

FACTS FOR THOUGHT

Are all the children in Prince Edward Island getting as much education as they are able to take? Would you say YES when you realize that there is a great scarcity of qualified teachers and some children have never had a properly qualified teacher. Would you say YES when you realize that some children have had as many as three different teachers in a year. Would you say YES when you realize that, though teaching is a full-time job, many teachers, due to circumstances, can give only part time service.

Would you say YES when you realize that though 35 pupils is considered the peak load, many over-crowded schools on the Island have 40, 50, yes, we know of two schools with enrolments of 60 and 80.

Would you say YES when you consider that many teachers are trying to teach ten grades. Would you say YES when you realize that many districts have to take anyone to keep the door open so that they can say "school goes on".

Are all the children on Prince Edward Island getting as much education as they can take? Let's think it over.

HORIZONS UNLIMITED

By Mrs. Malone, Kindergarten Teacher, Prince Street School. Many people's conception of the scope of Education is limited to the Grade School, the High School and the University. Few people realize how the boundaries of Education have been pushed outward by dedicated men and women within the past hundred years. Many groups of adults and children who were considered ineducable are being helped to enter the normal world of learning today by the aid of skilled teachers and curricula adapted to their special needs. This is the Special Education field. The Industrial Revolution in Europe hastened the establishment of the Kindergarten and Nursery Schools as part of the pattern of Education. In the highly industrialized areas of Germany, Northern Italy, France, Belgium and England, women were being encouraged to work in the factories to supplement their husbands' earnings and so day nurseries were formed to care for the children at first. As so often happens in history, men and women of rare educational vision rose to the challenge that this new way of living presented. They seized this new educational opportunity and developed techniques and instigated research into the learning potential of the pre-school child.

Such plans of modern education methods as Froebel, in Germany, Pestalozzi and the famous Madame Montessori in Italy, and the lesser known Maria Grey in London, developed the techniques which are used in modern Kindergartens and Nursery Schools today. With the awakened interest in Education, research into the learning processes was speeded up, and the present day when learning is not a haphazard thing, but a carefully planned science, and teaching is an art. The study of the normal child led to the study of the abnormal child, (both subnormal and super-normal). Schools and classes have been established within the educational framework for such groups as the mentally retarded child, and the physically handicapped child such as the cerebral palsey group, the partially sighted, the blind, and the deaf and dumb. There are teachers too in children's hospitals and sanatoria. In this field the educational horizons are unlimited. Now on the educational newfront is the announcement of intensified study of the supernormal or gifted child. Special classes are being formed for the gifted child in order that an enriched curriculum, which will provide the necessary challenge, he may develop to the limit of his powers. These new classes will require special teachers, persons of vision, initiative and imagination. The Special Education field is for these teachers who need the challenge of something different and work in that field can be a very satisfying experience. As educational research goes forward it opens Horizons Unlimited and teachers are urged to have the courage to learn a different technique of teaching.

Pleasant Valley W. i. Held Annual Meeting

The Annual meeting of Pleasant Valley W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. James Murray on Friday evening, Nov. 16. Meeting opened by singing the "Ode" followed by Creed repeated in unison. Minutes of the last annual meeting were read, also minutes of last monthly meeting were read, approved and signed. Ten members answered roll call by paying fees and passing in a bazaar article.

The Secretary gave the financial report for the year. Total receipts amounted to \$181.12. Expenditures \$160.60, leaving a balance of \$20.52 on hand. Election of officers then took place and are as follows for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Melville Weeks; Vice - President, Mrs. William McLellan; Secretary, Mrs. Everett McLellan (re-elected); Treasurer, Mrs. Milton Weeks (re-elected); Directors: Mrs. George Smith, Mrs. Gerald Smith; Auditors: Mrs. Herb. Gill, Mrs. Hugh McKinnon.

Correspondence and business were then discussed. It was decided each family having children taking up music in school pay \$1. per year towards music teachers salary, the remainder to be paid by the Institute.

Mrs. James Murray kindly agreed to act as leader again for the Song Club, to be assisted each month by members of the Institute. The Secretary was asked to order capsules for the school.

The December meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. William McLellan, at which time bazaar articles are to be auctioned. Roll call to be answered with an exchange of Christmas gifts.

New committees for the month are: Sick, Mrs. Keith Coles, Mrs. Gerald Smith; School, Mrs. Melville Weeks; Lunch, Mrs. William McLellan, Mrs. Hugh McKinnon and Mrs. Keith Coles. Lunch was then served and meeting closed with "The Queen."

CHERRY VALLEY SCHOOL. The report of Cherry Valley School for the month of November is as follows: Grade X-1. Mary Murphy; 2. Evelyn Murphy; 3. Verna Irving. Grade IX-1. Ruth Murphy; 2. Marie Murphy. Grade VII-1. Martina Murphy. Grade VI-1. Janet Ings. Grade VI-1. Phyllis Murphy. Grade V-1. Wayne Hayden; 2. Wilma MacDonald; 3. Ralph Irving. Grade IV-1. Beverly Hayden; 2. John Hayden. Grade III-1. Reia Hayden; 2. Allison MacDonald. Grade III (Sr.)-1. Sandra Hayden; 2. Charles Murphy; 3. Anita Murphy. Grade II (Jr.)-1. Dwan Ings. Grade I-1. May MacInnis. Teacher, Verna Martell.

Buying geese and ducks daily until December 20th. Prices have advanced. W.H. Burns, Malpeque.

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Dance Cardigan Legion Hall every Thursday night. Websters Orchestra, P. A. System and Canteen service.

Borden School Christmas concert in Borden Legion Hall. Junior concert December 20th at 7:30 p.m. Senior concert December 31st at 8 p.m.

Carloads of wheat, bulk or bagged, is our specialty. Also all other grains in assorted cars. The Atlas Grain Company, 300 St. Stephen Street, Montreal.

DEBATING CONTEST. The Head of Hillsboro 4-H Calf Club will compete against the New Glasgow and District Junior Farmers for the Simmons and MacFarlane debating Shield and the Island Debating Championship at Birch Court Experimental Farm on Tuesday, December 18, at 8:00 p.m. Everyone Welcome. PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

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AS A TEACHER DO YOU? 1. Keep before you the thought that your attitude and influence can make or mar a student's whole outlook on life. 2. Make your classroom a place where children are well taught and happy. 3. Maintain consistent discipline in the management of each group. 4. Treat all students impartially regardless of social and home background. 5. Respect opinions of students, even though they may differ from your own. 6. Concern yourself (without interfering with home patterns) with students' health, vision, hearing, speech, etc. 7. Regulate the temperature, lighting and ventilation of your classroom to a healthful degree. 8. Develop an appreciation of beauty through the use of good pictures, books and music. 9. Set an example of good house-keeping and insist on an orderly, well-kept classroom. 10. Develop your interest in the outside pursuits and hobbies of your pupils. 11. Continue your own pursuit of knowledge thus associating yourself with your students as a learner. 12. Guide each child toward self-control. 13. Remember that the pupils of today are the parents of tomorrow. 14. Maintain a sense of humour to cope with unpredictable situations.

Women Teachers' Association of Ontario. This department is conducted by the Prince Edward Island Teachers' Federation. Contributions are welcomed and should be sent to Estelle Bowness, General Secretary, 98 Prince St., Charlottetown.

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Kingston Legion To Give Gifts

The Kingston Branch of the Canadian Legion, B. E. S. L. has provided money for gifts for veterans and their families of the district who, owing to disability, sickness or for other reasons were temporarily less fortunate than their comrades. The branch has looked after them in this way for a number of Christmas.

Comrade A. C. MacEachern branch welfare officer and members of the executive were delegated to distribute the gifts.

Discussion of plans for future branch activities took place at the regular monthly meeting which was held at the Legion Home, Charlottetown, Thursday evening, Dec. 13, 1956. The president, Foster MacKinnon called for two minutes silence in memory of departed comrades. Roll call, the reading of minutes, treasurer's report and committee reports were dealt with.

The meeting closed with customary procedure and singing of God Save the Queen.

The disastrous calamity following the collision of the French ship "Mont Blanc" and the Belgian ship "Imro" in Halifax harbor 39 years ago, during which one third of the city was flattened and 1,700 lives taken, will be recalled by residents here who had relatives injured, employed at Halifax at the time, and who have since passed to their great reward.

Residents of this district were greatly impressed with the new Irving Flaggship, the "Irving Glen", 584 feet long, her cargo being sufficient to supply the local storage plant with a sufficient supply of fuel oil, stove oil, and gasoline during the winter months.

Widespread sympathy is being extended to the widow and children of the late Mr. John Nicholson, who death occurred at Crapaud on November 22.

It is interesting to read of a Country Junior Chamber Commerce, at their monthly dinner, dined on bean soup and black bread. They paid the usual \$2 fee, but got the sparse rations instead of steak, the profit going to the Hungarian Relief Fund.

Our congenial friend from Appin Road, Mr. Hillian Gillespie has arrived home after an enjoyable visit with relatives and friends in Toronto. Mr. Gillespie gives a graphic description of his travels, including a visit to the Provincial Exhibition at Toronto.

From the text: "And they came to Kadish Barnea," the inspiring message received an attentive hearing at well attended services of Public Worship held here on December 11.

Many residents of our merging districts joined the very large assembly at the Civic Auditorium at Summerside to hear the inspiring address by Rev. Dr. Armstrong at the Final Mission Series, in the words taken from John "Except a man is born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter

into the Kingdom of Heaven." The male Choir of over 50 voices, directed by Dr. Peter MacDonald, added very materially to the service of Song.

Widespread sympathy is being extended to the immediate relatives of the late Rev. G.C. Warren, D.D. whose death occurred at Sydney, N.S. These include those residing at North River, his place of birth, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Warren. Retired Dean of Theology at Acadia University, he had been residing at the home of his daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Miles, of Sydney.

Crapaud Village was saddened by the news of the death of Mr.

Arthur Simmons, John Rogerson. Interment was made in Crapaud Cemetery.

Mr. Hollis Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Thompson, left by plane for Toronto, on November 30, where, as an experienced mechanic, a position awaited him.

Mr. J.L. MacLeod, accompanied by Mr. Donald Cameron, left on a business trip to Boston, on November 30.

A steady procession of Motor trucks loaded with potatoes being

daily transported to the nearest markets, has been the result of advanced prices having been offered by buyers, making this business encouraging to the producers.

From the text "In as much as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me," the inspiring message received an attentive hearing at the Services of Public Worship here on Dec. 2. The combined Choir led in the service of song at Victoria under the W. M.S.

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