

GRIPPING TALE OF OLDEN DAYS HEARD BY MANY

Dr. J. C. Webster Illustrates
Address on Louisbourg
Fort

HONOR FOR 2 SAINT
JOHN INVENTORS

Deplores Slump in Interest
In Acadian Historical
Matters

EXHIBITING a unique series of lantern slides to illustrate a vividly impressive narrative Dr. J. C. Webster, held the close interest and attention of his large audience in the Vocational School assembly hall last night for nearly two hours as he related the fascinating history of Louisbourg, now a desolate ruin but in days gone by the centre of great military strength and commercial importance. His lecture was made doubly interesting by his announcements of the results of his own research in historical fields and discoveries of a month ago.

He deplored the present slump in the appreciation of Acadian history and deplored the fact that the careful historians Jacks, Hannays, Lawrences and Raymonds of Saint John were gone and buried. Dr. Webster believed that much of the responsibility for the slump in the historical appreciation was due to the school books. The Premier of Ontario had denounced the text books on the history of Ontario in so far as they dealt with the past 100 years. He might make the same criticism of those of the Lower Provinces.

PAST MUST BE BURIED
Times were changing however, Dr. Webster remarked and forces were operating to place emphasis on the fact that the past must not be forgotten. He held that the paucity

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of interest in the past of Canada was due to the absence of means of stimulating the imagination except by books. Canada had nothing to be the equivalent of the National Portrait Gallery of London or the famous statues and historic memorials of European countries to visualize history for the new generations and it was no wonder that the children grew up with no values except dollars and cents. He urged Canadian Clubs and I. O. O. F. chapters to provide pictures for the schools and told what was being done by the Dominion Archives in preparing lantern slides and lectures. One movie had been made and it was hoped others would be made later. He spoke of how the spirit of Americanism had been developed in the school children of the United States by patriotic observances and anniversary commemorations and paid tribute to the United States for appreciating her heroes whether they were big heroes or little heroes.

HOME OF INVENTORS
He announced that he hoped to have tablets to commemorate the fact that Saint John had been the home of the man who invented the first compound marine steam engine and the man who invented the first steam for horn. He admonished the people to think of these things and feed their souls on them taking due pride in their own province.

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history and he had received the portrait of that early governor from his descendants. That meeting had been one of the most amazing scenes he could recall and as a result Canada had taken a new place in the eyes of the French people. They knew that Canadians had said France as well as England was the mother country. A movement was started which already had brought the publication of a French periodical devoted to Canadian history.

PLAN OF FORT HOSPITAL
The pictures which he showed of the first fort at Louisbourg included a plan of the hospital in the fort which was so complete in detail that it even had hot and cold water laid on in a bathroom. Recent excavations on the foundation of the lighthouse at Louisbourg had discovered a pewter plate with inscription and 1781 date, showing that it had been presented by the King of France. The plate is now on the inside wall of the new lighthouse.

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LEADERS SELECTED.

The Earl of Chatham selected the leaders for the attack and as second in command sent Wolfe to whom was assigned the most important post when the attack went forward. Dr. Webster had recently learnt from a descendant of Wolfe's godchild that Wolfe's two personal servants had been the first to land when the attack on Louisbourg was made and that he had given them a guinea each for reward. Some of the pictures which were shown in the illustration of the second attack, Dr. Webster said, had come to Canada as the gift of Sir Lester Harmsworth as a memorial to his brother Lord Northcliffe. These gifts already represented a very large collection and he had assurance that there were still more to come. When he showed a picture of the burning of one of the French warships at Louisbourg, Dr. Webster said that about 20 years ago on the spot where the vessel had been burned old French guns had been dug up and he now had one of these at his home in Sheldale. The French had retired from Louisbourg ousted once more by the British and after the fall of Beauséjour the British set about demolishing Louisbourg Fort leaving it a ruin.

RUTHLESS DESTRUCTION.

The destruction of French settlements was ruthlessly begun and the French in their belated effort to help the British set about demolishing Louisbourg Fort leaving it a ruin. The last naval battle had been waged. Having shown a picture of the ruins of Louisbourg, Dr. Webster then exhibited a picture of the tall shaft that has been placed on the site by the American Society of Colonial Research which he had taken custody of in the name of Canada. He hoped that at some later date the societies of Canadian history in England and in France would each erect another memorial at Louisbourg in order that the three memorials might stand symbolic of the entente cordiale which he hoped would always exist between the three countries.

LABOR OF LOVE.

When a vote of thanks had been tendered Dr. Webster on the motion of C. B. Allan, seconded by R. T. Hayes, and Mr. Allan had also thanked those who had given the use of the hall and Dr. William Macdonald who had operated the lantern. Dr. Webster said that it was largely a labor of love with him as he was trying to "grow old decently." He wanted to get the young people interested in history and educational authorities. He said that he would go to London in December to attend the dinner at which the Prince of Wales would preside and the descendant of Montcalm be one of the guests. On that occasion the bicentenary of Wolfe's birth would be commemorated and he would carry to the gathering the greetings of the Royal Society of Canada, the Historic Sites Board, the Canadian Historical Society and the Nova Scotia

New England Urged to Act On Waterway

HARTFORD, Conn., Nov. 18.—The New England Conference, the Chamber of Commerce of the New England States, meeting here just now, heard about the St. Lawrence waterway tonight from Herbert Myrick, of Springfield, Mass. He said: "While New England has been asleep at the switch the St. Lawrence power project has figured largely in the economics and politics of New York."

BOY 15, IS FATALLY SHOT

Was Hunting With Another
Lad Near Mills Village.
N.S.: Silent on Mishap

LIVERPOOL, N. S., Nov. 18.—Clarence W. Clattenburg, 15, of Mills Village, near here, was shot and died in the woods near his home this morning. He had been hunting with another boy ten, when the latter returned home and declared Clattenburg had been shot. The youth was so confident that he could not guide searchers to the scene of the shooting, but when a cry was raised the wounded boy answered and he was found, fatally hurt. He refused to tell how the shooting happened and died suddenly as he was being carried home.

MOROCCO FEELS QUAKE.

MELILLA, Spanish Morocco, Nov. 18.—An earthquake was felt last night in this district. Considerable alarm prevailed among the population, but no casualties were reported. Some damage was caused.

Historical Society. He suggested that the New Brunswick Historical Society might think it worth while to have its greetings also conveyed and should that be the case he would be very happy to assist in having the name of New Brunswick thus placed before the London gathering.

The singing of the National Anthem closed an evening of great interest.

SUGAR ADVANCES 20 CENTS IN MONTREAL

MONTREAL, Nov. 18.—A stronger feeling developed in the Montreal sugar market today and refiners generally advanced prices 20 cents per hundred pounds for all grades. This was attributed to the strength in the New York and European markets. The demand was good and the market was moderately active. Extra granulated is now selling at \$6.50 per hundred pounds in bags, No. 1 yellow at \$6.10, extra ground at \$6.70, powdered at \$6.60 per hundred pounds in barrels, and Paris cut loaf at \$7.10 per hundred pounds in barrels.

STILL SEIZED AT HALIFAX

First Capture in Three Years
Blamed on Combine of
Small Dealers

HALIFAX, N. S., Nov. 18.—The first seizure in three years of a liquor making "still" was made today when police officers discovered an elaborate plant in operation in the centre of the city.

Authorities declared today that liquor making, heretofore unprofitable because of the low prices on the smuggled article, had been revived by a combine of smaller dealers who had been crowded out by the larger operators.

SAPIRO TO ADDRESS N. S. FRUIT GROWERS

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