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STRONGLY URGES BODY TRAINING

General Macdonnell Speaks at Y. M. C. I.

Stands for Compulsory Physical Training in Schools—Dinner of Business Men and Seniors Fine Function.

The opening of the season's activities by the business men's and senior classes of the Y. M. C. I. was marked by a very successful and enthusiastic gathering of the members in the institute last evening.

The assembly hall of the institute was attractively decorated. The ceiling and walls were tastefully draped with bunting and flags and Chinese lanterns were used with pleasing effect.

After a toast to the king had been responded to with musical honors, Mr. Nagle spoke on the object of the meeting, impressing the necessity of the senior men of the institute assuming a share in the responsibilities in the work.

He referred to the assistance given the Y. M. C. I. by the Catholic Girls' Guild saying that the guild had come to be looked upon as the ladies' auxiliary to the institute. He then introduced Brigadier General Macdonnell.

General Macdonnell referred to the value of physical training to the soldiers in France and said that the sooner the boys and girls of the country were given a similar training the better it would be for the country. He said an excellent way to get this training was through institutions such as the Y. M. C. I. He said that the physical and moral influences which attended physical training carried out in the proper way were a great factor in the development of character, endurance, determination, self control, alertness, decision and concentration.

Favor Compulsory Training.

There was no room in the world for weaklings, the general said. It was an uphill fight and it was by physical fitness that "we can jump into the game and enjoy it." There was a proposal that all Canadian lads between the ages of 15 and 25 should get a month's training every year for seven years in camps, institutions or schools but this means taking away the youth from the factories of the country for four weeks every year. This was impossible. His idea was that the time to develop the individual was during the school period. Make it part of the curriculum; make it compulsory and thereby correct physical disabilities and build up the boy or girl. That is the idea of the cadet corps in our schools.

The speaker showed the value of physical training to the soldiers both in the South Africa and the recent war. During the Somme and Passchendaele engagements it would have been impossible for the men to have stood up under the strain of short rations and sleepless nights without their training towards physical fitness. He closed by advising all the boys and young men to take advantage of every opportunity of developing their bodies physically and to induce their friends to do likewise.

Rev. W. M. Duke gave a brief address pointing out the benefit that accrued to boys and young men from membership in the Y. M. C. I. He emphasized the need of leadership as one of the essentials which the institute most requires at present and urged that this be forthcoming. Father Duke's address was an excellent presentation of the claims of the institute upon the support of all, that it might carry on its work in the highest degree of success and make the present year an outstanding one.

Hon. R. J. Ritchie and Ernest Stirling also spoke, after which meetings of the business men and seniors were held and organization for the year commenced. It was the unanimous opinion of those present that this year was likely to be a record one.

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The following comment on the market situation as regards food stuffs appeared in Canadian Grocer last week:—The feature of the grocery markets is the substantial reductions in sugar and all refiners. The general trade of the markets continues easy with slight reductions manifest on some lines. Dried fruits continue at high figures but re-

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fallers are showing little buying interest. Montreal—Reductions in the cost of provisions and groceries feature the market this week. Pork will be reduced in price as a result of the lower cost of hogs. The supply of hogs offered on the market is much improved. Butter is lower in price but eggs are holding firm at the high prices. The same can be said of lard and shortening which is very firm at the present time. Sugar is reduced in price this week. Corn syrup and corn starches as well as laundry, kerosene are all reduced in price as a result of the lower cost of corn. Some of the medium grade teas are lower in price but the better grades are holding firm in price. Rolled oats, oatmeal and rice are reduced in price. The oat market is very weak and quotations vary considerably. Canned tomatoes are reduced seven and one half cents per case. The new nut crop now on the market is quoted a little higher but there are supplies of nuts on the market which are further reduced in price. Cotton twine is twelve cents a pound cheaper on account of the lower cotton market. California oranges are dearer this week.

Toronto—Sugar quotations show substantial reductions. There are still second-hand sugars available at lower prices than refiners' new quotations. Following the bumper corn crops and lower prices on same, corn syrups have been reduced. Starches, both laundry and culinary, are also reduced. Rolled oats

are holding steady although a slight shading in prices is noted in some quarters. A shipment of new layer Snyrna eggs is due to arrive on this market at the end of the week. New seedless raisins in packages have arrived. Old crop grapes are being offered at lower prices to clear up stocks pending the arrival of new crop supplies. Teas and coffees are ruling quiet and unchanged. Shelled almonds and peanuts continue weak and quotations on spot stocks are further reduced. Canned goods are moving slowly, some jobbers continue to offer new pack corn and tomatoes at prices below canners' opening quotations. New pack jams are holding steady under a very limited enquiry. Shipments of potatoes are arriving freely but dealers report a great deal of rot from some districts; it is the general opinion that the prices have reached the lowest level. Fancy Ontario apples packed in new barrels are being offered at high figures, the fact that barrels, labor and freight are much higher this year is the reason for the high prices to the trade. Valencia oranges are nearing the end of the season and quotations are higher. Flour and millfeeds are unchanged. One brand of maple syrup is reduced. One brand of yeast, lye and baking powder are quoted higher.

The run of cattle at the Union Stock yards was heavy during the week with trading rather slow. Choice cattle are holding at firm figures but the poorer grades are inclined to be easier. Live hogs are in an easy market, with quotations reduced. Receipts of fresh eggs continue to decline, and indications point to higher prices for the best grades and a firm market for the other grades. Buttermilk continues weak with quotations again reduced. The cheese market is quiet with quotations a shade lower. Winnipeg—There have been practically very few changes in the grocery markets this week. Both wholesalers and retailers are booking orders to fill their immediate requirements. The Dominion Sugar refinery have lowered their price on granulated sugar. Corn syrup and starch are expected to be lower, due to the immense corn crop in the United States. The tea and coffee market remains unchanged while spices remain steady. New canned goods are arriving and advices from Canadian packers state that they have packed only sufficient goods to take care of orders on hand. The dried fruit market remains unchanged and new California

seedless raisins are now in the market. The peanut market is reported declining. Flour advanced thirty cents per barrel during the week. Fruit and vegetables remain in good demand and prices remain steady. AT QUEEN SQUARE The Mac Edwards Players' performance last night of "Just Micky" was enjoyed by another large audience. They will show it again this afternoon and evening together with vaudeville and their Jazz Orchestra. Seats now on sale at Box Office. At a meeting of the Natural History Society last night the newly elected president, R. B. Emerson, presided, and the recent donations to the society were described by Dr. George Matthews, A. Gordon Leavitt and William McIntosh. Mrs. E. R. Rankin, Miss Adelaide T. Fitch and Miss Christine Mathew, were elected new members.



ED. BARROW TO THE KILTIES

WHERE ARE THE GUNS THAT BOOMED PARIS? Berlin, Nov. 3—Where are the long range German guns which startled the world one day in 1918 by dropping shells into Paris a distance of 75 miles? This is the question which the Inter-Allied Commission for the disarmament of Germany would like to have answered. Not a trace of these long tubes or the drawings for their construction is reported to have been found. Poor Recommendation. "But do you really refund the price of these hosiery if they fail to prove 'proof'?" "My dear madam, we do it every day!"

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