

MILLIONS OF DOLLARS ARE BEING WASTED ON EDUCATION

By Trying to Fit Square Pegs Into Round Holes
—Many Young People Not Fitted for University Education— White Collar Jobs.

"Millions of dollars are being wasted on education in Ontario by trying to fit square pegs into round holes," says Dr. Duncan McArthur, Deputy Minister for Education for Ontario, as quoted by the London Advertiser. Dr. McArthur goes on to develop his theme by stating that the universities are compelled to accept every year, hundreds of young people who are not fitted to take a university course. These people are the square pegs. He goes on to say that the principal reason for this state of affairs is the idea that education's first duty is to fit every young man or woman for a white collar job. He claims that the dignity of manual labour is not upheld, and that young people are taught to regard all manual labour as beneath them. Obviously there are not enough white collar jobs to go around, and the result is chaos.

I think there is a great truth here. What prevails in Ontario also is true in this province, and in others. The trend of the so-called classical brand of education has been to lead on to the university course, and the same is true of the science and technical courses, although the latter will require a good deal of manual labour. However, this kind of manual labour will not be despised since it is a natural corollary of the training. What is regarded as a necessary for the performance of manual labour by the person unskilled in any other work. The fact that such work is just as necessary to the well-being of the community or the state as mental work, seems to be lost sight of altogether. The man who goes out to his day's work with pick and shovel is performing a task just as vital in some respect as the man who designs a bridge, or the author who writes a book. It is true that pick and shovel work may not be, on the average, as highly remunerative as designing bridges or writing books or even clerking in a store or office. It is equally true that manual labour may not provide the same security of employment as the more highly paid forms of work, yet, when times are normal this last may not be true. What should be considered is, is it not better to wield the pick and shovel than to remain out of work? Is it not better than, out of a mistaken sense of one's capabilities, to struggle along in another form of employment for which one is not suited?

We may all of us be able to think of some person who is today unemployed, and who formerly belonged to the white collar class, who will not accept manual work because he thinks it beneath him. In the meantime, he and his family are going without the things they might have, or are forced to accept the help of friends or relatives who can ill afford it. Is this a justifiable form of pride? If a man was formerly earning several thousand dollars a year but has lost that income, is he by any conceivable argument justified in making himself and his family suffer when he has the chance to go out and earn a dollar or two a day by the sweat of his brow? And I am only referring here to the former white collar man. What about the man

who is a misfit in that realm at the best of times?

Now the whole attitude toward manual labour is a product of a twisted sense of values, and for that our educational systems are to blame. The emphasis placed upon the necessity of higher education has given the person who has not the aptitude for this work, an inferiority complex. He has come to think that his work is contemptible and unworthy; and consequently he is dissatisfied. We need a new arrangement of values, not only in the educational field but in others. But since education is basic, when we have different educational values held before the public we will find that our society has become reorganized.

Perhaps the time will come when teachers won't regard it as necessary to hold before their pupils the necessity for everyone to go to college in order to make a success out of life. Perhaps we can even have some kind of selection committee established in our high schools to consider every incoming pupil, and ascertain what his or her capabilities really are, and in what field that pupil is likely to do their best. And why not such a selective body to pass on the fitness of lower grade pupils before they are passed into high school? Let it be determined as early as possible just what the pupil is best fitted to do; whether it be advisable for him to continue his formal education at all or not beyond a certain point. By some such selective process as this we can weed out a great many who are unsuited to take a university course of any kind, and at the same time place that student where he should be, if anywhere.

It is difficult to imagine a white collar worker who tries to do manual labour when he can't achieve it, being allowed to stay on a job by a foreman who knows his business. He would be fired without any hesitation. But the same rule does not apply to the manual labourer trying to do white collar work. On the contrary he is allowed to struggle along, wasting his own time and that of others. There should be no sense of inferiority on the part of the pick and shovel man if he finds himself not fitted for other work. And likewise there should be no sense of inferiority on the part of the white collar worker whom circumstances cause to take up manual labour, even if he finds himself not possessed of the strength to carry it on. Both kinds of work are necessary in our society, and both require different qualifications for their successful accomplishment.

—OBSERVER.

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SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

The wedding of Miss Kathleen (Kay) Shea, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Shea, of this city, to J. Lorne Howatt, formerly of Charlottetown, now of this city, will take place tomorrow morning at 8.30 o'clock at St. Dunstan's Church. Rt. Rev. Msgr. Carney, V.G., D.P., will officiate. Mrs. J. B. Jones, sister of the bride-elect, will be matron of honor, and Dr. Rol and Howatt, of Charlottetown, brother of the bridegroom-elect, will act as best man.

Chief Justice and Mrs. J. H. Barry entertained at a delightful dinner party at D-Coy Inn on Saturday evening in honor of Mr. Justice and Mrs. O. S. Crockett, prior to their return to Ottawa. Covers were laid for thirty guests, the color scheme being green and yellow. Yellow gladioli and calendulas were in crystal vases and yellow tapers in silver candelabra. Following dinner the guests returned to the home of the host and hostess and played Bridge.

Mrs. Orville Troy of Houlton, Me., with Mr. and Mrs. John Hynes, of Woodstock and their sons Byron and Alex. Hynes, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Dayton.

Mrs. Ewart Smith of Woodstock is the guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Coulthard.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Camp entertained charmingly on Saturday night at a double bridge, in honor of some relatives and other out of town visitors. Mrs. R. D. Hanson won first prize, and Miss Greta Hayes of Renou, who is the guest of Mrs. A. W. Barbour, won the guest prize. Mrs. Barbour was presented a gift in honor of her birthday. The rooms were bright with summer flowers.

An enjoyable dinner party was held yesterday at D-Coy Inn, the guests being the members of the wedding party of the Howatt-Shea wedding which takes place tomorrow morning at St. Dunstan's Church.

J. A. Reid entertained a small dinner party at D-Coy Inn on Saturday evening for his daughter Miss Helen Reid and other members of the family.

Robert Porter, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Porter, left last night for Montreal where he will enter McGill University to study medicine.

Major C. M. Scott motored to New castle today.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Steeds of Dalhousie, are guests of Mrs. Steeds' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm L. Dennison of Marysville. Mr. and Mrs. Steeds have been on a motor trip to Toronto and Montreal and are stopping here a few days on their way home.

Miss E. S. Gilbert of London, England, and Miss M. S. Gilbert of Saint John, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gilbert, Brunswick Street, for a few days.

Mrs. G. W. Hodge and Miss Jean Hodge left today by automobile for Boston. They were accompanied by Mrs. H. A. Cordes and Miss Olive Cordes of Halifax, N. S.

Ripples News

The social circle met at the home of Miss Lena Young, Ripples, on Friday evening of last week. A supper was served by the ladies and the proceeds amounted to \$12. The meeting was opened by singing a hymn. Reorganization for another year was carried out and there was election of officers. Games, music and other amusements, enjoyed during the evening. The contests were won by Miss Eliza Campbell and Miss Grace Young. The evening was closed by the singing of songs.

Miss Helen Coburn of Ripples has returned home after visiting relatives in Boston.

Miss Phyllis Bailey spent the week end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bailey of Ripples.

Miss Helen Reid who has been the guest of her father J. A. Reid left yesterday on her return to Montreal. She was accompanied by her brother Jack Reid who will enter McGill University to study medicine.

Miss Mary McKenna of St. Stephen is expected to arrive in the city this evening. She will be a guest tomorrow morning at the wedding of Miss Kay Shea and J. Lorne Howatt. Miss McKenna will visit Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Shea during her stay in the city.

Paul Barry, New York, is spending his holidays with Mrs. Barry at the home of his parents Chief Justice and Mrs. J. H. Barry.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Wallace were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Loughlin, Campbellton.

Last evening at the conclusion of the service at St. Margaret's Chapel of Ease, the members of the congregation presented a chest of Community Silver to Venerable Archdeacon and Mrs. A. F. Bate in honor of their departure from the city. The presentation was made by Fred Gamble, one of the Chapel Wardens, the service being Archdeacon Bate's farewell to the congregation.

Mr. Justice and Mrs. O. S. Crockett and their daughter Miss Muriel Crockett, who have been spending the summer in the city, left for their home in Ottawa this morning.

Dr. J. H. Gunter, who has been visiting his sister Mrs. C. C. Camp, left this morning for his home in Philadelphia.

Miss Greta Hayes, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Barbour at their home in Devon, left this morning for her home in Renou. She was accompanied by Mrs. Barbour and her son Roy, who will be her guest for the next few days.

Professor F. W. Harrison left yesterday for Saint John, where he will spend a few days with his brother Rev. Harry Harrison.

Professor and Mrs. J. Miles Gibson and family, who have been spending the summer at their summer home at Burnt Church, returned yesterday.

Corbet-Mullin

The marriage of Miss Constance Visart Mullin, youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Mullin of Saint John, to Dr. Alexander Andrew Gordon Corbet, son of Mrs. Geo. Graham Corbet and the late Dr. Corbet of this city, was quietly solemnized Saturday morning at 11.30 o'clock in St. Matthew's Church, Douglas Avenue. Rev. Dr. J. A. Morrison performed the ceremony. The signing of the register was witnessed by Miss Byrd Corbet, sister of the bridegroom, and Dr. Chipman Mackay.

The bride, who was given in marriage by Dr. G. B. Peat, was gowned in aquamarine blue crepe.

Following the ceremony Dr. and Mrs. G. B. Peat entertained the wedding party informally at luncheon at their residence, Carleton Street. The artistically arranged table was centred with a tiered wedding cake surmounted by many silver bells, and had also for adornment silver vases of pink rosebuds.

Later Dr. and Mrs. Corbet left by motor for the New England States and on their return will reside at 62 Coburg street.

The bride, a popular member of the younger social set, is a granddaughter of the late Count and Countess Visart de Bury et de Bocarne of this city and of Bury, Hainault, Belgium. She was educated at Eden Hall, Torrensedale, Penn., and at the Sacred Heart Convent, Halifax. For the past four years she has been a laboratory technician in the New Brunswick department of health. Both bride and bridegroom have many friends here.

Miss Aileen Morrissey, of the Old Age Pensions Board staff at Fredericton is spending two weeks vacation with her mother, Mrs. C. J. Morrissey at Newcastle.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Theriault and son Allain, returned yesterday from the Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention held at Toronto on the 18th to 20th instant. They made the trip by motor by way of the White and the Adirondack Mountains and Niagara Falls and returned over the Trans-Canada highway from North Bay, Ontario, to St. Leonard's, N. B., visiting en route Callander and the Dionne Quintuplets. Mr. Theriault, as District Highway Engineer, was interested in highway construction in the different States and Provinces, and is of the opinion that highway construction in this province compares very favorably as to location with that met with anywhere, and that the present paving programme in New Brunswick will place this province on equal footing with Ontario, which at present easily leads in highway construction.—Chatham Gazette.

Major and Mrs. T. C. Barker left this morning for Charlottetown where Major Barker will attend the Good Roads Convention.

German Ambassador

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not have to fight, as was the case last time, on all fronts.

Even those who, like myself, have definite reasons for favoring this scheme, or at least looking at it with a benign eye, feel that such a policy is being erected on shifting sands. Geography will, in all likelihood, prevent a firm and lasting British-German accord. Britain can never, in the ultimate analysis, permit a powerful and potentially dangerous power to gain the continental channel ports.

MARYSVILLE

MARYSVILLE, Aug. 31—Mrs. Maud Staples and son Donald of Lowell, Mass., are visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Frank Sloat is visiting in Millinocket, Me., the guest of her son, Kenneth, and Mrs. Sloat.

Thelma Stafford is visiting at McGivney Jet, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Redver Scott and two children have returned to their home in Arlington, Mass., after visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Clara Hodgson has returned to Fredericton after spending a short time here with relatives.

Mrs. Geo. Stafford, Mrs. Walter Robinson, Misses Joyce Shanks and Lena Stafford, have gone to Carlo to spend the week-end.

Miss Lena Perry is visiting in Moncton the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Forbes.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williams of Milltown, N. B., are visiting at the home of Andrew Perry.

Rev. D. R. Chowen preached at United Church of Canada.

Friends of Mrs. Zellan Bunker will regret to learn she is confined to her home with an attack of quinsy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sloat of Houlton, Me., were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Walker.

Robert L. Basinger and son Lloyd of Lewiston, Me., are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Walker.

At the United Church of Canada last evening an interesting service was conducted by the Ladies of the Busy Builders Mission Circle which proved interesting in the absence of the pastor, Rev. M. D. Oliver, D.D., who is on his vacation.

Mrs. Harry Christie, who acted as chairman was assisted by Mrs. Richie Gorman who read the scripture. Mrs. Edward Lambert offered prayer, Miss Harriet Manzer offertory prayer, Miss Ida Taylor and Mrs. Thos. Loney ushers.

Miss Eunice Peters, missionary, on furlough, from China, gave an interesting talk on the work she is engaged in. A solo, "An Evening Prayer," by Mrs. Lambert was also enjoyed. Miss Grace Walker was organist, Miss Peters organized this group of the mission circle and the work has been successfully carried on ever since. Misses Ethel Manzer, Marion Peterson, Mrs. Burt M. Peterson and daughter Wanda are spending the week-end at Princess Park where they have a cottage.

Miss Buelah Sherman of Fredericton spent the week-end with relatives here.

John Petersos, who has been visiting friends at Hawshaw, has returned home.

Wm. B. Cain and Royal Peterson with other members of the Knights of Pythias Band, motored to Moncton yesterday. On the return trip they called at River Glade Sanatorium and gave a concert which was appreciated by the inmates there.

Mrs. Frank Pettigrove, Miss Mary Pickard and Wm. Cameron motored to River Glade recently where they called on Mr. Pettigrove, who is a patient at that institution.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gilmore of Stanley spent a few days with friends here recently.

Work of Churches

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cate and we must evangelize. We must attempt both by co-operative effort or single-handed to bring to pass in a community where adverse economic conditions have created barriers to the acceptance of the gospel, such a modification of social life as shall remove these barriers."

To meet these needs, the speaker made the following suggestions:

1. "There should be issued an appeal to the best of our young men, candidates for the ministry, to volunteer for service in our rural communities for not less than four or five years immediately succeeding the completion of their theological course.

Great Changes

"The changes which have taken place during the last 50 years have been so great that comparisons fail to convey to our minds the extent of the social revolution through which we have passed, or are passing. We are so near the heart of the things that it is difficult to focus our vision and see even the shadow of the things to come. We have, however, to address ourselves to this fundamental task of adjusting ourselves and the work of our churches to these new conditions of social and rural life as we find them in these provinces." Thus read the report of the Social Service Board of the Maritime United Baptist Convention as prepared and presented Saturday by Judge A. J. Crockett, New Glasgow.

Stressing the need of trained leadership for the churches, the report continued: "The men who are taking the leadership of the churches should be men of parts, informed, trained and with a forward-looking vision. It is desirable that they should have a background of general sociological studies and have learned the art of co-operation. They should know by all means of the many social movements here in our midst. They should certainly know of the rise and progress in our province, especially in eastern Nova Scotia."

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