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SOCIAL SERVICE COUNCIL.

The Social Service Council of New Brunswick yesterday placed itself on record in regard to a number of matters of great importance. First came child-welfare, including care of infants, defectives and delinquents. Not only will the council deal with this subject as it relates to New Brunswick, but it urges a federal child-welfare bureau, and that one week in May be known and observed throughout Canada as Children's Week. It will also urge upon the provincial government the appointment of a superintendent of neglected and dependent children, and the enactment of a law making attendance at school compulsory throughout the province.

The council also endorsed the public health act, which one speaker described as the most advanced in Canada, and pledged itself to give the provincial health department its hearty support and co-operation. It especially refers to the care of the feeble-minded, which it was stated is under the consideration of the health department, and also urges that wherever there are ten or more mentally defective children in a community they be provided with instruction in separate classes.

The council also urges that the order-in-council relating to prohibition be made law until such time as a referendum is taken, and that this be not taken until the soldiers have returned and have been absorbed again into the economic life of the country. That is a fair proposition. Dr. Shearer is convinced from intelligence received from Washington that by the first of February more than the necessary thirty-six American states will have voted for the constitutional amendment calling for national prohibition in the United States; and, with this example before it, the parliament of Canada could hardly do other than accede to the request of the temperance forces of Canada. Dr. Shearer believes the government is sympathetic, basing his confidence on the cordial reception given to the representatives of the temperance forces. He foresees, however, a great advertising campaign by the liquor forces, and a determined effort to get an increase in the percentage of alcohol in beer offered for consumption. Hence the importance of the greatest vigilance. The council also pledged its support in the enforcement of the prohibition law in New Brunswick, and its approval and appreciation of the work done by the chief inspector, Rev. W. D. Wilson.

Mothers' pensions is another matter on which the council desires legislative action, and which it will bring before the government and legislature of the province. A motion was adopted expressing pleasure that the principle of woman suffrage had been endorsed by the legislature, and urging that an act conferring the franchise on women be passed before the next general election. Dr. Shearer observed that the giving of the federal franchise to women would have a powerful effect when a referendum on Dominion prohibition is taken.

It is clear that the Social Service Council of the province is destined to wield a strong influence in regard to necessary legislation dealing with social welfare. An important forward step was taken in appointing a field secretary for New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, which means that the two provinces will be thoroughly organized and public sentiment roused behind the council in its work. Not only so, but with similar councils in all the provinces there is a Dominion-wide organization pledged to make its influence felt for the advancement of the social welfare of the people. Last night's meeting, addressed by Dr. Pillsbury, of the United States Public Health Department, and Lieutenant-Beattie of the chaplain service pressed home the necessity of action to combat the spread of venereal diseases, and at the same time showed that it is to those in civil life rather than the soldiers the spread of these diseases is due. It was a painful revelation, but one that must be faced by the country in the interests of public health and morals.

Now that the war is over, the people will have more time to devote to the solution of social problems, and the intelligence and energy devoted to war work, if directed into this channel, would produce splendid results within a comparatively brief period. It is well that there is a nation-wide organization to provide the rallying point in relation to needed legislative action as well as local community effort.

Nothing could be more imprudent and mischievous than to permit children to coast on all the hills of the city. Not only would the lives of pedestrians be endangered, but on hills that are crossed by car-tracks or where there is a good deal of automobile traffic the lives of the children would be endangered. The police should be as tolerant as possible in regard to safe and quiet streets, but it is said in a few cases where boys openly disregard the police and went on coasting on hills where there was danger from street cars or danger to pedestrians. Everybody sympathizes with the boy and his sled, and they should have ample opportunity for exercise; but there are streets where no coasting should be permitted.

If Dr. Liebknecht does not bring about a revolt in Berlin he will be a much disappointed man. The tenor of the despatches would indicate, however, that he still represents a noisy minority. The Bolshevik element is with him to a man. The Ebert government, however, still controls the situation and is planning a New Year celebration of the revolution which overthrew the Kaiser and his following. In the meantime we are given a picture of the ex-Kaiser as an abject figure going about in constant dread of bomb-throwers, at his place of refuge in Holland, and surrounded always by detectives.

Hon. J. A. Calder, who is in the city today, is optimistic in regard to the re-absorption of the returning soldiers into economic life in Canada. Land settlement plans are being perfected, and the minister points out that there is a great demand for men for some industries, while positions are being kept open for very many men by their former employers. The problem in the maritime provinces is likely to be less serious than in some other parts of Canada.

A curious situation has developed in Saskatchewan, where Hon. W. R. Mowbray has resigned from the provincial cabinet because Premier Martin would not denounce the union government at Ottawa. This is mixing provincial and federal politics with a vengeance. What has union government at Ottawa got to do with the administration of provincial affairs in Saskatchewan?

Touching the story of the appearance of angels at the first battle of Mons, a writer in the Toronto Star says:—"If the report was true it is unfortunate that the angels on white horses did not come in such great numbers as to overwhelm the German army, destroying the Huns by the tens of thousands instead of by thousands, and thus ending the war shortly after it began."

The complacency with which witnesses tell of that \$61,500 and its distribution would seem to suggest that they regard their connection with the transaction as a most meritorious performance. There is the more reason those of them who are members of the legislature should get out.

The Standard today tries to squirm out of the hole it got into in regard to the Campbellton finances and the Foster government, but it does not print the letter it received from the mayor of Campbellton. That letter convicts the Standard, and is therefore suppressed.

The Standard does not want any invalid soldiers landed at St. John. That is an amazing attitude for a St. John newspaper. There is ample accommodation here and no reason whatever for taking to another port men who could be comfortably landed and forwarded from St. John.

The employees of Swift Canadian Co. Ltd., announce a special payment of ten per cent of their salary to employees for six months. If they will now hand down a reduction in price of their products to consumers everybody will be happy.

The experience of Montreal shows that there is a lawless element in large communities always ready to declare itself when a favorable opportunity seems to offer.

The Allied fleet in the Black Sea is gradually clearing the Russian ports of German trouble-makers who have been playing the game of the Bolsheviks.

Belgium wants a slice of Holland. This matter of the new national boundaries will give the peace conference a great deal of trouble.

Tomorrow is election day in the United Kingdom. The union government will probably be sustained.

President Wilson has arrived in France, where a great welcome awaits him.

DR. CHOWN FOR OVERSEAS

Rev. Dr. S. D. Chown, general superintendent of the Methodist Church in Canada, was to leave Toronto yesterday for overseas to assist the soldiers who are probationers for the ministry belonging to the Methodist Church, to relate themselves to their work on this side of the water. There are about 800 probationers overseas.

It is expected that Dr. Chown will be overseas for about two months, and during that time Rev. Dr. R. M. Burns will act in his place.

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LITTLE PUBLIC INTEREST

Lloyd George Expected to Win—Already Has 70 Seats by Acclamation—Conscription Proclamation Issue at the Eleventh Hour

London, Dec. 12—British voters will go to the polls on Saturday under circumstances wholly novel. All the ballots will be done in one day, instead of there being elections in various districts spread over weeks. The votes will not be counted for a fortnight, so that the ballots of soldiers abroad may be received and opened with the others.

Among political leaders the return of Mr. Lloyd George's coalition government to power is unquestioned, although it may command only a minority of votes on account of the number of candidates. Elections went by default in 107 districts on nominating days. Seventy of them were Conservatives, with 1,518 candidates running for them. In 518 of these districts each has a candidate pledged to support Lloyd George's government through thick or thin if elected. Of them 388 are Conservatives, 118 Liberals and forty-two of various parties. There are 600 contested seats, with 1,518 candidates running for them. In 518 of these districts each has a candidate pledged to support Lloyd George's government through thick or thin if elected. Of them 388 are Conservatives, 118 Liberals and forty-two of various parties. There are 600 contested seats, with 1,518 candidates running for them. In 518 of these districts each has a candidate pledged to support Lloyd George's government through thick or thin if elected. Of them 388 are Conservatives, 118 Liberals and forty-two of various parties.

Premier Lloyd George's programme for domestic reform has met with no opposition, only criticism on the ground of vagueness and questioning where the money is to come from for the projects of housing for the working men and land for the discharged soldiers. Former Premier Asquith's Liberal supporters have attacked the premier because many of the old time Liberal members, who refused to give their pledged support to the premier, were "frozen out" and their seats allotted to Conservatives by the coalition. Afterwards the opposition criticized the premier's policy looking to the punishment of the former Kaiser, getting big indemnities from Germany and expelling

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