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Ontario School Trend Toward Larger Section

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A review of the developments in education in the elementary school panel as the school year draws to a close in Ontario shows that substantial progress has been made in three directions.

Since the opening of the calendar year application has been made and granted for the establishment of twenty-one new larger units of administration, with several school sections uniting in each case. A survey of salaries indicates that as a general rule the trend is definitely upward. And a review of the number of rural schools shows that twenty-five of those with small attendances have been closed, with consequent improvement in the education offered in the communities concerned.

Officials of the Department of Education are particularly encouraged by the increase in the number of larger units of administration, a development which educationists have urged for many years. Back in 1920 one of these larger units was established in Muskoka. Then it was not until 1925 that others were added, and then only three, all in the inspectorship of L. J. Williams in Thunder Bay district. Another was added in the Province in 1928, two were added in 1932, one in 1934, one in 1935, two in 1936 and three in 1937. It was not until last year that there was the beginning of a general movement in the direction of uniting of small school sections. From May 28 to July 2, 1938, fourteen larger units of administration were formed.

Twelve Large Units Formed.

"We are delighted with the progress being made," commented V. K. Greer, chief inspector of elementary schools, yesterday. "The officials of the department and the inspectors are meeting with a more friendly reception in connection with the establishment of the larger unit than at any time in the past. There is evidence now that the movement toward the larger unit is definitely under way and we are very encouraged."

The chief inspector noted that while last year the larger unit in only two instances had been established in the counties of the Province, this year twelve larger units had been formed in the counties of Southern Ontario, including Leeds, Renfrew, Lennox, Halton, Wentworth, Brant, Simcoe and Hastings. The movement has spread from the newer part of the Province to the older districts.

It is possible that other larger units may be added this year. Townships have until July 1 to pass the necessary by-law.

The most recent township to set up a township school board is Binbrook in Wentworth County which made application only the day before yesterday. In this case six rural school sections have united to form a single unit of administration. Six rural school boards of three trustees each have been scrapped to set up a township school board of five trustees elected to control the educational affairs of the area comprising the former six sections.

Advantages of Merger.

Since the beginning of 1939 the following townships have established the larger unit: Monck, Muskoka, with five school sections uniting in the inspectorship of G. S. Johnson; McLean, Muskoka, four sections in the inspectorship of B. S. Johnson; Machar, Parry Sound, six school sections, J. R. Pickering, inspector; Christie, Parry Sound, five school sections, J. L. Moore, inspector; Brantford, Brant, five sections, W. J. Joyce, inspector; Carling, Parry Sound, five sections, J. L. Moore, inspector; Schreiber, Thunder Bay, one section, W. J. Judd, inspector; Humphrey, Parry Sound, five sections, J. L. Moore, inspector; Whitney, Cochrane, two sections, H. H. Langford, inspector; McGregor, Thunder Bay, eight sections, W. J. Judd, inspector; Sandfield, Manitoulin, three sections, N. R. Wightman, inspector; Rolph, Buchanan and Wylie, Renfrew, six sections, N. Campbell, inspector; Nassagaweya, Halton, seven sections, L. L. Skuce, inspector; Cockburn Island, Manitoulin, two sections, N. R. Wightman, inspector; Foley, Parry Sound, three sections, J. L. Moore, inspector; Sherwood, Jones and Burns, Renfrew, six sections, C. W. Lees, inspector; Oro, Simcoe, three sections, W. R. McVittie, inspector; Macaulay, Muskoka, eight sections, G. S. Johnson, inspector; Algoma South, Renfrew, two sections, N. Campbell, inspector; Wolford, Grenville, twelve sections, W. H. Carlton, inspector.

It is generally agreed by educationists that the small unit of administration in the rural areas has provided the first drawback of progressive education. The advantages of amalgamation of a group of school sections with the setting up of a township or county school board are claimed to be: Equalization of school rates over the whole area involved; equalization of attendance and a better standard of education; economy in the purchasing of supplies; elimination of local feuds and prejudices and a better type of trustee; greater variety in the school curriculum with special itinerant teachers for art, music, agriculture, household science, etc.; greater variety in services, including nursing, medical and dental; a better qualified teacher with a longer tenure of service, and, generally speaking, opportunities provided for the rural child that are more compatible with those provided for the city pupil.

126 Schools Closed.

During the past two years, officials of the Department of Education reported, 126 rural schools with low attendances have been closed. Twenty-five of these have been closed during the past year. Wherever the necessary transportation arrangements are feasible to take care of the pupils involved, the Department considers it advisable to close rural schools in which only a few pupils are enrolled.

"The first consideration," Mr. Greer said, is the provision of a better type of education through competition of pupils in larger class groups; the second is the reduction in the costs of education.

Although no definite figures regarding increases in teachers' salaries for next year were available at the present time, it was said that as a general rule salaries were moving upward. "One inspector told me that teachers in his inspectorate had been given an average increase of $25 for next year," the chief inspector said.

Summer Time Table

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Saturday, June 24th

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EUGENIA

Rev. Dr. Mercer preached a very impressive sermon to the L.O.L. members on Sunday.

Don't forget the Raspberry Festival given under the auspices of the Woman's Association on Tuesday, July 18. Particulars elsewhere in this issue.

The teacher, Miss Dinsmore, and pupils of Eugenia school and Mr. Ross Smith and pupils of the 8th Line school held a picnic on June 30th. Supper was served in the church, due to the wet weather.

We extend profound sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Fawcett and family in the loss of thei r son and brother., the late Jas. Fawcett Jr. of Owen Sound, whose funeral took place on Sunday.

Mr. Ed. Jamieson had the misfortune to fall from the roof of Mr. Alex Cameron's house, while shingling. He injured his ankle, breaking some bones and also received some nasty bruises on the head. He was taken to Markdale hospital, where he has remained the past week or so. We are glad to learn that he will soon be able to leave the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Sargent of Owen Sound were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Magee and other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Johnson and Miss Agnes of Toronto visited over the week end with Mrs. Wilson and the McMillan and Jamieson families. Agnes remained to spend a few holidays.

Miss Beryl Turner of Toronto is holidaying with Miss Hazel Magee.

Mrs. Glenn Pedlar has left to join her husband, who is employed with a paving company in Quebec.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Clinton of Toronto are spending a fortnight with Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Magee and family.

Mr. Arthur Lawlor has returned home from the volunteer camp at Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Mr. Billie Campbell has joined his parents here at their summer cottage. He had been visiting in Northern Ontario.

Miss Bernice Campbell of Toronto is visiting at her parental home.

Miss Gladys Williams of Toronto is visiting at her home here.

Miss Lois Williams, 8th line, spent a few days with her friend, Miss Joyce Genoe.

Miss Marge Martin is spending a week with her cousin, Master Dick Nolan, who is visiting with his grandmother and uncle, Mrs. Lever and Harold at Flesherton.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Goddard, Marion and Marlene, and Mr. Jos. Williams visited at the home of Mr. John McKenzie home on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Graham of Clarksburg visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lawlor.

Master Douglas Large has returned to Niagara Falls after a week's visit with his great grandfather, Mr. Peter Munshaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Large and David have returned to their home in Niagara, after visiting a few weeks with friends here.

Mr. Robin Goldsborough of St. Catharines, who is visiting with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell at Flesherton, is a visitor with his friend, Mr. Art. Lawlor.

Mr. Hickman and daughter, Miss Eugenia, have returned to their home in Philadelphia after being guests at the "Eugenia House" for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Falconer of Detroit spent the past week with the Falconer families here.

Mrs. Beaton of Durham and daughter, Mrs. Tuck, husband and family, of Toronto were Sunday visitors with the Park family.

Mrs. Foulds and son of Calgary were week end visitors at the Proctor home.

(Intended for Last Week)

Eugenia Minister Feted by The Y.P.U.

On Tuesday evening a banquet was held in the United Church here by the Y.P.U. It had a two-fold purpose, to mark the closing of the society for the summer months and to bid farewell to their pastor, Rev. Mr. Elliott. The basement of the church was nicely decorated with yellow and white streamers. The same colour scheme was used in the table decorations. A toast was given to the King by Rev. Elliott and replied to by all singing the National Anthem. A toast was given to the minister by Argyle Martin and a toast to the president by Ben Hanley. Suitable replies were made. A pleasing program followed in the church auditorium, which consisted of a hymn; a solo, "The Old Rugged Cross" by Herb Bates; a solo by Miss Jean McKenzie; an instrumental on organ by Dennis Campbell; a duet by Messrs. Herb. Bates and Ben Hanley; a solo by Miss Doris Magee. The president called Mr. Elliott to the front to take the chair while an address was read to him by Mrs. C. Martin on behalf of the Y.P.U. members and the presentation made of an album by the president, Argyle Martin; an end table by Mrs. J. Porteous and Miss Evelyn Campbell and a sum of money by Ben Hanley. Rev. Mr. Elliott was taken by surprise and thanked the society heartily for the gifts after which Mr. Herb. Bates joined hands with the president and Mr. Elliott and sang a farewell song, then all sang, "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow". After the closing hymn the Mizpah Benediction was repeated and all sang, "The More we get together", etc. We wish Rev. Elliott good luck in his new field at Heathcote and we know that he will take the same interest in the Y.P.U. societies there. Following is the address:

Dear Mr. Elliott:

We, the members of the Y.P.U., have assembled here this evening to mark the closing of the society for the summer months by indulging in a banquet. This meeting has a twofold purpose as we, having learned of your departure to the Heathcote field of God's chosen work, have met to spend a few hours together in your company and to bid you farewell.

Looking back these past two years,
What a varied path, and yet
All the way God's hand has led us
Past each hindrance we have met.
And as you travel to the Heathcote field
May God ever be your guide.
And as you work daily in His service,
May He each day with you abide.
We will not be many miles apart,
So we may often see you,
And hope that you will have good health,
Success and happiness too.

As a slight token of our remembrances and of our esteem for you we ask you to please accept this album, in which our autographs are written, and this table, also this sum of money, and everytime you look upon them bear in mind the Y.P.U. Society of Eugenia.

Again extending our best wishes to you, we say adieu,

Signed on behalf of the Y.P.U. members, Argyle Martin, President, Mrs. Joe Porteous and Mrs. C. Martin, Convenors.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hines of Toronto visited over the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Kaitting, Bracebridge, spent the week-end at the former's parental home. Ken is employed with the H.E.P.C. there at present.

Miss Josie Falconer of Toronto has returned home and will spend a couple of months with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Falconer.

Messrs. Jim and Eddie Hargrave of Toronto visited over the week-end with the Park families.

Miss Irene Dinsmore spent the week-end at her home at Clarksburg. She is leaving this week to attend summer school.

Mr. Cecil Magee, accompanied by Mr. H. Falconer, spent a day in Toronto last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Campbell of Toronto are holidaying at their summer residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wood and daughters of Markdale visited on Sunday at the Martin home.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Stewart and family of Ceylon spent Sunday with the Hanley family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Shortt and family attended the Conn - Shortt nuptials on Saturday

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Purvis and family of Toronto spent the week-end with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Purvis. Shirley, June and Bobby remained to spend some holidays with their grandparents.

Mr. Chas. Park of the H.E.P.C., Tillsonburg, spent the week-end with his wife and daughter here. Chas. has purchased a new Pontiac sedan.

Mr. Thos. Betts has purchased a new Chevrolet sedan.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack McCorvell of Toronto are spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Magee and other relatives.

Miss Dorothy Jamieson and Miss Irene Martin have gone to Toronto to attend summer school. Miss Christina Magee accompanied them to Toronto for a short visit.

Miss Lillian Magee of Toronto visited a few days at her parental home.

Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Magee were Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Johnston and Royden and Mr. Harry Legard of Flesherton; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Kellar and son, Kenneth, of Toronto and Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Porteous, 8th Line.

Mr. and Mrs. Edge and son and wife, also Mr. Jack Williams and sister, Eleanor, and three friends of Toronto were week-end visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Crouch and two children of Toronto visited over the week-end with their uncle, Mr. L. Latimer, and also with the Proctor family.

Mrs. Geo. Williams is spending this week in Toronto.

Miss Margaret McMillan is spending a week with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. F. Jamieson.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie McKechnie and children of Priceville spent Sunday with the Jamieson family.

Mr. and Mrs. McDonald and Isobel, Miss Bessie Cairns, Mr. Stewart Elkins and Miss Marjorie Cairns of Weston visited on Monday with Mr. and Mrs. John Cairns and family and Mr. Henry Cairns. Marjorie remained for a week's visit with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gould and son Laverne, of Ravenna and Mrs. Ed. McKean, Roy and Hughena, of Collingwood were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Court Smith.

Visitors with the Park families on Sunday were: Messrs. Angus and Jno. McLachlan of Priceville; Mr. J. C. McLachlan of Barrie; Mrs. Beaton, Mrs. Goodfellow and daughter of Nobleton.

Guests at the Sloan home during the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sloan and Ioleen of Chatham; Mr. and Mrs. Moss, Frank and Margaret and friend of Toronto and Mr. and Mrs. Les. Ferris of Fenelon Falls.

Congratulations to Dorothy Falconer, Margaret McMillan, Gladys Duckett, Nora Turner, Arthur Proctor and Burton Campbell on passing their entrance into High School.

We also extend our congratulations to Miss Lucy MacDonald who has secured her teaching certificate and has taken the Victoria Corner School for next term. We wish her every success.

Miss Millie McMullen, teacher, of Toronto is holidaying with her mother here.

The strawberry festival which was to be given under the auspices of the Women's Association of the United Church here has been postponed from July 7 to July 18. Raspberries will be used instead of strawberries.

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MAXWELL

The Woman's Association met at the home of Mrs. E. Buckingham with a good attendance of members. It was decided to paint the church floor and also redecorate the parsonage.

Little Tommy Winters, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Winters, had a painful accident Saturday evening, when he was helping his brother to get kindling wood and accidentally had his hand cut. Several stitches were used to close the wound. Tommy is doing as well as can be expected.

Miss Delmar Seeley is visiting with friends in Toronto.

Mrs. Wm. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Don Ferguson of Rochester, N.Y., and Miss Janet Fowlie of Sarnia visited with Mrs. John Black and the Ross family.

Mr. and Mrs.. Angus Morrison visited their son and family in Walkerton last week.

ROCK MILLS LADIES' AID

Rock Mills Ladies' Aid will hold a social afternoon on Tuesday, July 18, at the home of Mrs. Albert Blackburn —program and 10c tea. Lunch com.: sandwich, Mrs. Wes Plantt, Mrs. F. Ashton; cake, Mrs. Wes Plantt and Mrs. Sam Fisher.

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