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VOCATIONAL EDUCATION.

The bill to provide for vocational training in New Brunswick passed the Legislature last evening without a dissenting voice. The passage of such a measure is a great forward step along the line of practical education, and the government, the Legislature, as well as the educational authorities of the province are to be heartily congratulated. It shows a determination on their part to take advantage of modern ideas and methods in the instruction of the youth, and their action along this line will meet with the hearty approval of all classes of people.

Vocational training has been much discussed by boards of trade and other bodies in recent years, but it remained for Mr. Magee, the energetic young member for Westmorland, to make the first real move in the matter with a view of securing a legislative enactment. He brought the matter up in the House last session and had no difficulty in persuading the government to appoint a non-partisan and representative committee to make a survey of the situation. The committee got right down to business. Its members inspected the Nova Scotia technical college and also made a trip to the New England States, where a system of vocational education has been in vogue for some years. A lot of data was procured and embodied in a most comprehensive report, which was presented to the Legislature a week or two ago. The committee's report was followed up by a government bill which provides for the introduction of the system in connection with the public schools of the province, and the Legislature has lost no time in enacting the same into law.

While the expenditure from the provincial treasury is limited for the present to $50,000 a year, there is reason to hope that before a great while a liberal financial assistance from the Dominion treasury will be forthcoming, and the establishment of a large and well equipped technical college at Fredericton may be regarded as a possibility for the not too distant future.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH BILL.

The much talked of public health bill was passed in the Legislature after a lengthy discussion yesterday. Hon. Dr. W. F. Roberts, the promoter of the bill, is deserving of the hearty congratulations he is receiving on all sides. The new health bill is advanced legislation and we believe that it will be a boon to the people of this province, especially to those who are not overburdened with this world's goods. The generous offer of Hon. Dr. Roberts to administer the new department without salary, is a fitting answer to opposition criticism that his object in promoting the bill was to create an office for himself. A more [illegible] man than Hon. Dr. Roberts [illegible] occupied a seat in the Legislature [illegible] and he is absolutely sincere in his [illegible] to improve the conditions of [illegible] this province.

THEY LIKE TO READ.

[illegible] has been "over the top" [illegible] h army and has written [illegible] ventures called "Hold- [illegible] d a list of his favor- [illegible] terary editor of the Chicago Tribune.

This year's 66th [illegible] new generation [illegible] in England, who came [illegible] be called Vic- [illegible] Canada. What he selects [illegible] therefore af- [illegible] a list or demonstrates [illegible] tion of what will be likely to survive [illegible] f Victorian fiction.

Charles Reade's "The Cloister and the Hearth" is this young man's rime favorite. His second choice is "Lorna Doone." His third is "Adam Bede." de." His fourth is "The Tale of Two Cities" and his fifth is Scott's "The Fair Maid of Perth."

Pretty good selections, we should say. And observe that Thackeray is not mentioned, that the first and second favorites are by novelists not considered of first rank. Dickens gets in because of the single character of Sydney Carton, who is, he writes, "the whole book to me, the other characters are puppets, and secondary."

Could writers come back from their graves to hear what the new generation says of them, what would be their surprise? And some writers who made such a hubbub in their day would be even more surprised at finding themselves unmentioned altogether. As long as there is controversy over a writer, no matter how much he be condemned, there is still literary life in him.

Premier Foster announced in the House yesterday that the Currie charges would be investigated by a royal commission. Following up the announcement a bill bearing on the matter was put through the House. It will be generally conceded that the government has adopted the proper course.

The opposition newspapers are wont to boast of the strong opposition in the Legislature. The opposition is strong numerically, but it would be in a much better condition today as a fighting force if mouldering branches had been lopped away at the last election. Nobody is more impressed with the truth of this than Leader Murray.

The session of the Legislature which ends today has been one of the longest as well as one of the most important since Confederation, and is undoubtedly a record breaker in the matter of useful legislation.

Through Our Sieve

Aproaches the season of romance and dandelion greens.

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Beware, war gardeners, of the pneumatic radish!

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Cheaper eggs make the householders "yolk" easier to bear.

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Russia has retired for the night and pulled down the blinds.

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Ignorance and illiteracy are exacting a large prive over there in Russia.

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Speaking of cheap substitutes, why not try mashed burdock stalks and vinegar instead of grapefruit?

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The sod afountain is putting on a self-starter and having the carbureter examined by an expert.

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You will now begin to appreciate that drug stores are relied on for many other things than drugs.

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The jump in the price of tobacco makes it a little more expensive to keep the home fires burning.

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Some men can't keep step with the music even when blowing their own horns.

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As a steak or roast, however, the horse possesses distinct possibilities over the motorcycle.

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Did you observe that sad, set, "curfew shall not ring tonight" expression on the average man's face the first few evenings after the clocks were set forward?

Public Health Bill

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demonstration as to what would be done.

MR. CAMPBELL said that St. John had five inspectors who were carrying on their work in an efficient manner.

HON. MR. ROBERTS said that what would apply to St. John might not be applicable to other counties of the province. He would accept an amendment that would exempt St. John from that provision of the Act.

MR. TAYLOR wanted to know what salary a district medical officer would receive.

HON. MR. ROBERTS said it would be determined by the governor-in-council.

MR. McGRATH said that a man just out of college could not be called a medical practitioner as he had not practiced his profession.

MR. BAXTER agreed with the hon. member for Northumberland that a district medical officer should be a man with some experience as a practitioner.

HON. MR. ROBERTS said that there had been rapid advances in medical science in recent years, and therefore a man just out of college would be more in touch with the latest methods than would be the older practitioner. As only three men would be required, he was hopeful of getting young men with a knowledge of sanitation and hygiene.

MR. CAMPBELL spoke of the good work accomplished by the St. John Board of Health. In the past it had been headed by such men as Judge Watters, Dr. Bayard, and James Reynolds, who had been most attentive in carrying out their duties. He thought the work of that Board should be interfered with as little as possible. Mr. Hall in his report had spoken well of the St John Board of Health.

MR. MICHAUD said that what might be applicable to St. John might not only apply to country districts. Boards of Health in those districts were composed of men who knew little about sanitation. He thought a special clause might be inserted in the bill to meet the case of St. John and allow the section to become applicable to the rest of the province.

HON. MR. VENIOT suggested that the hon. member for St. John prepare an amendment to meet conditions in his own city.

HON. MR. ROBERTS said that he had gleaned from conversations with members of the St. John Board of Health that the opinions of scientific men were sometimes turned aside by the Board as being unfeasible. He agreed with his hon. colleague that the St. John Board of Health had done good work. He agreed with the hon. minister of public works that the section should be made applicable to the country districts.

MR. CAMPBELL moved an amendment to the effect that in the sub-district which may include the city of St. John, the sub-district board shall have direction of the inspectors and other officials and the chairman shall be elected by the Board.

The amendment was carried.

MR. BAXTER speaking to the section on penalties raised the point as to whether a sentence to hard labor could be imposed in New Brunswick.

HON. MR. ROBERTS said the Acts of Sask., Manitoba and British Columbia contained similar provisions. He must insist on a penalty of some kind.

After discussion the phrase relating to hard labor was struck out.

MR. BAXTER raised objection to the section making conviction under the act final. He said it placed any person at the mercy of the most ignorant justice of the peace, and took away the right of appeal which should be permitted to anyone.

MR. SWEENEY said there was no especial reason for a section of this kind. It was too much to take away the right of appeal. It was true that the tendency of the modern legislation was toward reducing the right of appeal, but it was time that a halt was called. There were too many acts in existence which were directed toward one side.

The section was struck out.

An amendment was made providing for prosecution to be made in the name of the district health officer.

MR. BURCHILL moved reconsideration of the section relating to penalties. He considered a penalty of $100 for each offence too severe.

MR. BAXTER pointed out that the value of a penalty lay not in its severity, but in the certainty of punishment. In St. John city it was the practice of the police magistrate to allow fines for violations of health regulations to stand, while in the Parish of Lancaster immediately adjoining the magistrate always enforced a penalty. The result was apparent, in the observation of health regulations in the Parish of Lancaster.

HON. MR. ROBERTS said he could corroborate what had been said by the hon. member for St. John county in regard to the enforcement of health regulations in Lancaster and St. John city. As far as the section was concerned he was open to suggestion.

After discussion penalty was made not less than $10.00 or more than $100.00.

MR. SMITH (Charlotte) said he was surprised that the act contained no reference to compulsory use of sanitary drinking cups, on railway trains, steamers, and in public places generally.

HON. MR. ROBERTS said that that was part of the regulations and would be taken up.

The bill was reported as amended.

ASHBURNHAM BRANCH, REPORT FOR PAST YEAR

The annual report of the president of the Ashburnham Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society, Miss L. A. Anderson, is as follows:

The Ashburnham Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society was organized on April 28th, 1917, with a membership of 40.

We now number 16 life members, 120 annual members and 16 associate members.

There are ten circles in connection with our Red Cross Branch besides the Red Cross Home Efficiency Clubs organized in the different schools by the government organizer, Miss M. Flewelling. Some of these circles are self-sustaining and others we supply.

During the year 43 cases were sent overseas, valued at $3,164.05; 8 cases of Christmas stockings valued at $268; 47 cases sent to Halifax valued at $1,578.65, including $50 to the School for the Blind; the New Brunswick boys at Lake Edward Sanitarium 2 cases valued at $30; the Provincial Red Cross Society $200; British Red Cross Society $50; 8 verandah chairs donated to Park Barracks Hospital, $22.40; bought two sewing machines. The members of the society donated the knitting machine.

We have two prisoners of war in Germany, Pte. Thomas Stryan and Pte. Lifford. For each we pay $50 every five months.

Socks knitted during the year, 2,194 pairs. One hundred and thirty-four pairs were sent in Christmas stockings, 450 pairs sent to Halifax, 10 pairs to the boys at Lake Edward.

Miss Jean Peacock is worthy of great praise for her untiring efforts in the great and noble work she is doing in the Provincial Normal School for Red Cross.

Much credit is due our members and energetic cutters for their splendid work and hearty co-operation on behalf of the cause. The ladies are to be congratulated for the noble part they are taking in this great war.

In conclusion, to carry on this essential work we need assistance. Never was that need greater than it is today. The call goes forth to every citizen—Help by your gifts and become co-workers with the Red Cross in the performance of their great and noble mission.

L. A. ANDERSON,
Pres. Ashburnham Branch.

A Recent Arrival.

A baby girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rice, Barker's Point, on Wednesday last.

We don't think any too much of the woman who wears silk stockings while her husband's cotton ones have holes in 'em.

Mr. George Ferris of South Devon is ill at his home with typhoid fever.

SALE OF FEES AND TOLLS, CITY WHARVES AND SCALES.

The Fees and Tolls of Phoenix Square Scales, also the Tolls and Average Fees of the City Wharves, will be sold in front of the City Hall at 12 o'clock noon on MONDAY, April 29th.

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G. R. PERKINS,
City Clerk.

4-26-21.

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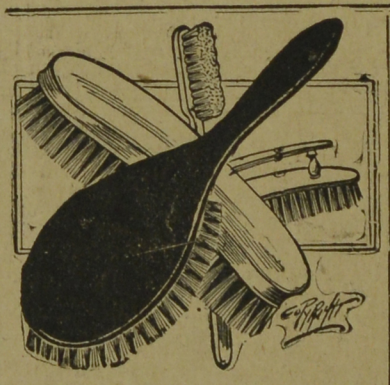

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Farmers' Meeting at Fredericton

FRIDAY, APRIL 26th, at 1.30 p. m.

SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION:

'Greater Production and Labor'

Every farmer is anxious to produce, but must have skilled labor. The food shortage is imminent. Every man taken off the farms means less acres sowed.

Interested farmers and others are invited to attend and discuss the labor question.

Agricultural Societies should each send one delegate.

N. L. M. ANDERSON,
President Farmers' and Dairymen's Association.