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Suggestion to Help Solve School Problem of North

BRITISH COLUMBIA USES CORRESPONDENCE COURSES TO CONTINUE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN IN SPARSELY SETTLED DISTRICTS. PLAN SUCCESSFULLY USED FOR FIVE YEARS. THIS MIGHT HELP SOLVE THE SCHOOL PROBLEM FOR SETTLERS' CHILDREN IN SPARSELY POPULATED DISTRICTS OF THIS NORTH LAND.

In this North Land with its immense distances and with small groups of settlers scattered over its large area, the problem of education for all children is a difficult one indeed. At different times Boards of Trade and others have interested themselves in the problem, the newspapers of the North have kept the question before the public, and no doubt the Ontario Department of Education has anxiously sought for a solution and up to the present, however, the situation has not been remedied. The children of hundreds of settlers have been unable to secure educational facilities. The settlers in many cases are too few to maintain a school of their own, and too distant from an established school to make it practical for their children to attend.

Recently The Advance noted a reference in some of the daily newspapers to the plan adopted by British Columbia to meet just the same sort of difficulty. No details were given but the method seemed to suggest the possibility of at least a partial solution of the problem in the North Land. For five years the Province of British Columbia has been employing correspondence courses to meet the needs of children in outlying sections. Through this method hundreds of children have enjoyed educational advantages who would otherwise have been deprived of these privileges. The Advance wrote the Department of Education at Victoria, B.C., and from Mr. James Hargreaves, the Instructor, Correspondence Courses in Elementary School Subjects, details of the plan were received. Mr. Hargreaves points out that the plan is a blessing to children situated away from schools. In his letter to The Advance, Mr. Hargreaves says:—
 "This work has been carried on in this Province for nearly five years, and has given gratifying results.
 "Our mode of procedure is as follows:—

- (1). The parents write in asking that their children be enrolled for the Course.
 - (2). If eligible, our Application Form is sent to them.
 - (3). On receipt of same, the children are placed in the grades according to the information given in the school records, etc.
 - (4). Lessons 1 to 6, or less, (depending on the distance from post office) are sent. The pupil works lessons 1 to 3 and on completion sends them to this Office (the Office of the Instructor) for correction, and while these are in transit the child is going ahead with lessons 4, 5, and 6. After lessons 1 to 3 are corrected they are returned along with lessons 7, 8 and 9.
 - (5). Our Lessons are prepared and assignments made from the authorized Text books of British Columbia.
 - (6). Tuition, exercise paper and books issued by the Free Text book branch are all furnished free of charge.
 - (7). The child must live over 3 miles from a school.
- The application form referred to is as follows:—
 British Columbia Department of Education.
 Correspondence Courses in Elementary School Subjects.
 Application Form.
 1. Name, Age, and Address.....
 2. Has Applicant ever attended school?

pendence Course, text books and lessons will be forwarded.
 It would appear that the plan successfully carried out in British Columbia would prove of great advantage for this North Land. The matter is urged upon the Ontario Department for the closest consideration. Alberta has already followed the example of British Columbia in this assistance to children who would otherwise be deprived of educational facilities. Boards of Trade and others interested in the North Land might do well to assist in every way in urging the consideration of this plan upon the Ontario Department of Education.

RESULT OF SWEEPSTAKE EVENT LAST SATURDAY.

Saturday afternoon the Timmins Golf Club held another Sweepstake, twenty-four members of the Club taking part in this event. The day was fine for golfing, though threatening rain kept quite a number from participating in this event.
 The lowest net score was made by Mr. J. M. Bowery with a net 64. Messrs C. G. Williams and W. H. Wylie tied for the lowest gross score both these players making an 83. Mr. Williams also came second in the net score with a 65. A. E. Riddell and V. H. Emery coming in third with 66.

The following are the players taking part in the Sweepstake, the gross score, handicap and net score of each.

Dr. H. H. Moore.....	91-22	69
W. H. Wylie.....	83-12	71
J. W. Fogg.....	00-12	00
P. E. Cooper.....	88-16	72
H. M. Steven.....	91-24	67
J. M. Bowery.....	90-26	64
C. G. Williams.....	83-18	65
V. H. Emery.....	86-20	66
W. S. Maeperson.....	102-18	84
J. Sullivan.....	90-12	78
H. C. Garner.....	95-18	77
H. Skavlem.....	115-22	93
J. R. Rutherford.....	00-22	00
S. R. McCoy.....	95-24	71
J. W. Bacon.....	91-14	77
R. W. Robbins.....	104-22	82
R. F. Francis.....	86-18	68
D. Sutherland.....	90-20	70
Chas. M. Auer.....	00-20	00
D. W. O'Sullivan.....	00-20	00
G. H. F. Adams.....	91-22	69
J. Grasset.....	97-22	75
A. E. Riddell.....	88-22	66
Jas. Heppleston.....	99-22	77

A college education usually depends on whether the boy was sent or went of his own accord.

FRUIT BELT SEEMS TO BE COMING FARTHER NORTH

The Advance has never tired of pointing out that any in the South who imagine that the North Land is a place of cold and snow in winter and winter most of the year are labouring under very serious misapprehension. If they think this country a barren sort of wilderness where nothing can grow but hockey teams, they should think some more and something else. It has been proven beyond question or doubt that as a land for the production of garden produce this country is difficult to equal. The finest produce may be grown here—and has been grown here—and is being grown here. The agricultural possibilities of the North Land, believed in some years ago by a few far-sighted people have turned today in actualities, as is evidenced by the prosperous and productive farms near every centre of population in this North Land. To-day no one but a Peter Grant would question the North Land as an agricultural country. And now, anyone with vision can see this North Land as holding its own in the finer and more delicate plants. The growing season seems to be lengthening from year to year, and in any event it appears to be a fact that the winter occupies less of the year and the cold is less severe. The climate of the South seems to come farther north. Last week the "fruit belt" got as far as North Bay. In a year or two it may be around Timmins. Indeed, there are many who believe it to be here already, and in proof of this point to the fruits and flowers that flourish hereabouts. But at least it must be admitted that the "fruit belt" can claim North Bay. In witness whereof read this paragraph from the last issue of The Nugget:—
 "Some of the finest peaches offered for sale in North Bay on Saturday were those grown right in the town limits. These peaches were far larger than the offerings from the Niagara district, had just as nice bloom and appearance and excellent flavor"
 If the "fruit belt" is at North Bay this year, with the improved service on the T. & N. O., Timmins may expect to be in the "fruit belt" next season, with peaches, plums, grapes, and so on, to perfection.

The busy man has few idle visitors; to the boiling pot the flies come not.— Benjamin Franklin.

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