

# Idea of "Young Ambassadors" Explained by Originator

Extent of Remarkable Plan Outlined to The Advance by Mr. F. L. Lascot, Organizing Director. 250,000 Boys and Girls Wrote in Competition Conducted by Allied Newspapers of Great Britain.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found reference to the visit here on Sunday afternoon and evening of the party of over fifty young men and young women from Britain on a tour of Canada. This party is generally known as "The Young Ambassadors of Empire," and many having enquired as to particulars in regard to the plan under which the tour is made, The Advance on Sunday evening interviewed Mr. Frank L. Lascot, O.B.E., who is the organizing director of the

tour. Mr. Lascot originated this great Empire educational movement on national and practical lines, and wonderful success has attended the plan. The value to Canada is great indeed, as the plan involved the study of Canada by literally hundreds of thousands of young people in Great Britain. To The Advance Mr. Lascot repeated the fact already published in these columns that the fifty young people enjoying this tour of seven weeks

through Canada are the winners of the travel awards in the \$100,000 Empire Free Travel and Scholarship scheme inaugurated at the beginning of April this year by the Allied Newspapers, the largest and most influential group of newspapers in Great Britain. The co-operation of the Canadian National Railways and the Cunard Steamship Company was secured, and it may be noted that the T. & N. O. Railway also gave very generous assistance in the tour through this section of Canada.

"School pupils were asked to write an essay on Canada," said Mr. Lascot, "the prizes being the fine tour and the scholarship awards. Over 250,000 boys and girls entered the contest. It can easily be imagined what an interest the competition aroused in regard to Canada. The entrants were invited to qualify for the travel awards and the scholarships by answering a series of "General Knowledge" questions on popular Empire subjects. These questions were published daily over a period of four weeks, being carefully graded in six sections, according to the ages of the candidates. Every encouragement was given for reference and other suitable books to be studied freely. It was urged that libraries be searched for information and that the questions be discussed with teachers, fellow-scholars, leading men and women, parents, anyone and everyone who might help. In this way the democratic spirit of the plan was sustained and immense interest roused in the scheme among all classes and peoples."

Mr. Lascot mentioned one boy, a miner's son from Northumberland, who, though without arms since birth, showed his gallant British pluck and resourcefulness by learning the answers to the various questions and writing them out with a pen held in the toes of one foot. He referred to other remarkable cases of enterprise and talent brought out in unexpected places.

"So wholeheartedly did teachers, parents, employers and others responsible for the guidance of youth give their support to the plan," said Mr. Lascot, "that I feel sure that, directly and indirectly, it is safe to say that considerably over a million people took an active and intimate interest in the progress of the plan. Surely this means a wonderful work in making Canada known in the Old Land!"

There was no political purpose in the plan, Mr. Lascot said. "It was not even designed to influence immigration. It was above all else a patriotic effort in Empire education, the outstanding aim of which is to induce a fuller conception of the true meaning of citizenship in the Empire."

Mr. Lascot referred to three powerful factors contributing to the success

## TREASURER'S SALE OF LAND FOR ARREARS OF TAXES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITNEY, DISTRICT OF COCHRANE

By virtue of a warrant issued by the Reeve of the Township of Whitney bearing date the 10th day of July, 1928, and to me directed, commanding me to levy upon the several lands being in the Township of Whitney, mentioned and described in the following list of arrears of taxes respectively due thereon and costs, I hereby give notice pursuant to The Assessment Act and amendments that unless the said arrears and taxes and costs be sooner paid I shall on Friday, 23rd November, 1928, at 10 a.m., at the Township Hall, at Porcupine, proceed to sell by public auction so much of the said lands as may be sufficient to discharge the taxes and lawful costs incurred in and about the sale and collection of same.

The following lands are all patented.

No.	Parcel	Acres	Year	Arrears	Costs	Comm'n	Total	Name
1	Queen 101	1-10	1924-5-6-7	\$4.06	\$1.50	.25	\$5.81	W. P. Campsall, Porcupine
2	Queen 102	1-10	1924-5-6-7	4.06	1.50	.25	5.81	do.
3	Queen 103	1-10	1924-5-6-7	4.06	1.50	.25	5.81	do.
4	Queen 113	1-10	1924-5-6-7	4.06	1.50	.25	5.81	do.
5	Queen 114	1-10	1924-5-6-7	4.06	1.50	.25	5.81	do.
6	Queen 163	1-10	1924-5-6-7	4.06	1.50	.25	5.81	do.
7	Queen 168	1-10	1924-5-6-7	39.03	1.50	.98	41.51	do.
8	Queen 169	1-10	1924-5-6-7	4.06	1.50	.25	5.81	do.
9	Queen 170	1-10	1924-5-6-7	4.06	1.50	.25	5.81	do.
10	Queen 171	1-10	1924-5-6-7	4.06	1.50	.25	5.81	do.
11	Queen 172	1-10	1924-5-6-7	4.06	1.50	.25	5.81	do.
12	Queen 173	1-10	1924-5-6-7	5.74	1.50	.25	7.49	do.
13	Queen 174	1-10	1924-5-6-7	5.74	1.50	.25	7.49	M. Hodgins, South Porcupine
14	Queen 175	1-10	1924-5-6-7	5.74	1.50	.25	7.49	do.
15	Queen 182	1-10	1924-5-6-7	5.74	1.50	.25	7.49	do.
16	Queen 183	1-10	1924-5-6-7	5.74	1.50	.25	7.49	do.
17	Queen 184	1-10	1924-5-6-7	4.06	1.50	.25	5.81	do.
18	Queen 185	1-10	1924-5-6-7	4.06	1.50	.25	5.81	W. P. Campsall, Porcupine
19	Queen 186	1-10	1924-5-6-7	4.06	1.50	.25	5.81	do.
20	3 N.W. S. 7	40	1924-5-6-7	195.51	1.50	4.88	201.89	do.
21	3 N.E. N. 8	13	1924-5-6-7	128.62	1.50	3.21	133.33	do.
22	2 N. 1/2 8	160	1925-6-7	530.92	1.50	13.27	545.49	Donaldson, et al, Detroit
23	4 N.W. S. 4	40	1925-6-7	137.69	1.50	3.44	142.63	E. Hussler, Grafton
24	4 S.E. S. 4	40	1925-6-7	137.69	1.50	3.44	142.63	do.
25	4 N.E. S. 5	40	1925-6-7	140.08	1.50	3.50	145.08	McKinley, et al, Richardson, Porep'n
26	3 N.W. N. 7	40	1925-6-7	144.65	1.50	3.61	149.76	McEnany Est. Toronto
27	3 S.W. N. 7	40	1925-6-7	144.65	1.50	3.61	149.76	do.
28	5 N.E. S. 9	40	1925-6-7	144.31	1.50	3.60	149.41	G. H. McMichael, Buffalo
29	King 13	1-10	1925-6-7	70.17	1.50	1.75	73.42	M. Gowan, Est. Ottawa
30	3 S 1/2 12	160	1925-6-7	530.92	1.50	13.27	545.69	R. B. Rankin, Toronto

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of the scheme. The Allied Newspapers (notably the Daily Sketch, Sunday Graphic, Sunday Times, Daily Dispatch, Newcastle North Mail and Glasgow Daily Record) supported the plan with rare ability and earnestness. The Canadian National Railways, president, directors and staff, and the Cunard Steamship Company, were equally generous and helpful. The Canadian National Railways made themselves responsible for the free transportation of the party in Canada and for the programme of the party on their tour here.

Mr. Lascot pointed out that in recent years there have been many parties on tour of public school boys and teachers, but such opportunities were naturally open only to those who could afford heavy fares and other expenses. The "Young Ambassador" tour on the other hand was planned to bring the opportunity within reach of all in the British Isles, free and without restriction, irrespective of class or means, the type of school attended or the employment followed.

The plan was open to all between the ages of 8 and 21 years. Those between 14 and 21 were eligible for 50 Free Travel awards, entitling the holders to participate in the Canadian tour, and those between 8 and 14 were offered 24 home scholarships of \$250 each, to be devoted exclusively to the general educational advancement of the winners. The young man or young woman at college and school and employed in business or industry have been afforded, for the first time, the opportunity to see one noteworthy part of the Empire.

There were literally tons of worked papers to examine and pass upon. It was easily the greatest public examination on record at one time. For three weeks a large body of experts were busy at the work of examining and marking the papers. Then came the final personal selection of the 25 young men and 25 young women from 200 selected candidates. The selected fifty were given a "send-off" luncheon at the Mansion House, London, presided over by the Lord Mayor of London, at which many notables, including Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, premier of Ontario, were present.

Mr. Lascot commented further that the plan has the hearty support of leaders in every walk of life in Britain, including:—H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of York, Premier Baldwin, Mr. L. S. Amery, Lord Birkenhead, Mr. J. H. Thomas, M.P., Sir John Simon, Lord Burnham, and many others. The Prince of Wales invited the party to visit his ranch in Alberta on their tour.

At Ottawa the party were given a wonderful reception by the Governor-General and Lady Willingdon.

"What I am most pleased about," said Mr. Lascot, "is the fine representative character of the fifty 'Young Ambassadors' themselves. Every part of the country and all grades of society are represented. College, school, office and workshop have equal honours. You will find here the daughter of a church dignitary, the son of a ship's plater, the son of a football trainer, a girl telephonist and others from various walks in life, now all travelling together in fine fellowship and true democratic spirit, the spirit of your own country of Canada."

Mr. Lascot referred to the tour as the pioneer venture in a movement, which it is hoped will embrace all the

quarters of the several Dominions. Through this great plan it is desired and believed that the youth of Britain will achieve the personal touch with their compatriots overseas and bring back to their homes a personal knowledge and appreciation of the great Empire.

Mr. Lascot also spoke appreciatively of the good fortune of the plan in having Lady Marjorie Dalrymple and Mr. Kenneth Lindsay to supervise the personal interests of the "Young Ambassadors" on their tour. Further, he did not forget to express thanks and approval for the co-operation and efficient support of the railway representatives, and the kindly reception received everywhere in Canada by the party.

Born—At St. Mary's hospital, Timmins, to Mr. and Mrs. John Montgomery, 86 Wendé avenue,—a daughter.

THURSDAY Bulletin

Miss Roberta Labrosse, recent graduate of the Timmins Business College, left Sunday for Ottawa, where she has accepted a position in the Sun Life Insurance Office. Miss Nel-da VanHorn, Monteith, Ont., another graduate of the Timmins Business College has accepted a position as Stenographer in the main office of the Abitibi Pulp and Paper Co., Iroquois Falls, Ont.

Miss Loretta Robillard is among the latest enrollments at the Timmins Business College.

Graduation Diplomas have been received for the following:—Misses G. Poulin, M. Laprairie, R. Labrosse, R. McAlendin, E. DeHeire and Messrs G. Lenchuk, R. Paul, E. Aho, O. Huh-ta, M. McNulty. Typewriting certificates have also been received for those who were not awarded medals.

The following are the results of the June and July theory exams:

Jr. Sten. (honours) Isa Cotcher 100, E. Burke 86, Sarah Judge 79.

Int. Sten. (honours), C. Charette 96. Pass: Sarah Judge 68, Chas. Brazeau 65, Mildred Niemi 60.

Sr. Sten. (honours) Elva Wilkes 100. Pass: Chas Brazeau 70.

Jr. Book—Helen Matson 58, Mildred Niemi 40.

Int. Book (honours) C. Charette 94. Pass: M. Pichuta 63.

Spelling (honours) Helen Matson 92, M. Pichuta 88, Elva Wilkes 88, Chas Brazeau 84, E. Goode 80. Pass: M. Niemi 64. Other marks: E. Burke 48.

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