

SECRET OF BETTER GOVERNMENT IS EDUCATION IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Jared Vining Delivers Address at First of a Series of Educational Meetings Conducted by Women's Liberal Club.

"Our Government," was the subject of an address given last evening in Human Hall before the Women's Liberal Club by Jared Vining, this being the first of a series of educational meetings which the club proposes to conduct.

"I am inclined to think that we shall have a general election in the country before long," declared the speaker. "And for this reason the education of the country should become educated along the lines of public affairs. We are now supposed to be a democracy, but in reality we are an autocracy, in that the males of the country have done the governing for both men and women. We have also been an autocracy for some time past in that we have been governed by order-in-council. But these have been extraordinary times, and it is well to forget the past except in so far as we can profit from it, and look to the future."

Senate an Anachronism.

Mr. Vining reviewed the whole system of government in Canada from the governor-general, through the Federal and Provincial Houses, down to the community. In speaking of the Senate he declared: "The sooner we do away with this anachronism the better for the country. It has no weight concerning the government of Germany, and it is simply a fifth wheel to the coach."

Must Get People Interested in Public Affairs.

Speaking of democracy, Mr. Vining mentioned the hopeless democracy which the laboring masses of Germany were trying to form, and in connection with this said that a democracy could be a success only where all of the people of every class were electors, and where the electors all took an interest in the governing of their country. "It is a disgrace," he declared, "that at the time of elections men have to go from door to door to coax the people to vote, not merely for them, but even to vote at all. We have no right to complain that our Government does not represent us, because as a rule we do not get representation, for we send to Ottawa people who represent us in our own place of public matters. We cannot get any better government at Ottawa until we can get all the people interested in the Government of their land. I congratulate you women in forming a organization of this kind to educate the people along public lines. We men have failed in this, and if you succeed, then your admission to the electorate will be amply justified. As soon as all the people have a knowledge of public affairs, so that they can exercise the franchise intelligently, then we shall have a democracy."

Government Under Control of Manufacturers.

"At the present we have not a democracy at Ottawa, because the Government there legislates for the benefit of the cliques. I don't mean this to apply to the present Government alone, for the Liberal party has been guilty of the same thing. But I do say that at the present time in Ottawa we have a Government too much under the control of the manufacturers. So long as this state of affairs is permitted to exist by us we shall not have a safe, popular or democratic government, and that will be so long as our whole electorate refuses to show its influence in Parliament."

Mr. Vining stated that the Women's Liberal Club, to be of any practical use in the time of an election, should organize in a way that would be no pink tea affair. He mentioned how the organization of women on behalf of the Union Government had been successful in securing almost the entire women's vote at the last election, and also threw out the Liberal party's principles to the extent which we claim we do, then it is our duty to get busy and see that these principles prevail," declared the speaker.

Officers Re-elected.

This meeting, in addition to being the first of a series of educational meetings, was also the annual meeting of the officers of the past year being elected by acclamation as follows: Honorary presidents, Mrs. George S. Gibbons, Mrs. McEveoy; honorary vice-presidents, Mrs. Thomas Coffey, president, Mrs. W. N. Manning; vice-presidents, Miss Lasham, Mrs. W. B. Robinson, Mrs. D. Regan; recording secretary, Mrs. U. A. Buchner; corresponding secretary, Mrs. T. H. Purdom; further members on the executive, Mrs. Ed. Reid, Mrs. Whitman, Mrs. Brighton and Miss Mills.

Mrs. Manning presided at last night's meeting, urging the women to form the past and start afresh from the future with a program of education in public affairs. Miss Geraldine Regan played a much appreciated violin selection.

WILL PRESS GOVT. TO START DEPT. OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Associated Boards of Trade of Western Ontario Will Also Urge Town Planning Act—Thomas Adams' Message—Banquet Held.

Thomas Adams, town planning adviser of the Dominion commission of conservation, was successful in getting home his message last evening to the Associated Boards of Trade of Western Ontario, when a resolution was taken in the form of a resolution.

The message was to the effect that in view of reconstruction after the war, town planning is the biggest business of the people of this city or any other municipality in Canada, because of its relation to the really vital thing in the national life, the building up of human life.

Two "first aids" to town-planning were named which the Government should be urged to supply, a department of municipal affairs, and a town-planning act. The first aid, a department of municipal affairs, should be able to settle many of the questions related to municipalities which now unnecessarily take up the time of the Legislature. Further, the department of municipal affairs should be a medium for putting municipalities in touch with the best money market, providing the lowest rates for borrowing.

In the second place, through such a department, a uniform system of auditing could be evolved which would do away with the danger of misrepresentation which attends the "every town its own system" method. In the third place, such a department would stand prepared to give expert engineering advice, without interfering with local consulting engineers.

Town-Planning Act.

A town-planning act would provide for the logical development of towns or cities, thereby enabling the building of water, light, sewers, etc., to keep up to the building of homes, without planning too heavy a burden of taxation; do away with building lot speculation in outside limit sub-divisions, making it possible the depriving neighbors of light and air and breathing space by a greedy individual or corporation, which is based upon covering all of the available ground with a building.

T. J. Hamilton of Guelph, seconded by ex-Mayor Lemon of Owen Sound, moved that the delegates present go home to their own municipalities and work up interest in bringing pressure to bear upon the Provincial Government to establish a department of municipal affairs, and to pass a town-planning act. This was enthusiastically endorsed by the representatives from outside the London Chamber of Commerce who were present.

Relation To Housing.

In the course of his address, Mr. Adams dealt with town-planning in its relation to housing; in its relation to industry; in its relation to reconstruction. With regard to town-planning and housing, he declared, "If we don't begin town-planning now, we will have to clear away slums at a great cost in the years to come." At that, he placed the building of a house as secondary to the conditions that surround it. Supremely important are water, light and air to come in at the windows, playgrounds, and provision that the house be newer and cause a depreciation in the value of surrounding property. The town-planning act stands for the assuring of right conditions.

Glowing descriptions were given of towns in England and Scotland which sprang up in a few months during the war, built on the basis of permanency, to provide a war-work need for housing for munition makers, etc.

Recognized Need.

"If the British Government recognized the need of housing people properly to win the war," said the speaker, "we are so blind as to think we do not need to do these things to win the victory of peace." The British Government, moreover, has as its definite reconstruction housing policy, involving the meeting of the expense of building houses by the Government to the extent of 75 per cent of the cost. In the words of Lloyd George, Mr. Adams said, Britain is not afraid of the establishment of a department of municipal affairs, and Miss Vander Flier, a visitor from Holland, who made an eloquent appeal on behalf of Belgian refugees in Holland, especially widows and orphans, who cannot return to their own country because their homes have been destroyed by the Germans. A visitor from one of the Western Ontario boards of trade proposed that the delegates be allowed to drop contributions in the hat on the way out for the cause which Miss Vander Flier represented. As a result, the crowns of two hats were well piled up with substantial bills.

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London, St. Thomas, Windsor, Sarnia.

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to get a foundation it has been filled in with garbage, a condition for building that would not have been permitted if the old city had been properly planned at 1875.

Concerning the objection that might be raised by the Federal Government, getting behind the housing proposition, the passing of a town planning act, municipal affairs, on the grounds that these would interfere with individual rights and business, the speaker declared that better housing would mean more work for the plumber, etc. The only ones likely to suffer would be the extortionists who charge an exorbitant rate of interest on money lent for building purposes, and the building speculator, but before the rights of property should be lost before the rights of life," he insisted.

Banquet Held.

Previous to the meeting in the Masonic Temple, addressed by Mr. Adams, a banquet for the delegates from the Various Western Ontario Boards of Trade was held in the Tecumseh House.

Vice-President John Bridge of the London Chamber of Commerce, was a most able master of ceremonies in the absence of President G. M. Reid. Features of the program which followed were short addresses by O. E. Fleming of Chatham, and Miss Vander Flier, a visitor from Holland, who made an eloquent appeal on behalf of Belgian refugees in Holland, especially widows and orphans, who cannot return to their own country because their homes have been destroyed by the Germans. A visitor from one of the Western Ontario boards of trade proposed that the delegates be allowed to drop contributions in the hat on the way out for the cause which Miss Vander Flier represented. As a result, the crowns of two hats were well piled up with substantial bills.

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Kitchener man to start up "God Save the King."

SUCCESSFUL WORK SHOWN IN BAPTIST MISSIONS' REPORTS

Two-Day Convention of Western Ontario Societies Ends.

The two-day convention of the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of Western Ontario closed last evening. This was the largest attended convention yet held in the history of the Baptist denomination here. At this convention the main object of the delegates was to grasp new ideas and ways of carrying on mission work in their own societies more successfully than last year.

The main feature of the last session was the corresponding secretary's report, read by Mrs. J. C. Cameron. Splendid reports of the work being carried on in the various societies were given in the report. During the last year the society raised \$1,300 in Western Ontario for Slavic work and for the past year 43 baptisms were reported. The work done among Scandinavians, Slavs, Germans and other foreign elements, was given in Mrs. Cameron's report, showing that the last year had been very eventful in the Baptist missionary work, and rapid progress had been made in every district where Baptists were teaching the Gospel.

Young Members Keen.

Mrs. B. E. Marshall, secretary of mission, read a report of the various bands were doing, and she stated that young members seemed to be developing a keener interest in missions. She also reported that fifteen new bands had been organized in the past year.

Mrs. J. N. Shenstone, superintendent of comfort boxes, also gave an interesting report of the large number of boxes that had been sent overseas. A list of the exercises given by the children's mission band of the Talbot Street Baptist Church under the direction of Mrs. Nathaniel Mills.

Officers Elected.

A prayer service was held in the evening for missionaries in New Ontario fields of work. Miss E. R. Whitehead, the new principal of Moulton College, was introduced.

The following officers were elected for the coming year of the home mission board: Mrs. C. Holman, Toronto, president; Mrs. John Lillie, Toronto, first vice-president; Mrs. Henderson, Toronto, second vice-president; Mrs. A. McLean, Toronto, recording secretary; Mrs. J. C. Cameron, recording secretary to missionaries, Toronto.

cers, John Ellacott, Monkbton, Andrew Shaddock, a returned hero, who was thrice wounded, the last time losing his right arm as a result of shrapnel, was a few days ago presented with a purse of nearly \$140 by the citizens of this village and locality. Pte. Shaddock is deeply grateful for the gift.

RETURNED HERO IS HONORED AT HENSALL

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Residents of Hensall learned with much regret of the death of Charles Horsely, a relative of Mr. and Mrs. N. Warren of this village, who was shot by bullets in the west.

What is known as the Hensall Hospital in the home of Mrs. Robert Patterson, is a great boon to many residents. At present every room of the spacious home is filled.

A few supper and musical and literary entertainment was held in the town hall under the auspices of St. Paul's Church. The attendance was large and a splendid supper was served by the ladies of the church. Reeve Petty, one of the wardens of the church, which at the hammer and tongs left over after the supper, literally provided for the ladies of the congregation. The literary and musical part was good.

The Rev. Mr. Garrett, provided himself a splendid chairman, while the speakers of the evening in persons of Rev. Mr. McConnell, Rev. Mr. Doan and Sergt.-Major Hurrell and Sergt. E. A. Peacock, the last two mentioned of London, delivered splendid addresses interspersed with humor. Miss R. Rennie accompanied by his wife, rendered a fine song. Miss Elva Shaddock, an interesting and humorous recitation, and Miss Alex. Murock a number of fine instrumental pieces. The proceeds, after all expenses, amounted to over \$100, and the church rector and congregation are being congratulated on the great success of their supper and entertainment. Thanksgiving services will be held in our churches on Sunday, and in Carmel Church, a preacher from Toronto will conduct the morning service.

FUNERAL OF J. MCRTICHELIE.

BOTHWELL, Nov. 28.—The funeral of the late James McRitchie, one of one's most prominent men, was held at

his home today. A very impressive service was conducted by Rev. S. Thompson of the Methodist Church, and the remains laid to rest in the Protestant Cemetery.

Mr. McRitchie passed away very suddenly at his home on Monday at the age of 64 years.

A widow, two sons, Charles and Albert, and one daughter, Miss Margaret, survive.

BRANTFORD SHELL PLANT TO SHUT UP; U. S. ORDERS STOP

BRANTFORD, Nov. 28.—It was announced at the plant of the Steel Company of Canada here today that in all probability the plant would close down in a short time. The 300 employees are advised to seek other employment. The company has been engaged in making munitions for the United States Government, the contracts for which has been cancelled. No other local factories have as yet been advised of cancellation, and work is proceeding as usual.

BURIED AT FOREST.

FOREST, Nov. 28.—The funeral of Robert Jennings, formerly of Forest, was held today from the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Jennings, in the Forest cemetery. He was a printer by trade and had a position in Tillsonburg until last summer.

YOUR LAST CHANCE

All of these cars are bargains, and in good running condition. This being the last sale of the season all cars must be sold.

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1918 FORD ONE-TON TRUCK, EQUIPMENT COMPLETE, CHEAP.
1917 FORD TOURING, ANOTHER SNAP.
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1917 FORD RUNABOUT, STARTER, ETC.
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when, owing to poor health, he had to quit work.

BOTHWELL LAD HIT.

BOTHWELL, Nov. 28.—Mr. Edmond has received word that his son, Pte. Leonard Edmond, had been badly wounded on November 6, 1916. Redoubt went overseas with the 168th Battalion and had been in the trenches several months.

DIES IN ENGLAND.

MOUNT FOREST, Nov. 28.—Official word has been received by Mrs. Martin Shannon that her son Michael had died in a hospital in England. Pte. Shannon went overseas some four months ago, but had not reached the firing line. Another son was wounded in France three months ago.

LEG AMPUTATED.

STRATFORD, Nov. 28.—Mrs. James Ford has been advised that her husband, Pte. James Ford, recently severely wounded, had suffered amputation of one leg. Pte. Ford is a British reservist. He is doing nicely.

DIES IN MILDEN, SASK.

STRATFORD, Nov. 28.—Word has been received of the death at Mildren, Sask., of Patrick Hogan, formerly of this city. Spanish influenza is given as the cause. He was in his 21st year and was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hogan, who left here eight years ago.