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CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY WORK IN TEMISKAMING.

The annual meeting of the Temiskaming branch of the Children's Aid Society was held recently in Haileybury. Mr. D. L. Jemmett, the president of the Society, gave a brief but comprehensive report of the good work being done by the C. A. S. in Temiskaming. He referred in appreciative terms to the canvassers for the Victory Loan in the Haileybury and Cobalt district who had contributed their commissions to the C. A. S. branch. These commissions for the past two years had totalled over \$2,000.00—a very material financial help to the Society. Mr. Jemmett also touched on the necessity for more hearty support for the C. A. S. work from the Provincial Government. The lack of this thorough co-operation and assistance had made the work in Temiskaming more difficult. The following are the officers for 1920 for the Temiskaming branch of the Children's Aid Society:—Honorary Presidents—Mayor D. McEachren, Cobalt; W. A. Taylor, New Liskeard; N. J. McAulay, Haileybury; Reeves D. W. McLeod, Coleman; and W. J. Adair, Bucke Township. President—R. S. Taylor, Cobalt. First Vice-President S. G. McCoubrey, Iroquois Falls. Second Vice-President—E. M. Goodman, New Liskeard. Third Vice-President—N. B. Strong, Haileybury. Treasurer—Geo. T. Smith. Secretary Robt. LeHeup. Assistant Secretary Miss M. Owens. Auditor H. A. Day.

A recommendation that the Secretary's salary be increased from \$60.00 to \$75.00 per month was carried unanimously. Votes of thanks were passed to the retiring president, Mr. D. L. Jemmett, to Mr. H. A. Day, and to the various Committees for the good work done in the past year.

The Secretary's report gave a number of very interesting facts regarding the Society work during the year. There were 189 children involved, but only 64 cases warranted the work of investigation. The Secretary was in Court no less than 52 times looking after the interests of children in these cases; 15 children were made wards of the Society; 4 children were sent to the Industrial School; 8 were placed on parole under the supervision of Probation officers or your Secretary. In the case of 144 children conditions were either remedied or slight cause for complaint was found. Parents of 18 children were fined or made responsible for their future good conduct. The Secretary visited 10 towns of town, travelling over 7500 miles in the doing of his good work.

One paragraph of the Secretary's Report deserves continued reproduction until it is burned into the consciousness of the whole new Ontario Government Cabinet. This paragraph is as follows:—"We find this year, as in the past, that the greater part of our work is in sections of the District from which we can receive no financial support, and as the Provincial Government has made only a weak attempt to assist us in our efforts to care for the helpless and unfortunate children of the settlers who are doing the work of developing the resources of this wonderful country. We are still struggling under the disadvantage of trying to administer a very large District, and care for a great number of little ones on the charitable impulses of a few. Thus the supposedly popular impression that 'the child is the country's greatest asset' seems to be shared only by a few and overlooked or given scant consideration by our Government as evidenced by the miserly appropriation made for the conduct of the department under which we operate."

Secretary LeHeup in his report also referred to the hardship suffered by many of the mothers in the homes of settlers in this North Land and urged more thought and attention to the welfare of the women as well as the children.

The 52 children cared for at Haileybury Shelter during the year (the average number in residence per month being 14) came from the following places:—Cobalt, 14; Cochrane, 1; Haileybury, 9; Timmins, 5; Iroquois Falls 4; New Liskeard 1; Township of Tisdale, 3; other townships, 18. The Provincial Government maintained 9 of these; parents, 13; municipalities, 7; and the Children's Aid Society, 23.

The financial statement of the Children's Aid Society Shelter at Haileybury for the year ending Nov. 15, 1919, shows receipts from the C. A. S. totalling \$2081.51. The disbursements included: fuel \$172.88; provisions, \$55.94; repairs, \$131.50; clothing, \$65.46; medicine, drugs, etc., \$61.65; telephone \$23.40; salaries, \$305.00; electric light, \$17.68; laundry and cleaning, \$70.15; water rates, \$13.50; house furnishings, \$150.22; cow, \$100.00; sundries, \$14.13; total \$2081.51.

The following is the summary of assets and liabilities:—Assets—cash on hand and in bank, \$31.89; real estate, Shelter building, \$5500.00; furniture, \$500.00; cow, \$100.00; unearned premium on Insurance \$106.94; fuel, \$37.50; maintenance receivable,

\$150.00; total, \$6426.33. Liabilities, owing on Shelter property, \$3500.00; interest, \$600.00; overdraft at bank, \$500.00; bills payable, \$975.21; excess of assets over liabilities, \$851.09; total, \$6426.33.

RETURNED MEN DO NOT LIKE "ALIENS" AS BOSSES.

The following letter has been written to The Advance by a Returned Soldier with a request for publication. It speaks for itself.

Schumacher, Jan. 19th 1920.
To the Editor of The Advance.

Sir:—Having read The Advance since its commencement, I must say I admire your straightforward comments on the "Enemy Aliens" in the Camp.

I would like to point out a few items The Advance seems to have missed. The Advance speaks of the easy times which the "Aliens" have spent in Camp while the boys were holding "Jerry" back in France. I may say that some of them are having a fairly good time even now.

We find "Aliens" at present "bosses" and some of them have various other easy jobs. I wonder if some of the "Shifters" in Camp ever put themselves in the place of the boys who fought to make Canada a "White Man's Country." It does not seem so, to judge by the amount of returned men who have to use a "muck stick." Some of them have Enemy Aliens for bosses at that. No doubt many of The Advance readers will remember the time when some of these Aliens would about pay for the pleasure of working. A goodly number of these "Alien" gentlemen have the deepest sympathy with the "Bolsheviki" and they make no secret of the fact. They will tell you that this country will soon be "Bolsheviki." By these remarks one would think that there might be some Bolsheviki agents in Camp. I passed a remark once that it would be a pleasure to see the last of them leave the Camp. One man seemed to think that the mines would have to close, as some "White Men" did not seem to like mining. I may say that if a "White Man" were given the same chance as these fellows had at the start, that a "White Man" would be able to compete with any "Alien."

Some of these Aliens were nearly led to work and given every chance to learn. A "White Man" usually got fired if he was found "wanting." Let us hope the war has changed things a little, and that a returned man will get a little show now. Surely a man who has spent months in the trenches ought to work under a "White Man" and not a "Bohunk." It's bad enough to have fought these people's relations without having to be "bossed" by them. To judge by the cases on a Police Court day, will one be far wrong in saying that 75 per cent. of the cases are "Alien." Some of them are "well heeled," owing to the war. It's about time they "beat it" and gave a returned man a chance to get "well heeled."

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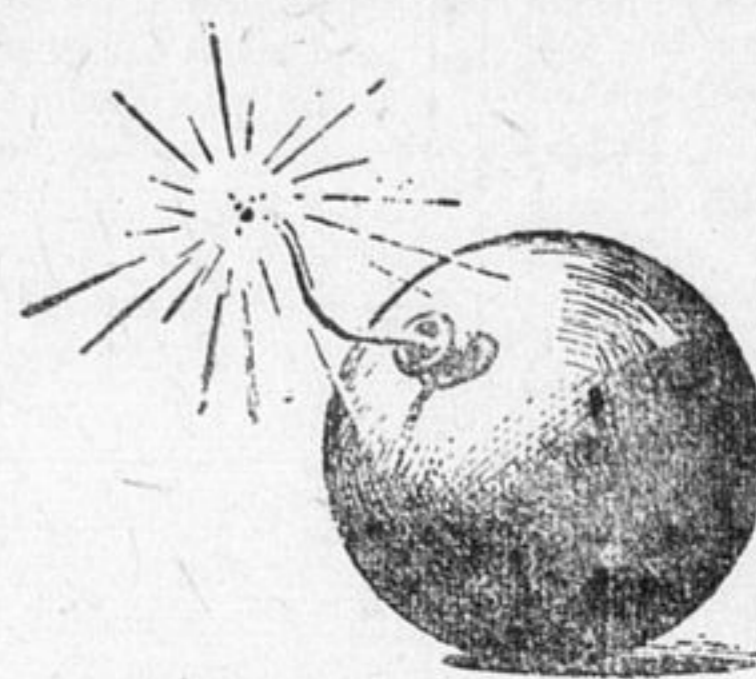
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