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### Children's Aid Society Work In the Province of Ontario

Many Interesting Facts and Figures in the 31st Annual Report of Superintendent J. J. Kelso. Report for All users of well water should boil the Year of Inspector for Cochrane District C.A.S.

In referring to the number of soci-| contributed generously to the maineties and clubs in town The Advance tenance of the shelters, all realizing last week classed the Children's that prevention is better than cure. Aid Society as a "Patriotic Society." Since the Act of 1921 came into The Advance does not believe that any force many persons have legally adoptother classification would as fully ed their foster children. The unforcover the good work of the Children's tunate position into which the child Aid. For this reason the C.A.S. has been thrust through death or negshould be of special interest to all ligence has been counteracted by the

of Neglected and Dependent Children has been in charge of this work, reviews the activities of the C.A.S.

In the introduction to this, his thirty-first annual report, Mr. Kelso

and dependent children of the Province during the year 1924 has shown much progress. There has been steady growth both in the interest and support of the community and in advanced standards of efficiency. More child born out of wedlock being their children have been materially assisted than ever before, without undue disturbances of the family relationship. Hundreds of our best citizens have given freely of their time and means in the direction of local organization, and this has always been one of the highly commendable features of the work. All who have been in any way associated with the movement have realized that enthusiasm for the children's cause is vital, that indifference retards progress, and that energy and sound sense in administration are bound to produce excellent results."

Mr. Kelso mentions the increased interest manifested throughout the the whole work being carried on by Province in regard to Child Welfare, the C.A.S. In Cochrane District fifsocial clubs and other bodies vieing teen cases have been dealt with by with each other in work for crippled, the District C.A.S. ailing or neglected youngsters. There are also sixty officials now in the Province devoting full time to C.A.S.

In addition to the general work of investigation, interviews, correspondence and other details, regular visiting of children in foster homes has been maintained by Local Superintendents, with the result that the wards of the Society are receiving the best of care.

In addition to keeping foster par cial influences. ents up to the mark and encouraging them in praiseworthy service, the close inspection made has resulted in some instances in children being removed from homes which were not considered altogether suitable or where there was lack of congeniality. These wards have been transferred to other homes without much difficulty.

Mr. Kelso says that much progress has been made in respect to finances. Increasing knowledge of the objects sought and organized effort has resulted in a large amount of money being raised to carry on the work of the various societies. Women's socie- desertion, 120; conditions of poverty, the various societies. ties, municipal councils, fraternal or- 50; death, 73; separation, 32; feeble-

measure of happiness through this The report of the Superintendent Act. Mr. Kelso instances a case of a wealthy lady who was living in conof Ontario for the year 1924 has just stant fear of losing the foster child been published, and in this report Mr. to whom she had become greatly at-J. J. Kelso, who for over thirty years tached. The Act allowed her to legally adopt the child and so set all her anxieties at rest. The Act has many times over demonstrated its value and usefulness, and under its benign provisions, says Mr. Kelso, over two thousand children have been "The work of caring for neglected satisfactorily provided for.

Special attention is given in the report to the "Unmarried Parents Act of 1921." The C.A.S. inspectors are taking the keenest interest in this new work,-the protection of the first thought and secondly the girl who has erred. In 1924 about 1,200 cases were dealt with. Previous to this Act, there was no methodical enforcement of the father's financial responsibility, and when special cases were followed up and funds secured, the amount was either absorbed in expenses, or partly given to the mother, the maintenance of the infant usually devolving upon the municipality or private charity. Under the old system, the fathers were also induced under threats of exposure to give over large sums, without any guarantee that the child would receive proper care. All that is changed by the Act.

The number of children made wards of the C.A.S. during 1924 was 773. of which number 620 were Protestant and 153 Catholic. Mr. Kelso remarks that it will be interesting to note that the total number of children received under the care of the societies and department from the inception of the work to December, 1924 was 24,771. with at least 200,000 other children indirectly aided, protected and in various ways surrounded with benefi-

Of the 773 cases dealt with in 192there were 212 under four years of age; 265 under ten years; and 296 over ten years. The children were dealt with as follows:--placed in foster homes, 277; placed in shelters, 238; placed with parents on probation, 111; placed with relatives, 44; in infants homes, 32; in institutions, 31; in detention homes, 7; in hospitals, 5; in other institutions, 24; died 4.

The chief reasons for committal are given as follows:-Unmarried Mothers, 180; immorality and neglect, 162; 2 ganizations and private citizens have mindedness, 19; cruelty, 7; other causes, 51.

Since the Unmarried Parents Act came into force in 1921, there have been 3,141 cases dealt with under this statute.

A financial statement shows the standing of the various C. A. societies. Cochrane District Society for 1924 had receipts of \$2,754.52; disbursements, \$1,816.04; leaving a surplus of \$938.48.

In connection with the Report for the Province, the following statistics Lo of the Children's Aid Society of Cochrane District, will be of interest:-For period beginning May 1924 to

October 31st, 1924. Applications for children ...... Received from Juvenile Court .... 22

Children made wards of C.A.S... 11 Children sent to Industrial School. 6 Complaints Received ...... 12 Investigations at homes of children 18 Office interviews..... ! Visiting wards outside of City, Court attendances..... 20 Wards visited ...... 20 Warnings given ...... For the period beginning Nov. 1st, to July 30th, 1925. Applications for children ..... 5 Received from Juvenile Court.... 18 Children returned from Shelter to parents (not wards)..... 1 Children made wards of C.A.S... Children sent to Industrial School. . 4 Complaints received ..... 48

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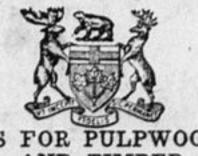
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