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Mental Deficients in Nova Scotia

Professor MacPhee Addresses Large Audience at Baptist Church

"The Weaker Vessels" was the subject in which Professor Earl D. W. MacPhee deeply interested a large audience in the auditorium of the Baptist church Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the Women's Social and Benevolent Society. He took pains to describe the causes that contributed to the prevalent increase of the Mental Deficients in Nova Scotia, especially since the war, and to locate the responsibility for the solution of the problems arising from their continued presence in the community. He quoted from reports and statistics based upon careful observation in certain prisons proving that forty per cent. of the prisoners had started upon their immoral and criminal lives at a very early age, were mental deficients, and the offspring of mental deficients.

He urged the people of Wolfville to lead the way in the discharge of a community's duty by this unfortunate class of children, so that they be no longer forced to remain in an environment in which they were not understood, thus destined to be cast upon the world without the ability to control their passions and actions, and so become the easy prey of evil influences. There should be an effort to discover them by classifications, and in this he suggested that the Board of Examiners include the doctors, nurses—especially the Victorian Order of Nurses, upon whose appointment Wolfville has already determined—also the teachers and ministers, as well as the friendly and philanthropic organizations of the churches and the town. Such a board should be a permanent one.

To allow the mentally deficient children to remain with the normal ones in the schools was a waste of school money and a great tax upon the patience and temper of teachers. Once discovered, the mentally deficient child became a state problem, and there was 600 of them in this Province. Sympathetically cared for and properly trained for the several vocations for which they would be suited, a fair percentage of them could be re-claimed as efficient, while by their judicious segregation the progress of the normal child-

A New Civic Building

One of Wolfville's Pressing Needs

One of the pressing needs of Wolfville which has been apparent to many citizens for years past is a public building properly equipped and capable of accommodating all the departments of our civic government.

Recent events should determine our citizens to make haste in securing such an institution with the least possible delay. The securing of a proper location will demand considerable deliberation and this should be decided as soon as possible. Had such a site been secured years ago when the project was favorably discussed it would have been to the advantage of the town in many ways. Most of the desirable locations have since been taken and although it is still possible to have a choice it will involve a greater cost than had the matter been arranged years ago. We believe it would be good business for the town to set in operation at once the necessary machinery to secure the erection of a suitable building with as little delay as possible. The new building should have accommodation for the public officials of the town, ample room for the meetings of the Council, School Board and various committees and a large auditorium for the use of the town and public meetings of its various organizations. The building should be of such architectural design and construction as to make it an ornament and credit to Wolfville and set a standard for other public and business institutions. The ACADIAN will be glad to publish suggestions relating to this proposal.

ren would not be retarded, and when the child-bearing age was reached the danger of perpetuating the propagation of the feeble-minded class could be averted. It was imperative that steps be taken at once to ensure the establishment of suitable institutions and a home for these unfortunate beings. In a truly eloquent peroration the speaker appealed for the exercise of Christ-like compassion towards the feeble-minded, and that, by their votes, the citizens would see to it that they, by this class, be no longer decried. Professor Perry, who presided, voiced the appreciation of the audience of the very able and convincing address. After a silver oratory had been taken the National Anthem was sung to close the proceedings.

Acadia's Proposition

Ambitious Program of Board of Governors

It is always the desire of THE ACADIAN to give the news while it is news, and we therefore endeavored last week to secure for our readers details of the meeting of the Board of Governors of Acadia on Tuesday evening. We were informed, however, when we made application at the proper source for such information that the Board was not ready to make any public statement, but that as soon as information was available, THE ACADIAN would be promptly advised. The ACADIAN went to press on Friday afternoon without being able to secure for its readers the desired facts. However, by the Halifax papers of Saturday, under date of Wolfville, December 10th, the coveted information was received. It seems that it is the intention of the Board of Governors to inaugurate a campaign to secure the magnificent sum of one million dollars for the erection of a new Main College building and other extension work. The money is to be applied as follows: For the erection of the new building, \$250,000, for the new building for Acadia Ladies Seminary which has been in prospect for some time \$350,000, and the recent increase in professors' salaries which makes and endowment imperative. There is also required a new building for classrooms for Acadia Collegiate Academy. The amount asked for is not any too large to cover these pressing needs and it is believed that the public will respond generously to the call. In fact we have heard a hint that the Board of Governors have already been promised some generous subscriptions.

DARK SUNDAYS

To the Editor of THE ACADIAN.

Dear Sir,—Allow me also to make a suggestion regretting our lighting system. During the few dark short Sundays of this time of the year could not we have the use of the lights, especially during the time of the church services, by means of a very heavy expense, it would only be for a very few Sundays, and it would mean a great convenience. When it is possible to enjoy such advantages it seems a pity to be obliged to do without them.

CITIZEN.

VICE REGAL VISITOR

Governor General Pays Wolfville An Official Visit

Wolfville was highly favored yesterday by a visit from His Excellency, the Duke of Devonshire, Governor-General of Canada.

Notification of the visit was only received by Mayor Fitch on Saturday last and did not permit of any public announcement. The Council held a special meeting on Saturday evening, when a committee composed of the Mayor, Dr. Cutten, Dr. MacDonald and Mr. E. Percy Brown was appointed to make necessary arrangements.

The Vice-regal party arrived on Thursday by special train from Windsor and were met by Mayor Fitch and members of the Council, Dr. Cutten, the College band and numerous citizens. The G. W. V. A. formed a guard of honor and the visitors were driven in Mr. G. D. Prescott's car to the Baptist church, which had been selected as the largest auditorium in town, for the reception of His Excellency. The route was lined by College students and at the church there was a guard of honor composed of the Boy Scouts, under the direction of Scoutmaster Brown.

The church was very prettily trimmed with flags and bunting and was filled with townspeople and students. Mr. M. Cameron, organist of the church, rendered appropriate music while the distinguished party entered and took their places.

His Excellency and two aide-de-camp occupied seats on the platform with Mayor Fitch, Dr. J. H. MacDonald, representing the G. W. V. A., and Dr. Cutten.

His worship, the Mayor, read the following address on behalf of the town:

The Rt. Hon. The Duke of Devonshire, K.G., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., P.C., Governor General of Canada.

May it please Your Excellency:—On behalf of the Corporation and of the citizens of Wolfville, I beg to extend to you a cordial welcome to our Town and to the part of the Province of Nova Scotia.

Your Excellency can be assured of the loyalty of the citizens of this community to the British Crown, which you so worthily represent as Governor General of the Dominion of Canada. We rejoice in our British connections which have been strengthened with the passing of the years and which have been cemented afresh by the mutual experience through which the Mother Country and the Overseas Dominions have recently passed in the great struggle in behalf of human liberty. We share with other parts of the Dominion the fond belief that the ties of Empire will be further strengthened by the place which Canada has attained in the Sisterhood of the Britanic Commonwealth of Nations.

It is a matter of regret to us that your visit could not have been timed when this part of the Province could have been seen to greater advantage, with its wealth of spring-time bloom or its luxuriance of autumn fruit. But in the assemblage before you I feel assured you will behold a more heartening and inspiring sight, namely, that of the young men and women of our Country, training in the Educational Institutions which bear the historic name "Acadia", for citizenship in our beloved Canada, which counts itself honored in having Your Excellency as representative of His Gracious Majesty, King George V.

On behalf of the Corporation and Councilors of the Town of Wolfville, Nova Scotia.

CHAS. S. FITCH
Mayor

On behalf of the G. W. V. A. Rev. Dr. MacDonald read the following address:

The Right Honourable The Duke of Devonshire, K.G., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., P.C., Governor General of Canada.

May it please Your Excellency:—On behalf of the Great War Veterans Association of Wolfville, Nova Scotia, and vicinity, I beg permission to endorse the hearty welcome and cordial expression of good will accorded you by His Worship, the Mayor.

Since returning from the war the citizen soldiers of this part of Nova Scotia have sought quietly to resume their places in the career of life as soldier citizens, each endeavoring to contribute his quota to the welfare of Canada, with the earnest expectation of making the victories of peace more glorious than those of war.

The Great War Veterans Association, however, wishes to assure Your Excellency that since their return to civilian life their loyalty to the King and Empire has in no way abated. The broader imperial vision obtained overseas and the manifold per-

sonal kindness received in the Old Land have strengthened the ties that bind them to the Throne. The conviction has been confirmed that in the maintenance of the integrity of the Empire lies not only Canada's hope of self-fulfillment but the surest guarantee of this Country making the largest contribution to the peace and security of the nations of the world.

The Canadian soldiers have always appreciated the keen interest of His Majesty the King and of Your Excellency as his Representative in everything pertaining to their welfare; and having returned to pursue the arts of peace they count themselves happy in having at the Head of the Empire and of the Dominion Rulers whose lives and interests are so indissolubly linked with their own.

On behalf of the Great War Veterans Association of Wolfville, N. S.

J. W. Williams, President.
P. W. Davidson, Secretary.

The address of Dr. Cutten, as the representative of the educational institution was as follows:

The Board of Governors, Faculties, and Student Bodies of Acadia University, and affiliated Institutions;

To His Excellency, Victor Christian William Cavendish, K.G., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., P.C., Duke of Devonshire, Governor General of Canada.

In extending to your Excellency a greeting, we regret that the disastrous fire of a few days ago prevents our welcoming you in our own Assembly Hall, but we join with the citizens of Wolfville in expressing the pleasure which your visit gives us and in assuring you of our loyalty to His Gracious Majesty, The King, whom you represent at this time.

Acadia University has had a long and useful career, the first schools being founded here in 1829 and never since that date have the doors been closed. Beginning in a small way, the University has multiplied by the needs of the people of the Maritime Provinces the educational facilities, and now the registration of the three schools exceeds one thousand. Many former students have attained eminence, among whom was the late Rt. Hon. Sir Charles Tupper, Bart. and many men and women have taken a humbler but no less useful part in the world's work.

During the late war over seven hundred graduates and former students of Acadia enlisted for active service for the Empire and our country, sixty-three of whom were called upon to make the sacrifice which all were so ready to render. Your Excellency will be interested to know that the present students and friends of the University were not willing that these sacrifices should be forgotten, but have erected a beautiful and commodious Gymnasium building typifying their splendid physical condition, manly vigor, and undaunted courage. It is hoped that before you leave Wolfville you may be able to see this building as well as the other buildings of the University. May I assure your Excellency that among all the subjects of His Majesty in this Dominion there are none more loyal and none who have the interests of the Empire more at heart than the Faculty and Alumni of this University, and that in the development of our own splendid country we believe our graduates will have no small part.

Being the first University in Canada to establish courses in Canadian History and Canadian Literature we want also to keep the ideals of the Dominion and of the Empire ever before our students in order that these ideals may never be forgotten, and we hope that the things for which we suffered so much and our friends fought and died may be the inspiration of our lives as they are the hope of Canada.

GEORGE B. CUTTEN,
President Acadia University

To all these addresses, His Excellency made a gracious reply which was carefully listened to and frequently applauded. He regretted that his intended visit of last summer was prevented owing to official duties and expressed his sincere thanks for the hearty welcome given him. Reviewing Britain's part in the great war he said that as the Empire had been foremost in bringing the war to a successful conclusion, so it must be foremost in promoting the interests of peace. His reference to Canada's part in the war and the brave Canadians who had helped win the victory was timely. Canada, said the Governor-General, is the most fortunate land in the world, but we should not be lulled with material prosperity which alone can never make a nation.

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