

EDUCATION EQUALS NATIONAL WEALTH

Expert Favors Toronto Effort to Throw Off City Council Control.

Education was referred to as the one changeable co-efficient in the equation of wealth by Hon. P. P. Claxton, commissioner of education of the United States, and who on Saturday evening in Convocation Hall addressed the first of the propaganda meetings arranged by the local board of education. Natural resources, native ability and education equal the national wealth, the speaker told his audience, and he emphasized the practical fixity of the first two factors and the consequent cumulative effect which attended any multiplication of the third.

Mr. Claxton, in the opening sentences of his address, remarked upon the representative character of the audience which faced him, declaring that it assured well for local education that the citizens generally should interest themselves in the educational board's fight to free itself financially from the domination of the city council. The motto which he suggested for Toronto people in guiding their educational policy towards the children was the wish of the Trojan Hector for his son, Astyanax: "May this child be greater than his father."

In the United States, Mr. Claxton said, the attitude of the government towards education was that it was a co-operative enterprise, towards which the citizens contributed in proportion to their wealth and in which they shared equally, irrespective of their wealth. But, he continued, also in the United States there had been secessions, who questioned the advisability of the yearly appropriation for education and had wondered whether the country was not possibly exceeding its obligations in this matter and succeeding with the dissemination of a little learning, merely to arouse the discontent of the masses. To these factions his answer was, the speaker stated, that it would be a tragedy if the children of the nation should grow to manhood and womanhood and finally die without experiencing that divine discontent which is satisfied only with perfection.

Confidence of Legislators.
Mr. Claxton quoted the following figures as expressive of the confidence with which the legislators of the United States had finally regarded educational projects: In 1870, 63 millions had been spent on public schools, \$20,000 on normal schools, five millions on universities and technical schools; in 1919, had been spent one billion and fifteen million on public schools, 27 millions on normal schools, and one billion, two hundred millions on universities and technical schools.

The justification for this expenditure, Mr. Claxton declared, had been in the legislators' realization that ultimately upon education depended all improvements, whether of public works, political reform, social purity, strength and safety of the nation, or individual culture and refinement.

In dealing with this cost side of education, Mr. Claxton declared that he had been led to consider the factor which finally determined the wealth of a nation. He had examined the theory that it depended upon natural resources and had seen that doctrine confounded in the cases of Russia and India, and other richly endowed parts of the world. He had then studied Switzerland and Denmark, two of the most barren of Europe's nations and yet possessing high per capita wealth. Thus he had come upon his formula that natural resources, native ability, and education, equals wealth.

Aids Wealth of Country.
The first two factors of this expression were fixed, or nearly so, Mr. Claxton stated, pointing out that, as the third one multiplied into them, it therefore has produced a higher ratio of effect. Thus, if education is multiplied five times, the increase in the total wealth of the country will not be five, but many fold, according to the numerical quantities which are assigned to the factors of natural resources and native ability. In both these factors, the speaker considered Canada stand far above mere unity and he argued that benefits to be gained by improvements in education would be correspondingly high.

The speaker concluded by applying his arguments to practical affairs. He supposed all knowledge to be swept away, and in a graphic picture, showed how great a portion of our wealth would go with it. Only rude comforts of animal skill and cunning would remain for the refinement of the world.

Dr. J. L. Hughes, the chairman of the evening, announced briefly that the object of the meeting was to open an educational campaign designed to create public opinion favoring the controlling by the board of education of its own expenditures. The city council, he stated, had always been parsimonious in its grants and as a result of its policy between five and six thousand children were inadequately accommodated in basement, portable building, or rented room.

Dr. Noble moved and ex-controller Sam McBride seconded the vote of thanks to Mr. Claxton.

AWAITING RESULTS FOR RHODES SCHOLARSHIP

Eighteen candidates are anxiously awaiting the decision of the committee which has the awarding of the Rhodes Scholarship, one only being given for the whole province of Ontario. The results, it is understood, will be made public some time this week.

The Rhodes Scholarship is given for the highest all-round efficiency in both studies and sports and entitles the holder to three years at Oxford with a gratuity of \$200 a year. The committee, which also awarded the last two scholarships, is composed of: Judge Duff, chairman; Mr. Vincent Massey, Rev. George R. Sherman, Professor George Smith, of Toronto University, and Major M. MacDonald, M.C. secretary.



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