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## TECHNICAL EDUCATION WAS DISCUSSED IN THE HOUSE

The Subject Ably Handled by Mr. Magee  
Of Westmorland--New Brunswick Be-  
hind Other Provinces in the Matter of  
Vocational Training--Thinks Federal  
Assistance Should be Forthcoming--  
The Government Strongly Urged to  
Take Action.

When the estimates for the educa-  
tional department were under consid-  
eration in the Legislature last evening  
Mr. Magee of Westmorland delivered  
a strong speech on behalf of technical  
education. He emphasized the impor-  
tance of the subject and after pointing  
to what had been done in Nova Scot-  
ia, strongly urged the Government to  
give serious attention to this impor-  
tant question.

Mr. Magee said that he had been  
waited upon by members of the facul-  
ty of the University of New Brun-  
swick who had presented their claims  
for an increase of salary. He felt that  
these men were rendering good ser-  
vice and did not receive the remunera-  
tion which they deserved. He hoped  
that the Government would take their  
case into consideration and make pro-  
vision in the supplementary estimates  
for an increase of \$200 in the salary  
of each professor. Another matter  
which he would refer to and which he  
felt sure would interest every hon.  
member of the House, was the subject  
of Technical or Industrial Education.  
A start in this work had been made by  
means of our manual training schools  
but he thought the province should go  
a great deal farther. Technical educa-  
tion would qualify students for pro-  
ductive industry and surely there was  
nothing of greater importance to this  
province. Technical education had  
originated in Europe and had been  
gradually taken up by other countries.  
There was a great demand in this  
country for skilled workmen and it  
was bound to increase year by year.  
In this connection he read to the House  
a resolution on the subject of voca-  
tional training passed by the Maritime  
Branch of the Canadian Manufacturers'  
Association at its recent meeting.  
He thought that the subject was wor-  
thy of the careful consideration of the  
government of this province. It was  
a well known fact that the cheaper  
goods could be manufactured the eas-  
ier it was to overcome competition and  
industrial education goes a long way  
toward helping to cheapen the cost of  
goods. He believed that it was strong-

ly up to the Government to take steps  
to establish in this province a system  
of vocational training. Many soldiers  
will soon be returning from the bat-  
tlefields of Europe and in their inter-  
ests alone it was of great importance  
that a start should be made. He held  
that any instruction along vocational  
lines to be given in this province must  
conform to the needs of the Maritime  
Provinces. The Royal Commission ap-  
pointed by the Federal Government to  
deal with the matter had after a thor-  
ough investigation recommended that  
parliament grant the sum of \$3,000,000  
to further the cause of vocational and  
industrial training. Out of that sum  
of money he thought New Brunswick  
should be entitled to \$150,000 and this  
with what the province could contri-  
bute should be sufficient for a good  
start. Sir Robert Borden, when the  
matter was discussed in the House of  
Commons went on record as saying  
that there was no argument that could  
be advanced against the establishment  
of technical education. The province  
of Nova Scotia spends \$60,000 yearly  
and the result had been most satisfac-  
tory. There is a technical college at  
Halifax and night schools, well man-  
aged, are conducted in the different in-  
dustrial centres. Good progress has  
been made in this branch of education  
in Quebec, Ontario, the United States  
and European countries. They had in  
New Brunswick a splendid institution  
in the U. N. B., and he did not see  
why in due time they could not have a  
technical college connected with it.  
He realized, of course, that plans for  
this work could not be carried out at  
once and he would suggest that the  
Government appropriate \$2,500 this  
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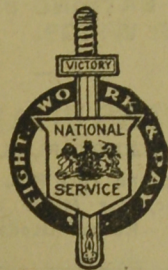
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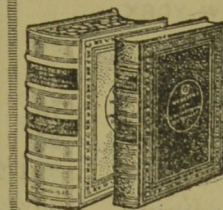
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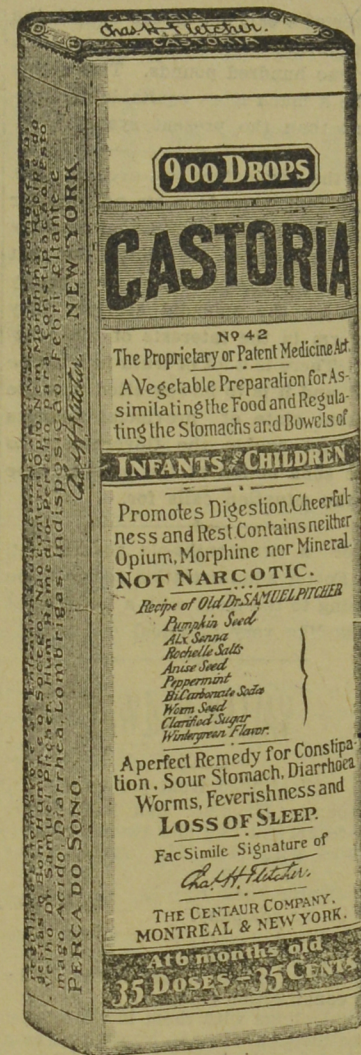
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