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The Public and the Schools

THOSE who have followed the different articles regarding the Fredericton School Board, published in The Daily Mail and in other provincial newspapers, will read with interest the following taken from the Saint John Daily Citizen:—

"While the schools of New Brunswick are controlled to a certain extent by the Provincial Government through the Department of Education of which Hon. A. P. Paterson is minister, local school boards in the different communities have charge of the operation of the schools.

"IN SAINT JOHN, FREDERICTON, MONCTON AND SOME OF THE OTHER CENTERS OF POPULATION, THERE ARE SPECIAL ACTS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF SCHOOLS AND THE TRUSTEE BOARDS THERE SET UP HAVE POWERS WHICH DO NOT ALWAYS WORK IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE WHOLE PROVINCIAL SYSTEM. But the problem of schools and education is being considered by the Department and it is expected that changes will be made in the acts so that there will be more uniformity in school control.

"In Saint John for instances, some of the school trustees are appointed by the Common Council and others by the Provincial Government. This board is given practically full control over the schools of the city and it has no direct responsibility to the people. School funds are controlled by the board but are supplied by the levies made by the Common Council. It is hoped that some of the conditions existing in Saint John and other communities will be remedied in the revamping process which the Government is instituting."

Conditions In Russia

TO THOSE who like to tell us about the ideal conditions in Russia, the following interview from Colonel George A. Drew, of Toronto, in the Toronto Globe and Mail will open their eyes. Colonel Drew recently paid a visit to Soviet Russia.

According to Colonel Drew it is ust the opposite of a workmen's paradise, the standard of living is lower than almost any other country in the world; wages are pitiful, ranging from \$25 per month for ordinary laborers to \$60 for highly skilled artisans. A decent pair of shoes cost \$40, men's ready-made suits from \$75 to \$100, women's dresses of fair material \$100. There is no freedom as understood in any British country. Stalin and countless commissars hold 180 million people in an iron despotism, far more rigorous than anything dreamed of under the Romanoffs. Thousands are executed each year, more thousands exiled to Siberia.

Commissars, great droves of bureau heads, technical directors and sub-directors of state industries have become the new aristocracy of Russia. Their salaries run anywhere from \$8,000 to \$30,000 a year and they are inordinately jealous of their rights and privileges. In Moscow some of them can be seen riding in their 1937 Rolls-Royces, Cadillacs and Packards, dancing at night at the Metropole with girls who can afford \$50 for a pair of shoes, eating caviar, drinking champagne and getting noisily drunk."

Colonel Drew could find no sense of proportion or reality in the Russia of today. Fabulous sums were being paid to domestic and American engineers and architects to build great hydro-electric systems, factories, railways and canals, while all the artisans and workmen on these projects were paid starvation wages. Stranger still, the great Moscow-Volga Canal was built entirely by prison labor and that in a proletarian state which was to banish prisons forever

"Something is going to happen very soon," declares Colonel Drew. "It cannot go on much longer the way it is. Some Russians had no hesitation in speaking their minds to me. It is not possible that one of the largest and greatest nations in the world can continue much longer under the heel of a man who makes the reign of Ivan the Terrible seem like one of the happy periods of Russian history."

A Sound Public Investment

IT IS QUESTIONABLE if any of the millions of dollars spent on public relief projects during the depression will return anything like the dividends to be expected from the \$2,000,000 the Federal and Provincial Governments will invest in youth training schemes during the winter months. No other relief measures have been nearly so objective as these youth programs. Accordingly Hon. Norman McL. Rogers' intimation that the Department of Labor is already planning larger appropriations to extend the training projects to a higher age brackets next year, is to be warmly commended.

It was not until the National Employment Commission had thoroughly analyzed and classified the unemployment registration that the Governments and public realized the high percentage of misfits among the able-bodied unemployed. Young men and young women, and many not so young, were incapable of getting work because they were unequipped for the work that was opening up. Under such conditions the anomaly of a shortage of labor during an era of heavy relief expenditures was in fair way of becoming a national inheritance.

Obviously, as the Employment Commission advised, it was up to the Governments to assume the responsibility of training and locating these misfits. The Federal Government took the initiative at the last session and Parliament voted \$1,000,000 for training purposes on a dollar for dollar basis with the Provinces. Reasonably only a limiter number can be taken care of this year—Ontario's program provides for 5,000—but more than the training officers, those assisted will be introduced to jobs either as apprentices to industry, or when their "schooling" is completed.

Several times the Federal Minister of Labor and Mr. A. B. Purvis, Chairman of the Employment Commission, have expressed the belief that such assistance should not stop with youth. There are many beyond that classification who can benefit to an equal degree by training and practical assistance of the same kind. Mr. Rogers' plans for next year include this group. The advantages to the individual declare themselves. From the economic standpoint, rehabilitation work of this kind not only bares relief costs, but carries a definite guarantee of adding to the national income. It is an investment, the incalculable returns from which far outweigh the cost.

Snapshots

A wienie roast is a hot dog that has got into society.

Good news comes to us that the appointment of school trustees and the arranging of their functions in a more democratic manner is on the way. At present the law is such that the public pay the bills and have nothing to say. The present government through the Department of Education is beginning to recognize this fact.

By the way, is it true that the C.N.R. people offered to build a ten foot subway free to the city at the George Street Crossing and that the offer was turned down by representatives of the City Council? We may say that we have this on good authority.

It is to be hoped that the City Council will this evening consider the unsatisfactory condition of the George Street crossing. Do this before there are more accidents possibly with fatal ending.

This crossing would be a disgrace to the poor old fellows in the days of Roadmaster Casey fifty years ago.

Complaints are being received from several parties on rural route No. 6 in the Parish of Kingsclear that they are not receiving their mail regularly. In several cases newspapers included in the mail are missing. The Daily Mail had an instance last week where five or six persons did not receive their papers which were positively mailed from this office. The mail carrier on this route is Lee Hanson one of the most reliable men to be found on any route in the province and if these papers are leaving the Post Office they may be stolen from the mail boxes along the route. The stealing of mail from a mailbox is a serious matter, punishable by several years in the penitentiary. This is given out as a warning. It would be well for the local postal authorities to make a check up. We will bet on it not being Lee Hanson's fault.

The theatres and exhibition authorities at Saint John are uniting with the Health authorities in advising children to keep away from the exhibition and pictures under present conditions. It is to be hoped that the same co-operation will be extended here. After all it is the parents who should protect their own children, but in many cases they neglect to do so.


The addresses yesterday of the Mayor of Glace Bay a returned soldier and of Rev. Dr. J. W. Bartlett of Wilmot Church each advocating Peace were inspiring.

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schemes have been tried from time to time. Now, however, it has reached a stage where the solution is seriously desired by everyone, and with the co-operation of the provinces, the Federal Government is now ready to carry out the suggestions of its officials who have investigated every angle of this problem, and the practical work is just about ready to start.

It is planned to help these future citizens of Canada through special schemes for youth in a manner similar to the methods adopted by the United States in the past few years, and which has worked miracles in a large number of cases. Besides the relief and works programme, it is likely that the Civilian Conservation Corps and the National Youth Administration may be copied in this country.

JAPAN WILL NOT

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Shanghai and is recovering in a Shanghai hospital.

"What are the opinions of the foreign minister and navy minister concerning the insult contained in the British note, which affirms that the Imperial Japanese forces committed an act contrary to humanity?" asked Takeshi Azuma, leading member of the Seiyukai, second largest political party, in the Diet today.

SYMPTOMS OF

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"Infantile paralysis outbreaks usually progress rather slowly to their peak and tend to diminish quite rapidly with the onset of colder weather in the autumn."

The department of health has been most carefully investigating cases; has also been providing physicians free examinations of specimens, obtaining and distributing free convalescent serum in the treatment of cases, as well as carrying out all other established methods of control.

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Corne, Sask., and his brother, Shem Abernake of Prince Albert, Sask., are two of the delegates from the Diocese of Saskatchewan.

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He was duly nominated and as there was no Liberal candidate put up in North Calgary, then called the North Hill, he was elected by acclamation and went to the Alberta Legislature. The writer who was offered a similar kind of a nomination by the Liberal Party in an adjoining constituency under similar circumstances declined the nomination. In those days the province was divided into constituencies about the size of Ormoco or possibly as large as Devon and as the ranchers were not particularly interested in going to the Legislature they were often represented by people from centers like Calgary. Conditions have however changed in the last twenty years.