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CALGARY'S EXAMPLE

The Times gives up considerable space today to a description of the vocational system in Calgary schools. A very interesting fact in connection therewith is that the supervisor of vocational training in Calgary, Major J. E. Hannington, M. C., is a native of Fredericton. It will be time well spent by St. John readers to read the whole story. While Calgary is far ahead of St. John, having both pre-vocational and vocational forces, it is not yet satisfied. The Herald says industrial courses are rapidly increasing in popularity in the schools of the city. The work begins in Grade V and goes on through Grade VIII, and is thereafter continued in Grades IX and X in the high school. There are nine public and one high school centre for this work, or ten schools in all. The courses include wood-working in all its phases, wood finishing, sheet metal work, ornamental brass and copper work, forging and mechanical drawing, and the making of electrical and radio telegraph apparatus. A careful reading of the article in today's Times will show how thorough and how beneficial is the course, which is designed to meet the needs of the eighty-five per cent or more of school pupils who must go out into industry. Calgary also provides commercial courses, and household economy and kindred subjects are not overlooked; but the article copied from the Herald relates only to what is done for the boys. It should prove a great inspiration to the citizens of St. John at the present time, when the question of a vocational school is up for decision.

MESSAGES WORTH WHILE.

Two noted Canadian authors and speakers who live in the United States gave pleasure and inspiration to St. John audiences at Chautauqua yesterday. Those who heard Rev. Dr. Norwood address the Canadian Clubs in Pythian Hall some months ago, and were able to be present last evening, welcomed the opportunity to hear him again, in an address whose argument and appeal were of a profoundly impressive character. Dr. Norwood is an original thinker who has also the gift of oratory, and his presentation of the case for the unity of humanity as the solvent for problems that vex the world in this new age was such as to provoke earnest thought, and shake the citadels of prejudice and obstinacy which stands in the way of better human relations. He would not have the people fearful of new movements, but recognize in them the beginning of changes which the world needs. Measured by the period which went before, civilization is but a thing of yesterday, and the same forces which have brought man to his present state are at work and leading him on to new and more wonderful achievements. There is no note of pessimism in Dr. Norwood's message, but a supreme confidence in the human soul, and a supreme confidence in the great part the English speaking peoples are to play in bringing peace and happiness to the nations. The world is the better for these voices which challenge the doubter, quicken the mind of the indifferent, recall the high moments of individual experience, and set a new standard of individual and collective conduct.

Ten years ago Morgan's Canadian Men and Women of the Times, in a sketch of Edmund Vance Cooke, author and lecturer, noted the fact that for fourteen years he had been a platform lecturer, appearing from ocean to ocean, reading from his own writings. He is a Canadian who has won fame as a writer in the United States. Mr. Cooke had lost none of his charm as an entertainer. At Chautauqua yesterday afternoon he gave readings grave and humorous, interspersed with delightful talk by way of introduction or illustration. Few men on the public platform can give greater pleasure to a general audience. Mr. Cooke is a humorist as well as a poet, and the dramatic element is certainly not wanting in his renderings and impersonations. His present visit to St. John will arouse a keener interest in his books, for though he lives south of the line he is a Canadian, and his poetic plea yesterday for ever closer sympathy between English speaking peoples touched a responsive chord.

BOOST THE EXHIBITION.

The St. John exhibition for 1922 is near enough to be a subject of universal interest to the citizens. This is the third consecutive exhibition, the Association having adopted the policy of an annual fair on the theory that if it could not be done every year it might as well be abandoned. The plant must be kept up, and it is very much easier to get exhibits, especially of live stock, when there is a fixed annual date. President Terry says it is expected this year's exhibition will

pay its way. If it does its continuance will be more than justified, for a fair is undoubtedly good for business and for the city. To make it a success, however, there should be universal support. No citizen should stand aside and merely criticize when a community enterprise is being carried out. There is nothing so easy or so cheap as adverse criticism, and if there is to be anything of the sort it ought to be constructive. The ladies and gentlemen who are giving a great deal of time voluntarily to make the big fair a success, assert no claim to infallibility, but would welcome the assistance of the citizens. There is one way the latter can help, in addition to making exhibits of an interesting nature. Whether they have exhibits or not they can talk about the fair, write to their friends about it, create an atmosphere favorable to success, and so help to ensure that success. It is desirable not only to have a splendid exhibition but to have the city crowded during exhibition week. Everybody can be a booster for the next month.

THE PREVENTIVE DOCTOR.

Dr. George R. Vincent of the Rockefeller Foundation believes the physician of the future will be more a periodic examiner and health counsellor than an emergency man called in after disease has made serious progress. Commenting on this the Bangor Commercial says:— "Certainly there is need of periodic examination by physicians of persons seemingly not in bad health. The evidence is overwhelming that the mortality rate could be greatly reduced by such a practice. Take for example, the statement recently issued by the American Society for the Control of Cancer. Ninety thousand persons died of that disease in the United States last year. A considerable percentage of those who died could have been saved, we are informed, had they known of their ailment in time. The same is true of tuberculosis and other insidious diseases which frequently creep on one unawares and which are responsible for the deaths of many who, if they were regularly examined by a physician, would nip the malady in the bud and so be permitted to live many more years."

That this view is becoming more widely prevalent there can be no doubt. The Commercial says further:— "The movement for voluntary physical examinations is rapidly spreading. The life extension institute organized by Chief Justice Taft, Professor Fisher and others is adding largely to its members. Physical examinations, if carried to the limit in thoroughness, with blood tests, chemical analysis of other body fluids, X-ray photographs of the teeth, etc., are somewhat of a nuisance, and more or less expensive besides. At that they are well worth while, and economical, if they help to keep one out of the hospital."

THE DRINK BILL ON PACIFIC COAST

The Retail Merchants' Association of British Columbia has declared against the policy of government control of liquor and issued an official statement that "the liquor vendors' store has been demoralizing in its influence on trade." The Grocers' Section, which comes closest into contact with home life, has declared two to one in favor of absolute prohibition.

How government control of liquor works in British Columbia is described in a letter from Vancouver to the Winnipeg Tribune. The system has been in operation for a year, and in that time the sales amounted to \$8,000,000, or which the profit was \$2,500,000, or approximately thirty per cent. The letter continues:— "Figuring that the government is making \$2,500,000 on a turnover of \$8,000,000, and the bootlegger is making as much money as the government on less than half the volume of business, it would appear that the people of British Columbia are paying \$12,000,000 for their drinks per annum, an amount almost as great as the entire income of the provincial government."

The Toronto Globe says: But, of course, this liquor is not all consumed in British Columbia. Last year 29,000 automobiles from the United States visited Vancouver, and it is safe to assume that more than ninety per cent of the parties carried in these cars sampled British Columbia government liquor. There is also little doubt that considerable quantities have been bought in the province and shipped south of the line. Even at the rate of \$4.50 to \$5.50 a bottle liquor can be purchased in British Columbia, and sold at a healthy profit in Seattle, Portland or San Francisco.

FIFTEEN MINUTES OF RADIO EACH DAY

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THE FEDERAL LAW AS APPLIED TO THE AMATEUR.

Compared to the vast number of receiving stations there are comparatively few amateur transmitting stations. Each of these transmitting stations if not properly adjusted and operated may cause interference with several hundred receiving stations. It is therefore necessary for all concerned to know the legal requirements to be met by all amateur transmitters and their operators.

The Department of Commerce through the local Radio Inspector of each of the nine radio districts issues licenses to amateur operators and their stations. Before a station license will be issued to an operator of a radio telegraph or telephone station he must obtain an operator's license. The applicant for an amateur operator's license must satisfy the radio inspector that he can transmit and receive radio messages in the continental code at a speed of not less than ten words a minute, figured on a five letter to a word basis. He must also demonstrate his ability to adjust his transmitter to the wave length and decrement prescribed by law, as well as to show that he is familiar with the practical operation and regulations governing amateur installations is also essential. Copies of the Radio Laws and Regulations should be part of the equipment at every radio station and may be obtained for fifteen cents per copy from Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, (D. C.).

Radio operator's licenses are usually issued for a period of two years but may be suspended for violations of the regulations. Amateur station licenses are issued through the various radio inspectors upon application and indication that the station has been adjusted to meet the requirements of the law. The radio inspector may visit the station to check the wavelength adjustment and decrement if he sees fit. No method has so far been prescribed for determining the apparent decrement of the waves emitted by radiophone transmitters. The decrement for spark stations, prescribed by law, shall not exceed two tenths. It has been established in general that transmitters emitting waves of low decrement tune sharply at the receiving station while transmitters emitting waves of high decrement may be heard all over the scale of the receiving system.

The maximum wave length allowed for amateur transmitting station is 200 meters under an act of Congress, and Congressional action is necessary in order to change this.

Amateur receiving stations are not required to be licensed, but the operator of a receiving station is subject to the same penalty for violation of regulations covering secrecy of messages as the operator of a transmitting station, but also what his duties are as prescribed by law, and having learned what he must do, to do it.

RADIO CONCERTS FOR HOSPITALS.

For several months, musical programmes broadcasted by radio have done much to bring relief to the patients of many of our large hospitals, located within transmitting range of any of the powerful broadcasting stations.

Many of our institutions, other than hospitals, house inmates whose mental condition is so weakened as to necessitate their being permanently confined. One of the famous New York specialists in diseases of the mind has for several years provided musical concerts in one of the Eastern hospitals for the insane and has clearly demonstrated that properly selected music is a valuable aid in improving the mental condition of those whose mind in temporarily or permanently unbalanced.

Recently, under his direction, a radiophone receiving set provided with a loud speaker was used to give a concert to approximately 8,000 inmates of an asylum. A complete opera was given and proved to be a remarkable success. It is proposed to give similar concerts in the near future to those confined in other asylums, additional hospitals and to institutions in which unfortunate are confined through conflict with the law.

POETS OF COURAGE.

If we could dare to write as ill As some whose voices haunt us still, Even we, perchance, might call our own Their deep enchanting undertone.

We are too diffident and nice, Too learned and too over-wise, Too much afraid of faults to be The fates of bold sincerity. —Edmund W. Gosse, "Impressions in Russet and Silver."

LIGHTER VEIN.

Could Move an Audience.

"Do you know what it is to go before an audience?" "No," A spoke before an audience once, but most of it went before I did."

Laying Off More. Mrs. Youngblood—How is it eggs are so much higher than they were? Grocer—The hens aren't laying so many, ma'am. You see there are quite a few holidays at this time of the year.

Curiosity. "I never should have known you from your photograph," said the candidate to her nephew's fiancée, when she saw her for the first time. Reggie told me you were so pretty."

"No," said Reggie's fiancée. "I'm not pretty, so I have to try to be nice and it's such a bore. Have you ever tried?"

Preparing. Caller—Is Miss Jones in? Servant—No, madam. Caller (surprised)—Where is she? Servant—Don't you know, ma'am? Caller—No, I don't. I have to try to be nice and it's such a bore. Have you ever tried?"

What, Indeed? Mr. Cheery—Look pleasant, my man. The fellows who succeed are those who can smile. Mr. Lowdown—Sure! That's what makes 'em smile. What have the other guys got to smile about?

In a Position to Know. "This fellow, Skinner, tried to tell me that he has had the same automobile for five years and has never paid a cent for repairs on it," said the Fat Man. "Do you believe that?" "I do," replied the Thin Man sadly. "I'm the man who did his repair work for him."

A Limit to His Patience. The play was of the most mildly melodramatic character, but the great scene was that in which the hero, oppressed but indomitable, confronts the sneeringly triumphant villain.

"Sir Marmaduke," he exclaimed, "you have reduced me to beggary, broken the heart of my aged mother and eloped with my wife. But beware! Don't go too far."

Forfeiting. "Well," said the lawyer, "what shall we ask for—trial by judge or by jury?" "Take the judge, Doc," said the plumber client. "Three weeks a systematic search of the forest has been conducted."

LEFT FOR STROLL THREE WEEKS AGO. GIVEN UP AS LOST. Sydney, July 28—Searching parties have abandoned all hope of finding Miss Annie Martin, sixty-eight, who disappeared on July 1 from her home at Lewis Mountain. At that time she left the house for a walk in the woods. For three weeks a systematic search of the forest has been conducted.

The number of stars visible to the naked eye is 5,000. Minard's Liniment for Burns, etc.

Man in the Street

Inspectors chase a man with a bottle next door to the hotel. There is no evidence. It is said he went home singing the following:

Sing a song of whiskey, A bottle full of rye. The whiskey chased me; I let the bottle fly. When the sleuths had reached it The bottle had been smashed. The whiskey all had drained away And fond hopes were dashed.

perhaps this: Dry away your tears, dear, As the whiskey dried away When I threw the bottle Up the alleyway.

The score in a baseball game in Ontario was reported to be 73 to 8—sure it wasn't cricket?

Champagne fire off the Cape Breton coast. If some of the Cape Bretoners had known it more than the vessel would have been lit up.

Chauffeur named Filbert was fined \$25 for speeding in New York street. Poor nut!

"Hello, old top! New cap?" "No; old car, new top."

Late despatches indicate that Ignace Paderewski is going west politics back to Poland on pulling strings toounding keys.

"Kilmallock Elected to Fall." Gee whizz! The first time we looked at it we thought it was Kilmarnock!

The prediction that Canada will have bumper crops is encouraging. Let's hope the knocker crop will be a failure.

Three thousand cases of liquid brought from Great Britain to the U.S. is being returned to the old land. "Them as has, gets."

Musquash has nothing on the high heavens lately for water power. Hard luck—Westfield aquatic sports! Last year fire—this year flood.

A man committed suicide by setting fire to his house and rushing into the flames. Perhaps he wanted to get back to the change in temperature before it got to be permanent.

The Clifden (Ireland) radio station has been damaged. Another case of "interference" due to "local atmosphere."

IS MADDEST MAN IN WHOLE VILLAGE "Uncle" Byron Rodgers, who occupies a room on the top floor of the Acadia Hotel, Stoney, Ont., is the maddest man in that village because he slept all through the bed fire burning and first learned of it when he came down to the dining-room for breakfast. The five

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structures that were razed were right next door to the hotel. "You don't mean to say, 'Uncle' Byron, that this is the first you know of the fire?" he was asked. "I tell you I never heard tell of it till now."

"Land sakes! Why the Hamilton firemen played their hose on our roof before they went back?" "I heard that," said "Uncle" Byron. "But I thought it was rain, and I went back to sleep again."

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