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WORKS UNDER
DIFFICULTIESCurator Says Art School
Here Is Not Well
SupportedLectures by Ven. Archdeacon
Crowfoot and W. S. Fisher
Enjoyed at Meeting.

The Saint John Art Club, at its annual conversation last night in the Church of England Institute, enjoyed an excellent programme and a pleasant social hour and heard in the report of the curator some sharp truths regarding the lack of support of the club and its Art School, coupled with a gratifying account of the Art Schools success.

W. Shives Fisher, honorary president, gave a delightful descriptive account of his recent Mediterranean tour, illustrating his lecture with slides and showing beautiful colored pictures of Madeira, Gibraltar, Algiers, Egypt and Palestine. Miss Holt operated the lantern with the assistance of C. H. Flewelling.

VIEWS OF PICTURES

Ven. Archdeacon A. H. Crowfoot, president, showed a series of slides of great paintings which had been inspired by the East. His pictures showed what use the artists have made of the local color Mr. Fisher had spoken of and the pictures were chiefly the work of Holman Hunt and the French artist, Tissot. The Tissot group included pictures illustrating the life of Christ and the Holman Hunt group included "The Scape Goat," "The Flight into Egypt" and the "Shadow of the Cross."

At the close of the evening refreshments were served and Mrs. T. H. Estabrooks and Mrs. H. A. Fowell presided at the prettily arranged supper-table that was centred with spring flowers.

CURATORS REPORT

The report of C. H. Flewelling, as curator, was in part as follows:

"As this evening in the closing of our season there are a few things to mention in regard to our club. Organized from the then existing Women's Art Club in 1908, for seventeen years we have gone along with a lecture course each winter and an art school, not very much encouraged or assisted, struggling for existence but possibly building better than we realize."

LOCATION OF PROPERTY

"Losing our much-loved old studio in Peel street, our collection of paintings have been scattered. A number are still with the Natural History Society as well as the famous Chinese vases, nearly two are here and a few in the Art School in the Market building. It is a serious question for the executive to consider when we meet in October again as to the location and concentration of our properties."

ONLY 170 PAID UP

"In regard to the financial position, we were greatly assisted by the ladies who carried through the bridge, but a serious falling off of members will leave your executive with a deficit. There have been 260 members on our roll whom we considered would stand by, but our collector reports only 170 paid up. To ascertain in advance of next season what we have to rely on cards have been sent out asking the members to reply stating whether they wish to continue next season. The cards are coming in and we hope will show sufficient interest to enable the committee to plan an attractive course next winter."

DIFFICULTIES

"As to the Art School, the improvement begun two years ago in the number of pupils continues and about 46 were on the roll this winter. Miss Holt's methods of teaching have developed a surprising amount of native talent. Some of the pupils will go much further. The school has been hampered all along in many ways. There is no fund to provide studies of fruit and flowers or to provide life models, only some volunteer work has helped in this. I do not think there is in Canada an Art School which has turned out as much good art work with so small an expense to those responsible for it as that turned out of the Saint John Art School."

TAKEN OVER BY N. S.

"Our friend, Miss Nutt, of Halifax, is quite encouraged by the Nova Scotia Government passing a bill to take over the Victoria School of Art and make it the Nova Scotia College of Art. Supported up to the present by a city grant and community help it will now be placed on a proper footing."

MONUMENTS OF INDIANS.

Anthropology is a formidable name, but an interesting science. Briefly, it may be accepted as meaning the study of man in general. To that study no race has provided a more interesting problem than the North American Indian, whose origin is more or less shrouded in mystery. Consider, for instance, the totem poles of the Indians of British Columbia. What relationship exists between these curious monuments to valorous red men and the gaudy banners of the Chinese, or crude carved obelisks of the Egyptians? Perhaps none, but it is a fact that these totem poles constitute a distinct type of art which has much symmetry of color and design, though first appearances may appear to be to the contrary.

Totem poles are not the vague creations of idle men. They are carefully thought out and executed records of deeds well done, and they provide an open book for those who have the knowledge to read.

Nowhere are finer examples of these totem poles to be found than in some of the Indian Villages on the route of the Canadian National Railway between Jasper and Prince Rupert. At Jasper there is a fine specimen, brought from the Queen Charlotte Islands and erected intact beside the Jasper station. But the greatest collection is located at Kitwanga, on the Skeena River. This is one of the show places of northern British Columbia and trains stop to allow passengers to view the poles and it is safe to say that, next to Niagara Falls, this little village

almost the most photographed spot in Canada. That in itself tells of the appeal these poles make to the imagination of the tourist. Another proof is the fact that it is almost always impossible to get the train out of the village on time, because there are always some passengers who desire to linger longer with those striking monuments of an ancient race.

Illustrated literature issued by the Canadian National Railways may be had by writing the General Passenger Department at Moncton, N. B.

Condemns Movie Idea
Of Mounted Police

NEW YORK, May 14.—Commissioner Cortlandt Starnes, of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, who is here attending the International Police conference, had rubbished the popular idea of the mounted police of Canada's riders of the plains, as presented by Hollywood.

The slick, young giant with the glossy black mop of hair, liberally plastered and neatly parted, simply does not exist in the R. C. M. P. Nor does he give voice incessantly to the slogan about "getting his man."

Commissioner Starnes declared today that the Canadian Mounties get their man if they can and they can't be expected to do more. The movie version of the mounties is a lot of rubbish, said the commissioner.

C. N. ESTIMATES ARE
APPROVED BY HOUSE

Committee on Railways and
Shipping Recommends \$50,-
000,000 for Govt. Lines.

OTTAWA, May 14.—The House of Commons committee on railways and shipping this morning, carried a motion recommending the estimate of \$50,000,000 for the Canadian National Railways for 1925-26.

The motion contained the statement made by Hon. George P. Graham, Minister of Railways, in his speech on the national railways in the House of Commons, to the effect that the original estimate of \$60,000,000 had been prepared early in the year, and it had since been revised by officials of the railway, who were of the opinion that only \$50,000,000 would be required.

Children To Teach
Parents In Hygiene

MONTREAL, May 14.—Parents are gradually acquiring a knowledge of hygiene from their children, according to Miss Flora G. Liggett, public health nurse of Nova Scotia, who addressed the Canadian Tuberculosis Association, on behalf of the Junior Red Cross this afternoon.

Miss Liggett said that one of the chief causes of the partial failure of health education taught in the schools was that it was set forth in a purely theoretical and uninteresting fashion.

Denies Coal Mining
Is Badly Managed

DRUMHELLER, Alta., May 14.—Jesse Gouge, one of the principal coal operators of Drumheller, was the main witness appearing before the Alberta Coal Commission here today.

Witness strongly denied the statement made in some quarters that the coal mining industry was badly managed.

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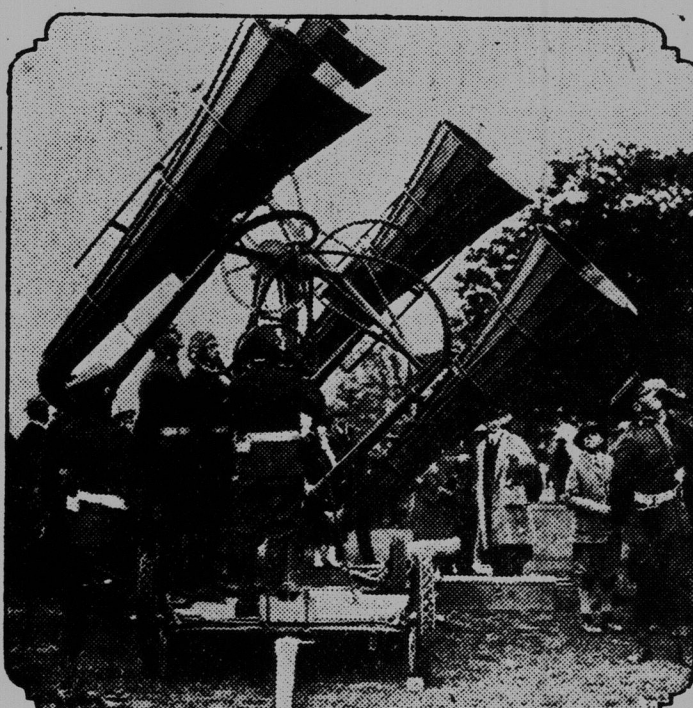
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PARLIAMENT MEETS
ON VICTORIA DAY

Ascension Day, May 21, Will be
Observed as a Holiday,
Commons Decided.

OTTAWA, May 14.—The House of Commons will sit on Victoria Day. When Premier King moved this afternoon that the house adjourn over Ascension Day, May 21, which is a Quebec holiday, Hon. J. B. M. Baxter asked if the House would be expected to sit on Victoria Day, the following Monday.

The prime minister replied that he believed it would be meeting the wishes of the majority in the house if the Monday holiday was not observed. The motion for the Ascension Day holiday then passed without further comment.

YOUTH KILLED IN MILL.

ROBerval, P.Q., May 14.—Edmond Langevin, 17-year-old son of J. Langevin, of this parish, met a terrible death yesterday when he was caught in the belt of a machine used in his father's mill.

DANCE AT LOCH LOMOND.

The members of Fairmount Lodge of the L. O. B. A., East Saint John, gave a successful entertainment in the Agricultural Hall in Loch Lomond last

Worked 36-hour Stretch, Then
Came To Night School Class;
Pupils Make Much Progress

The night school classes in Saint John, which this year for the first time were conducted under the auspices of the Vocational Committee, closed their highly successful year at the end of April. A large percentage of the pupils made full attendance in spite of the fact that many were unable to attend because they had night employment at various times.

So keenly interested was one student attending the class in West Saint John that he arrived in time for his lessons although he had been employed throughout the previous 36 hours.

MADE GOOD PROGRESS.

Rex Cormier taught the class held in King Edward School, which had the large enrollment of 64. Many of the pupils in that class had been unable to either read or write when they enrolled. They made very satisfactory progress in reading, writing and arithmetic.

A. G. Gunter taught the class in mechanical drawing which was held in Central School and had an enrollment of 23, practically all of whom were employed in the city and were devoting their spare time to training for a better position.

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