Former P.E.I. Naval Officer at Inspection

At a recent inspection of Queen's University Naval Training Division held aboard HMCS Cataraqui, Kingston, Ont., the Principal of the University, Dr. W. A. Mackintosh (left) was the inspecting officer and was accompanied by the O.C. of the U. N. T. D., Lieut. Cmdr. W. M. Martin (center) formerly of Heatherdale, P. E. I.

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had taught the full 200 days to receive only as much as those who were under that count.

The speaker said it was the desire of the Department of Education to get all schools started on time in the fall to permit finishing the course of studies prescribed despite any unforeseen happenings, by June 30.

Grade 8 Examinations

The Deputy Minister noted that there had been much criticism of late regarding the examinations in Grade 8. He felt that the teachers themselves should decide the grading of pupils in the lower grades. The Department, he said, did offer occasional suggestions regarding Grade 8 as some teachers were prone to grade on "the hard side, and some on the easy side."

However, he thought this would be a better understood matter this term as the various school supervisors would be starting study groups as soon as the present convention ended. The main discussion planned for these groups is the matter of grading with particular reference to Grade 8.

Dr. Shaw also briefly touched on the matter of the call from the Department of National Defence for primary grade teachers to go to Germany for the Canadian Army force there to teach the several thousand children now in that country. He said that rural teachers of this Provincce especially would find themselves in an awkward position in relation to teachers from bigger Provinces, particularly British Columbia and Ontario, where teaching salaries are much higher than here. He pointed out that the teacher going overseas would only be paid the same salary being received at home. In any event, he stated, there would be not more than two going from Prince Edward Island.

Cites Criticisms

Dr. Shaw did not have a prepared address, saying that he wished primarily to "toss out" some suggestions in order to get a reaction from the floor. To do this he mentioned the many criticisms of education and the present educational methods of teaching. He said the criticism most frequently heard was that the schools were neglecting the fundamentals and giving too much attention to the frills.

Some people, he said, thought there was not enough attention being paid to the three R's and too much to the three F's which he defined as frills, fads and fancies.

He called to the teachers for their definitions of the fundamentals and received a variety of answers from all parts of the auditorium of Prince of Wales College. In the main the teachers felt the fundamentals were reading, writing, arithmetic, spelling, language and grammar, history, geography, science and health. Dr. Shaw here remarked that it was not too many years ago that the introduction of geography to the curriculum was considered a frill.

Hard To Define

Regarding the so-called frills the teachers mentioned art, drawing, drama and visual education. There was a considerable amount of disagreement among them as to whether music should be included in this class. The Deputy Minister, noting hesitation on the part of some, admitted that it was hard to define as a frill something which only recently had come into the curriculum.

He read from a Department handbook the present prescribed courses of study and told the teachers not to worry about criticism regarding frills and fundamentals so long as they were following the prescribed course.

He remarked that in one of the classrooms at Prince of Wales there was a sand table and asked if that could be termed a frill. In answering his own question he recalled to the minds of those present that during the past war the sand table had proved invaluable in acquainting soldiers and airmen with the type of terrain they would have to traverse. He also remarked that by its use "you can do more teaching with less taking than by any other method."

Dr. Shaw was introduced briefly by the chairman, Mr. Earl Jelley, O'Leary, president of the Teachers Federation, who presided.

Study Periods

Study periods were held in various classrooms for the teachers during both morning and afternoon. Mr. D. C. Monroe, Director, School of Teachers, Macdonald College, Montreal, held classes dealing with developing interest in Canadian History. Dr. Frank MacKinnon, Principal of Prince of Wales College, spoke on high school history and related subjects. Methods of teaching arithmetic in the elementary grades was discussed by Mr. K. A. Parker, Supervisor of City Schools.

Language, composition and demonstrations by pupils of St Mary's Convent were conducted by Sr. St. Aiden Maureen. Rythms, demonstration of the use of records with pupils participation, seat work discussion, teaching phonics, with a demonstration by pupils, were conducted by Messrs M. Coffin, A. Taylor, M. MacGuigan and M. Clarkin.

Several displays have been tastefully arranged in the auditorium and have attracted much attention from the teachers present. Among them is "Books for Better Living" by the P.E.I. Libraries. In the display is a wide variety of books ranging from science to sport, from nature to fairy tales.

Other displays are of scrapbooks, snapshot folders, handwork by women of the Red Cross, still pictures by the National Film Board and a large number of paintings and drawings by school children of this city.

Express Regret At Sunday Convention

TORONTO, (CP) — The central presbytery of the Toronto United Church passed a resolution Tuesday "noting with regret" that the Ontario CCF party is holding a convention on the week-end of Sunday, May 23.

The resolution said that the CCF is becoming "the first major political organization to use the Lord's Day for convention purposes and political discussions."

Plan New Vessel For Arctic Operation

OTTAWA, (CP)—The keel of a new vessel specially designed for charting Arctic waters is expected to be laid this year, it was reported Tuesday.

The ship ,285 feet long and built to withstand the pressure of pack ice in northern seas, is planned for the Canadian hydrographic service.

F. Goulding Smith, Dominion hydrographer, said the contract will be let later this year and if all goes well the ship will be completed by May, 1956.

It will have a flight deck and hangar for two helicopters and will act as the mother ship for six survey launches used to chart waters too shallow for the larger vessel's 15-foot depth.

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