

ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF IN CONVENTION

Great Gathering of Graduates of the Ontario School for the Deaf From All Parts of the Province Hold Convention and Discuss Many Interesting Problems.

The Ontario Association of the Deaf held their fifteenth biennial Convention here last week-end. Towards the evening of Saturday, June 23, the number of delegates from all parts of Ontario, as well as some from Quebec, New Brunswick, and the Western Provinces, was rapidly mounting to two hundred and seventy-five—quite a representative crowd—to attend the fifteenth Convention at the O. S. D.

It was held in the commodious buildings of the Ontario School for the Deaf, which nearly all present hailed as their Alma Mater, and a better place for the gathering could not be found anywhere. The deaf members of the Association enjoyed themselves very much in recalling their school days, as they passed this or that part of the beautiful school grounds. The various buildings, most brought back to their minds pleasant memories of school days.

The renewing of friendships formed long ago furnished an endless pleasure to the deaf delegates. To this happiness was added the splendid accommodation and board provided for them by all the school authorities, from Dr. Coughlin down and the deaf showed themselves most willing to make the most of the good things offered them. One may safely conclude that every one of them will carry home a happy face and a mind filled with pleasant recollections of the Convention.

Following supper, a reception was held in the girls' sitting room, in the main building. It had been hoped that this could be held out of doors, but this plan had to be abandoned on account of the rain.

At the reception, Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Coughlin and all the teachers and officers of the school stood in line to shake hands with all the delegates.

The former Superintendent of the school, Mr. R. Mathison, now of Toronto, was there, and a large number of the deaf delegates having been his pupils, were glad to see him and talk with him.

Surrounded by such an atmosphere of welcome, the deaf readily plunged into the joy of meeting each other, after years of separation. Mr. Mathison delivered a brief address in which he expressed his delight at seeing his old pupils making good in the strenuous race of life, and thus becoming useful and independent citizens.

There were also two honeymoon couples among the delegates, busily receiving the congratulations of their old school-mates.

Sunday marked an interesting activity in the line of religion for the deaf. Morning, afternoon and evening services were held, in charge of the members of the Toronto Mission to the Deaf, Mr. G. W. Reeves, President of the Association, Mr. P. Fraser, Superintendent of the Toronto Mission to the Deaf, and Mr. J. T. Shelton delivered sermons at the respective meetings, using the sign language, and they were ably assisted by several of the ladies, who rendered in signs, such favorite hymns as "Lead, Kindly Light," "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" and "Abide with Me".

A choir, formed of the former High School girls, gave a very pleasing interpretation of the hymn, "Nearer My God to Thee". The services were greatly appreciated by all and the collections made were turned over to the Toronto Mission to the Deaf for its missionary activities on behalf of the deaf living in the country.

On Monday morning the business part of the Convention really began. Mr. G. W. Reeves, President, gave a very able opening address, in which he discussed many topics of special interest to the deaf, and outlined the business of the Convention referring to various important matters that would be brought up for consideration. He wished, on behalf of the members of the Association, to express their deep appreciation of Dr. Coughlin's great kindness in placing at their disposal the free use of the school buildings, for their Convention. This school was the Alma Mater of the most of them, hence the great pleasure they derived in meeting there, visiting the scenes of their happy school days, and renewing old acquaintances. Their joy would know no bounds, and words would fail to fully express their appreciation it was possible to arrange for holding all of their meet-

ings at the Belleville School. It has always been customary to hold the meetings of the Association, biennially, but the last year, on account of the war, it was thought advisable to postpone it for a year, and it was the intention of the Executive to postpone it again, but when Dr. Coughlin so kindly invited them to meet at the school, his invitation was promptly and gratefully accepted.

The President then referred to some matters of interest to the deaf, which called for some action being taken. He thought there should be a more rigid enforcement of compulsory school attendance law, so far as it related to the deaf. Despite the law, a number of deaf children are allowed to grow up without an education, and such a state of affairs should not be allowed to continue. And the parents who refuse to allow their children to attend school are worthy of the strongest condemnation. He recommended that the Government be asked to amend the law that there be no age limit as regards the deaf. Also that a member of this Association be appointed a trustee officer, with power to deal with cases in any part of the province.

Efforts should be made to suppress the numerous persons who impose on the public, pretending to be deaf. These imposters are constantly being heard of in all parts of the country and do much to bring the deaf into disrepute. He would urge that steps be taken to expose and punish all such persons. Magistrates are often too lenient with such contemptible offenders and the practice is thus encouraged, rather than suppressed. He hoped that all officers of the law would mete out severe punishment to these imposters wherever and whenever found.

Another evil which is growing in alarming proportions, and which the deaf will have to combat, is the moving picture films, some of which are defamatory of the deaf. The government censors do not understand signs, and so pass films which are highly objectionable and have a tendency to give the public a false impression of the deaf. The only way to eliminate the evil is to place a deaf person on the Board of Censors.

Among other things referred to by the president were the need for increasing the fees to members, the desirability of having uniformity in the sign language so that the deaf could converse together wherever they lived, the importance of eliminating the word "dumb" in relation to the deaf, and the need for a change in some of the by-laws. He also proposed that the Association should offer a prize or prizes to the pupil or pupils who take the highest standing every year in general proficiency. He referred in highly eulogistic terms to the magnificent new buildings which have been erected, which will ever stand as a monument to the public-spiritedness of the Government and to Dr. Coughlin, who was instrumental in securing their erection.

Discussion on the subject of compulsory education for the deaf promptly followed. Several delegates narrated their experiences as to how they had come across families who refused to send their deaf children to school, chiefly from sentimental reasons. Much difficulty was found in compelling them to do so, due to inability to make those parents obey the law.

Then the president took occasion to present on behalf of the Association delegates, three umbrellas to the Misses Willoughby, Deannard and Linn, as a token of the warm appreciation felt by the deaf guests of the school for their untiring efforts to make them feel at home during the whole Convention. This brought to a close the morning meetings.

The whole of Monday afternoon was devoted to sports, a favorite pastime of the deaf of all ages. Ideal weather greatly helped in the success of these. The Sports Committee was active and persistent, so that each game came off on time and with satisfaction to all. In the middle of the games, a group photograph of the whole Convention was taken by Mr. Clarke, photographer of Belleville.

On Tuesday, the most important question discussed was that of dealing with the imposter deaf mutes,



MAGIC BAKING POWDER CONTAINS NO ALUM

who go begging throughout the province, and who do serious harm to the reputation of the real deaf, who are respectable and independent citizens, much too proud to resort to begging for a living, and with a society of their own to look after their welfare throughout Ontario.

The Convention was favored with splendid weather and all delegates look forward to two more years of busy industry.

The election of officers took place on Tuesday evening and the following morning, once again, the band of silent workers broke up and went home to their several dwelling places.

Dr. C. B. Coughlin, with Mr. Stewart as interpreter, addressed the Association members and cordially welcomed the delegates to the free use of the school buildings and grounds during the Convention. Incidentally he mentioned the efforts of the Provincial Government in furthering the educational status at the Deaf School. He explained how he had tried hard to secure high talent for the increase of the school teaching staff, so as to give the best results in the instruction of the deaf.

He described the splendid equipment of the new school dormitories, and his plans for changing the other buildings with the confident belief that eventually the Belleville School would become the leading deaf school in the world in regard to equipment and opportunity for deaf instruction. At the close of his address he was presented with a gift as a very slight token of deep appreciation held by the deaf members of the Association for the courtesies he had shown them.

The balance of Monday evening and Tuesday morning were wholly devoted to discussion and transaction of Association business. The chief subjects discussed were the deaf imposters, the scholarship granted by the Association to the best pupil for general proficiency at the Belleville School for the Deaf, uniformity and betterment of the Canadian sign language and the question of permanent membership fees.

In the afternoon of Tuesday, about two hours were spent in mere discussion, and three addresses were delivered—Mrs. J. C. Bails, Belleville, on "Character and Reputation"; Mr. A. S. Swanson, of Alberta, on "Read, Observe, Think"; Mr. D. Coleman, Belleville, on "The Motto of the Belleville School for the Deaf". All the above addresses were well delivered and enjoyed by all. Then the meeting adjourned to permit a game of baseball, between the Toronto deaf team and a picked team of outsiders. The Toronto team easily trounced the latter to the tune of 24 to 8.

The evening was taken up in the report of the auditors of the treasurer's books, the election of officers, the report of the chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, and the selection of the next place of meeting.

PRESIDENTIAL SERVICE MEDALS

To Nearly Forty "Farm" Boys From High School. How Boys Can Serve by Aiding Production.

The presentation of Farm Service Corps badges to nearly forty boys from the Belleville High School who this spring and summer are engaged aiding production took place last evening at the city hall. Representative citizens and Y.M.C.A. leaders were present. Mayor Ketcheson presided over the meeting. On the platform with him were Mr. Nelson Parliament, M.P.P. for Prince Edward, Mr. R. J. Graham, who has fifteen boys working on his domain in Sidney, a few miles from Belleville, Principal P. C. MacLaurin of the Belleville High School, Archdeacon Beamish, Col. W. N. Ponton, Y.M.C.A. Secretary, P. F. Brockel, Captain T. D. Ruston. The boys occupied the central seats and led by Mr. W. R. Cook, provincial boys' secretary and Mr. H. W. Kingerley, boys' work secretary of the National Council of the Y.M.C.A. and supervisor of the Farm Service Corps in Eastern Ontario, sang songs for Canadian Standard Efficiency Tests Boys' Conferences.

After the singing of patriotic numbers, "We'll Never Let the Old Flag Fall," "Keep the Home Fires Burning," and "O Canada," Mayor Ketcheson opened the function by welcoming the boys and telling what delight he felt at being among them.

"You boys, just at this time are rising to the occasion," he said, "as your fathers and older brothers are doing. Although you are too young to go overseas, you are doing your bit just the same."

Not only the men, but the women and the boys, are doing noble work in these days said Mr. Nelson Parliament, M.P.P. for Prince Edward. "I am glad the boys of the towns are answering the call to assist those on the land in producing the food which is so much required. If ever there was a time when there was such a necessity for increased production it is now. I am a farmer and I know what work means. In living close to nature for a few months, you must gain a breadth of mind which all men should have. These are wonderful days and it is clearly shown that selfishness must have no place. I urge you boys to inculcate these virtues early in life of which you shall later be proud of and which alone make life worth while and fit you for the best. Aim to give the world the best that you have and the world will give its best to you."

Mr. R. J. Graham is popular with the boys, so the continued applause last evening would demonstrate. Always closely associated with the younger generation as S. S. teacher, he knows how to please the juvenile mind as well as to cultivate noble aspirations in the young. Addressing the gathering last night he said:—"There are some boys here not working on any farm, but the bulk of them are. It speaks pretty well for the ambition of these boys when they will rise up an hour earlier in the morning to do their work. Thirteen they say is an unlucky number but I see thirteen boys every Sunday. If we can get them to remain citizens of Belleville, we shall never want any better. I appreciate what the mothers are doing for these boys. The fifteen we have at the farm are working harmoniously. If the boys in the province sent out by the high schools are like the Belleville boys, then I say their work is well done. The success of the undertaking is a credit to the boys and the men back of the organization, that we may have greater and better crops."

"I am glad to be on the platform with Mr. Nelson Parliament. I know his work and ability and I am proud to see him occupying the position of member of the legislature for Prince Edward. I would not be surprised if some day Mr. Parliament is premier of the province (applause)."

"I think it is a fine thing to see these boys rewarded in some manner. When the time comes that the destiny of the country will rest upon them, it will rest upon good shoulders."

Mr. H. W. Kingerley supervisor for Eastern Ontario of the Farm Service Corps explained the plan of farm production by high school boys. Five thousand boys have responded to the call. They feel they are saving the Empire and the bond of sympathy between the city and country boy is clearly demonstrated. Lloyd George says the farm workers are the second line of defence. The boys are working in the same spirit of self-sacrifice as the men in the trenches.

Mr. Nelson Parliament, M.P.P.,

therupon distributed badges to the following boys, who with tanned faces and arms, some in sweaters and overalls, came upon the platform to receive the token of their service:

- "Soldiers of the Soil." Douglas K. Redner, Clayton Houston, Harry Ryan, Kenneth Vivian, L. F. Boyle, T. S. Gault, Jack Marshall, Abbott Lent, Clarence Hogg, Clarwin Cherry, W. J. Osborne, MacArthur Hill, William Bird, Desmond Beamish, Harold Coppin, Ernie Taylor, Albert Duesberry, Max Herty, Gordon Robertson, Bruce Currie, Carl A. Brownson, Lorne Deaton, Morley R. Davidson, A. H. Yeomans, E. G. Wallbridge, Gordon Chute, Edward Gascoyne, Edward B. Lally, Porte Marshall, Karl VanAllen, Gerald Vermilyea, J. Edwin VanBurkirk, James McDonnell, Kenneth H. Latta, Oliver C. Owen, Alison A. Buchanan.

One boy signed a card with full particulars of his service but forgot to give his name.

The Medal The medal is a badge of bronze and is intended to be worn on the coat or sweater. It bears the words "Farm Service Corps 1917". The central figure is a youth with a shield on one hand and a sheaf of grain with a rake and a hoe on the other.

Provincial Boys' Secretary W. R. Cook stated "We have five full battalions of soldiers of the soil. The Farm Service Corps is just as much a branch of the service as the Army Service Corps or Air Service. Mr. Cook impressed upon the boys the idea that life is not one's own. It is not enough to be good, but one must also be able to do good or serve. It is impossible to get too much true education. We live in wonderful times. This war has provided that Britons are still ready to die for ideals. "The cream of the country is sacrificing itself 'over there.' This leaves a wonderful burden on the boys home. The reconstruction period in Canada after the war will require close attention to solve the many problems. One is the assimilation of the foreign element. "The German boys of 12 or 13 when war started are today in the firing line. Tomorrow you boys will be in the firing line of national life."

Service is not always pleasant, but the boys will stick it out. Mr. Cook explained the food shortage. "We have food for ourselves but the other nations have not. The people are in need and if the war should end, we should probably face a greater problem—the feeding of Germany. You are under military age and cannot go overseas. But you are soldiers of the soil and are doing your bit as much as if you could go to the front line. The Farm Service work must spread all over Canada and the States and will be required for the next four or five years."

Mr. P. F. Brockel, Belleville's Y.M.C.A. secretary spoke briefly as to the possibility of a field day for the farm service corps members.

The gathering broke up with the singing of the National Anthem.

CIVIL SERVANTS NOT EXEMPT Osgoode Hall, Toronto, June 26.—Federal and Provincial civil servants and judges in Ontario must pay their income taxes just like other people, so declared the Ontario Divisional Court to-day on the appeal in the long disputed test case of County Judge Morson, who claimed that his position relieved him from such taxes.

NO PILGRIMAGE THIS YEAR. The pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre, which has been conducted by the Archdiocese of Kingston for the past several years, and which embraces this section will not be held this year. The railways are unable to supply the accommodation.

TWO BOYS HAD NARROW ESCAPE Last Night—Rescued by Motor Boat Crew. Last evening about eight o'clock two young men in a canoe had an experience in the harbor between the lighthouse and the docks when they had an upset. The youths named Carnahan and Palmateer aged about sixteen or seventeen years were proceeding nicely along when their trail craft was upset by a swell from a motorboat proceeding out of the harbor as they claim, at a fast rate. The lads were plunged into the water and were almost exhausted in trying to keep themselves afloat before the motorboat could return to them and pick them up. Eventually

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Mrs. F. B. Naylor, Victoria Ave., has received the following very interesting message from the "battalion" from a Swiss soldier, who enlisted in the fight for liberty with the 34th Field Battery, in Belleville, and left for the front with the First Canadian Contingent.

Somewhere in France, May 6, 1917.

Dear Madam, I take pleasure to write you a few lines to tell you that I am well and safe. I am not at the guns for a few months. I am attached to the Divisional Train, but I still belong to the 1st. Battery. I am kept very busy every day, and there is as much danger here as at the guns. We are right close to the firing line; we must bring the supplies every day to the Battery, and whizz bang all day and night.

I missed very close the other night in my dugout. An aeroplane dropped bombs all over our billet, killing and wounding many horses. Three boys got badly wounded, and one killed. A bomb fell right close to my dugout. This was about 10.30 p.m. After investigation I considered myself very lucky to have another chance to do my bit.

I received your parcel of goodies last night, for which I thank you very much. The parcel was in good order, and you can never think how I enjoyed the contents.

We have lovely weather now; the mud is all dried. We had big storms of rain and snow in April, with severe cold.

There are every day big bunches of prisoners passing our billet. They all seem to be happy to get over on our lines. They are all smiling, because poor Fritz knows that a cup of tea and some cigarettes await him.

I must close, dear madam, hoping you are all in good health, and that you will enjoy a nice summer. Again I thank you, madam, for your kindness, and please accept my deepest regards.

Your loving friend, Alphonse Bachatey.

No. 70126, Brakeman, No. 1 Company, First Canadian Divisional Train, B. E. F.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS in the Estate of Ann Carscallen, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to R. S. O. 1914, Chapter 121, that all persons having any claims against the estate of said Ann Carscallen, who died on or about the 29th day of March, 1917, at the Township of Thurlow are required to send by post prepaid or deliver to Northrup & Ponton the undersigned solicitors for Howard Porter, the administrator of the deceased, on or before the 9th day of July, 1917, their names and addresses with full particulars in writing of their claims and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them duly verified.

After the said 9th day of July, 1917, the said administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have received notice, and the said administrator will not be liable for the said assets to any person of whose claim notice shall not then have been received.

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