

SCHOOL HOUSE ON WHEELS FOR NORTH COUNTRY

Premier Ferguson Giving Special Attention to Assuring Children of North Opportunity for Education.

Premier Ferguson, who is Minister of Education for Ontario, has given special attention and interest to the big problem of providing opportunity for the children of the North Land to secure adequate educational facilities. On account of the sparsely settled sections and other special conditions, there are many unusual difficulties in the way, but Premier Ferguson has faced the problems with noteworthy courage and foresight. He has inaugurated a system of correspondence courses, similar to those used in British Columbia, Alberta and other provinces, so that the children in sparsely settled areas may have a chance for education. This correspondence course plan is now in active operation and is providing education for many who would otherwise be deprived of opportunity for education.

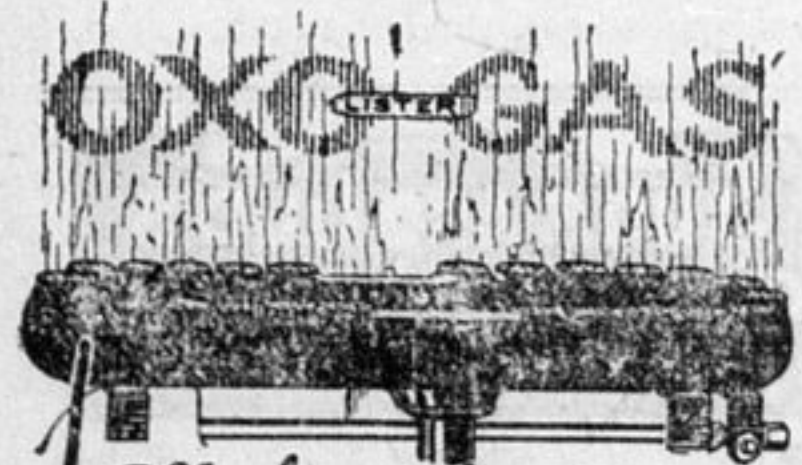
Another of the Premier's educational plans for the north is the travelling school. A despatch last week from Toronto says:—

The "Little Old Red School House" will travel on wheels in Northern Ontario if plans being made by the Ontario Government and the Canadian National Railways are completed. For some time the question of providing proper school accommodation for children at isolated points in the North has been receiving serious consideration by the provincial educational authorities, and it is felt that the difficulty could be solved by having movable schools. After giving the subject thorough consideration it has been virtually decided that the requirements could be met by taking an ordinary Canadian National coach and refitting it up as a portable school. By adopting this method both the school and the teacher could be moved from one section to another and the youth of Northern Ontario could wake up some morning and find their school waiting for them on a convenient siding. S. J. Hungerford, vice-president in charge of the operation has signified every desire to cooperate with the Ontario Government officials in introducing this innovation, and it is probable that test trips will be made with the portable school in the near future. It is presumed that the Ontario Government will supply all the necessary equipment, including the teacher. This does not commit the railways to a definite policy, it is claimed, in the matter of the extension of territory or schedule after the test period is over.

HAPPY SOCIAL EVENING BY KARA SANCTORUM.

On Friday evening last, Kara Sanctorum, No. 153, A. M. O. S., held a delightful social evening in the I. O. O. F. Hall here. In addition to the members of the Oriental lodge there were brothers and sisters from the Oddfellows and the Rebekahs. There was a big crowd and everybody had a pleasant time at cards and there were keen contests. Mrs. N. Leamen, won the lady's first prize, and Mr. J. Brough, the gentlemen's first. Following the cards came a real honest-to-goodness Jiggs dinner—the finest of deliciously cooked corned beef and cabbage, and everything. After this, dancing was enjoyed and this rounded out a very enjoyable evening.

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PLANNING FOR SUMMER CLASSES AT TEMAGAMI

Courses in Bible Study and Sunday School Work. Rev. J. D. Parks Will be Among the Leaders Present.

The third annual session of the Temagami Summer School will be held at Friday's Point, Lake Temagami, from July 19th to 26th. At a recent meeting of the executive at North Bay plans were made for the sessions. It is understood that Rev. Salem G. Bland, D.D., of Toronto, will again be in charge of the Bible study while the Rev. Mansom Doyle, of Toronto, associate secretary for young people's work in the United Church, will take the young people's and boys' work discussion. Miss G. Manuel, who had charge of the girls' work in 1924, will again be at the head of this department. It is planned that Rev. Dr. Tucker, of East Angora, Africa will have charge of the missionary talks.

Plans were further made for the various study groups. The groups on "Stewardship" will be taken by Rev. G. N. Simmons, of New Liskeard. A new study group "the home builders," will be inaugurated this year. The group for young men will be taken by Rev. J. D. Parks, of Timmins, while Mrs. F. A. Bunt, of South River, will conduct the group for young women. Dr. Salem Bland will have charge of the minister study group. Rev. J. C. Cochrane, of North Bay, will be at the head of the recreation and sport programme.

The Summer School expects this year to excel itself in usefulness and success. The Temagami Summer School was started in the summer of 1924, when eighty residents of the North took advantage of its privileges. Last year 110 students were registered for the week and it is expected that this year's registration will show even a larger increase. Some of the student's both room and board at the hotel situated on Friday's Point while others took tents and made it a regular outing. Some of the "tenting" students took their meals in the hotel while others prepared their own.

The school opens every morning at 7.30 o'clock with devotional periods and the remainder of the morning is spent in Bible study and group studies. The afternoons are devoted entirely to recreational purposes. Games are arranged and trips taken around beautiful Lake Temagami. The fishing is unexcelled and followers of

Isaac Walton take special trips in the afternoon while the early morning finds scores of fishermen on the lake. The "twilight talks" are a feature of the evenings. In the past these twilight gatherings were conducted by one person but this year a departure will be made and each evening they will be in charge of a different person.

THIS SHOULD BE A FAR LUCKIER YEAR THAN LAST

Last year there were no less than three occasions where Friday was the thirteenth of the month. "Friday the thirteenth" in three months—February, March and November—would make the year 1925 an unlucky one to anyone who happens to be a fervent believer in signs and superstitious omens. The same superstitious people will think better of the year 1926, as this year has only one "Friday the thirteenth"—in August.

This "thirteenth" superstition recently when a Fundamentalist preacher speaking in Toronto on the meaning of numbers said that thirteen was the number of the devil himself. And any preacher who has gotten the devil's number should be listened to with respect.

THE LEFT HALF-BACK ON ENGLISH TOURING TEAM

Sketch of John W. Booker, to be Here With English F.A. Team on July 7

The following is the sketch by Mr. J. A. H. Catton, of John W. Booker, left half-back on the English F.A. team, to play at Timmins on July 7th:—

JOHN W. BOOKER (left half-back)—An Official in the Customs Department of the Civil Service, Booker is the one amateur in the party. Born at Rochester, Kent, he is an ardent footballer, standing 5 ft. 11 ins. and scaling 170 lbs. Ordinarily he wears pince-nez but discards their aid on the field where any deficiency of vision is corrected by the keenness of his football instincts. Booker played for Southampton (1919-23) and for Nunhead in the Isthmian League (composed of London and Southern amateur clubs) since 1923. Fulfilling various positions in the half-back line as a rule, he has been known to play forward. Learning the game at school, he did not take part in senior football until he was quartered at Southampton.

But since then (1919) he has been selected for 44 representative matches. Three reserve man to England's amateur teams, he has had the pleasure of assisting the Amateurs against the Professionals and has appeared in five different teams chosen by the Football Association. Seventeen times has Booker played for Dorset, seven times for Kent, once for London and six times for the Isthmian League—evidence of ability and enthusiasm. There is no more earnest student of the game. As a player, Booker is very alert—both in attack and defence—and never touches the ball without a purpose.

There were over 70 at the annual banquet of the Haileybury Club last week. The event was a delightful success. Mr. Fred Thompson is the new President of the Club, and Mr. R. W. Douglas the secretary.

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