

CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY MEETS

Humane Organization for the County Proposed at Annual Session in Dunnville

The annual meeting of the Haldimand County Children's Aid Society was held in the lecture hall of the Baptist church, Dunnville Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with the vice president, Rev. J. M. Whitelaw in the chair because of the illness of the president, A. G. Emmett.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, who asked Rev. W. West to offer the opening prayer.

The chairman expressed his deep and sincere regret of the inability of the president to attend the meeting and hoped that those present would be well repaid for their effort and time in the information they might receive and that the greater interest in the society's work might be manifested during the year.

The usual routine business was transacted.

The advisability of organizing a humane society in the county or in some of the municipalities of the county was considered and the officers of the Children's Aid Society in the county were asked to endeavor to interest other organizations to cooperate in the formation of one or more humane societies. It is expected the Women's Institutes will take up the matter and that some definite campaign be arranged whereby the abused and neglected animals will be protected.

Dr. Robert Blott, Dunnville, was appointed psychiatrist for the society. It has been felt for some time that such an appointment should be made because of the number of mental cases that have come to the attention of officers of the society. Dr. Blott will also work in connection with the juvenile court.

The secretary and local superintendent Charles R. Bilger, submitted his annual report. The treasurer, George P. Brown, gave a detailed report of the receipts and expenditures.

Harrison Arrell, crown attorney, delivered an instructive and interesting address on "The Social Laws in Force in the Province of Ontario." Many present had but a vague knowledge of the laws relating to women and children.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Arrell for his excellent address.

The following were elected the officers for 1924: Hon. presidents, F. E. Laylor, Ex-M.P., Mr. Mark Senn, M.P., Dr. R. N. Berry, M.P.P., Thomas Marshall, Ex-M.P.P., Mr. William Jaques, Ex-M.P.P., Warren Stringer, Ex-M.P.P., and Rev. C. A. G. Emmett; president, K. J. Shurton, Dunnville; vice president, Rev. J. M. Whitelaw, Hagersville; secretary, Charles R. Bilger, Dunnville; treasurer, George P. Brown, Dunnville; local superintendent, Charles R. Bilger.

Considerable discussion took place as to method of increasing the financial receipts for this year. The treasurer's report showed a deficit of \$127. It was agreed that all interested in the work of the society should endeavor to secure many additional members at the nominal fee of \$1.00.

A resolution of sincere appreciation of the society to Rev. A. G. Emmett for his faithful interest and work for the society and in the interest of the neglected child and the wishes of all present for his speedy recovery was passed. The secretary was instructed to forward this resolution to the ex-president.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Rev. H. C. Wright, pastor of the Baptist church, for the use of the lecture hall.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. H. C. Wright.

The secretary's and local superintendent's report was as follows: I have the honor of presenting my annual report of the work in connection with the Children's Aid Society of Haldimand County.

Standing within the portals of another year and glancing backward along the corridors of the twelve months ended December 31, 1923, we wish to render our heartfelt thanks to our Heavenly Father, who has permitted us to spend another year in so worthy a cause.

Animated by the example of the Master who laid great stress on the value of child life, we have endeavored to smooth out some of the rough places in the young lives who have come under our influence.

While there are many visible proofs of good results achieved, yet time alone will reveal the processes that have been set in motion for the practical uplift of many of these underprivileged little ones in our midst.

We have endeavored to bring the cause of the "Needy Child" to the attention of the best people and are pleased to report that wherever the story of neglect and secus has been told, we have found friends. The Children's Aid Society counts among its duties what we consider the most important child welfare function—the protection of children.

Neglect takes so many and such varied forms and arises from such diverse causes that this phase of the society's work necessarily be broadened. It involves the prevention of conditions that bring about neglect of children as well as the task of protecting children from the consequences of such conditions.

The year just ended has been full of interest, not withstanding many difficult problems to solve, and some

"HYDRO KNIGHT"



SIR ADAM BECK, "The Hydro Knight," who has just issued another lengthy letter pointing out the wiles of Chicago in its attempt to secure approval of the United States Congress to bills for the improvement of navigation on the Mississippi and other United States waters, in conjunction with their illegal diversion of Great Lakes water for a sanitation scheme. Their demands are not borne out even by U.S. engineers, and behind the alleged sanitary needs of Chicago is a scheme to enlarge the United States waterways by the illegal diversion from the international waters of the Great Lakes.

SANDUSK

On Saturday afternoon the Sandusky hockey team journeyed to Selkirk and defeated the team of that town to the tune of 3 to 1.

Carpenter and Wright scored for Sandusky, while Hare played exceptionally well in goal. Hoover scored for Selkirk and Fulson ably defended goal.

The following was the line-up: Sandusky—Goal, R. Hare; defense, C. Peacock and W. Carpenter; wings, W. McCarthy and R. Henning; center, Wright; subs, H. Mattice and B. Hill.

Selkirk—Goal, R. Fulson; defense, H. Messner and J. Henry; wings, R. Hurst and C. Hoover; center, A. Smith; subs, A. Dick.

Referee, H. Cox.

Mrs. Lorne Dougherty is spending a few days in Hagersville.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Wright visited with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peacock on Tuesday.

We are pleased to hear that Mrs. Thomas Westoby is improving.

RENTON

Old March came in like a lion, who knows how it will go out.

Plenty of pitch holes on the roads at present, deep enough to make one sea sick, if inclined that way.

Mr. and Mrs. Maitland Tidak spent Sunday last with friends in Walsingham.

Several from here attended the Fruit Growers' convention held in Hamilton last week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Secord spent Sunday at Jerico with Mr. and Mrs. Ira Fischer.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Secord on Monday last at "East Lynn" farm.

Several from here attended the sale of Mrs. Z. McPherson on Monday last. Miss Myrtle Appleford, of Simcoe, spent the week-end with Mrs. Eva Secord.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Potts spent Sunday last with friends in Lynn Valley.

DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE TO HOLD MEETING IN JARVIS

The Jarvis Women's Institute will meet at the home of Mrs. W. Henning, Wednesday, March 12, at 2:30 p.m.

Mrs. Simpson will give a paper on "Some Points in Banking," and Mrs. Guler one on "The Beauty and Pleasure of Herbageous Border."

The district meeting of the Women's Institute will be held in the Methodist church, Thursday afternoon, March 13, at 1:30 o'clock.

that would have a tendency to discourage those interested. We have reason, however to be encouraged.

The common human problems of children and their parents find expression in interviews, investigation and personal service which are not accounted for statistically.

In cases of neglect and cruelty the work of the society enjoys the peculiar advantage of being the agency provided with legal powers to enforce its will.

The children's institution looks to us to assume guardianship of a child when the parents are dead or have deserted; the family agency turns to us in despair to break an immoral home; the "behavior" agency commits an incorrigible boy to our care, or the health agency appeals to us to see that it is permitted to give the necessary medical attention to save a child's eyesight or perhaps his life.

The Children's Aid Society, in keeping with its high aims, is trying to do its best in carrying out the work, and earnestly invites co-operation and support of every agency making for the well-being of the community.

We are glad to report that a growing interest in the work of the society is quite manifest and indicates that

Personal Notes

Tom Eaid spent last week in Hamilton.

Dr. William Jaques went to Toronto on Tuesday.

Mrs. MacLeod was in Hamilton on Tuesday.

Ed. B. Eaid spent part of the week in Brampton.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Miller last week.

Reg Leatherdale, who has been ill, is able to be out again.

Mack Steel, of Port Dover, spent the week-end with his mother here.

Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Balkwell and George Harris were in Hamilton on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Walker entertained a number of their friends Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. McCarter entertained a number of friends Monday evening.

Mrs. Ed. Miles and two children, of Norwich, visited at her sister, Mrs. William Brennan, over the week-end.

Miss Frances Simons has returned home after spending two months with her niece, Mrs. J. Murray, of London.

Miss Alberta Davidson and her friend, Miss Edith Bakes, of Toronto, spent the week-end at her home here.

A dance will be held in the Jarvis Music hall Monday evening, when the new Jarvis Jazz orchestra will play for the first time.

Mr. J. W. Jackson, of Toronto, who has been visiting with relatives in Jarvis and vicinity, returned to his home on Wednesday.

A St. Patrick's dance will be held in the Jarvis Music hall on the evening of March 17. The Port Dover orchestra will furnish the music.

A. J. Krouse, two miles west of the village, has decided to go out of the dairy business and will hold a sale of high grade stock Friday, March 14.

The Ladies Aid of the Methodist church will hold a St. Patrick's banquet on the evening of March 17. Full particulars will be announced next week.

Will any person in this district who is sending paid subscriptions to the Spectator, Hamilton, during the month, kindly send in our favour, J. Porter, Agent, Jarvis.

Rev. W. T. Brown, pastor of Knox Presbyterian church, attended a meeting of the Presbytery in Hamilton on Tuesday. He was elected interim moderator of the Lydock and Carleton field.

Lenten services will be held in St. Paul's church here each Thursday evening beginning at 8 o'clock. The subjects have not yet been arranged but a short address will be given at each service.

"Home Acres," a drama in three acts, will be presented in the Music hall here Friday night by the young people of the Cheapside Methodist church under the auspices of the E. L. of the Jarvis Methodist church.

The program, which starts at 8 o'clock, consists of mental selections and readings. Admission 35c and 25c.

With the advance of spring, riding is becoming an increasingly popular pastime in Hamilton and the excellent going on the mountain roads is tempting numerous riders out. Among those recently noticed out were: W. B. Clelland, the master; George Hopwood, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Douglas, Lt.-Col. William Hendrie, W. B. Hendrie, Miss Mary Southam, Mark Lynch-Staunton, Patt Innes, Mrs. R. O. Denman, Bob Labatt, G. R. Stewart, D. C. Miller, Miss A. Clark, Mrs. Gilbert, Tom Eaid (Jarvis), Mrs. Herod, and numerous others.

School Reports

JARVIS SCHOOL

Room I
Jr. II—Pass: Bob McNeill, Mable Weaver, Hubert Saunders, Gladys Parkinson, Ralph Fess. Below Pass: Donald McLeod; Wilfred Cameron, Josephine Ireson.

Sr. I—Honors: Margaret O'Mahony. Pass: Madeline Cameron, Charlie Leslie. Below Pass: Norman Bartlett.

Jr. I—Order of merit: Warren Fess, William Howell, Edward Anderson, Gertrude O'Mahony, Alice Mathews.

Sr. Pr.—Margaret Peacock, William Parkinson, William Miller, Edgar Weaver, Robert Brown, Ralph Hazlett.

Number on roll, 23; average, 21.

Room II
Jr. III—Honors: Carrie Forsyth, Beverly Evans. Pass: Edward Brennan, Rosslyn Anderson, George Hazlett.

Sr. II—Honors: Grace Fess, Brenda Parkinson, Fanny Norman, Gladys Hazlett. Pass: Inez Laur, Myrtle Hazlett, Arthur Holterman, Alvin Bartlett, Bob Eaid, Teddy Buckley. Below Pass: Lois Holterman, Harold Winger. **Pearl Belbeck, **Walter Ireson, Bessie Brown.

Division III
Sr. IV—Pass: Bessie Ross, Mary Johnston, Dorothy Jones, Gordon Hazlett. Below Pass: George Eaid, Frank Brennan (1).

Jr. IV—Honors: Grace McNeill, Ella O'Mahony. Pass: Harry Holland (1), Florence Hazlett. Below Pass: Laird Miller, Edith Norman (1), Vera Honey (1), Oliver Langraf.

Sr. II—Honors: Marie Carter. Pass: Alice Simpson, Lyle Morrison, Wallace Anderson, Edith Fess, Dorothy Brennan, Lewis Weaver. Below Pass: Roy Harrison, Tommy Harris (1), Emerson Honey (2), Matthew Ireson (6).

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OPENS PARLIAMENT



HIS EXCELLENCY, LORD BYNG OF VIMY, Governor-General of Canada, who opened the Dominion Parliament on Thursday, February 27.

OBSERVANCE OF LENT IS URGED

The Bishop of Niagara Sends Pastoral Which Is Read at St. Paul's Church

Lent began Wednesday. It was Ash Wednesday, the day on which one of the most important seasons of the Christian church begins.

According to the usual custom of the Church of England in Canada, Bishop Clark, of the diocese of Niagara, sent out a lenten pastoral which was read at all the churches in the diocese Sunday, including St. Paul's church here.

The pastoral follows: "The holy seasons, through which we are led by the commemorative services of the church, pass in rapid succession. Every one hears its own hallowing influences, and if we receive it aright, leaves us the better for its visitation."

"The season of lent is at hand. It will bring before us the accumulating sorrows of our Divine Redeemer. It will remind us of the human guilt and ruin, which constrained Him to 'give His life a ransom for many.'"

"Its call comes to all. It comes to the lover of money and the lover of pleasure. It comes to the selfish and the parsimonious. It comes to the man of crooked ways and deceitful purposes. And it comes to those who love their ease and comfort and physical enjoyment."

"We all need its chastening hand. 'Who has kept himself so unspotted from the world' that he requires no 'cleansing of himself,' no indignation in reviewing his follies, no 'vehement desires' for pardon, renewal and sanctification, no reminding of zeal in the Lord's service, 'no reproof' upon himself by mortification and chastening of the appetites of the flesh?"

"There are forty days with a known foe. There are forty days with heavenly helps at hand. 'You ask me to tell you the best way of keeping Lent. The Church answers us: 'Keep it by curbing your devotion to even lawful pleasures. 'Keep it by restricting our innocent social pleasures. 'Keep it by more frequent public and private prayer and devout attendance at the Lord's table. 'Keep it by stated daily time of retirement from the world and from society, for purposes of self-examination, shame and sorrow for the past and good resolutions for the future. 'Keep it by visits of mercy to the poor, the sick and the sorrowing, and by offerings to God, derived from real self-denial. 'And alongside of all these is fasting. 'It may be a staying of the pampered flesh, which is getting the mastery of the spirit. 'It may be a restraining of the appetites, which are asking 'what shall we eat and what shall we drink?' 'An unreal lent is worse than a wasted lent. 'The indispensable need is reality. The lent of the church ought to have as its mark the seeking of a sober, righteous and godly life. 'We know from our future Judge that it will be 'more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon and even for Sodom and Gomorrah at the day of Judgment' than for those who have heard the gospel and who live careless and godless lives. 'I will now ask you, my dear brethren, will you make this a real lent? 'Will you submit during this holy season to discipline? 'If any one will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 'I am your faithful friend and Bishop. 'WILLIAM NIAGARA."

DEMONSTRATION

The new McCartney milkers will be demonstrated on your farm without cost to you. No power necessary. Will mill 10 to 40 minutes. See our agent for demonstration.

T. R. PEACOCK.

MILLION IS PAID FOR REPORT THAT PROVED OF NO BENEFIT

Only Result of Work of Supposed Experts Was to Discredit Good Man in Government's Civil Service at Ottawa, Correspondent Says

(By special arrangement with MacLean's Magazine, The Record obtained permission to reprint Grattan O'Leary's description of Ottawa both under the present and past governments. Mr. O'Leary has written government reports as the basis of his articles. He is a journalist in the ways of political economy and a veteran of the Ottawa press. The articles are written in a spirit of "without fear or favor." It is "out to the line, let the chips fly where they will."—Editor's Note.)

By GRATAN O'LEARY

(Continued From Last Week)

Civil Service departments scattered all over the Capital prohibit of efficiency. The Justice Department is under five different roofs. The Finance Department and the Interior Department are each under three roofs. The Agricultural Department is actually in eight separate buildings scattered over six different streets. Imagine a minister or a deputy minister wanting a file of his department and being compelled to despatch a messenger to bring it to him through a mile or more of city streets! Imagine a private business carried on in such a way! And year after year the position grows worse. More office buildings! More and bigger staffs! Less and less centralization! Less and less co-ordination! Ever growing inefficiency and waste!

Five years ago Union Government motivated by noble war impulse, set out to reorganize the Service. But the vision faded, the way was lost. The effort began with a staff of so-called Chicago experts, aiming at Civil Service reclassification. The hope was that if civil servants were classified and their duties defined, the problem of getting rid of dead-wood, of cutting off the barnacles (to use Mr. King's phrase) would become easy. But after classification had consumed more than a year, cost in excess of a million dollars, disgruntled some of the best men in the Service, and produced a report described as the "most expensive joke-book in history," the whole task was dropped. The plain truth is that the experts knew nothing of Government or the tasks of Government; they worked on the principle that it was the job, not the man, that counted; and they simply card-indexed men according to the salaries they received.

Some of their classifications were grotesque. Charwomen, for example, were classified higher than chaplains. The maximum to which a chaplain (the Government employs chaplains) might attain under the reclassification was twelve hundred dollars; but the lady who acted as supervisor of the char service began at \$1,680, and, like the Admiral in "Pinafore," by assiduous polishing of the handle of the big front door could rise to \$2,160, or nearly double the maximum of the shepherd of souls. Gildings, the experts seemed to think, came after cleanliness.

The assistant engineer of a bucket dredge, who must have had "at least two years' experience as crane-man on a dipper dredge, or oiler on a clam-shell or orange-peel dredge" (whatever those things may be), could earn \$1,500 a year and subsistence—probably equal to at least \$2,500 a year; while an associate map and chart architect (who was required to have "education equivalent to graduation in arts from a recognized university," with specialization in certain branches) might, in the course of years, receive \$1,980 per annum. One can imagine some of our learned scientists saying to their hopefuls: "My son, avoid university training and the career of an architect. Be diligent and you may yet become assistant on a bucket dredge!"

Yet the Government paid for that kind of report—paid more than a million dollars for it; and the only result was that good men in the Service were sickened, and that many of them left it and crossed over to the border to the United States.

The Civil Service Commission

The Civil Service Commission, which, in the belief of many, was to bring Utopia to the Civil Service, and make it efficient, beneficent and economical, has made little difference. Its personnel, its intentions and its integrity are unimpeachable. But, probably through circumstances which it cannot control, it is little more than a mill to turn out more civil servants. It is advertising for, examining and turning them out every week; and always the process is the same: men and women entering the Civil Service by the score and none—except the efficient—ever leaving it, except by death.

True, there is a Retirement Act. It is an Act by which Civil Servants may leave the service upon certain terms upon reaching a certain age; but if it is used, Ottawa never hears of it.

The cold truth is that the Civil Service is growing steadily and will continue to grow steadily while the present system lasts. Under that system merit in the Civil Service does not operate. In a private business an executive head can hire, fire and promote his employees. In the Government service a deputy head or chief of a department has no actual power to do any of these things. His employees are engaged for him by an outside body; their salaries are fixed by statute; they can only be fired by a Government Order-in-Council.

And that is the fundamental defect of the Civil Service. That is

PROFESSIONAL MEN WINNER

Are Most Essential Is Debated in Club Debate; Only Half Point Margin

By a margin of half a point, it was decided at a meeting of the Erie Community Club Monday night that professional men is a greater asset to the country than the farmer.

The subject was debated as the main feature of the program of a regular meeting of the club. Rev. T. Brown and Miss Leonora Ahl of Jarvis, supported the cause of professional men, while the former was upheld by William Clark, Mrs. Frank Laidlaw, of Erie, and judges were Mrs. Leslie Kien, A. Porter and Charles McCarter.

The remainder of the program consisted of violin selections by Miss Miss Nixon, selections by the Community club quartette and reading by T. Wright and William Laidlaw. Murray Biggar was chairman.

Following the program a luncheon was served.

KIN OF E. F. JONES DIES IN PEORIA, ILL.

Mrs. Lennie R. Jones, widow of the late Alfred F. Jones, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. Robinson, in Peoria, Ill., Thursday.

Mrs. Jones was a former resident of Jarvis, but left here about 10 years ago. Her husband was a nephew of and at one time a partner of E. F. Jones, now postmaster here. He was a brother of J. Sill Jones, formerly of Jarvis, now of Essex.

Last summer she was in an accident when an automobile in which she and Mrs. J. Sill Jones were riding was struck by a street car and never fully recovered from the accident.

She leaves a daughter, at whose home she died, and one son, Maxwell Jones, of St. Louis, Mo.

DEANERY MEETING HELD IN CALEDONIA

Ven. Archdeacon Irving, rector of St. Paul's church, attended a meeting of the Haldimand deanery held in Caledonia Tuesday.

A paper on "The Virgin Birth" was read by Rev. A. B. Higginson, of Hagersville, followed by a discussion in which all present took part. At 10 o'clock in the forenoon services were held in St. Paul's church, when Ven. Archdeacon McIntosh conducted a "quiet hour" with the clergy of the deanery.

It was reported that the stipend of the deanery had been brought up to the minimum, \$1,500, without an increase in the diocesan appropriation. That result was largely due to the aid received from the Anglican Forward Movement.