

JUVENILE COURT WORK IN HALIFAX

Judge Wallace Reviews It In Interesting Report

THREE YEARS IN EXISTENCE

Points to the Responsibility of Parents For Moral and Spiritual Welfare of Children—Has Had 480 Cases Before Him

(Halifax Echo.) There is contained in the report, presented to the legislature last week, an interesting report on the city juvenile court by His Honor Judge Wallace, whose interest in the matter is well evidenced by the fact that he has without compensation, given his services as judge of the court ever since its inception three years ago, and continues to do so.

PROTECTION AGAINST VOLCANIC ASHES



How Japanese nurses protected their faces from the falling ashes from Sakurajima. A group of Japanese nurses belonging to the Red Cross Society who are helping to take care of the many sufferers in the disaster, are seen with their faces muffled against the falling ashes from the volcano.

without salutary parental control, the superintendent of neglected and delinquent children, who is an officer of the court, investigates the report, confers with the parents of the boy or girl and often by such action, renders unnecessary the summoning of the boy or girl or parents.

In some cases a fine has been imposed upon parents, and, in exceptional cases, where the delinquent character of the parents, or pernicious environment warrants such action, the boy is sent to the Halifax Industrial School or to St. Patrick's Home, or is placed in a good rural home, the suitability of which had already been investigated by the superintendent or had been attested to by a resident clergyman or other trustworthy authority.

court to exclude anything like the appearance of criminal procedure and terminology. The boy or girl is not formally asked whether he or she is "guilty or not guilty," but is encouraged to tell the truth, and, as a rule, when the delinquent is thus treated, the particular facts admitted. Sometimes the child appears on behalf of the children or their parents, and it is gratifying to report that counsel in such cases invariably have co-operated with the court in conducting the inquiry absolutely free from any technicalities, and in accordance with the policy of the court not to hold "trials," but earnest conferences concerning the child's condition and future welfare. The press of Halifax was also aided the policy of the court by refraining from publishing any report of individual cases.

During its existence the court has investigated 480 cases. In at least seventy per cent of these cases the delinquency of the boy or girl was traceable to defective home conditions involving, as a rule, criminal carelessness or moral obtuseness of parent. Juvenile delinquents are not born but made. In some instances they are the product of social conditions for the maintenance of which municipalities are responsible, but in the vast majority of cases the parents are to blame. Many parents who have appeared before the court seemed to assume that the responsibility for the moral and religious development of their children rested with the school teacher and the clergyman, and that the sole duty of parents was to feed their children and supply them with clothing and shelter. Other over-confident parents believe that their Maggie or Mary was able to take care of herself. Some of these parents had a tragic awakening.

The judge finds the absence of home discipline has been painfully evident in many cases of juvenile delinquency. A considerable number of the boys sent by the court to institutions have subsequently been placed out in good homes in the country and are now an expense to the municipality. One of the difficulties experienced by the court has been to cause fathers who from their habit or selfishness, remain idle a considerable portion of their time with the result their homes become neglected and their families are frequently in de-

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circumstances. In some instances the juvenile court has sentenced such men to a term in the county jail and has released them on probation upon condition they took the pledge and paid a fixed sum weekly to the wife or someone else as trustee for the benefit of the families.

It should be stated, continued the judge, that there are instances where the drink habit has not caused the poverty of certain persons, but has been the effect of a social misery caused by their poverty. In several cases the intemperance of a husband was traceable to the tactlessness of a wife, whose persistent nagging explained, if it did not excuse his greed. Many juvenile delinquents, who normally adhere to one of the many Christian denominations, are actually lacking in any religious faith or practice, so essential in moral development and character formation.

"After a judicial experience of thirteen years in a county court, judge's criminal court," says His Honor, "I am certain that there would much less need for such courts if more attention was paid to the religious training of the children. Nothing else can effectively curb the rising tide of delinquency and vice."

A certain percentage of juvenile delinquency is closely related to physical and mental defects in the child, and there is much need in the province of permanent custodial care of feeble minded boys and girls. There are special reasons why girls of this class should be guarded. The juvenile court is not and never can be a cure-all for such cases. The judge thinks a curfew law would not prove an effective cure for existing conditions in cities. Delinquency and crime must be more intelligently attacked and the defects and causes thereof remedied.

Human rights of all should not be sacrificed to material interests of a few. There is much social work to be done concerning which many of the people of the province seem complacently indifferent. The offences of the juvenile delinquents are very light in comparison with other crime which Nova Scotia will perpetrate if it disregards the rights of these children of whom it is the ultimate parent.

The juvenile court deals only with boys and girls under sixteen years of age. There is another class of boys sometimes called juvenile adults, between sixteen and twenty-one years of age, who cannot be sent to a reformatory and must go to jail or penitentiary. The attention of the department of justice, Ottawa, has been called to such cases and the present minister of justice has since promised to look into the question.



Jury Verdict

Overwhelming Verdict A few months ago, a man in no way connected with making of Postum or the marketing of tea or coffee, wrote to quite a number of physicians asking their unbiased testimony in the case of Postum vs. Tea and Coffee.

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PORT OF ST JOHN

Arrived Sunday. Stmr St George, 704, Cardiff, New York, C.P.R. Cleared Saturday. Stmr Manchester Spinner, Musgrave, Manchester via Philadelphia. Canadian Shipper, Ferry, Manchester direct.

CANADIAN PORTS

Halifax, March 7—Ard, stmr Rappahannock, Montreal, St John; City of Sydney, St John's (Nfld). March 8—Ard, stmr Oceania, Southampton; Campello, Rotterdam; Digby, Liverpool via St John's (Nfld); Scandinavian, Glasgow. March 7—Sid, stmr Empress of Ireland, Liverpool; March 8, stmr Montreal, London and Antwerp; Caroline, New York; Ascania, Portland (Me).

BRITISH PORTS

Glasgow, March 7—Sid, stmr Cassandra, Brown, St John. Liverpool, March 8—Ard, stmr Cedric, New York; Alastair, Halifax. Southampton, March 8—Ard, stmr New York, New York. Flisguard, March 8—Ard, stmr Carman, New York.

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New York, March 8—Ard, stmr Baltic, Liverpool; Kaiserin Auguste Victoria, Hamburg. March 8—Ard, stmr Cymric, Liverpool; Pretorian, Glasgow. Vineyard Haven, Mass., March 8—Ard, schr Geo Churchman, Nantucket. Sid—Schr Minnie Slauson, St John. New York, March 8—Schr Rebecca, M Wells, Calais (Me). Boston, March 8—Sid, bark Avon, Buzzards Bay. Mostyn Deep, March 7—Ard, stmr Leandra, Butler, Rio Janeiro.

MARINE NOTES

New Zealand liner Batsford arrived at Sydney on Friday and is due to leave for St John tomorrow. Donaldson liner Letitia is due Tuesday. Furness liner Rappahannock arrived at

IMPORTS

Local imports per steamer Manchester Spinner from Manchester, arrived Friday: Brock & Paterson, one case cottons; Frank Fales, 19 casks earthenware; W. H. Hayward, 7 pica earthenware; Linton & Sinclair, 8 casks earthenware; M. R. A. Ltd., 10 cases dry goods; T. McAvilly & Sons, 11 truss bellings; Scovill Bros., 1 truss dress goods; Vassie & Co., 25 pigs carpeting, 3 bales cottons; O. H. Warwick, 12 crates earthenware; also several packages for brokers and railways.

VESSLS IN PORT

Steamers. Bengore Head, 1,419, Belfast, Wm Thomson Co, No. 4. Kadama, 2,000, South Africa, J T Knight, C. I. C. R. Royal George, 5,685, Avonmouth, C. I. C. R. Schooners Not Cleared. Arthur M Gibson, 208, J W Smith. Calabria, 431, J Splice, laid up. Cora May, 117, N C Scott. Eskimo, 29, C M Kerrison. E M Roberts, 238, R C Elkin. Elma, 229, A W Adams. Harry Miller, 246, J W Smith. Hattie Harbour, 268, A W Adams. Hunter, 187, D J Purdy. India, 8, Stetson, 271, J W Smith. J Arthur Lord, 189, A W Adams. Jennie Stubbs, 129, A W Adams. Jessie Ashley, 122, J W Smith. J J Colwell, 92, J W Smith. Lucia Porter, 284, P McIntyre. Margaret May Riley, 241, A W Adams. Oriole, 134, J Splice Co. Oroonimo, 121, 373, A W Adams. Pricella, 117, A W Adams. Ravola, 128, J W Smith, laid up. Sallie E Latham, 139, D J Purdy. T W Cooper, 155, A W Adams. W E & W L Tuck, 205, Gregoire. Walter Miller, 118, C M Kerrison.

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Daily Hints For the Cook

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AN I. C. R. RUMOR

Moucton Transcript-Rumor says that a new I. C. R. time table is being prepared, and that the Ocean Limited will be restored about the close of March which ends the Dominion fiscal year.

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