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REFORM IMPROVEMENTS

Matters relating to social welfare are just now attracting attention in several parts of the Maritime Provinces.

In St. John we have a complete re-organization of the police system recommended. In Fredericton there is a police scandal, and nearly all the members of the force have been dismissed, an investigation having shown that officers not only failed to enforce the Scott Act but themselves partook of liquor in the police station as well as in places where it was illegally sold.

In Halifax at the present time there is a very strong agitation, headed by the city council itself, to suppress all houses of ill repute. In Sydney and in Antigonish County there has just been started an agitation against the prohibition law, and it is supported by a number of clergymen as well as other reputable citizens, who claim that the present law is not enforced and that the conditions are really worse than if they had a license law and proper restriction.

Taking the city of Fredericton as an example, there are probably few who would argue that a license system would produce a more astonishing condition of affairs than has just been revealed. An attempt was made a few years ago to repeal the Scott Act in that city, but the people voted it down. The same has been content with that action, and have left the law to look after itself, with results which no thoughtful citizen can contemplate with any degree of satisfaction.

FARM DEMONSTRATION

Farm demonstration work is to be carried on in four counties of the State of Maine, as a result of the action of the Rockefeller Foundation, which has voted the sum of \$5,000 to pay the salaries of the four men who will conduct the work.

The programme to be carried out is thus stated by L. S. Merrill, Dean of the Maine College of Agriculture: "Considering the diverse agricultural interests of the state, it was felt these interests should be recognized, and that the work should be directed along at least four different lines. As a result, the counties and lines of work are as follows: Fruit growing for Oxford county, truck farming and small fruits for Cumberland county; grains and potatoes for Washington county; general farming (special reference to growing crops supplementary to dairying) Kennebec county."

As to the manner in which the work is to be carried on Dean Merrill says: "Farm demonstration is not so much an attempt to teach the farmer who does the demonstrating as through him to teach the whole community. Therefore, if a farmer can be secured who needs no assistance, then he is the best man for the work. We shall limit to the very best farmers in each locality, men whose farms are located on main highways and are well adapted for the demonstration at hand. If the work is successful it will be permanent. The general education board will not only give means for continuous work, but will give added means for extended work."

The beginning of the work is due to a visit to Maine by Dr. Wallace Butterick, business manager of the Rockefeller Foundation. He learned that many of the farms were merely existing because they did not properly carry on their farming operations, and after a conference with Dr. Merrill a proposition was made to try demonstration work in four counties, adopting what are called the Knapp methods, which really means that the men sent into the counties will demonstrate on the farmers' own land what he can do in the production of those crops for which the farm is well suited.

The Rockefeller Foundation has been doing this kind of work in the southern states for fully ten years. When it was begun the economic and social conditions of country life in the south were extremely poor, and the average annual earnings very much less than in other states. Dr. Seaman A. Knapp was sent down there to deal with the situation, and he devoted himself to the task of teaching the farmers to raise cotton and corn, and turn these into money in a business-like way. As a result of his work every college of agriculture in the southern states is duplicating what is done by the Rockefeller Foundation. Every county in Alabama, Mississippi and South Carolina, three-fourths of those in Georgia and North Carolina, two-thirds in Virginia, Texas and Maryland, and each now paying the cost of a man, and Kentucky is about to follow suit. The leading feature of the plan is to have a demonstration plot for the adult farmer, a corn club for the boys, and a poultry club for the girls.

That which has succeeded so remarkably in the south is now to be tried in New England, dealing of course with different crops, and an experiment is also to be made in the state of New York. It is believed that in a very few years there will be a man at work in every county in Maine and that the system will become universal throughout the United States. It is a practical method which cannot fail to produce excellent results.

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The free kindergartens are compelled to turn away children because there is not room for them. Another room could be opened if funds were provided, as there are trained teachers available. Until this province catches up to other provinces and makes the kindergarten a part of the public school system, the people who can afford it should give generous aid to the Association in its valuable work. The report of the annual meeting, which is printed today, is worthy of a careful perusal.

The Tories caught the government napping in committee on the Home Rule bill in the British House of Commons yesterday and secured an adverse vote. The likelihood of the Tories themselves several times when Mr. Balfour was prime minister. It is not a defeat of the government, and unless there are unexpected Liberal defections the House will reverse the committee's verdict. It is true that many Liberal members have objected to some features of the Home Rule bill, but it does not yet appear that they are ready to carry their objections to the point of defeating the government and placing the tariff reform party in power.

Mr. John H. Roberts, secretary of the Dominion Alliance, tells the people of Montreal that they should provide for social recreation outside of the saloons. He believes that institution providing dining-room accommodation, smoking rooms, billiard room, conversation room, concert and meeting room, and baths, could be made commercially profitable. He would also utilize the school buildings as social centres for organized recreation and improvement, as has been done on a wide scale in Great Britain. He contends that in Canadian cities a magnificent opportunity is being lost by not throwing open the school buildings in this way.

In a reference to the technical schools which have been opened in Nova Scotia towns an exchange says: "Too few men are properly and practically educated or trained. Education and training are required for efficiency and the highest productive capacity where brain work is needed. A man need not suffer from a low productive capacity for lack of the right training. He need not stand the chance of being replaced by another or of never getting ahead. There is still a chance for him to promote and put himself in the way of promotion by taking up an evening class in the Technical School. Let us hope the time is not far distant when technical instruction will be within easy reach of young men in St. John."

MORNING LOCALS

Rev. Dr. J. A. Morrison, who has accepted a call to the Carlton Presbyterian church has moved into the church, which has been repaired and renovated.

At the annual meeting of the shareholders of Prince William Apartments, held yesterday afternoon, L. P. D. Tilley, managing director, reported that business had been excellent, and six per cent had been paid on the investment. The directors were re-elected.

James N. Slattery has been elected president of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and John P. Bain secretary.

The wedding of Miss Gertrude Rubenstein and Newton Plam, both of Chatham, N. B., took place at the home of J. Stockley yesterday. Rabbi Benneche officiated.

It will be a matter of sincere congratulation to the many friends of Arthur Rose, who has been appointed to a position in the Montreal customs house. The young man, who was very popular here, was connected with the steamship department of the C. P. R., and was stationed here during the winter port season.

One hundred and fifty men in the employ of the St. John Log Driving Company, have been at work rafting the drift drive that broke away from the Douglas boom in the summer, and went into Grand Bay. The work is about completed. The crew will go to Governor's Island next to raft 10,000,000 feet of logs which drifted there.

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EXERCISING HER RIGHT "Mamma, young Mr. Ketchley wants to come and see me." "When did he tell you so, child?" "Last time I saw him, he had a blank sheet. He wouldn't like to call, and he said, 'Why, certainly.'"

TE HE, ALSO HA. Critic—"There was one thing you got off that delighted me." Comedian—"What was that?" Critic—"The stage."—Harper's Weekly.

MUFFLED KNOCKS. "You don't know how I enjoy hearing you talk on art, Mrs. Fochy, it's better than going to a minstrel show." "All me where you buy your cigars, old chap. I'd like to pass by there some day."

BEYOND HER. As a slight diversion the teacher suggested that each child in the class draw that which she would guess what the child wanted to be when grown. All sorts of articles were illustrated; books for bookkeepers, hats for milliners, etc. One little girl, however, had a blank sheet. "Why, Doris, don't you want to be anything when you are grown?" "Yes,um," said Doris. "I want to be married, but I don't know how to draw it."—London Opinion.

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A SKETCH OF GEORGE SANGSTER George R. Sangster, the founder of Wesley Memorial church, Moncton, was born in Falmouth, N. S., in the year 1839. For many years he conducted a railway dining-room in his native town. In 1852 he married Miss Rebecca E. Loomer, of Canning, N. S., and they removed to Moncton, Mr. Sangster took over the dining-room in the I. C. R. station in Moncton and conducted it successfully for some years. When he retired his son, John Sangster, who still conducts it, took it up. In July, 1891, Mr. Sangster decided to donate the money for the building of the Wesley Memorial and thus he came the founder of the West End church. He has been a member of the city council. He is a prominent Mason, having first joined that order in Mount Taber Lodge, East Boston, in 1861, more than forty-eight years ago. Since then he has held various offices in the order and is, at the present time, past junior grand warden of the province of New Brunswick. In addition to this, he is a member of the Mystic Shrine, past master of Keith Lodge of this city, and an honorary member of the Kenville, N. S. lodge. Although nearly eighty years of age, Mr. Sangster takes a keen interest in the affairs of the church, which he started out on its mission twenty-one years ago and was out to both of the anniversary services on Sunday. His Wesley Memorial friends will wish him continued health and happiness for many years to come.

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