

I have another suggestion to make which I hope will be accepted in the same spirit that my former suggestions have been, and that is, that I would like the School Board to take up the question of encouraging the children in the cultivation of flowers and shrubs. It would be very easy to set aside a certain portion of the school grounds attached to each school and to furnish the necessary seeds; while some person, such as the caretaker, could instruct them. The cultivation of flowers not only has an elevating effect on the minds of the children, but would create an interest outside their ordinary lives, and have a very beneficial influence generally.

The boys, as well as the girls, should be encouraged in this commendable work. Although the seasons are short in Manitoba we all know from personal experience how quickly and well flowers grow. My experience in dealing with boys and girls indicates that half their troubles arise from the want of having some particular interest outside the humdrum of everyday affairs. Anything that can uplift, elevate or engage their minds after school hours cannot but effect good. Trusting that my suggestion will be received in the spirit in which it is given, believe me,

Yours faithfully,

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Police Magistrate

Archbishop Matheson

"I very cordially approve of the proposal of providing playgrounds for children. Both physically and morally it is of supreme importance to our young people, that they should have ample room, or convenient centres, for out-door sport or exercise.

"Open-air games tend to build up a strong physique and a good constitution, the experience of all ages and all nations goes to prove this, but it is not only the body that is beneficially affected by fresh air and manly sport. Those who have had to do with the training of the young know that the playground is no small factor in moral upbuilding.

"Looking back over my experience in college and school life, extending now over a very considerable number of years I am more and more convinced of the truth of this; when there is a healthy interest in outdoor games, not only is there vigorous physical health, but there is also a wholesome moral tone in a school. "*Mens sana in corpore sano.*" What is true of a school is also true of a city or community. By all means let us have ample and spacious playgrounds throughout our city; we can make no better investment in the interests of the development of the growing manhood and womanhood of our young.—S. P. Ruperts Land."