

SOCIAL SERVICE COUNCIL DECIDES TO CARRY OUT REORGANIZATION

Will Take Over Work in All But Three of the Provinces.

Decision to reorganize to provide for unification of endeavor was reached by the Social Service Council of Canada at the seventeenth annual convention here this morning. The decision was reached on presentation of a resolution passed by the executive and presented to the council for approval, providing that whereas many of the provincial councils were in favor of reorganization, therefore the executive council resolved to take over the work in the provinces that had agreed to unification and recommended that the executive be authorized to take over the work of the other provinces which had not taken definite action, as soon as they were willing that this should be done.

Dr. J. G. Shearer, general secretary of the Council of Canada, explained that the provinces which had not yet taken definite action on the question were Saskatchewan, Ontario and Nova Scotia. He said that during 1923 the budget had been \$18,000, but that only \$14,000 had been expended. Under the new order of things, he expected that about \$20,000 would be required, including \$2,000 for an additional secretary.

An interesting report of the joint conference of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Anglican committees on the matter of their relations with the Social Service Council of Canada was presented and read but no action was taken. The conference favored reorganization to prevent duplication of work carried on by the church organizations and expressed the opinion that the council's budget for 1924 should be less than the amount expended in 1923.

Regarding Saskatchewan's position towards unification, Rev. W. Haddock said that the provincial council there did not propose to be managed from Toronto.

Dr. Shearer pointed out that it would not be a matter of management from Toronto but by an all-Canada executive. Regarding the church committee's report he said that he did not know of any cases of duplication.

The only business taken up this morning was the report of the executive of the report of the executive which was adopted with only a few changes.

Report of Executive.

The report of the executive was presented under seven heads—research, publicity, library service, general education and publication, legislation, organization and finance.

Under the head of research, the head of legislation, the executive reported that several amendments to the Criminal Code were introduced at the last session of the Parliament of Canada, in connection with laws regarding offences against women and in the matter of betting.

Several recommendations were presented and passed, as follows:

That adultery be made an indictable offence and on conviction be punishable by imprisonment for five years and a fine of \$500.

That the owner or other in charge of a vehicle or vessel allowing same to be used for immoral purposes be guilty of an indictable offence and liable to two years' imprisonment.

And amendment to the law against betting.

That the law regarding jurors be amended to provide that no limitations to males be removed and women be permitted to sit on juries; that the following additional exemptions be made—both men and women under 30 years of age; those nursing the sick; women who are in charge of children under 16 years of age. The first proposed exemption was ordered struck out, the second was adopted, and the last referred back for further consideration.

The matter of finances was the only uncompleted feature on the executive's report on adjournment, and this will be taken up at this afternoon's session, along with annual report of the committee on immigration and colonization. An address on the Church and Social Science will be delivered by Dr. F. W. Patterson, president of Acadia University.

This evening's programme in St. Andrew's church will include addresses by Premier Veniot, Miss Charlotte E. Whitton, secretary to the Minister of Trade and Commerce for Canada, and Miss Julia Lathrop, formerly chief of the Children's Bureau, Washington.

NOTICES OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS, 50 CENTS

BIRTHS

PURCHASE—To Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Purchase, 100 B. B. Street, on January 26, 1924, a son, William Russell McInerney, 12 lbs. 10 oz., born at 9:15 a.m. T. J. McInerney, father; T. J. McInerney, mother.

DEATHS

WATERS—At No. 40 Sand Cove Road, on Jan. 29, 1924, Emily, beloved wife of John Waters, leaving a husband, two sons and one daughter to mourn.

Funeral notice later.

CHANDLER—At the Sign of the Lantern House, 113 Princess Street, St. John, at 1 o'clock, on the morning of Jan. 29, 1924, Hon. Mr. Justice W. R. Chandler.

Funeral at the Cathedral from the sign of the Lantern House, 113 Princess Street, Wednesday morning at 9:15 o'clock.

BAYAGE—Suddenly at Campbellton on January 28, 1924, Louis, youngest son of the late Louis and Mary Bayage, leaving a widow, four brothers and five sisters.

Funeral from his mother's residence, 100 St. Patrick Street, Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. Friends invited.

BARDING—At home of his son, William, at Nespeket, Kings County, Jan. 28, 1924, after a short illness, George Barding, of Loyalist descent and a life-long resident of Woodville, leaving one son, William, to mourn his loss.

Funeral on Wednesday from his son's residence, Nespeket, at 10 o'clock. Interment at Barding's Point.

IN MEMORIAM

RALPH—In loving memory of Private R. Ralph, who died Jan. 29, 1915.

WIFE AND CHILDREN.

LOCAL NEWS

PROPERTY SALES

The following real estate transfers have been recorded—Trustees of Lucy G. V. DeBury to T. A. McGrath, property in Adelaide road; J. H. MacKenzie to J. K. Hatfield, property in Old Westmorland road.

UNDERGOES OPERATION.

Gordon W. Robertson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Robertson, 188 Adelaide street, was successfully operated on in the General Public Hospital last evening for appendicitis. His condition today was said to be favorable.

COMMISSION TOMORROW.

The royal commission appointed by the Provincial Government to consider the question of minimum wages and mother's pensions will resume its sessions here tomorrow morning under the chairmanship of Dr. W. C. Kelso, of Fredericton. The commission will hear Rev. Peter Bryce chairman of the mother's allowance committee of Ontario, and Miss Julia C. Lathrop of Washington, formerly chief of the Children's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor. Both the speakers are attending the annual meeting of the Social Service Council of Canada.

SALARIES AT CITY HALL ARE RAISED

Mayor Votes Nay and Tells Why—Estimates Cut Only \$3,000.

The City Council this morning voted \$30,000 off the estimates for the light department and if the total valuation remains the same as last year the tax rate will be about 6 cents higher than last year, making the rate \$3.06 per \$100 of valuation. The matter of salaries was discussed and some increase authorized. The mayor will bring in a report this afternoon on increases in the treasury department.

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Good Furniture Is A Life Investment—Not An Expense

Every bride begins married life with a firmly fixed idea of what her home is to be—"some day." But how many ever realize their ideal? Brides' homes are generally furnished more or less temporarily and then add odd pieces as necessity arises. Do you know how much, or how little, it would cost to furnish your home with fine furniture and carpets?

You can furnish your homes with the best styles of furniture, carpets, etc., and pay as you go along plan with no added interest. Come in and see us.

NEW FLOOR COVERING

We have the new 1924 patterns of floor coverings on view for dining room, living room, bedrooms, halls or kitchens. Prices 55c per yd. Linoleums at \$1.00 per yd.

AMLAND BROS., LTD. 19 Waterloo St.

Mount Royal a Mecca For Winter Sport Devotees



Arrangements for the Winter Carnival to be held January 18th to February 28th allow for some rather unique features. One of these will be a one-day sleigh race for children on Fletcher's Field, and another, a 90 mile dog-sled derby round the island of Montreal via Ste. Anne de Bellevue. Skating, Skiing, Snowshoeing and other sports will be organized, of course, and an extensive and varied schedule of events has been planned for the period.

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THE DEATH RATE IN N. B. REDUCED

Dr. G. G. Melvin Comments on Ottawa Despatch Regarding Statistics

Fredericton, Jan. 28.—Referring to an Ottawa despatch, which showed that the recent mortality rate for the province of New Brunswick was the highest of any province in Canada during the month of May, Dr. G. G. Melvin, chief medical health officer of the Department of Public Health, says that while this was quite true the statement conveyed a wrong impression.

The excess between the number of births and deaths for the month of May in New Brunswick, said Dr. Melvin, showed a natural increase in the population greater than that of any province east of the prairie provinces, and only slightly exceeded by Manitoba and Saskatchewan. The natural increase referred to amounted to 14 per 1,000 population per year.

New Brunswick also reduced its infant mortality rate in three years in decidedly the greatest proportion of any province in Canada and reduced its death rate from all causes more largely than any province with the exception of Ontario. New Brunswick, said Dr. Melvin, shows a maternal death rate for May less by half than any other province.

Bricks made from slag, the waste from steel mills, are uniform in weight and texture.

A long abandoned mine in the Miramichi is now producing more than 1,000 tons of iron a day.

A diamond weighing 20% carats and valued at \$50,000, has been found in an African mine.

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