

Arthur Henderson, The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Archbishop of York, of innumerable Scotsmen holding high posts in every part of the world. What has been accomplished by the Scottish peasant's passion for education? by centuries of education in Scottish parish schools?

DUTY TO THIS WAR-CRIPPLED GENERATION

In matters educational Vancouver has no mean record. But she cannot afford to turn her face backward. Every dollar should be made to count; but the necessary dollar can be withheld only at our peril. The youth of Vancouver have left a dreadful toll on the Empire's bloody fields. Shall we whose fortune it was to eat three full meals a day, and lie safe and warm and comfortable in our beds at night, deny to the children of this war-crippled generation their birthright of an education that will enable them to hold fast the sorely-won gains of the generations gone by?

BE FAIR TO THE CHILDREN

Vancouver schools are now crowded to the doors. The half-time system, nerve-racking alike to teacher and to pupil, is again uprearing its unwelcome head. Let every patriot, every good citizen with or without a happy band of children of his own, go to the polls at the time appointed, and determine by his vote that though the expenditure of every dollar be keenly watched, and every member and official of the school-board be held accountable for its proper expenditure, the boys and girls of our proud city shall nevertheless be housed in classrooms commodious and sanitary, and shall receive instruction that shall not only fit them for the battle of life, but shall also minister richly to the well-being and progress of the whole body of their compeers in after days.

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HAMILTON'S ACTION SUGGESTS LESSON FOR VANCOUVER

Hamilton, Ontario, a city not as large as Vancouver, has recently opened the largest primary school-building in Canada, providing accommodation for two thousand children. Citizens who swell with pride at the contemplation of big-ness, even apart from goodness, may gloat over an institution taking first place among its own kind in all the land. But, after all, the circumstance is one to beget sadness rather than to call forth joy. Two or three different schools serving properly the different localities of this crowded district, would have been much more to the point.

It is quite likely that the Hamilton board realized all this. Hamiltonians are a hard-headed set of men and women. The explanation in all probability is that only one site was available, except at prohibitive prices, and that necessity, not choice, decreed the erection of this huge structure. The moral for Vancouver is plain. Let a sufficient number of school sites for all time be acquired now, when they are available, and available at moderate prices. The day of grace is being fast sinned away.

TAX-SALES AND SITES FOR SCHOOLS, PLAY- GROUNDS, ETC.

Through tax-sales Vancouver has had left on its hands a large number of vacant parcels of land, sometimes in complete blocks, sometimes in isolated lots. These may be sold when once more the real estate market looks up.

But it may be that a blessing lurks beneath the present situation, and that the city council should not too readily alienate the property into the possession of which she has unexpectedly come. Numerous civic buildings will be required as our population grows. Sites may cost us dear. At present they may be reserved at lowest cost. Blocks that are sufficiently large might be set aside for school buildings. Small parcels would serve as local playgrounds or for school gardens. A playground consisting of a single fifty-foot lot in every block of the residential area would be a boon indeed. And the school garden idea, at one time enthusiastically pursued by Vancouver teachers, should be taken up again. That the school garden idea has for years lain dormant, except in the case of one or two schools, is no fault of our teachers, or of those to whom they give account. The responsibility for neglect lies at other doors. To attach blame would be a waste of time and strength. The wiser policy is to forget the heartbreaks of the past, seizing firmly and decisively the present opportunity in order to realize the mightier achievements Fate is now pressing upon us as her golden gifts.

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