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Secondary School Teachers Prepare For Coming Change In Functioning Of Schools

(Because of the proposed changes in Ontario's educational system recently announced by Hon. Dana Porter, Minister of Education, we feel that many of our readers will be interested in the following article, written by Miss Edna Izzard, which describes steps being taken by secondary school teachers in connection with the change-over. It is hoped that in the near future an article along somewhat similar lines, detailing the effect of the changes on the public school system, will be available for publication in The Liberal. EDITOR.)

Last Friday and Saturday, the Permanent Committee on Educational Research held a two-day conference in Victoria College, Toronto. Twenty-five secondary school teachers representing every district in Ontario and almost every phase of high school education studied reports brought in by several of their number on the system-wide curriculum research and the wide-sweeping changes in Secondary Education undertaken in Great Britain and in various states of America, Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Florida and California.

Though the conference was called before the Porter pronouncement, the Minister's statement gave some direction and added some urgency to the discussions. Miss McGonigle, president of the Ontario Teachers' Federation, laid before the convention the Minister's plans as far as he had formulated them. Miss Izzard of Richmond Hill presented the first of the reports to be discussed: The British Education Act of 1944 and its implementation. After the reports were received and discussed, Dr. Phillips, professor of Education at O.C.E., addressed the teachers on trends in our Canadian culture which will influence our educational systems; he also presented the latest statistics of our Ontario secondary schools. (Dr. Phillips' address was reported in the Toronto papers, November 12.)

The curriculum studies and the resulting changes have been made over the last ten years. The reasons for the changes are common to all and obtain here in Ontario. They are (a) the great increase in secondary school enrolment and (b) the withdrawal of such large numbers before completing Grade X. Since 1900, the increase in Ontario amounts to 400%. In 1948 17,000 pupils in Grades IX and X left school; economic pressure was not the chief cause. The schools simply had nothing to offer their interest. The High School, as we know it was not designed for such boys and girls. It was originally established to prepare students for the professions. Its course of studies leads to University entrance. Its grade system is a system of screening; the prospective employer is not so much interested in the education the student has acquired as in the fact that he is one who has come through the screening.

Such a High School obviously does not fulfil the ideal of equal opportunity for all our boys and girls. In the pamphlet prepared by the Minister in England to interpret the Act of 1944 (which set up three types of high schools in the attempt to meet the needs of all) there is this statement: "To neglect the needs of any child by favouring a type of education suited to particular abilities, is a sacrifice that this country cannot afford to make."

In order to be prepared to give their professional assistance in implementing the changes in Ontario, this committee of teachers is initiating an immediate piece of research. Research councils are to be set up immediately in every district in Ontario. These councils are to consist of teachers, board members and citizens. Their task is to determine (a) at what levels junior and senior high schools should emerge, (b) their purpose and programme and (c) the certification of teachers in the junior high school. In respect to (a) it is to be noted that experience has proved already that the junior high school should not include Grade X. Forest Hill Village reached that conclusion after a five-year experiment.

The chairman of the Educational Policies Committee is Miss Blanche Snell of York Memorial Collegiate. During the last two years her sub-committees submitted reports to the Minister on every subject taught from Grade I to Grade XIII. These reports were welcomed by the Department and will have a determining effect upon the new curricula. It is expected that the reports from her Educational Research Committee will be likewise welcomed. It may be of interest to note that Miss Izzard served on the committee which reviewed the whole field of

the teaching of English. Richmond Hill is in District 8. Our district has consistently provided the Federation with able leaders and is well represented on this Research Committee by Miss Snell; Mr. Tough and Miss Lessere of Forest Hill Village; Miss Paul of Etobicoke; Mr. Rutherford and Miss Elder of York Memorial; and Miss Izzard, chairman of the provincial committee on the Teaching of Citizenship. The representatives of District 8 are meeting with those from Toronto to plan the organization of research councils in all parts of our area.

It is to be hoped that there will be interested citizens in Richmond Hill who will be ready to serve the cause of our youth by sharing the work of such a research council.

MAPLE
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Maple Community and School Club
The Maple Community & School Club will hold a euchre in the Masonic Hall, Maple, on Wednesday evening, November 30, at 8 p.m. An invitation has been extended to the Vellore Euchre Club, and this promises to be a lively evening. Refreshments will be served.

We are glad to know that Don Harrow has arrived home from the hospital and hope he is soon up and around.

Maple United Sunday School will hold its annual Christmas Party, December 22. Further notice of this later.

St. Andrew's W.M.S.
Mrs. A. S. Curr was guest speaker at a missionary service held on Sunday evening, November 20, in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. She stressed the great need for missionary work both at home and overseas. A generous offering was received, and will be used for W.M.S. work.

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"I, Russell Lynett, Clerk of the Village of Richmond Hill, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct statement of the question submitted to the vote of the electors (owners) of the Village of Richmond Hill as aforesaid."

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE
that the vote on the said question will be taken at the annual election to be held on Monday, December 5, 1949, between the hours of 9 o'clock in the morning and 7 o'clock in the afternoon at the following place appointed for the taking of the votes: **MASONIC HALL, Yonge Street, RICHMOND HILL, Ontario,**

and that November 28, 1949, at the Municipal Hall in Richmond Hill at 9 p.m. is the time and place for the appointment of persons to attend at the polling places and at the final summing up of the votes by the Clerk.

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York County Children's Aid Society Contributes Much To District Welfare

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In 1934 a Board of Directors, under Mrs. Harold F. Ritchie, appointed to the post of Executive Director an able and experienced social worker in the person of Mrs. Julie S. Driscoll and arranged for the transfer of the Society headquarters from 9 Toronto Street to 78 St. Clair Avenue East, Toronto, where the increasing responsibilities of the Agency could be more adequately administered during what proved to be the most strenuous years in the history of Canadian Welfare.

During the period of Mrs. Ritchie's leadership the increasing demands on the services of the Agency, occasioned through depression and war, developed in the minds of both board and staff a recognition of needed changes in service methods. Upon the retirement of Mrs. Ritchie from the Presidency in 1945 and the election of Mr. F. G. Gardiner, K.C. to the post, negotiations for the more adequate quarters now occupied were initiated. In 1947 a plan involving a staff training by the Agency through the co-operation of the University of Toronto, the appointment of an Assistant Executive Director and the departmentalization of all social and administrative services was implemented and is still developing.

One Of Canada's Largest
Since its inception the Society has been interested as a welfare agency not only in the many thousands of children and families which have received care and assistance, but in its County and citizens generally. It has in consequence tried to serve in accordance with such standards of the day as were consistent with rising costs and the wishes of a progressive and exacting population. Today as one of the largest organizations of its kind in Canada, it stands second to none in point of accomplishment and determination to maintain the highest possible standards of service.

Recognition of this attainment by authorities in the field is apparent from the recent rating of the Society by the Department of Public Welfare as a Class "A" agency; one of two in the Province of Ontario. This achievement should give satisfaction not only to the Board, staff and foster parents of the Society but to the County as a whole, since the quality of service now rendered would not be possible were it not for the co-operative spirit demonstrated by the private citizen, the public official and the County Council throughout nearly forty years.

With a view not only to intelligent self-interest has the County through its Children's Aid Society, succeeded in lessening some of its local social questions, but with an understanding interest in the problems of every municipal tax payer, it has contributed markedly through the leadership and interpretation of its Children's Aid Society President to the assumption by the Province of twenty-five percent of the cost to municipalities of maintaining children in the care of children's aid societies.

Richmond Hill Library Notes

Our request for a discarded umbrella stand in our last notes has been taken care of by an interested donor to whom we show our appreciation and thanks in this public notice.

Another installment of new books arrived this week. To the admirers of that loved Scottish bard, Robbie Burns, we would recommend "The Wonder of the Gay World," a continuance of Barks other novels, "The Wind that Shakes the Barley," and "The Song in the Green Thorn Tree". You must read these to enjoy and understand his latest. In this book Rob reaches his peak of fame, but in spite of all the pomp and glory bestowed on him in Edinburgh, he never forgets his lowly Ayrshire years of joy and poverty and misgivings. His thoughts dwell on his lovely Jean Armour whom he later marries and for whom he frames the words for his honeymoon song, loved by every Scot the world over: "Of a' the airts the wind can blaw, I dearly lo'e the West, For there the bonnie lassie lies, The lass I lo'e the best."

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