

DEFECTIVES NEED PROMPT ATTENTION

Judge Hodgins Makes Exhaustive Report on Feeble-Minded.

USE THE SCHOOLS
Only Place to Isolate Cases Judge Tells Provincial Secretary.

Another report by Judge Hodgins as commissioner of the mentally defective and feeble-minded in Ontario, has been presented to the new provincial secretary, James M. Bennett, today. The report contains many recommendations upon the government and urging immediate action. The report will fill another volume or two and the commissioner thinks that it will prove a source of information to all interested in the subject.

The commissioner sees in the public school the machinery and plan for determining who are feeble-minded. If the term feeble-minded is to be understood in its wider and not its narrower sense.

In the 19,000 pupils already examined in the medical test now going on in the Toronto schools, the percentage run between one and two per cent. I am now informed, adds the commissioner, "that taking some ten or more schools the percentage obtained is about 27." The schools, he insists, "are the only places where the mental status of the large majority of the children can be definitely and satisfactorily ascertained."

Conclusions Arrived At.
The following conclusions are among the most important arrived at by the commissioner:

That in the province of Ontario feeble-mindedness or mental deficiency has never been heavily dealt with, nor practically dealt with, and that the magnitude of the evil thus left untouched is very great.

That if the cardinal fact could be assimilated that the elimination of the mental defective from the school and from the street and from the agencies engaged in reformatory character would render the efforts of teachers and social workers comparatively easy and empty the gaols of over half their inmates, and that these unfortunate can, if taken in time, be made comparatively happy and useful, there would be little time lost in bringing about that desired result.

That the problem is not as large as is sometimes made out to be, and that great progress can be made in this province along lines that are reasonable and not too costly. This can be done at a beginning is made in the schools.

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That there are no private homes licensed for the feeble-minded.

That a survey of the reformatories and other institutions is urgently needed, so as to relieve them of the mentally defective.

That the feeble-minded female of child-bearing age and the feeble-minded delinquent who is a "repeater" or shows marked criminal instincts should be detained indefinitely.

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4. The establishment of a new and properly equipped psychopathic hospital in Toronto.

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Recommendations.
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3. The erection of a properly equipped psychopathic hospital, to be followed by others in suitable centres.

4. The enlargement of the scheme of juvenile courts.

5. The opening of a parent institution, similar to that at Orillia, in the northern part of the province, to which the colony system, as outlined in this report, could be applied in due course, and the extension of the colony system in connection with the Orillia institution.

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LABOR NEWS

LABOR MEN HEAR MUNICIPAL EXPERT

TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT IS TELLER'S WAGE

Dr. Horace Brittain Gives Pointers and Answers Many Questions.

Prospective labor candidates for aldermanic office in Toronto next year listened with interest to Dr. Horace Brittain, the expert of the municipal bureau, at the I. L. P. meeting, held in the Labor Temple, and many questions also gave him a number of hard nuts to crack. Did the doctor believe that public ownership would (1) be permitted under the records kept of the Toronto City Council? (2) Would it prove feasible? Could he tell why the world was so full of government, more government, and still more government? Were there any official records kept of the way councilors voted as individuals in the council chamber? Would the doctor believe in the principle of referring reforms to the provincial legislative body? These were among the many queries popped out by the audience.

Dr. Brittain strongly favored home government for the people, but urged the need of municipalities in the standards. Large expenditures should be made subject of referendum or appeal to provincial legislatures, but the reforms belonged alone to their city council. Touching upon the question of public ownership, the speaker believed this was a moot point. He would be able to speak more clearly in 1920, so as Toronto was concerned. British cities where such a system had proved a success were governed by traditions and systems which elected councilors for terms of several years. The doctor believed Jan. 1 was a bad day for civic elections. Many personal desires, visits to out-of-town friends were sacrificed under the present system.

Efficient Citizenship.
During the colloquy which addressed the speaker pointed out that the need of all communities was a highly efficient citizenship. In those days of the ancient Romans, the city was the center of the world, and the city was the center of the world.

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Sir John Aird Says Bank Clerks Get From \$22 to \$25 Weekly.

"Our increases, which were well proportioned, went into effect last May, and I may say at this juncture that our salaries for clerks and tellers, women included, average from \$22 to \$25 a week," was the reply given by Sir John Aird last night to a query from The World, asking if the Canadian Bank of Commerce intended to follow the lead of the Royal Bank and give a 20 per cent. bonus increase to its employees. "We intend to give all our employees a bonus at Christmas, following our time-based custom," concluded the general manager of the bank.

Officials of the Royal Bank stated that the Royal Bank of Canada had granted its 5,000 employees a 20 per cent. bonus increase on present salaries. No other statement was given out. However, it is in fact a dollar increase for some clerks in the bank may receive less than \$13 a week, many of them being just out of high school. Tellers of the bank receive a minimum of about \$24 a week.

AMERICAN ENTERPRISE COMBATING CANADIAN

An American firm of contractors from Philadelphia, now operating both at Brantford and Toronto, is offering expert glaziers even a dollar an hour for expertise in this class of work. This was the information given to The World last night by an expert who is a member of the Painters and Decorators' Union.

This man stated that the prevailing wages in Toronto were from 50 cents to 60 cents an hour for the best class of work. This firm, he said, wanted men who could glaze at least 200 lights of glass an hour, into steel finish. The company was also willing to advance the union agreement to pay time and a half for overtime. Toronto employers, he said, did not care to give the men more. Figuring out wages on the basis offered by the American firm an expert glazier would on a basis of ten hours a day receive \$78 a week, out of which he would pay \$10 for board and room, giving him practically \$68 a week clear.

With Toronto employers working their men only eight hours a day and a 10-hour shift, the glazier would receive only \$32 a week. The World's informant stated that while the average pay given by Toronto employers was doubtless fair, indications were strong that American contractors in Canada enterprise along the lines indicated, paying to the mlt for more work, would be a serious blow to the Canadian glazier. Glaziers generally averaged 150 to 175 panes of glass an hour, while the most expert men could do 200 or more panes more than 300 an hour.

LABOR PARTY SOLID IN NIAGARA DISTRICT

Bridgeburg, Nov. 22.—That Labor will play an increasingly large part in politics along the Niagara frontier after the election in the coming municipal elections is practically assured.

Announcements made by branches of the Independent Labor party at Warrenton and other towns show that the Labor party will nominate candidates in the municipal elections. It is stated that the Labor party in Bridgeburg will have candidates put up for the aldermanic board, at least five in number.

Charles F. Swazey, the new Labor member here, has made a very pleasing impression on the voters, owing to the practical way in which he supported the Victory loan and other projects in connection with legislation in this district, despite the fact that his policies declared that Labor in this county was of a radical nature.

BOY LOSES THUMB AND TWO FINGERS

Played With Detonator—Comrade Narrowly Escapes Blinding.

Two boys were injured Saturday night, when a detonating cap which they were playing with exploded in the basement of a store at London and Bathurst streets. The boy, aged 12, of 32 Clinton street, was most seriously injured. He had the explosive in his hand when it went off, blowing part of his thumb and two fingers of his left hand off. Aubrey Matton, 863 Bathurst street, was wounded above the left eye. He was taken to his home, while Fryer was removed to the Western Hospital. Alvin Parton, 473 Clinton street, a newsboy, told the police a boy living on Wellesley street gave him the detonator. He took a number of boys down to the basement, and, putting a fuse to it, lighted it. Fryer picked it up, and it went off while in his hand. Matton was standing close by Fryer, and had a miraculous escape from being blinded.

Fluoridist Melillo took Fryer to London street station and later allowed him to go. It was stated in the police station that an effort will be made to see if a story told the police, that the effect that the explosive had been taken from a box buried in a brickyard in the Don valley, is true.

GRANT FIRST DIVORCE.

Lethbridge, Alta., Nov. 23.—The first divorce ever granted by a local court was given Friday when R. G. Mitchell secured a divorce from his wife, Martha Mitchell. The plaintiff is a foreigner. The defendant did not appear in court. The divorce becomes absolute in three months.

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U. C. C. OLD BOYS FORM ASSOCIATION

Seek to Improve Esprit de Corps Among Former Students of School.

A largely-attended and enthusiastic meeting of the Old Boys Association of Upper Canada College was held in the assembly hall of the college on Saturday evening, and plans were worked out for drawing its members still more closely together. To this end an amendment to the constitution, drawn up by the executive committee, was unanimously passed, allowing of the creation of a branch association in any city or town where there are former students of the college. The meeting then resolved itself into a constituent assembly, formed a Toronto branch association, and on the motion of Mr. J. H. Mulqueen, a draft constitution. W. G. Gooderham was unanimously elected honorary president, and the following committee was elected to choose officers from among its members: F. J. Mulqueen, convenor; J. H. Mulqueen, Commodore; Aemilius Jarvis, G. H. Muttz, E. N. Armstrong, R. H. Henderson, Perry Brown, N. S. Macdonell, Guy Clarkson, R. Y. Cory, H. E. Macphail and C. G. M. Grier.

An athletic committee was also appointed, consisting of Mr. W. H. Willson, convenor; R. Y. Cory, F. J. Mulqueen, C. G. M. Grier, S. H. Brown, L. S. Morrison, Philip A. Davidson, A. Clarkson and Dr. W. W. Wright.

College Had Hard Time.
During the counting of the ballots, short speeches were made by the secretary of the association, Prof. H. Young, and by the principal, Prof. Young outlined the previous history of the association, told of its struggles under Principal Dickson to get justice for the college from the Ontario government, and from the University of Toronto, and of the final handing over by the government of the college to an independent board, composed for the greater part of old boys.

He announced that early in the New Year holidays would be held in the chief cities of the Dominion in London, and in New York, to celebrate the nineteenth anniversary of the foundation of the college.

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