

SPLENDID ADDRESSES AT OPENING OF THE BOYS' CONFERENCE

Mr. W. R. Cook, Capt. Forgie and Mr. Taylor Statten Interested More Than Three Hundred Boys at the "Y" Last Night—Capt. Forgie Told of Conditions Overseas and How the Y.M.C.A. Helped the Man at the Front.

The real opening of the Boys' Conference of Central Ontario took place last night at a mass meeting of delegates, at the assembly room of the Y. M. C. A. The meeting was successful in every way. The three main speeches of the evening were masterly, interesting and convincing. The crowd of boys, who came from as far as Brockville, on the east, Oshawa, on the west, and Peterborough on the north were manifestly enthused, as the frequent outbreaks of applause gave ample evidence.

Over 300 delegates were in attendance last night. It is expected that arrivals today will bring this number up to nearly 400. Last night's session was opened with devotional songs and exercises led by Rev. Dr. C. T. Scott, pastor of Bridge Street Methodist Church. In a brief address, Dr. Scott said that like the allies, the boys must present a solid front. This Boys' Conference was essentially a cooperative movement representative of all denominations, as was the parent organization, the Y. M. C. A. Addresses bearing out this idea were briefly delivered by Mr. Muirhead, on behalf of the Anglicans, Mr. Deaton for the Baptists, Rev. W. W. Jones for the Methodists, Messrs. McIntosh and Sinclair for the Presbyterians and Mr. F. Brockel on behalf of the Y.M.C.A.

Dr. H. A. Yeomans presided as chairman of the evening and caused everything to pass along with business-like harmony. The election of officers resulted in the return of Mr. Lorne Deaton, of this city, being returned to the presidency for the ensuing year. Mr. Slias Motzler and Chas. Armstrong were respectively elected vice president and secretary.

The president-elect made a brief but excellent address thanking the delegates for his election. Mr. W. R. Cook then gave a brief talk on the start of Boys' work in Canada and its gradual development. He passed on from that urging them to do their best in this conference to gain the right spirit. He gave a demonstration of primitive fire lighting. This signified the flame of service and each fellow was asked to consider himself responsible for the spreading of the fire of four-fold development in his home community.

In this way the conference was officially opened. Capt. Forgie, Capt. Forgie was the leading speaker of the evening and delivered a most interesting address that was liberally punctuated with applause. It has been overseas for the last three years so the boys were keenly awaiting his discourse. He led on by emphasizing the importance of boys to a country. Don't let the people at home underestimate the splendour of the place our men in France.

The Canadian forces are quite small numerically but when it comes to valour and fighting ability, they take the lead. The morality of the men overseas should not be criticised by the people here at home. Little they know what these fellows go through. We are at home here, happy and comfortable, therefore what right have we to criticise the men who are fighting for us. The men who have lived in the Jesus way are the men who are resisting these terrible temptations. Thus the C. S. E. T. are doing wonderful work in the present war. Fellows who have followed this program go straight.

Another thing we should think about is the return of our boys. We should not only think of the reception they will give them but also what kind of a reception they will give. We must prepare ourselves to fit in with their ideas and be full of sympathy. People at home here hardly realize what sacrifice means. But in France the boys are laying down their lives for one another every day. He cited many instances of men who had deliberately laid down their lives for their comrades. He told of Vimy Ridge and the sacrifice guns. The backbone and core of our men in France are the men who have clean, strong, wholesome christian character. This statement is strongly endorsed by Gen. Pershing, U. S. A.

Mr. Taylor Statten followed in one of his characteristic speeches, what can we do? (the boys of this conference). We realize what our boys are doing overseas, can we meet them when they return and look to their square in the eyes with clean conscience, if so well and good. May we all be prepared for service. Although it may not be the same as our older brothers, it may be just as real and useful. He demonstrated the great work of the C. S. E. T. in preparing boys for the great future. Whenever we think of the C. S. E. T. may we always think of the cross, the Jesus way of life, and back of this, Jesus and cross, we think of the boy leaders, the boy heroes. The session was closed with prayer.

of local advisory committees for cooperation in boys' work, following which Mr. Cook presented the great "soldiers of the soil" movement for enlisting older boys in greater food production through farm service in summer months. The conference then met in denominational sections for section meetings. Sunday morning, devotional period led by Mr. W. R. Cook, following which "A course of training" was taken up by the Rev. F. H. Langford, Educational Secretary, General Board of Sunday Schools and Young Peoples' Societies of the Methodist Church. Next, two groups of boys demonstrated in turn how to conduct the Sunday school session of the holding of a midweek session. These groups were from Napanee and Peterborough. Following this, the "On-we-goes" of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, presented in interesting fashion some of the principles of boys work, mentioning the gang instinct, the including the boys conducting their own class business, the leading of the bible study by the mentor, the giving of a practical talk by an ex-christian leadership for boys, the demand for progressive development, Work Secretary, National Council of Young Men's Christian Association, personally, physical, intellectual, devotional and social.

Following this, Mr. Wm. Cook, Boys' Work Secretary for Ontario, usual the afternoon session opened and Quebec of the national council, and of the Young Men's Christian Association led a discussion of the Canadian standard efficiency tests promoting the C. S. E. T. The boys course of training in fourfold development for boys, in the afternoon evening devotional period. Dr. C. P. Muirhead, Rev. Dr. Robertson led the conference in the consideration of the history, plan organization, purpose and activities this time into delegation meetings

where resolutions were made for presenting to the conference at its closing session Sunday evening. Mr. H. P. Ellis, Physical Director of the Belleville Y.M.C.A. then led the conference in group games on the gymnasium floor.

BOYS' WORK BANQUET

Addresses at Bridge St. Church on Saturday Evening. Three hundred and more boys sat down to the Boys' Work Conference banquet in Bridge St. Methodist Church Sunday school rooms on Saturday evening. Dr. H. A. Yeomans presided and had associated with him at the head table Lorne Deaton, president of the conference, Rev. S. C. Moore, Taylor Statten, W. R. Cook, Rev. Dr. Baker, Rev. Dr. J. C. Robertson, Ven. Archdeacon Beamish, Rev. Dr. Blagrove, Rev. F. H. Langford, Mr. Aylesworth and others.

The members of the Belleville Girls' Council served at the tables. After the boys and youths had tasted of the delicacies of the table, Dr. Yeomans opened the program by calling on Rev. Dr. J. C. Robertson to give his impressions of the Canadian Standard Efficiency Test. Dr. Robertson emphasized the urgent need of leaders and the necessity of developing boy life to take the place to those gone to Europe. Reverence earnestness and unselfish service were marked characteristics of boys' conferences. The present leaders conference looked unusually like a boys' conference, why? "You have been with this conference long enough to know that boys are realizing that their job is to get ready as quickly as possible to be leaders of other boys."

President Lorne Deaton called on a number of boys who testified to the good results of boys' conferences. Mr. Aylesworth, of Deseronto, sang several songs which were justly enjoyed.

Mr. Taylor Statten, commissioner of the "Soldiers of the Soil," who is now on his way to Ottawa to take up his work, gave a demonstration of charting in the intellectual sphere, an arduous task for standing according to the C. S. E. T. Mr. Statten showed how false ideals of dominations had been instilled into the minds of the young in Germany with the logical result of Prussian domination. Opposed to this Kaiser idea is the Christian idea of service.

SEEDS FOR 1918 IN ONTARIO

(Walter Steels, Seedsman) Every indication points to a large demand for good, clean seed oats and Red Fife seed wheat, but unfortunately, supplies of both are short. There is a good supply of Marquis seed wheat available, also a fair stock of barley, buckwheat and Canadian field peas.

The Ontario crop of Red Clover is short and it will be necessary to import considerable quantities from the Northwestern states, which, we found gives better results than seed produced farther south or from European countries. A limited quantity will be available from Northern Ontario.

Alsike is a full average crop, both in quantity and quality, and there will be ample stocks of good quality or home requirements.

The Ontario crop of alfalfa is again very short, and no European seed is available. Timothy was a good crop in Ontario and during the past two or three years considerable quantities of choice seed has been produced in Southern Alberta, which has given good results in Ontario and Eastern Canada. Unfortunately, Canada does not yet produce sufficient for requirements of the trade and large quantities are imported each season from the United States.

DISTRICT LODGE

The annual meeting of District Loyalty Lodge, No. 3, Centre Hastings, was held at West Hunt-Ingdon on Tuesday, Jan. 8th, and the following officers were elected for the coming year: W.M., Alex. Martin, L.O.L., No. 509; D.M., J. S. Morton, No. 110; Chaplain, Elijah Squires, No. 300; Rec. Sec., George Martin, No. 509; Fin. Sec., Warren Haggerty, No. 300; Treas., W. S. Martin, No. 110; D. C., Asst. Sec., Richard Downey, No. 425; First Lect., John Geon, No. 435; Sec. Lect., Roy Mitts, No. 425; Tiler, Albert Kingston, No. 300.

The Belleville Creamery Co. have commenced to fill their big ice house here, in which about 200 tons can be stored away. The ice is being cut on Saragosa Lake. It is about twenty-two inches thick, and of splendid quality. —Bancroft Times.

MOST SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE YET HELD, DECLARES MR. STATTEN

Boys' Work Conference Ended in Memorable Service at Bridge Street Church Last Night—Remarkable Addresses by Boy Orators — The Circle of Friendship.

The Boys' Conference came to a conclusion last night at Bridge St. Methodist Church with a congregation that crowded the seating capacity of the main floor and the galleries. The concluding scenes and experiences were of such an impressive nature that they can never be effaced from those witnessing them.

The masterly sermon by Rev. F. H. Langford, of Toronto, the audience of four hundred "teen-age" boys, keenly interested and not missing a point in the four-hour program, the impromptu addresses by a dozen boys, modest, unassuming, but yet expressive of confidence and determination, the leadership of Taylor Statten, inspiring, enthusiastic and holding the undivided attention through the long program, the address by Miss Nina Yeomans, outlining the organization of a girls' council in connection with the C.S. E. T., and then the unbroken circle of friendship at the conclusion of the service when the boys stood up in a line all around the church and even extending down the aisles, clapping hands and singing— "Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love; The fellowship of Christian minds Is like that above."

These memories and impressions will be an inspiration to every boy who was present—an inspiration that will extend on down through the years and wield an influence of which no one can at present measure the extent or power. Rev. Mr. Langford chose for his text—Luke 2-52—"And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man." This was the text and motto of the Canadian Standard Efficiency movement and related to the fourfold development of the boy, Christ Jesus, it showed that he was both intellectually, physically, socially and in favor with man, showing a cultivation or development of his social qualities. It was a mistake to suppose that Jesus had obtained his endowment of wisdom instantaneously and without effort. He had to acquire it by personal work, the same as the boy of today.

Mr. Langford then proceeded to explain in a lucid manner the faulty educational structure of Germany with its "will to power" and how it compared in effect with the "will to serve" that was emphasized by the C. S. E. T. The old theory was that our moral education should fit us to live. This was later modified to mean that education meant life. We now believe that education meant more than living and more than life. The true education and moral motive included living for others. Our life must be given and blended in the general life by service. This was the C. S. E. T. ideal. At the conclusion of the sermon, Mr. Taylor Statten took charge of the program. Master Jack Farley, of Trenton was started as co his devotional life and ranked high, being assigned a score of 850 out of a possible 1000. Jack is president of a Sunday School class in his church, and during the past year they have been meeting together weekly on Friday night to make a special study of the life of St. Paul. Mr. Lorne Deaton, of this city, the president-elect of the conference, briefly addressed the audience and acquitted himself most creditably, as indeed did all of the boys who spoke subsequently. The minutes of the conference were read by the secretary, Mr. Chas. Armstrong of Peterborough, and approved. The report of the attendance was given by the vice-president, Mr. Slias Motzler, of Napanee. Then ensued a report by a number of chairmen of the various districts who told of their plans for the coming year and expressing their gratitude for the kindness and hospitality shown them in Belleville. Dr. Yeomans, Dr. Baker, Mr. D. V. Sinclair, Mr. F. S. Deacon and others made brief addresses in regard to the conference and the work that had been done. Proceedings were closed by the singing of the National Anthem. Mr. Taylor Statten is authority for the statement that this is the most successful of the 22 conferences so far held.

NOTE FOUND IN DEAD SOLDIER'S POCKET

The following letter was received by Mrs. A. Rellis, of Milford, Stater-in-law of Mr. John Bellis, Campbellford: "I write to let you know that I buried the remains of Private D. Parker today, (8th Field Ambulance) I did not know the brave soldier, as I belonged to another Canadian Battalion. But in looking over his effects I found a note you had sent in a pair of socks. No doubt he acknowledged the kindness by treasuring up your little note. I write to thank you, as he cannot, and the consciousness of the brave dead hero is proof of the kindness shown to him. Inasmuch as you did it unto one of the least," you remember the rest of the quotation. Sincerely yours, A. P. Appleyard, Chaplain."

AN ACID TANK WAS BLOWN UP

Workman Killed at Trenton Works Last Evening. The blowing up of an acid tank at Trenton Chemical Works about six thirty last evening was the cause of the death of a workman, who was a stranger in the town and whose name is not known. The cause of the explosion is unknown. At first it was reported that several were killed but the remains of only one man were found and it has been ascertained that he was the only one killed. No inquest will be held, it is thought, as the explosion which entirely wrecked the tank appears to be accidental. Trenton was alive with rumours of an evening and Belleville this morning had several stories to tell of the occurrence.

RELIEVE YOUR LIVER

When your liver is out of order, your head, stomach, bile and bowels suffer with it. That is why a bilious attack is often serious. Ward it off with a few doses of BEECHAM'S PILLS. Which gently arouse a sluggish liver, and renew the activities so necessary to good health. They never produce any disagreeable after-effects. Their prompt use is beneficial to the system, and will Prevent Bilious Attacks. Worth a Guinea a Box. Prepared only by Thomas Beecham, St. Helens, Lancashire, England. Sold everywhere in Canada and U.S. America. In boxes, 25 cents.

FREE!

Address a postcard to us now and receive by return mail a copy of our new illustrated 80-page catalogue of Garden, Flower and Field Seeds, Root Seeds, Grains, Bulbs, Small Fruits, Garden Tools, Etc. SPECIAL—We will also send you free a package (value 15c) of our choice Butterfly Flower. This is one of the airiest and daintiest flowers imaginable, especially adapted to bordering beds of taller flowers and those of a heavier growth. The seeds germinate quickly and come into bloom in a few weeks from sowing. The blossoms are such as to completely obscure the foliage, making the plant a veritable pyramid of the most delicate and charming bloom. The Butterfly Flower for the house in late winter and early spring. For this purpose sow in the autumn. Send for Catalogue and learn of other valuable premiums. DOMINION SEEDS LIMITED, LONDON, CANADA. BAKER & HUNTER SEED CO. LIMITED.

NONE BUT BRITISH MAY TAKE UP LAND

FRENCH WILL BE EFFECTED

Must Undertake to Obey School Regulations Before Getting Land. The man who is not a British subject and is not prepared to become one without delay, and the individual who will not undertake to obey unreservedly all laws of the Dominion and the province, rules and regulations of every character, will not be welcomed as a settler in Northern Ontario. One of the lessons of war has been the realization that for new citizens who are not in sympathy with the ideals of the country are a weakness, not a strength, and the Ontario Government, in carrying out its settlement policy for the North, has not ignored that lesson. The new regulations respecting land settlement approved by Hon. G. Howard Ferguson are radically different from those in force before, and place in the hands of the Government more power to see that settlers in the future remain loyal citizens of the province. The changes made are important in that they are designed, among other things, to prevent the growth in Northern Ontario of a bilingual schools' problem. While there is no specific reference to French Canadians in the new land purchase forms or in the accompanying affidavits, the intention is clear. Hereafter any man who wishes to purchase government land must swear to an affidavit in which the following declaration is made: "I will obey unreservedly all the laws of the Dominion of Canada in force in the Province of Ontario, including all laws relating to the militia and military service, and also all provincial laws, statutes, rules and regulations of every character whatsoever that may be in force from time to time."

BIRD'S EYE VIEW

The roughest storm we have ever had in years came on Saturday and Sunday last. The roads were all filled and trains were all blocked. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson went to Belleville on Saturday morning and did not get home until Monday night. Miss Little Wright spent Wednesday in Belleville, guest of her aunt. Mr. George Wilson is spending a few days at his brother's, Mr. Will Wilson. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Haggeman attended the family reunion at her father's, Mr. B. Rogers, Ridge Road. Rev. Mr. S. A. Kemp spent Thursday with Mr. Everett Elliott who is very ill. Mr. and Mrs. H. Ashley and Mr. and Mrs. W. Kelley have returned home after visiting at Norwood. Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson spent one day last week at Mr. A. Adam's, West Huntingdon. Mrs. S. Vanderwater was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. E. Elliott last week. Mr. and Mrs. Luther Dixon spent one day last week at Zions Hill. The monthly meeting of the Red Cross was held at Mrs. Hamilton Bird's on Wednesday last.

LAD MADE GETAWAY

Morris Godfrey, an 18-year-old lad made his escape from the Jail Farm, Toronto, yesterday. He was bringing the dishes from the cells to the kitchen, when he slipped around the building and in fifteen minutes no trace of him could be found. Godfrey, whose home is in Belleville was serving out a term at the farm. He has had a notorious career. A short time ago he made his escape from the Mimico Industrial School, but he rode straight into the arms of the police on the bicycle which he had stolen. He was convicted of theft on several charges.

Issue Clearly Defined

These two clauses mean that any man who in the future evades the Military Service Act, for instance, would be subject to the loss of his homestead, and it means just as certainly that any French Canadian desiring to take up land in Northern Ontario must stand ready to obey all Ontario laws and regulations. "Regulation, Seventeen" included. Moreover, in the future applications for land must be presented at Toronto and those who are accepted as settlers will be "handpicked." "So long as I have anything to do

TOOK TWO CHILDREN

On Pinnacle street on Saturday night there was a row and a call for the police followed. The officer found that there was trouble over liquor which was being drunk. Later the Children's Aid agent, Mr. T. D. Ruston took into his care two children aged six and three years, neither being able to walk and talk.