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WARDEN MEIGHEN STRONGLY URGES PRISON FARMS

Proper Way to Reduce Number of Prisoners in Maritime Penal Institutions

Mr. William Meighen, Warden of the Dorchester Penitentiary, delivered a very valuable address recently before the Rotary Club of Halifax, in which he thoroughly vindicated the claim often made that in Nova Scotia we are far ahead from our duty in dealing with that class of our population that is from time to time confined in our prisons.

Warden Meighen declares that the prisons and penitentiaries of the Maritime Provinces contain from 30 to 40 per cent more convicted inmates than do the prisons and penitentiaries of Alberta and Saskatchewan, though the population of the two Western Provinces is larger than that of the Maritime Provinces by 300,000.

In Alberta and Saskatchewan, he explained, the prisons and penitentiaries were modernized, and first offenders were sent by judges to the prison farms, where they were treated with sympathy and taught useful employment or trades if they had none. So that it was only the worst and hardened offenders in the west that were sent to the penitentiaries and prisons, and even such offenders received elementary education and were taught trades and useful employment.

"But," continued Warden Meighen, "in the Maritime penal institutions with the exception of Dorchester penitentiary, such courses are not adopted, and there are no prison farms. The one thing that Nova Scotia does need is a well conducted prison farm. Once such is established there will be a very noticeable reduction in the numbers of youths and men who land in prison and in the penitentiary."

According to Warden Meighen 90 per cent of crime is due to idleness and indolence. "The habit of idleness in a man," said the Warden, "is not altogether to be blamed on the man himself. It is often due to bad training by parents—many a boy who has landed in prison or in the penitentiary having been sent by his parents neither to school nor to church; and what kind of understanding of the law of man or the law of God can boys so reared have within them. They are ignorant and wayward and irresponsible, know nothing and can do nothing, and have nothing to do; and so naturally they drift into mischief or evil doing."

"Let me tell you," continued the speaker, "that there are in Dorchester penitentiary boys and men who have committed 38 different crimes, and that one-third of these prisoners could not read or write when they entered. Moreover, in these penitentiaries, I recently found boys under 20 years of age in prison, and I found only one who had been in a reformatory. Down here there have been at one time in prison or the penitentiary 65 boys who had been in reformatories. In the last ten years the number of inmates of prisons or the penitentiary who were previously inmates of reformatories or industrial schools number six thousand—a shocking total."

"What is the matter?" queried the Warden. "No education," he answered. "In the Maritime smaller penal institutions the prisoners get no education. Some are so ignorant that they can't even count their fingers. These however, are not really criminals, because they are imbeciles or defectives, and should be segregated. In Dorchester penitentiary, on the other hand, school teachers are employed and the prisoners are given instruction in elementary education one hour regularly each day, and in their cells at night by these teachers."

"Moreover," said the Warden, there are improvements. At Dorchester, as at other Canadian penitentiaries, there are improved libraries and the prisoners do a great deal of systematic reading. They are taught trades and the less technical professions, such as bookkeeping. One of the men who was taught bookkeeping in Dorchester penitentiary is now the bookkeeper of one of the largest firms in Canada, and another who learned tailoring at Dorchester is proprietor of a large tailoring establishment.

Each penitentiary has a fine hospital, and Dorchester will soon have the best improved penal hospital in Canada. The writing and visiting privileges have been increased. There is better food provided, and at Dorchester the prisoners raise their own garden truck. Some who had never tasted lettuce, received it for the first time at the prison mesa, and it was raised in the penitentiary garden. The zebra-like clothing has been abolished for grey suits in day and brown at night.

"One of the most important changes or improvements has been in the kind of officers over the prisoners. The old idea was to employ men who were nothing but big powerful animals—themselves devoid of character. Today the principal quality demanded in a penitentiary official is character. For it has been discovered that 90 per cent of the prisoners in penitentiaries are more amenable to kindness and firmness than to rough treatment. Every prisoner has a good streak in him, and today we try to discover what that good streak is, and to develop it. We try to make each prisoner realize that he is in prison and what that means, and we teach him how he may win remission in time of servitude and be even pardoned on serving half his time—if he is industrious and well behaved. Once in a while we are forced to use discipline, such as isolation, spanking and the lash, and a good old fashioned spanking is more effective than the lash. But sympathy, and kindness, and education are the greatest forces for reform and salvation—and many a prisoner of the penitentiary leaves the institution trained to be a good citizen and becomes such."

Fire losses in Nova Scotia for the six months ending June 30 were the smallest of any similar period during the past three years, according to the report just issued by the Nova Scotia Fire Marshal. The losses for that time totalled \$779,648, as compared with \$1,109,233 in 1922 and \$1,117,792 in 1921.

CANON COODY



Rector of St. Pauls Church, Toronto, and Minister of Education in the last Ontario Government, one of the foremost preachers and educators in the Dominion, who is spending several weeks in Nova Scotia making a survey of our educational institutions.

HANTSPORT NOTES

The monthly business meeting of the Hantsport Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Asaph Newcombe on Friday afternoon. The Vice President, Mrs. (Dr.) Dickie occupied the chair in the absence of the President, Mrs. W. K. Sterling. Satisfactory reports were given by the various committees and a number of important communications read, but owing to the exceptionally small attendance they were laid over until the next monthly business meeting. The subject for readings and responses was "Women's Privileges. Do we make use of them?" The ideas set forth were both interesting and instructive, the predominating thought being, "Do we as Canadian Women make the best use of our privileges for the good of the nation?" The theme for the next meeting will be "Current Events." Mrs. Mileage Oulton is directing a Farce which will be presented in the Empire Theatre on Tuesday evening, August 21st, under the auspices of the Women's Institute.

Arthur Hunt Chute, the well known author and writer of Wolfville, son of Professor Chute, of Acadia, was the guest of Mr. David North on Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. Ida Harris, of Halifax, who is summing at Wolfville was the guest of Miss Scott last week.

Prof. H. E. Bigelow, instructor of chemistry at Mount Allison, is spending a holiday with his family, who are occupying a bungalow here for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Davidson, of Wolfville, were visitors to Hantsport on Thursday of last week.

The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Cumming, of Sydney, are guests of Mrs. J. W. Churchill, "The Cedars". Mrs. Jacob Walton, of Kentville was a recent guest of Mrs. Churchill.

Mrs. Regina Masters was in Halifax last week, while there she was present at the Andrew-Card nuptials, which took place in the Baptist Tabernacle on Wednesday.

Mrs. Ralph Sealy, of Halifax, visited at the home of Mrs. R. Masters last week. Mr. Frank Lawrence and little son, of Montreal, and Miss Marguerite Redden are guests of Capt. and Mrs. Chas. Lawrence.

Mrs. W. Clarke, of Kentville, was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Holmes. Miss Charlotte Storey, of Taunton, Mass., is visiting at the home of Capt. and Mrs. Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Fullerton, of Middleton, were recent visitors to Hantsport. Miss Campbell, of Pembroke, Hants county, is the guest of her friend Miss Eloise Newcombe.

Mr. and Mrs. James Harvey, of Windsor, were recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Dorman, Hants Border.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Coffil motored to Bridgewater last week, where they spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. W. Morgan. Miss Nina Morgan, of Bridgewater, accompanied them on their return home.

Mrs. Robert Newcombe, of Port Williams, was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. R. A. Beckwith recently.

A miscellaneous shower was tendered Mrs. Russel Forsythe at the home of Mrs. B. Davison on Thursday evening. Mrs. Forsythe was the recipient of many beautiful and useful gifts.

LOCAL TENNIS PLAYERS

Reached the Finals in the Nova Scotia Tennis Tournament

The members of the Wolfville Tennis Club who were in attendance at the Nova Scotia Tournament returned from Sydney this week and were loud in their praise of the entertainment they received. They made the trip by motor and were much pleased with the scenery in Cape Breton.

Although they did not bring any championships back with them they succeeded in reaching the semi-finals in two events and brought home the runners-up cups in these events. Dr. Leslie Eaton reached the semi-finals in the Men's Singles and Dr. L. Eaton and Murray Beardsley went to the semi-finals in the Men's Doubles. The results of the contests on Thursday in which the Wolfville players took part were as follows:

J. Butler, Bedford, defeated Dr. E. Eaton, 6-0, 6-3.

Dr. L. Eaton defeated Dr. Parker, Stellarton, 6-0, 6-0.

Dr. L. Eaton defeated Dr. Gar. McDonald, New Glasgow, 10-8, 6-3.

J. Butler, Bedford, defeated Dr. de Witt, 6-3, 6-2.

Dr. L. Eaton and M. Beardsley defeated A. T. Voight and S. R. Purvis, N. Sydney, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4.

F. L. Kay and Miss B. Reid, N. Sydney, defeated Dr. E. Eaton and Miss McLean, 7-5, 4-6, 6-3.

R. L. Willet and Mrs. Tasman, Sydney, defeated A. B. Balcom and Miss B. Wickwire, 8-6, 0-6, 10-8.

The semi-finals were played on Friday and resulted as follows:

Dr. L. Eaton defeated J. Butler, Bedford, 6-2, 6-3.

Dr. L. Eaton and M. Beardsley defeated Smith and Rice, N. Sydney, 6-0, 6-1.

In the finals Dr. Eaton lost to Prof. C. H. Mercer, of Halifax, the new tennis champion of Nova Scotia, the score being 1-6, 0-6, 7-9. Professor Mercer had things pretty much his own way in the first and second sets, but in the third set Dr. Eaton, although the older of the two players, seemed to have staying qualities and pressed Mercer very hard before the Dalhousie Professor finally won the match. Time after time Dr. Eaton was within one stroke of the set, but couldn't break Mercer's defensive play. Had Dr. Eaton won the third set his chances of winning the match would have been exceedingly bright.

In the doubles Dr. Eaton and Beardsley lost to Prof. Mercer and J. W. Allen, 6-3, 3-6, 4-6, 4-6.

WOLFVILLE HAS DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

Many distinguished personages from the United States and Canada visited Wolfville this summer. We have received the names of the following who have stopped at Acadia Villa Hotel:

Mr. Justice Cornelius, Judge of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Cornelius.

Dr. John Haynes Holmes, Pastor of the Community Unitarian church, New York City.

Dr. A. H. Chivers, head of the Department of Biology, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H.

Dr. L. S. Hulbert, Professor of Mathematics, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.

Dr. F. P. Keppel, President of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Learning, New York City.

Dr. F. W. Nicholson, Dean of Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn.

Sir Robert Falconer, President of Toronto University, and Lady Falconer.

Dr. R. Bennett, Professor of Zoology, Indiana State University, and Mrs. Bennett.

Dr. W. G. Bacon, Professor of Romance Languages, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, and Mrs. Bacon.

Mr. Leslie Sutherland, Vice President and General Manager of the New York Street Railway.

Dr. W. G. Bacon, Professor of Romance Languages, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, and Mrs. Bacon.

DAY AT SCOUT CAMP

Correspondent at Sunken Lake Gives Interesting Description of First Day at Camp

The Scouts and Cubs arrived at Sunken Lake about 10:30 on Monday morning without special incident. The heavy rain on Sunday night and Monday morning had not dampened the spirits of the prospective campers and by nine o'clock they had mustered strong at the scout camps. The clouds that darkened the sky earlier in the morning as though a spirit of youth took to flight and allowed the sunshine to work its will without restraint.

Not long after the arrival and when the first view of the lake had been greeted with a friendly cheer, tents were assigned and the work of home making and home decorating was in full swing.

At 12:30 dinner was served, a dinner which full justice was done. Nothing was ever quite so good as a dinner of baked beans or meat stew with rice pudding, prepared by the camp cook, Mr. Chas. Burgess, of Waterville, and served at Sunken Lake.

The early afternoon found the sixty boys engaged in the various activities of camp life, boating, canoeing, swimming, diving, cricket and base-ball. Just at sun down dark clouds began to gather and the roll of distant thunder was heard. By the time the camp fire was lighted the unwelcome rain began to fall and the crowd repaired to the pavilion. With hardly a moment's warning Mr. Brown was called upon to improvise an evening's entertainment. He again proved himself equal to the occasion and the right man in the right place. The boys were seated on benches around the room and the program began.

The first number was a contest in step dancing. The competitors were Billy Oliver and John Miller. The judges were Scout Master E. P. Brown, Prof. Hammon, Ph. D., of Montreal, and Rev. G. W. Miller, M. A., of Wolfville. After a grave and solemn consideration the judges decided that while Billy had stepped with grace and the greater steadiness and regularity that John had displayed the greatest variety and originality of motion and so adjudged that the prize consisting of two chocolate bars should be divided equally between them. That this judgement met with the approval of the entire audience was shown by the rounds of applause that followed the announcement.

A group singing occupied the next fifteen minutes, the youthful voices led by Sam Cook joined in the old and familiar songs.

With him we walked the old Indian path and followed the fortunes of Col. Hayward, Cora and Alice Munro and others while all marvelled at the subtlety of the ancient scouts and the cunning and sometimes the treachery of Indian guides. While the group was being thus entertained by Prof. Hammon the thunder boomed across the sky and vivid lightning covered with glory the lake and woodland.

Then all sang "Nearer My God to Thee" and "Abide with me" and the camp chaplain led in prayer and each picked his way to his respective tent lighted on the way by the fitful glare of the retreating storm. For a little while chattering and laughter was heard proceeding from many tents. Soon the bugle sounded "All lights out," quiet reigned and the camp fell asleep.

VISITORS FROM BUFFALO

Citizens were interested in a novelty in the way of a touring car which appeared on our streets last week. A fine Franklin had mounted upon it a canvas tent capable of being extended for camping purposes and giving comfortable accommodation for the occupants.

The car was the property of Mr. and Mrs. Dunbar, of Buffalo, N. Y., who accompanied by a colored chauffeur and chef combined, are touring Nova Scotia. Mr. Dunbar's mother was Lucilla DeWolfe Harris, a daughter of the late Elisha Harris and was born in Wolfville in 1835. The family later went to Ontario to reside. Mr. Dunbar was naturally interested in his mother's birthplace and was charmed by the scenery of the locality. The visitors camped at Evangeline Beach and took drives to Blomidon and other points of interest and on Friday night on the invitation of Mr. R. E. Harris camped on his lawn. A representative of THE ACADIAN with other citizens had the pleasure of meeting Mr. and Mrs. Dunbar and inspecting the outfit with which they have travelled the continent over. They were found to be most interesting people and their car very ingenious and conveniently arranged. The visitors took in the Hector celebration at Pictou and after touring the valley left Nova Scotia by way of Truro through New Brunswick and on to their home, intending on their way west this fall to visit the remaining three states of the union to complete the tour of their native country.

MILL BURNED AT WHITE ROCK

Pick & Hancock's mill at White Rock was totally destroyed by fire on Wednesday night. About midnight the fire was discovered by Mr. Chas. O'Leary who lives near. The alarm was at once given by telephone but the flames had made such progress that it was found impossible to save anything.

The mill consisted of a rotary stove saw, shingle mill, and planer complete and was uninsured. A large quantity of material was also consumed. The mill employed several men and its loss will be severely felt by the community. It is estimated that the total loss in property will not be less than \$8,000 to \$10,000. No explanation can be given for the cause of the fire.

Remember your friends on their birthday by sending them one of our pretty Birthday Cards or Booklets. THE ACADIAN Store.

REV. ATWOOD COHOON, D. D.

Passed Away at His Residence Here on Saturday Last

When Rev. Dr. Cohoon on July 10th celebrated his eightieth birthday in the apparent fullness of health and vigor those who called to tender congratulations little thought death was so near at hand. On the last day of the month he was taken suddenly ill and shortly after little hope of his recovery was entertained. When the fact became apparent to him he faced it with characteristic courage, making wise directions that so far as was possible his going should not disarrange those interests to which so much of his life had been devoted.

On Saturday afternoon the end came and there passed to the life beyond one who was deservedly esteemed throughout the Maritime Provinces and wherever known. The extended sketch of his life which was a few weeks ago published in THE ACADIAN makes any lengthy comment unnecessary at this time. For the past twenty-eight years he filled the position of treasurer and financial manager of Acadia University, during which time he filled the responsible duties of that office with singular devotion and ability. Possessed of unusual executive and administrative gifts he made the interests of Acadia his own and his place will be exceedingly difficult to fill. As a citizen of Wolfville he freely gave himself to the promotion of every good and worthy cause and many friends here deeply mourn his passing.

Two daughters, Mrs. James A. Floyd, of Newton Highlands, Mass. and Mrs. Frank Crosby, Ottawa, survive him and also a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Avard Cohoon, who resided with him.

The funeral took place from his late home on Prospect street on Tuesday afternoon, when a very large number gathered to pay their last respects. The service, which was conducted by Rev. Dr. MacDonald, was simple and in accordance with the expressed wishes of the deceased, and included the singing of the hymn, "O God our help in ages past," the reading of the twenty-third psalm, a feeling prayer and the benediction. Dr. Oakes, A. S. MacDonald, Dr. Wheelock, Dr. Thompson, Dr. Spidle and Prof. Perry were the pallbearers and the remains were followed to their last resting place in Willow Bank by a long procession of townspeople and visitors from various sections. At the grave the committal was read by Rev. Dr. Patterson and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr. Catten.

An appropriate Memorial Service will be held on the first Sunday in September at the Baptist church.

EAST END WINS SERIES

The deciding game in the second series of the East End and West End was played on Wednesday afternoon, and resulted in a win for the former team by the score of 3 to 0. This game gave the series to the East End and arrangements are being made for a play-off series with the West End, winners of the first series, for the Acadia trophy. It is expected that the first game will be played either tonight or next Wednesday afternoon. Last Friday's game was well played, the teams being as follows:

East End—C. Munro, c; D. Munro, 1b; West 2b; Eagles, p; Patriquin, lf; Morine, rf; Kenne, ss; Burgess, 3b; Harrington, cf.

West End—Spencer, cf; Rand, 3b; Boates, c; Dick, ss; Ritchie, p; Hansford, lf; Cohen, 2b; Thorpe, rf; Johnson, 1b.

The announcement of the re-opening of the theatre at Kentville will be found in another place in this paper. In future it will be known as the Capitol and will be under new management, Mr. A. A. Fielding being in charge. This theatre was purchased last spring by Mr. F. G. Spencer, of St. John, and during the season has been thoroughly renovated and refitted and presents a fine appearance. The opening takes place on Monday when a fine program of pictures will be presented. Read the adv.

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KINGS CRICKETERS DEFEAT ANNAPOLIS

In Regular League Match at Wolfville—Score 108 to 101

Cricket teams representing Kings and Annapolis counties met in a regular league match here last Saturday afternoon, which resulted in a win for Kings county by seven runs and four wickets. The score was 108 to 101.

Kings county, winning the toss, went to bat first, the two old timers J. Miller and J. F. Herbin, opening the innings against the bowling of W. Donat and Malcolm Miller, after obtaining four runs was caught. Allan Beauchamp followed, but was also caught after scoring five. Gerald Bauld came in next but after scoring a useful nine, W. Donat caught him in the slips with a good catch. When D'Almain joined Herbin, the runs came fast, the pair adding about forty runs before D'Almain was bowled, after quickly hitting up twenty-seven.

With 108 runs to their credit and six wickets down, Kings county declared their innings, J. F. Herbin carrying his bat through the innings with 21 runs to his credit.

W. Donat and Malcolm opened the innings for the visitors, against the bowling of Capt. Holland and Walker. This pair hit up 48 runs before Malcolm was bowled by Doll after making 22 runs. Donat hit up 35 before Doll obtained his wicket, and Annapolis county were finally retired for 101 runs.

For the visitors Ovens bowled well, obtaining three wickets for 17 runs. For the home team, Robinson did the best bowling, getting four wickets for 10 runs, the other wickets going to Walker three, Doll two and Bauld one.

The game was the usual enjoyable and sportsmanlike game, as always occurs when these two teams meet.

The home team entertained the visitors to tea after the game.

Kings County
J. Miller, c. Poole, b. Donat 4
J. F. Herbin, not out 21
A. Beauchamp, c. Ovens, b. Malcolm 5
G. Bauld, c. Donat, b. Ovens 9
C. Holland, c. Hamilton, b. Ovens 2
A. F. Doll, bowled Ovens 5
H. D'Almain, bowled Hamilton 27
F. A. K. Walker, not out 9
Extras 26

Total (six wickets) 108
Robinson, Cox and Lowe did not bat.

Annapolis County
W. Donat, bowled Doll 35
J. Malcolm, bowled Doll 22
D. Ovens, c. D'Almain, b. Robinson 0
A. D. Hamilton, c. Bauld, b. Robinson 0
Dr. Rice, c. Bauld, b. Robinson 5
C. S. Bostanley, c. Miller, b. Bauld 1

A. C. Stevenson, bowled Walker 14
T. Miller, not out 14
E. A. Poole, c. Bauld, b. Walker 2
J. Donat, c. Beauchamp, b. Walker 1
H. Miller, st. D'Almain, b. Bauld 8
Extras 8

Total 101

Miss May Christie and Mr. Rose, who have been visiting Mrs. F. H. Christie, Main street, have returned to their homes in Cambridge, Mass.

Mrs. Laura Sutherland, of Halifax, is visiting Mrs. F. H. Christie, Main street.

The magnitude of the Building Program proposed by Acadia University entitles it to the moral and financial support of every citizen of Wolfville.

The buildings proposed and the estimated cost are as follows:

Main Building (to replace "College Hall")	\$250,000
Seminary Group	\$300,000
New Science Building	\$ 92,000
College Women's Residence	\$ 50,000
Central Heating Plant	\$100,000
Total	\$792,000

This Forward Movement means not only the expenditure of this money but more students with greater annual expenditures both by the University and the students.

Moreover, the buildings will be such as to merit the just pride of all citizens of Wolfville.

A gift to the larger Acadia is an individual and a community investment.