. Buckley, Bolestown; Miss Annie M. Carroll, Bay du Vin; Miss S. Estella Carruthers, Chatham; F. J. Daley, South Nelson; Miss Marjorie E. Davidson, Newcastle; Miss Margaret M. Doak, Doaktown; Miss Mabel S. Drillen, Little Bartibogue; Miss Margaret J. Dunnett, Newcastle; Miss A. Celia Fitzpatrick, South Nelson; Miss Helen Flett, Millerton; Miss E. Jessie Fowle, Loggieville; Miss M. Tessie A. Gallivan, Chatham; Miss Priscilla M. Graham, Silliker; Miss Josephine Hannan, Doaktown; G. H. Harri- son, Chatham; Miss Grace Henderson, Chatham; L. R. Hetherington, Newcastle; Miss Sadie B. Hogan, Newcastle; Miss Gertrude A. Hosford, Millerton; Miss Olive B. Jardine, Doyle's Brook; Miss Jennie M. Jewett, Lock-

sted; Miss Harriet E. Keating, Bartibogue; Miss Clare L. Lawlor, Newcastle; Miss Ida C. Lynch, Chatham; Miss Jennie G. Mersereau, Upper Blackville; Mrs. May M. Main, Chatham; Miss Minnie B. Morehouse, McNamee; Miss Myrtle D. Morehouse, Upper Blackville; Miss Janet E. Morrison, New Jersey; Herman S. Murray, Chatham; Miss Katherine A. Murray, Bartibogue Bridge; Miss Miriam E. Murray, Price Settlement; Miss Annie McCombs, Newcastle; Miss Etta Macdonald, Quarryville; Miss Mamie E. Macdonald, McKinleyville; Miss Lucy McGregor, Sunny Corner; Florence E. MacKenzie, Coughlan; John J. MacKinnon, Cain's River; Miss K. I. B. MacLean, Chatham; Miss Jeanie McMaster, Newcastle; Miss Minnie E. O'Brien, Moorfield; Miss Katie O'Shea, Bartholomew; Miss Lillian I. Parker, Upper Blackville; Miss Edith I. Parks, Brynton; Miss Nellie M. Power, South Nelson; Miss Stella C. Power, Blackville; Percy Quail, Chatham Head; Miss Mary H. Rae, Ferry Road; Miss May M. Reynolds, Lower Derby; Miss Alice Robichaud, East Rozersville; Miss Mary A. Ryan, Chatham; Amasa Ryder, Blackville; Miss Sarah H. Saunders, Upper Nelson; Miss L. Beatrice Simms, Doaktown; Henry Harvey Stuart, Doaktown; Miss Mina J. Sutherland, Redbank; Miss Josie M. Ullock, Black River Bridge; Miss Lottie E. Underhill, Underhill; Miss May A. Underhill, Blackville; Miss Ruby M. Underhill, Grattan; Miss Sadie E. Urquhart, Chaplin Road; Miss W. S. Warren, Ludlow; Geo. A. Mathen, Doaktown; Miss Victoria C. Wright, Chatham; Miss Laura H. Young, Tabusiatac.

# GRIT SENATE TO BLOCK PROGRESS

The Opposition are Determined to Block any Measure of Effective Naval Defence

Ottawa, Nov. 2.—The certainty of no session until January has caused a complete lull in political matters in the capital. Speculation as to the legislative programme arouses little interest as the cabinet's proposals have been well concealed and the general public has little idea of what new matter will be brought before Parliament. The Opposition press is busy formulating a naval policy, or rather a series of naval policies, for the Government. So many schemes have been put forward by the Opposition as the Government's policy that they have probably guessed some features of the Government's proposals.

For the Government to introduce any scheme of naval defence that would be effective is to invite its destruction by the Senate as long as that body is controlled by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. It appears that for yet another year this non-representative body will be in opposition to defeat the will of the representatives of the majority of the people. The Opposition are determined to block any measure of effective naval defence also the attempt of the Government to aid in highway construction.

For a year they have demanded a redistribution bill, and now announce that if one is introduced this session their hostile majority in the Senate will kill it. Representative government has become impossible under Laurier's control of the Senate, which he filled with useless heeled bound to him by ties of gratitude for participation in the division of the spoils so frequent and remunerative under the fifteen years of graft rule.

Some of the bills sure to come before Parliament are naval defence, redistribution and highways. All these are likely to be regarded ineffective by the Senate. Any attempt to revise the tariff on the lines endorsed by the people of 1911—a tariff commission—will meet a similar fate.

Thus four important questions cannot be successfully dealt with because a body of men who represent nobody except a defeated political leader refuse to give their assent.

Consolidation of the railway act, reports on ocean and railway rates will be before Parliament. An expansion of the policy of aid to agriculture is certain. The estimates will include votes to continue the Government's policy of development of our transportation systems. There will probably be a measure increasing the jurisdiction of the Grain Commission over the eastern section.

What will be of great interest is the report on the construction of the National Transcontinental, now in the hands of the Government, and which illustrates the graft and waste of the Laurier regime. Reports on the alienation of the public domain under Laurier rule will also be brought down and the exposures will drive some men from public life.

Control of the Senate by Laurier will rob the coming session of much of its effectiveness, but may eventually rid Canada of this useless legislative body. However, there will be many matters of interest and much fighting if Laurier continues his rule or wreck policy and his lieutenant's campaign in Chateaugay and Bruce indicate that such a policy will be continued.

# LUDLOW AND BLISSFIELD

The funeral of Miss N. J. Beek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beek of Storeytown, took place on Sunday afternoon in the St. Andrew's Church burial ground, Doaktown. The deceased had been an invalid for a number of years and was 24 years of age. The Rev. Henry Waterton conducted the service in the Church and at the graveside.

Mr. Joshua Storey had an accident in the woods and severely cut his foot. We are glad to know that he is progressing favorably.

A quiet wedding took place at Storeytown on Wednesday afternoon last when the Rev. Henry Waterton, assisted in marriage Mr. Walter J. Ward, of Hazelton and Miss Myrtle E. Storey, daughter of Mr. James Storey, of Storeytown. We were glad to see among the guests Mr. Joseph Storey, grandfather of bride looking wonderfully well at the age of 86.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Doak has recently moved into the house formerly occupied by Mr. Fred Ogilvie at Doaktown.

We regret to say that Miss Hestia Storey passed away peacefully on Thursday afternoon at the home of her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Storey. She was beloved and respected and will be much missed in the place where she lived. The funeral took place on Friday afternoon at St. Andrew's Church burial ground. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. Henry Waterton.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Wordow Gilks of Blissfield on the birth of a son.

The Rev. W. J. Baie of Newcastle was the guest of the Rev. Henry Waterton at Doaktown last Friday.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. Edgar Moorhouse of Doaktown is seriously ill.

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