

ST. JOHN SHOULD LEARN FROM OWEN SOUND, ONT.

Facts and Figures About Manual Training and Domestic Science That Are Commended to the School Board, the Board of Trade and the People Generally in This City.

The following is from The Owen Sound Times—

MANUAL TRAINING REPORT.

To the members of the Board of Education, Owen Sound, Ontario.

Gentlemen,—In accordance with instructions given the committee at the August meeting of the Board of Education, directing us to visit schools in Ontario where manual training and domestic science classes are in operation, and to make report to the board on the advisability of establishing such classes in connection with the schools of Owen Sound, we beg to report:—That we made ourselves somewhat acquainted with the character of the work at Stratford, Berlin, Guelph and Toronto. In each place we were very kindly received, and teachers, trustees, and superintendents were pleased to impart all the information possible as to cost, management, the educational value, etc., of the subjects of manual training and domestic science in their schools. In Stratford, the collegiate institute board, and the public school board are separate bodies. Domestic science had been established in the public schools before the collegiate institute board took hold of the work. The men in the factory shops pushed vigorously the establishment of manual training classes as part of both the high and the public school curriculum. In Stratford the building is separate from the collegiate institute building, but on the same grounds, and is a two-story building, 80 feet long by 30 feet wide with a basement. Experience has shown that this building is too short.

In the basement is the iron work department, and it is equipped with an electric motor, three forges and six lathes, and other accompanying equipment. Above the basement is the woodwork department with thirty benches each of which is supplied with a saw, a hammer, chisel, etc., at a cost of about \$8 each. The domestic science room is located in the top story of the building. There are ten classes in all receiving instruction in these departments, viz., six from the public school, one from the separate school, and three from the collegiate institute. In time a separate building will be erected for the use of the public school pupils only. This is the recommendation of the principal of the collegiate institute, and of the public school inspector.

In Berlin the board has built more extensively and on a more costly scale than has Stratford, and more extensively and efficiently than this board can hope to do for Owen Sound for some time to come. The building is an addition to the collegiate institute, and cost \$24,000, exclusive of equipment which cost \$2700. They have twenty-four woodwork benches, seven wood lathes, three forges, five iron vices, an iron drill, and an electric motor for power, besides much additional equipment, also waiting rooms, private rooms, cupboards, etc. The domestic science room is fitted up with tables arranged so as to form a large hollow square, with a table in the center for the instructor. This is the arrangement in all the places visited. The accommodation is for from twenty-five to thirty pupils. Each student has a small gas stove attached to her part of the table. There is also a coal range and a coal stove in the room. In Toronto we visited the normal school manual training and domestic science departments. As you are aware these are for the use of teachers-in-training in attendance at the normal school. We interviewed the manual training master, the lady in charge of the domestic science classes, the vice-principal of the normal school, and also the honorable the minister of education. The character of the work here is similar to that in Stratford and Berlin. We had a very

free and instructive interview with Dr. Packham, principal of the Toronto technical institute. This school is maintained by the city, but first established as a night school for men and women working in the shops and factories, those who are getting the practical work in their daily labor. The day classes receive training of a scientific kind that will bear directly upon industrial work or such training in science and art as shall fit them to fill positions in industrial operations, etc., also studies in the various activities of the household. The evening classes provide scientific and artistic training for apprentices, journeymen, foremen and others who are engaged in industrial pursuits during the daytime, and who desire supplementary instruction in the application of science and art to the trade and manufactures. Applicants must be fourteen years of age and possess a working knowledge of the elementary public school subjects.

COST OF BUILDING EQUIPMENT AND MAINTENANCE IN BERLIN.

Cost of buildings \$24,000.00
Equipment of manual training . . . 500.00
Equipment for domestic science . . 700.00
Equipment for iron department . . 1,500.00
Total \$26,700.00

STRATFORD.

The domestic science department was transferred to the collegiate institute and the cost was not obtained, but the equipment was very similar to that in Guelph, which cost about \$300.

For manual training the 30 benches cost \$8.00 each; the electric motor cost \$75.00; iron work, including lathes, drill and files, about \$500.00; tools, etc., \$120.00; yearly maintenance for both departments from \$10.00 to \$12.00 per month.

GUELPH DOMESTIC SCIENCE EQUIPMENT.

Carpenter work 200.00
Plumbing 200.00
Granite ware, tinware, etc. . . . 44.88
Dishes 23.15
Extras 11.26
Total \$488.92

MAINTENANCE FOR 1904-1905.

Food materials \$67.63
Cleaning agents 4.74
Laundry, etc 1.14
Sundries 1.14
Total \$74.65

MANUAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT.

24 benches at \$8.00 each \$192.00
Cupboards, etc., included in domestic science cost. There is no iron department as yet.
Maintenance for material \$30.00

OPINIONS OF MEN INTERVIEWED.

Mr. Mayberry, principal of the Stratford collegiate institute, says that on enquiry the great need of the manufacturers and the master mechanics is better educated boys to learn the trades. The boys like the work in manual training, and will remain at the bench until six o'clock. It does them good and there is no fear of its being overdone.

Mr. Stuart, public school inspector, says it has a grand effect on the public school pupils. They apply themselves better.

Mr. Bennock, chairman of the board, says there was little or no opposition when manual training and domestic science was established, and none whatever now. The trades demanded it.

Mr. Ferguson, mayor of the city, expressed himself as follows: From a plain point of view, give the boys and girls an education by which they can do something. It is money well spent, every cent of it. After five years I have never heard an expression against, but rather extend it and give me more. I would keep the money off something else rather than do without it.

Mr. McLagan, manager of one of the large furniture factories, is emphatically in favor of manual training. It teaches a boy to apply his knowledge.

Mr. Patterson, master mechanic of the G. T. R. shops, is very strongly in favor of manual training and domestic science. Boys who have taken a course in manual training have an enormous advantage over others. Before classes were established in Stratford a boy from the collegiate institute never went to the shops. Now we have dozens of them. We pay them 90 cents to \$1 per day from the first. We make the boys not ashamed of labor. We give the preference in employment to those who have had a course in manual training.

Mr. Forsyth, principal of the collegiate institute of Berlin, says manual training and domestic science are exceedingly popular. The classes are large and the subjects growing in public opinion. It does not detract from the ordinary school work, but rather helps it. The ratepayers show no opposition whatever. The pupils are anxious to work after four o'clock and on Saturdays.

Mr. Patterson, chairman of the board, a dry goods merchant who has visited the chief manual training schools and technical schools in England and many in the United States and in Europe, says there is nothing in either England or the United States to surpass the Macdonald Institute in Guelph. He is heartily in sympathy with, and an advocate of manual training including domestic science as part of a modern education.

G. M. DeBus, warden of the county, takes an active part, not only in the town and county generally, but in everything that pertains to the educational training of the boys and girls. He is very enthusiastic over the work done in this department of the schools.

The several manufacturers whom we met but strengthened us in the opinion that the people of Berlin favor an education along the lines of manual training, including household science, and are justly proud of their technical institute as they are pleased to call it.

Dr. Packham, principal of the Toronto Technical School, does not think manual training a cure for all the educational evils, as some would believe. He favors domestic science more than manual

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