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Education In Newfoundland

"Just as surely as the wages of sin is death, so the fruits of ignorance in the body politic is damnation."

DR. W. W. BLACKALL,
 Supt. of C. of E. Schools.

The Annual Report on Education in Newfoundland is a book, the contents of which, it may safely be said, are perused by few, apart from the teachers and those officials directly concerned, and yet it deals with a most important movement in the community. Further it is the only means whereby a grasp of the operating system may be obtained and conclusions drawn as to the merits or demerits of that system.

To scan its pages casually is likely to give the impression that nothing is to be gleaned therefrom by the ordinary layman owing to the mass of complicated statistics by which one is immediately confronted, but the compilers have summarized these tables and have lucidly explained their inner meaning, so that there is no reason why any reader may not make himself familiar with the situation.

In the general review given by the Deputy Minister, while there are certain improvements recorded, there are also certain features pointed out that are anything but satisfactory. In all classes but one the Report for 1923-24 shows an increase in the number of pupils over that of 1922-23, and, what is more important still, an increase in the number of those over 14 years of age, which would seem to indicate that the community is realizing the importance of higher education. Against this, however, is the fact that in the grand total number of attendances there is a decrease of 74,476. The actual percentage of attendances is 59.41. This figure in different years may vary according to circumstances—the absence or illness of a teacher, an epidemic, general unemployment and so forth and it may be hasty to conclude that it is mainly due to indifference. At the same time the attendance seems lower than circumstances would warrant, and the fact that in certain settlements methods devised by teachers to improve it have been successful would make it appear conclusive that it is not unavoidable.

Compulsory attendance may be difficult of enforcement in certain settlements, but in others it is quite feasible and would seem to be the only and the fair remedy. The grant for Education is \$339,851, which shows \$14.45 per child, and therefore in those places where the attendance is irregular, the money expended is proportionately greater than it is elsewhere. Consequently from an economical point of view at least compulsory attendance would be justifiable, and from the opinions expressed by practically all the Superintendents, it is eminently desirable.

A feature generally deplored is the inferior status of a considerable number of the teachers. The Superintendent of the Church of England Schools

states that out of his 480 teachers, 162 hold Third Grade Certificates and 99 have no grade. He describes this as lamentable. He would not be far wrong if he attributed to this state of affairs the indifference to education and the lack of appreciation of its value which in certain places are only too evident. If the leader lacks sufficient enthusiasm to improve his or her own position, it is unlikely that any great amount of zeal will flow from that source. It is however gratifying to find many of the teachers pressing on in their pursuit of knowledge, gaining a reputation for themselves and adding materially to the standing of the institutions of which they are in charge.

The following comparative summary of the cost per head (through the Government and otherwise) of education would indicate that Newfoundland has still some distance to travel before she can be said to be doing her utmost to further the movement.

Country	Amount per cap.
Prince Edward Isd.	\$ 5.04
Nova Scotia	7.00
New Brunswick	6.86
Alberta	20.47
Manitoba	23.45
British Columbia	14.95
Saskatchewan	20.62
Newfoundland	3.62

If education spells progress, it is evident that it is necessary for us to get wheels under the vehicle, and additional energy to move them. While it may be argued that the revenue of the country does not warrant any further expenditure in this direction, may it not be possible to divert a portion of the wealth, which is pouring in another direction, into this channel?

Is there food for thought, for example, in the following reply by a correspondent in the Observer to Sir W. Johnson-Hicks's suggestion that there should be an economy in education?

"Public expenditure on education amounts to £81,257,000. The net bill for drink, that is to say, after deduction of the proportion which goes to the Treasury in taxation, was £121,164,189 in 1914. Now it is £172,593,833. Though the country has grown poorer, the drink trade takes £51,000,000 more out of the public than it did before the war."

"If Ministers have reached the point where they have to ask, 'Can we afford to spend so much on education, which ranks with defence as a vital public service?' the public is forced willy-nilly to consider whether it can afford to spend more than double that sum on alcoholic refreshment."

"Put it in this way to any large work-class audience in the country, 'Retrenchment is called for. Where is the axe to fall first? On drink or on education?' There is not the smallest scrap of a doubt what the choice would be. Money spent on education comes back. Money spent on drink does not."

"The idea of curtailing the already inadequate facilities for self-improvement existing in England while, by common consent, a great and sustained effort of organized intelligence is wanted to pull British industry up to the level again is an idea straight out of a lunatic's head. Hardly less alarming would be the presumption that we can continue to pay £50,000,000 annually for alcohol above what we paid in the days of our prosperity."

"The children have good right not to be penalized further by the deprivation of knowledge and training. They are being made to pay no little part of this £50,000,000 waste already through parental alcoholism, disease, and poverty. The State pays its share, too, as bearing the cost of crime and disease attributable to alcohol. Industry and trade bear perhaps the heaviest share of all."

"Every industry, every shopkeeper would feel the advantage of this sum if it were converted from non-productive into reproductive expenditure, if it were annually available in the form of savings. A rich economic return might be reaped if only a fraction of this sum were free to be devoted each year to the provision of technical education. Cuts in education are cuts at life itself, at the means of life."

"An ill-educated community, especially when in utter dependence, as Britain is, upon its power from day to day to compete with well-led, well-equipped rivals, has no hope of maintaining itself. We cannot economize at the cost of life. We can economize well and safely by varying a habit, and the most obvious economy of all is in preventing the exploitation of an expensive habit for personal and sectional gain."

PEPPYS BEHIND THE SCENES

Dec. 10th.—Reading in "Judge" this day, do find the following:
 "Who steals my purse steals trash."

—Shakespeare.
 And he who steals a lady's purse steals:
 A lipstick.
 A powder puff.
 A nail file.
 Four coppers.
 A shopping list.
 A lead pencil. (Much chewed).
 A key.
 A ring.
 Some loose cigarettes.
 Three postage stamps. (Stuck together).
 A handkerchief.
 Three buttons.
 Three or four kinds of powder. (Spilled).
 No news anywhere this day, search as I may, and so I about my business all day long, and do get through more work than is my wont when I am about seeking news.

This night a great parade through the city in honor of His Grace Archbishop Roche, being lately returned from Rome. This, methinks, the largest parade I have ever seen, and for a time the whole town lit with great fire.

The weather turned cold at night and some snow, so seems as if we shall not have the dry Xmas that so many did confidently expect.

Government Boats

Argyle left St. Lawrence 9 a.m. yesterday, outward.

Caribou arrived Port aux Basques 8.10 a.m.

Clyde leaving Lewisporte to-day.

Glencoe left Ramen 12.45 p.m. yesterday, going west.

Home leaving Lewisporte to-day.

Kyle left Lewisporte 6.50 a.m.

Malakoff arrived Port Blandford 2.10 p.m. yesterday.

Meigle at St. John's.

Portia left St. John's 10 a.m. yesterday.

Prospero leaving St. John's 4 p.m. to-morrow.

Sagana leaving Humbermouth to-day.

Caribou's Passengers

The following passengers crossed over to Port aux Basques by the Caribou at 8.10 a.m. to-day, and joined the express.—J. James, Miss S. Sutt, E. Trickett, Mrs. S. Butler, W. R. McLean, J. and Mrs. Alley, J. P. Lake, R. G. Ross, J. W. Chafe, P. J. Cahill, I. Greenland, H. B. Badcock, T. R. McNell, C. D. Yett, J. Smith, M. S. Martin, Mrs. W. Garland, N. Ingraham, Mr. Chappell.

Don't slip—don't slide—don't take a chance. Put WEE D CHAINS on your car now. Get them at Bowring's Hardware Department.—dec11.81

Highroads Commission

The false pretences case was continued in the Magistrate's Court at 3.20 p.m. yesterday, when the evidence of a man named McGrath was taken. The cross-examination of Griffin, who is charged with aiding and abetting Snow, was concluded by Mr. Cramm, after which Mr. Warren, who appears for Snow, made a short re-examination. Mr. Moores, who had driven Snow from Clarke's Beach to Collars on the day on which the men were paid and who was in the room where the payments were made, was the next witness called. At the conclusion of the examination of this witness, adjournment was taken till this afternoon.

Dainty Gifts at The Royal Stores

Unusually pretty and exceptionally practical are the new Three Flowers gift sets this Christmas season. Artistic and smart compact, dainty and luxurious Bath Crystals, fragrant and fascinating perfume. These Three Flowers gift sets are indeed ideal gifts and are being extensively selected this Christmas by many fastidious ladies. The Three Flowers Combination sets containing perfume, Compacts, Face Powder are exceptionally beautiful and make gorgeous gifts. A complete assortment of all the Three Flowers Christmas goods is now showing at The Royal Stores and yesterday afternoon many persons selected Three Flowers items as gifts for particular friends.—dec11.11

Outward by S.S. Newfoundland

The following passengers are sailing this evening by S.S. Newfoundland for Liverpool:—M. Padum, T. A. Hall, L. Keough, A. L. Butt, P. Dean, Dr. C. B. Rex, Dr. J. A. Gaylor. In addition to the passengers from this port the Newfoundland has 15 others en route from Halifax. She sails at 5 p.m.

Magistrate's Court

A drunk and disorderly was released.

An old offender named Fahey, who gave his residence as the Goulds, was charged with the larceny of one overcoat, one hat, vest, pair of gloves, one shirt and other articles, all to the value of \$64.00, the property of J. Trahey, on December 10th. The defendant was also charged with the larceny of \$10.00 from the person of John Ryan on the same date. The accused pleaded guilty to both charges, and was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment with hard labor. The defendant in this case had a previous conviction against him for larceny.

Two women, named O'Neill and Tene, who were arrested on Water Street by the police last night in an intoxicated condition, appeared before Judge Morris this morning, when they were charged by the Board of Liquor Control with a breach of Section 24, Sub-Section 3 of the Alcoholic Liquors Act. The evidence of one of the constables who assisted in the arrest was that the defendants were found in a drunken condition on Water Street, and that their language was vile. Upon conviction they were each fined \$10.00 or in default 30 days' imprisonment. A second charge was made against the woman O'Neill of damaging the cab which conveyed them to the lock-up. For this a \$5.00 fine was imposed.

A married woman of Cuddihy St., who was summoned at the instance of a 17-year-old girl and charged with slander, was convicted and fined \$50.00. Mr. Hugh Garland appeared for the plaintiff.

A woman with her three children, who applied for shelter at the police station last night, will be looked after by Inspector Noseworthy, the Probation Officer, to-day.

Motor owners—avoid skidding and slipping. Use WEE D CHAINS and your worries cease. Get them at Bowring's Hardware Department.—dec11.81

Passengers Booked by Rosalind

The following have booked passage by S.S. Rosalind, for Halifax and New York:—Mr. and Mrs. J. Paterson, Mr. and Mrs. Faust, Miss May Silverlake, A. R. Ringling, Mr. and Mrs. Keller, S. Elfrino, H. Eisher, R. Thompson, A. Wilson, H. Peach, S. Redden, Mr. and Mrs. N. James, R. B. Merriam, H. H. Baird, Miss E. H. Kennedy, Miss B. Fitzpatrick, Miss L. E. Jones, J. A. Farquharson, A. Maclean, Daniel Seaward, Miss J. O'Keefe, Thos. Carter, P. Elliott, Hector McNeil, O.B.E., Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Wyatt and son, Miss Grace Moseley, Miss Mary Singleton, Mrs. N. Simpson, W. A. Yule, J. B. McKenna.

Steamer Collides With Schooner

Yesterday afternoon the S.S. Newton Bay, moving down the harbor from George Neal's premises, collided with the schr. Portia, Capt. Dave, and cut the jibboom of the vessel sheer off at the deck. All the rigging, as a result, was thrown out of kilter. The schooner arrived in port a few days ago with a cargo of fish and was lying at Job's wharf when the mishap occurred.

WEEK-END SPECIALS.

Ladies' Sweaters, \$2.95 to \$5.00. Ladies' Scarfs, 65c. up. Ladies' Gloves, 59c. up. Ladies' Corsets, \$1.25.

THE WEST END BAZAAR.

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St. Patrick's Dramatic Troupe

IN "ANNE WHAT'S HER NAME."
 The three act mystery comedy entitled "Anne What's Her Name" will be presented for a second time tonight by the St. Patrick's Dramatic Troupe, at St. Patrick's Parish Hall. On the opening night of production a bumper house greeted the performers and they were delighted with its excellence. It is safe in saying that another capacity audience will be present to witness this, the final performance. The G.C.C. Band will be present to render selections between the acts, while a number of specialties will also be included in the program. All those who wish to have a good laugh should attend this show to-night.

THE TRAINS.—Thursday's express

is due at Port aux Basques on time. The express left Port aux Basques 9 a.m. The local train arrived on time.

To ALL WHO NEED A LESSON IN LOVE See KISS ME AGAIN dec11.81

Obituary

WILLIAM ALEXANDER MCKAY.

There passed peacefully on Monday last, the 7th instant, under very sad circumstances, William A. McKay, son of W. A. and Elfrida McKay, on the very threshold of manhood, at the early age of 20½ years. In March last he sprained his wrist while working at a motor car. At first there was no indication that anything serious would occur, but blood poisoning set in, and despite the best medical skill, nothing could be done to avert the inevitable.

Billy, as his friends were pleased to call him, who had been cut down in the very prime of life and in the midst of useful career, was a young man of fine presence and charming personality, which won for him the respect of all who knew him. He seemed to possess all those qualities of mind and heart in a man so that his memory will not soon be forgotten.

Billy was a piper in the Newfoundland Highlanders, and he was one of the brightest boys of that Company—one who by his bright and sunny disposition and his kind and thoughtful ways endeared himself to his comrades.

It is a significant fact that whilst Billy entered the Newfoundland Highlanders about five years ago, his grandfather, John McKay of Harbor Grace, was one of the famous 42nd Highlanders, the Black Watch, 50 years ago, which rendered such a good account of themselves in India, Russia, Egypt, South Africa, Great War and almost every battlefield in which the British Army took part, and upheld the heroic and unconquerable spirit of the "boys in kilts" led by their pipers on many a hard fought field.

He has left to mourn their great loss father (W. A. McKay of Telegram Staff) mother, three brothers, Fred, manager of Parker & Monroe's Factory, Jack, twin brother, at R. J. MacDonald's Drug Store, and Bert of the Royal Stores; also four sisters, Mrs. H. P. Harvey, of Winthrop, Mass., U.S.A.; Mrs. George Stewart, Mrs. Austin Carter, and Mary, of this city.

The funeral took place on Wednesday and was one of the largest seen for some time, thus testifying to the esteem in which the deceased was held by all classes. The beautiful casket was adorned by floral tributes from sincere friends. Interment was in the General Protestant Cemetery and Undertaker Bursell had charge of funeral arrangements.

The Deputy Mayor

Editor Evening Telegram.
 Dear Sir.—It appears to be generally assumed that the Councillor polling the largest number of votes becomes ipso facto Deputy Mayor. I believe that used to be the practice but I would point out that, according to the City Charter of 1921 (Section 34) "There shall be a Deputy Mayor, who shall be elected by the Council from amongst its members at its first meeting after election. The Mayor shall have a vote for the election of Deputy Mayor." The office is therefore in the gift of the Council, not of the electorate.

Yours truly,

Dec. 11, 1925.

Mrs. Julia Salter Earle wishes to heartily thank the twelve hundred and forty-four voters who so nobly responded to her appeal, and to assure them that the end is not yet.—dec11.11

A Third Shipment of Eel Grass Forwarded

A shipment of Eel Grass is being forwarded by the Newfoundland, consigned to the High Commissioner, at London. This is the third shipment sent by the Agriculture and Mines Department in an endeavour to demonstrate the possibilities there are in the industry. The last shipment sent forward was sold at £12 sterling per ton, and there was an unlimited demand for further shipments of the same quality.

New Machinery Works Satisfactorily

The new unit installed in the Telegram press, used for the first time yesterday gave the utmost satisfaction, but unfortunately trouble developed with the paper, owing to its electrical content, which was due to its highly galvanized condition.

Efficient Handling of Traffic

Much credit is due the committee in charge of last night's demonstration for the efficient manner in which the affair was handled. To the police who directed the traffic a special word of praise is due. The handling of the large number of cars assembled at Port Townsend was done in a manner satisfactory to all concerned, and it is a pleasure to record that not the slightest accident occurred.

CONFEDERATION LIFE.—nov25.11

TO-DAY'S MESSAGES

7 KILLED AND 17 INJURED IN TRAIN ACCIDENT IN INDIA.

MADRAS, Dec. 11.
 Seven persons are reported to have been killed and seventeen injured when the engine and five coaches of a passenger train of the South Indian Railway overturned last night through the collapse of a sand embankment.

THE SPIRIT OF LOCARNO VISITS IRELAND.

LONDON, Dec. 11.
 The Irish boundary question has been finally settled. The Parliaments of Great Britain, the Free State, and Ulster have adopted the agreement and King George has given his Royal assent. Ulster had ratified it previously and last night in Dublin the bill gave approval by a vote of 71 to 20 after a four days debate. Devalera and the Republican leaders remained unrecanted.

S. AFRICA'S WAY WITH WEARY WILLIES.

CAPE TOWN, South Africa, Dec. 11.
 South Africans who will not work will be liable to deportation to a penal labor colony. This is provided in a Bill which the Minister of Labor has prepared for the next Parliamentary Session.

Municipal Council Meeting

At the meeting of the Municipal Council held yesterday there was very little business to be disposed of. During the course of the meeting His Worship the Mayor, Hon. Tasker Cook took the opportunity of congratulating Councillors Martin, Outerbridge and Ryan on their re-election, and extended a welcome to the new members. At the same time he expressed his regret at the loss of Councillors Collier and Dowden. The retiring Councillors thanked the Mayor and his brother Councillors for the kindly feeling, and wished the new board every success.

SHIPPING LOCAL and FOREIGN

S.S. Rosalind sails on Saturday afternoon for Halifax and New York. S.S. Silvia left New York yesterday for this port and is due at Halifax to-morrow. S.S. Peveril sailed for Sydney yesterday.

S.S. Cueta left Charlottetown yesterday and is due here on Sunday morning.

S.S. Rex has cleared for Alicante with a cargo of codfish from this port and Port Union.

S.S. Lakefield has sailed for Port Union where she will discharge a deckload of lumber which she has for that port, from Montreal.

S.S. Ustire, 2 days from North Sydney, has arrived to W. B. Frazer, coal laden.

Schr. Ena A. Moulton has arrived at Lark Harbor with a general cargo for Burgeo LaPelle Export Co.

Schr. Humorist has entered at Carbonear to load Labrador fish for Seville. The Humorist will come on to St. John's to finish.

Schr. Vera P. Thornhill from La Have has arrived at Grand Bank with a small freight of lumber and apples.

From Cape Race

Special to Evening Telegram.
 CAPE RACE, To-day.
 Wind W.N.W. blowing strong with snow squalls; three steamers passed East and a small schooner in this a.m. Bar. 29.22. Ther. 32.

BORN.

On Dec. 10th, 1925, to Mr. and Mrs. S. Ivany, No. 9 Scott Street, a son.

MARRIED.

On Dec. 10th, 1925, at St. Patrick's Church, by Rev. P. P. Sheehan, Theresa Whalen to Matthew Primm, both of this city.

DIED.

Passed peacefully away, on the 10th inst., George Greeley, aged 21 years, son of Samuel and Leah Ann Greeley, of Petty Harbour. Funeral will take place to-morrow (Saturday) at Petty Harbour at 3 o'clock.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mr. and Mrs. William Holwell and family, South Side, wish to thank their many kind friends who sympathized with them in the loss of their beloved daughter Lizzie, especially the following: Rev. Bro. King, Dr. Donahue, Mr. Geo. Holwell, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. King, Mr. and Mrs. John Ennis and family, James King, Miss Florence Parry, Mr. M. Manning, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Tucker, Wm. King (Jr.), and John King. For wreaths—Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Devine, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Guest. For Notes of Sympathy—The kind Sisters of St. Patrick's Convent, Mr. and Mrs. E. Gover, Miss Julia Ennis, Mrs. D. Dempsey and Mr. and Mrs. S. Congdon.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mr. and Mrs. A. Watson, of 7 British Square, wish to thank Dr. H. Rendell, Miss Moores and the Nursing Staff of the Sanatorium for their kindness and attention to their daughter, Florence during her stay at the Sanatorium; also Rev. and Mrs. R. J. Power and members of the Christian Endeavour for visits and gifts.

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