

## WHERE HALIFAX SETS EXAMPLE

Three Auxiliary School Departments for Mental Defectives—Inspiring Story.

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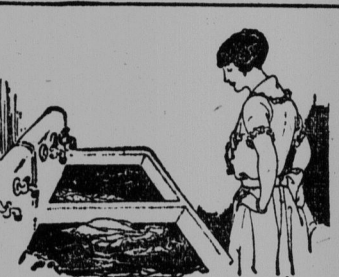
While many arguments in favor of a home for the feeble-minded are being advanced, the strongest argument of all—practical demonstration—is to be found in the three auxiliary departments of the Halifax schools, Maynard street. There, in a little shack of a building that has not even the primitive school house advantage of thick walls; where, in winter the cold comes through the beaver board walls and numbs the fingers of teachers and pupils; fifty or more boys and girls whose mental capacity is below normal are being taught to become useful members of society. The teachers, Miss Margaret Brodie, Mrs. Macintosh, and Miss H. L. Lindsay, have given of their best and viewing the work which was on display Tuesday afternoon it was hard to believe that so much could be accomplished in one school year. Even at that there was not enough room to display all of the work and a great many of the fine mats made by the pupils during the year were sold.

Mrs. Macintosh has been in charge of the "three R's" part of the work from the first opening of the auxiliary classes and under her instruction the children have made remarkable progress, children who could neither read nor write being brought on to a stage where they can do both. Arithmetic, too, they have mastered to the limit of their mental capacity and one cannot but realize the vast amount of patience, as well as natural teaching ability, that Mrs. Macintosh must possess to achieve such results under such difficult conditions.

Miss Margaret Brodie is also one of the pioneers in the auxiliary work, and has brought the handicraft department to a stage that even the most ambitious could not have predicted. Every boy has been taught to make practical articles and at the same time utilize the materials at hand, no matter how crude they are. Soap boxes brought from home, odd pieces of wood picked up here and there, the pupils have themselves converted into useful articles, much to the delight of themselves and their parents.

A few months or so ago Miss Brodie spent three weeks in the United States visiting institutions where this kind of work was carried on, such as Vineland, where 400 boys and 100 girls mentally below normal are taught. Realizing that in such institutions the children are constantly under the care of the teachers and every faculty for instruction is provided, Miss Brodie was prepared to see a vast difference between the work in Halifax and that done there. She was therefore greatly encouraged to find that the work of the Halifax departments compared favorably with theirs and was progressing fully as well.

A valuable addition to the staff this year was Miss H. L. Lindsay, who took up the work in September and with an enthusiasm like that of Miss Brodie and Mrs. Macintosh, entered into the work heart and soul. Miss Lindsay took a special course at Toronto in this work and was a member of the occupational



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The display of work shows an endless variety of articles, every one of them neatly done and well-proportioned. There are winding stems that the boys copied from the manufactured article in a flawless manner; picture frames cut from solid squares of wood so that there is not a joint in them, yet they are smooth and attractive; benches made from soap boxes, every boy making one and taking it home; mops which they have made from waste left over from the looms; a cleverly built head-loom made from flat-pieces of wood and clothes pins; a step ladder, sturdy and large; these and many small articles such as coat hangers, boxes, brackets, plant and pot stands and racks; small fences, carved boxes, toy houses and airplanes and other things which are of practical value constitute the wood workers' display.

The raffia work is no less varied and interesting. Some of the boys brought chairs from home and wore strong beautiful cane bottoms and backs for them, paying for the materials themselves. There are lunch trays, toy cradles made by tiny little chaps, a large variety of attractive baskets as well as straw hats and other neatly made articles.

With the handlooms, which were brought from Camp Hill and assembled by the teachers after much toil, pretty table runners, fancy work bags and other articles that the most artistic eye could not find fault with, have been evolved. One girl has also made a splendid hand bag of jute, her perseverance while making it being commendable, as the stuff was very heavy and her hooking needle would often break. This did not discourage her. She would immediately take a file and file it so that she could keep on with her work again.

The books bound by the pupils are particularly worthy of notice, the binding being absolutely perfect and the pages evenly cut and placed in position. They have also done a great deal of re-binding of old books, a task from which they learned a great deal about the art.

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They have also done some Japanese book-binding. A visit to the school is the only fair way to judge of the work done, for its extent and nature is impossible of worthy description. One cannot but be impressed with the work done and understand how the teachers feel about these boys and girls having to leave their care after so short a time, to wage an unfair fight in the world, handicapped as they are—when in an institution they would have a chance to continue a life of usefulness. Then again, these auxiliary departments only take care of a small part of the many that should be constant prayer of the mountain dweller if space and equipment permitted.

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Mr. Shaw was born in Bruce county, Ontario, and was educated at Walkerton High School, University of Toronto, and Osgood Hall. He practised law in Walkerton in partnership with his father, the late Alexander Shaw, K.C., for some years, and then continued the practice of his profession in Toronto as a member of the firm of Snellie & Shaw.

Becoming interested in manufacturing through his connection as solicitor for the Furniture Manufacturers' Association, he organized Canada Furniture Manufacturers, Limited, the head office of which was in Toronto until 1910, when it was transferred to Woodstock, Ont., where he has since resided.

Mr. Shaw is the president of the children's aid societies of Oxford county and Woodstock City, and vice-president of the Associated Children's Aid Societies of Ontario, and is on the board of trustees of the Woodstock General Hospital. He is a member of the following clubs: National, Albany, Toronto; Toledo, Toledo; Canadian, New York; Oxford Golf and Country, Woodstock. He was honorary secretary of the Oxford County Patriotic Association during the war.

He has been prominent for many years in association affairs, serving for some time as chairman of the legislation and tariff committees. Later he became chairman of the Ontario division. For many years he has been a member of the executive council. He is a man of high attainments, is a bright and witty speaker, a good mixer and an enthusiast in any work to which he puts his hand.

When asked what were the principal events in his life, Mr. Shaw replied: "Being born and getting married."

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(Canadian Press Despatch)

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