

Temiskaming M.P.P. Speaks on Education

Says Studies Should Teach Youth to Live Along Right Lines.

(By Frank Chamberlain)

That Ontario's educational system should be adjusted from time to time to fit the needs of the youth of the province is the firm belief of William Glennie Nixon, M.L.A., for Temiskaming who has taken an active part in the proceedings of the Ontario Legislature during the session now closing. This opinion was expressed in an interview in Toronto.

Himself a pioneer of Ontario—and his father before him—Mr. Nixon for many years a member of the New Liskeard School Board, contended that Ontario's primary and secondary schools, particularly the rural schools, should emphasize training in agriculture, and devote more time to the study of current affairs and economics.

"There is nothing quite so important in this world as the business of living," Mr. Nixon said recently in an interview. "Young people ought to be trained how to live. It isn't enough to cram knowledge into them. Youth should be taught the value of the dollar, the common sense of thrift, the problems of economics, how world affairs affect their own lives, and how businesses are operated."

Young people are leaving Ontario schools and trying to enter the business world "without a knowledge of the

simplest rules of business," Mr. Nixon said. Youth, he contended, could be saved from much disappointment if they were adequately trained for active participation in the business world.

He commended the provincial department of education and its Minister for recent changes in the educational system which indicated that the curriculum would be altered to fit the needs of the boys and girls of Ontario.

Born on a farm at Korah, west of Sault Ste. Marie, Mr. Nixon has had opportunity to study the problems of agriculture affecting Northern Ontario. Agriculture has been his life study, and his goal in life, he said, is to see that Northern Ontario comes into its own not only in the development of its mineral and timber resources, but in the growth of its agricultural possibilities.

For 33 years William Glennie Nixon lived and worked on a farm. "It was a pioneer farm," he related. "My parents were born in the County of Bruce, of Irish-Scottish background, and went to the Soo when they were married. They cleared and developed their own farm. It took a long time. I was brought up on the farm, worked on the farm with my elder brother and my father. Our job was to cut pulp wood, and saw logs and fuel logs, as well as to clear the land. Most of the work was done by hand then. We cut hay by hand, and cradled and bound our grain by hand."

"How did you get into the political life of Ontario?" he was asked. "It came to me naturally. My father and Sir William Hearst were close friends. My father was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Council. The welfare of the province was one of the table topics

at our home ever since I can remember, and I just naturally grew into a love for public life. When I realize the greater opportunity for service it gives me, I hope to stay in public life for many years to come."

After his early education, Mr. Nixon went to the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph, graduating in 1914. He had taken the course known as "special agriculture option." His chief interest was in livestock of all classes. His first job was with the Ontario Department of Agriculture. He was sent to New Liskeard as agricultural representative and remained there until the spring of 1917.

Then he was moved to Monteth where he was in charge of the Soldier Settlement Scheme. He was in charge of the districts between Monteth and Kapuskasing and also directed the demonstration farm at New Liskeard and Monteth.

He moved back to New Liskeard in the fall of 1919 and was appointed agricultural representative and superintendent of the demonstration farm. Later he confined his attention to the demonstration farm, and continued in that position until 1932 when he was engaged by the Land Settlement Board as chief supervisor in the districts of Temiskaming and Cochrane.

"Many of those land settlement schemes failed," Mr. Nixon said. "Looking back on the various attempts made to settle families on the land, I am now fully persuaded that the development of a pioneer farm is just the same to-day as it was when my father pioneered. Conditions have changed, perhaps, but the pioneer farmer must be willing to work. He must have an inherent love of the land in his blood. He must be

soil-minded, and ready to sacrifice and suffer."

In the spring of 1934 Mr. Nixon resigned from his position to enter the provincial election. In the House and in committee service, he has generously contributed his knowledge of agricultural problems of Northern Ontario.

In private life, Mr. Nixon is in the insurance business at New Liskeard. "But I'm an agriculturist at heart," he smiled.

But more than that, he is a family man. One of the great joys of his life is his family. He and Mrs. Nixon have a family of four girls and one boy.

His pet hobby is curling. He is a member of the New Liskeard Curling Club.

He is a member of the Temiskaming A.F. & A.M., and a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Asked for what he believed to be the secret of winning success in life, Mr. Nixon said: "I believe that application to one's own work, regardless of what it is, is very essential, if one is to succeed. We should realize that it is not always possible to accomplish what we would like to, but we should do the best with what we have. And I believe, too, that an appreciation of one's fellow men is of fundamental value."

He cautioned youth to "be careful to place the right emphasis on the things of life." He said: "There is so much that is worthwhile in the world to-day, there isn't time for youth to waste efforts and time on frothy worthless pursuits."

Toronto Telegram: If they keep on saddling taxes on individuals, soon they will be kicking over the traces.

Twenty Years Ago In Timmins and Porcupine

Twenty years ago to-day there wasn't a train whistle to be heard in the camp. They'd given up trying to run the T. & N. O. with only one snowplow from Cochrane to North Bay. One of those pleasant March snowstorms had descended on the country and from the looks of things at the time, the railway would just have to wait until the snow thawed.

While that was going on in the North Hon. G. Howard Ferguson has introduced a bill to the legislature putting a close season from April 15th to September 30th on setting out fish fires.

Five hundred and forty-five names appeared on The Advance's honour roll of overseas service. During the spring of 1917, the Allies were in a bad way across the Atlantic. The drive to secure men in Canada was in full force. War loans were being raised at an unprecedented rate. Lieutenant Gordon was in Timmins recruiting men for a forestry unit here. He wanted bushmen, teamsters, sawyers, setters, mechanics and office men. In Halleybury Major Gordon had been raising a unit and Mayor J. E. McCuaig of that town had signed. The names of men and officers in the 159th battalion were filed at the Timmins town hall. McIntyre mine had just announced a subscription of \$100,000 to the new war loan.

Deeds of blood on the T. & N. O. track bespoke a tragedy in Timmins twenty years ago. But police investigation revealed that a dog had been struck by an engine and its body was buried in the snow.

The town of Timmins was having a hard time twenty years ago getting a man to fill the job of tax collector and assessor. They had offered the job to A. H. Cooke who had refused to take it. They finally settled on W. S. Macpherson. The council of that day was trying to set out a building by-law. They decided for instance, to allow brick veneer construction within the town's fire limit. In those days they were talking twenty or thirty years in the life of the camp!

Gordon Wilson, C.X.L. (now C.L.L.) representative in Timmins, was being transferred to Nelson, British Columbia. Some of his friends, John W. Fogg, C. E. Hall, D. Oströsser and C. G. Williams presented him with a club bag before he left. A special show was run off at the New Empire theatre for Mr. Wilson's benefit.

Deloro township, The Advance said twenty years ago would be the second township to be the home of big producing mines. For a while it looked as though Kamicoitia might beat Deloro, but to-day Buffalo-Ankerite, Delnite, Paymaster and other mines, have brought the prediction to fulfillment. The Slade-Forbes Asbestos company had shipped a ton of asbestos to Cincinnati by express, another mining item said. The mineral had been valued at \$800 and the express cost \$90. There was a talk of a mill at the property. Gold production in 1916 was \$9,800,000. The Advance said, bringing the total gold produced in the Porcupine to \$28,652,277.

Those appointed to the board of directors of Byrnes United church here twenty years ago were: Dr. J. A. McInnis, G. R. Vary, K. L. DeLong, L. E. Dorway, Gordon Irving, J. W. Faithful, D. Mackie, J. K. Moore and M. B. Scott. "Chief Craft is holding a series of tag days for dogs," said an Advance item twenty years ago.

A fire at Dalton's livery late in March 1917, had been caused by faulty wiring, it was reported. There was little damage.

Marshall Eccleston's decided to add to their building at the corner of Pine and Third twenty years ago this week. Private N. Martin, wounded soldier, had a pleasant surprise twenty years ago this week when he walked into the main office of the Hollinger to sell A. R. Globe a magazine subscription. Mr. Globe offered him a job on the Hollinger staff. Mr. Martin accepted.

Vincent Woodbury had good news from Texas twenty years ago when he learned that his wife and son had escaped injury in a train wreck. They had been on their way to visit El Paso when the train went through a bridge weakened by Mexican insurgents, it was believed. The train was a complete wreck and although they lost their baggage, the Woodburys suffered no more than a bad shaking up.

Among those mentioned in the local column of The Advance twenty years ago were Albert Demers, P. ("Cut") Woodward, Joseph Hewitt and Chester S. Bass.

Editor Shot but Sends Despatch Before He Dies

From Alturas, California, comes the story of a common quarrel between the editors of rival papers, and the rather uncommon action of one editor in sending out by wire a signed statement of how he was fatally shot. In the despatch he said his condition was serious. In a short time he proved the truth of this part of his news telegram by passing away. He named Harry French as the man who shot him. French surrendered voluntarily to the police. The police say that there had been a feud between the French family, publishers of one newspaper at Alturas and Claude L. McCracken, publisher of a mimeographed journal known as The Modoc Mail. McCracken was taken to the hospital after the shooting. His wife attended him as the nurse on duty. He died as his wife assisted the surgeons who probed for the bullets.

Collier's magazine:—When Madame de Maintenon became the consort of Louis XIV of France in 1684 she had her physician bleed her once or twice a week so she would not blush so easily at the stories told at the royal court, which was reputed to be one of the most licentious in history.

Rocco Strange Back After His Acquittal

Former Porcupine Resident Returns Home Again, Free of Old Charge.

Rocco Strange, as he has been known in the North for some thirty years, and Rocco Esposito, as the Pennsylvania authorities called him, is back to his home in Canada after being tried at Newcastle, Pennsylvania, on a charge of the murder of a fellow countryman some thirty years ago. Rocco had been living for some years near Kirkland Lake, and he was arrested there on New Year's Eve on the murder charge. He waived extradition and proceeded at once to Newcastle, asking an early trial, and asserting his innocence.

Last week-end he returned to Canada, after being acquitted of the charge against him. The Toronto Telegram on Saturday published the following interview with Rocco:—

Claims Old "Police Grudge Inspired Murder Charge

As unconcerned as if he was returning from a week-end in Atlantic City, and appearing just about as healthy, Rocco Esposito, with the weight of a 30-year-old murder charge lifted from his shoulders, arrived in Toronto today on his way home to Kirkland Lake. Carrying an old suitcase held together by rope, and wearing a leather jacket with a dubious fur collar, Rocco stepped off the train at the Union Station and readily answered all questions.

The 56-year-old Italian, who has been a naturalized citizen of Canada for 17 years, maintained that he felt no elation whatsoever in his recently-attained freedom. "I was innocent," he said. "I knew I was innocent. I wasn't worried."

Showed Little Emotion

Rocco showed only one emotion—a certain rancour directed against Detective Frank Costa, the special Pennsylvania investigator who tracked him to Kirkland Lake in his search for the man wanted in New Castle, Pa., to answer to the charge of murdering Francesco Romeo on October 7, 1906. He maintained that Costa had been actuated by a "grudge" because of his part in the apprehension of "a friend of Costa's" who Rocco declared was now serving a 60-year sentence for murder.

"When I was working for the police up north I found this man who was wanted for killing three men at All-Right, Pennsylvania," Rocco said. "I told the police and he was arrested and convicted of murder. Costa has been after me ever since."

Was Well Treated

At the same time, Rocco Esposito or Rocco Strange, as he is known in Kirkland Lake, admitted that he had been wonderfully well treated by the Pennsylvania authorities. "I think maybe," he said, "it was because I did not fight them, but went back without any question." Rocco waived extradition and submitted readily when Costa caught up with him during a birthday celebration at Rocco's northern home.

"Why did you disappear and change your name right after Francesco's murder?" The Telegram asked him.

Rocco shook his head with a wry smile.

"Was it the Black Hand?" the reporter persisted.

"Yes, the Black Hand," he said. "They were after me."

Rocco declared that the Black Hand were responsible for the murder but would not say how or why.

Fled From Black Hand

"Were you mixed up with this organization?"

"No, never," he replied. "But I know they were looking for me, so I quit."

According to the story as pieced together by Detective Costa, Romeo Francesco had been a policeman in Reggio, Italy, had been discharged for slaying a member of the Mafia or Black Hand and had fled to the United States, where the feared death-dealing organization had their revenge.

Despite his experience in the tolls of the law, Rocco said that he would continue to work for the police in Northern Ontario if he could. He did not feel any different, he said, about persons who came afraid of the authorities.

Rocco didn't know whether he still had his special policeman's job with the Ontario Mining Association or not but he showed no concern in this respect, either.

"I just want to see my wife and four children," he said. "They always knew I was innocent. They will be glad to see me."

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As to what name he will bear from now on, Rocco didn't much care. "Strange," he said, "is my father's name. Esposito my mother's name. Both my names. I don't care which. They're mine."

His incarceration proved a blessing in disguise for the middle-aged Italian. While awaiting trial he put on 25 pounds and received treatment for an acute indigestion ailment which resulted in a cure.

Rocco was accompanied from New Castle to Niagara Falls by Sheriff Edward Pritchard and Deputy Sheriff B. Hartland, of Orange County, Pa.

Esposito's 31-year-old trail led from the United States, back to Italy, to Belgium where he was married, and finally Northern Ontario.

Special Services at Salvation Army

Adjutant Fred Barker, of Toronto Conducting Series of Meetings Here.

Beginning on Saturday evening at eight o'clock, the special series of services at the Salvation Army Citadel have been attracting many here. Adjutant Fred Barker of Toronto is conducting the series of evangelistic meetings.

The series continues this week with the following subjects: To-night, 8 o'clock: "Resurrection and Life."

Tuesday, 8:00 p.m.: "God First."

Wednesday, 8 p.m.: "The True Vine."

Thursday, 8:00 p.m.: "Teaching of the Road," Part I, Responsibility.

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(Yarmouth Telegram)

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