

## Vocational Training School Meeting

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a need of it. There was a large number of people who did not grasp their educational opportunities when young and they now realize the mistake which they had made. One of the greatest principles in life was for one to assist another and if people needed educational help, every one should endeavor to give them the required assistance.

One of the best things any person could have was a good education, and if we could make our young men and women more proficient it was our duty to do so. He was interested in the local conditions and would do all he possibly could to better them. The expense attached to vocational schools was very small indeed, and there was only one way of knowing its true worth, and that was by giving it a trial. He advised the citizens not to throw cold water on the venture before giving it a fair trial, and he emphasized the fact that nothing was ever given a fair trial until outside sentiment was behind it. If the town produced more efficient men and women, we would be producing one of the best assets that any community could have, and in conclusion said that so far as he was concerned he was prepared to pay his share of increased taxation.

Mrs. Chas. Sargeant thought the ladies of the town were all in favor of the movement and they would do all they could to support it.

Mr. E. A. McCurdy was heartily in favor of the movement and felt the Provincial Government deserved credit for starting such a beneficial movement as this one was. As a member of the Board of School Trustees and as a citizen he was prepared to assist in any way possible. He was pleased to see such a large gathering of representative ladies and gentlemen, which definitely proved they were in sympathy with the movement.

The expense to be incurred in establishing evening classes was very small and he felt positive the citizens would give their hearty support to the undertaking.

Mr. J. R. Lawlor was in hearty support of the movement, but he hoped if Newcastle wanted the evening school, that those in charge would not be subject to the same criticism as that accorded the Board of School Trustees.

It was moved by J. R. Lawlor and seconded by H. H. Stuart that the Town Council be asked for a grant of \$500.00 for the establishing of a Vocational Training School in Newcastle and was carried unanimously.

Rev. F. T. Bertram, said, he felt this was one of the greatest investments ever offered. He would like to see these vocational evening classes opened in Newcastle if only for the moral good which they would produce. He was heartily in favor of the movement.

His Worship the Mayor called on Dr. R. Nicholson for his opinion and the Doctors' response was "I NEVER SAY, I WORK."

Ald. Durick said he listened with interest to Professor Peacock's address and he was heartily in favor of any movement which was along more advanced educational lines. He was pleased the government at last was willing to do something for education and he hoped within the near future that the government would also realize the necessity of paying more for common school education than they are now.

Mr. J. D. Creaghan said he was in favor of the movement and did not think the increase in taxes which would be incurred would injure any person. He was surprised at the alarming statements made by Professor Peacock regarding the small percentage of High School attendance. He had attended the meeting in appreciation of the Governments' move in this matter.

Mayor Doyle and Professor Peacock apologized for the non-appearance of Mr. Fred Magee, who had been advertised to take part in the meeting.

Mr. Peacock explained that Mr. Magee was on his way to Ottawa which made it impossible for him to attend, but he would be greatly pleased when he learned that Newcastle proposed taking the matter up.

In answer to questions asked by Mr. T. H. Whelan, Professor Peacock said that no child under 16 years of age would be admitted to the evening classes. That the teachers are selected by the local committee subject to the government's approval, and the best persons for such teachers should be chosen. He also said a Director was appointed, who had capabilities as an organizer and manager, to see that an interest was manifested in the work and a success of the movement made possible.

Mr. T. H. Whelan felt it would be

very difficult to get a good teacher in agricultural subjects, as we had very few good farmers. He was somewhat amused recently when he read an account of an agricultural meeting which was held, to see that the society was composed mainly of a Hardware man, a Jeweller, Livery Stable man, and a few others who had other callings other than that of agriculture. He was quite positive that teachers of that kind would be absolutely of no use.

Mr. H. H. Stuart brought up the matter of teaching Domestic Science and Manual Training in the Public Schools, and moved that the meeting request the Board of School Trustees to endeavor to have these subjects taught in the Public Schools in the near future. Mr. T. H. Whelan seconded the motion and said that he thought Manual Training was one of the best subjects which could be taught in the common schools as it tended to broaden the minds of boys, and at the present time the boys came out of school knowing practically nothing about anything.

Mr. J. R. Lawlor thought the mover and seconder of the motion were out of bounds. At present the School Trustees were doing all they possibly could, and were \$7000.00 in debt, and he would strongly advise the meeting not to leap too far. The assessment for educational purposes was now \$16,000 and if these subjects had to be taught, the assessment would be more like \$26,000. He said a plebiscite would probably be held in the near future for the issuing of bonds to complete the school and pay the present debt.

Mayor Doyle ruled the motion of Mess. Stuart and Whelan as out of order.

Dr. F. C. McGrath said he wished to move that in matters of Vocational and Technical Training the Federal Government be asked to pay 3 of the funds, the Provincial Government 3 and the Municipal Authorities 4. He said his idea in putting this motion was to get an expression of opinion from the meeting regarding the amount to be paid by the Federal Government. This motion was seconded by Mr. E. A. McCurdy who felt that the Federal Government would benefit materially from such education. He stated that the Federal Government was now assisting in some localities with technical education, and should also help along vocational lines. The motion carried unanimously. Professor Peacock stated that Chatham was starting their school with a six class program, viz.

Cooking, Sewing, Mechanical Drawing, Motor Mechanics, Log and Lumber Surveying, and Preparatory Elementary Subjects.

Fredericton had a program about twice as large, and in addition to the above subjects they were teaching, Typewriting, Stenography, Industrial Stitching, Millinery, and had a class of 50 in Commercial subjects. Bathurst was also opening up classes in Electricity, Carpentry and French. St. John had opened up a class in the Building Trade of 12 courses. He said the nature of the classes to be opened in Newcastle might be left to the local organization. So far they had no difficulty in obtaining teachers who were being paid \$2.50 per night.

Mr. A. L. Barry moved and was seconded by Mr. J. R. Lawlor that a committee of 5 be appointed to meet the Town Council at their next Regular meeting to put forth the views of the meeting in regard to this matter.

Mr. D. A. Jackson suggested as an amendment that they meet the Town Council at a Special Session as the regular meeting would not be held until late in December.

The amendment carried. Professor Peacock stated that things were now in such shape that he felt positive they would be prepared to open up the school on Jan. 5th 1920, and he would forward to the Mayor, pamphlets, showing information regarding what other places were doing.

Rev. W. J. Bates moved that the Mayor, E. A. McCurdy, A. L. Barry, Mrs. S. A. Demers, and Mrs. Chas. Sargeant, compose the committee to meet the Town Council to express the views of the meeting. Carried.

Mr. H. H. Stuart moved a hearty vote of thanks be tendered Prof. Peacock.

Adjourned.

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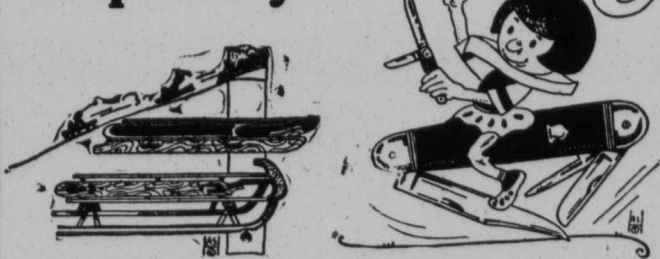
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