

District of Cochrane Children's Aid Society Work for Year Reviewed

Hundreds of Children Helped During the Past Year. Juvenile Court Work a Feature of C. A. S. Effort. Number of Improvements Made at Children's Aid Shelter for the District.

The following is the report for the past year of the District of Cochrane Children's Aid Society, as submitted to the annual meeting of the Society last week by the local superintendent, A. G. Carson:

Ladies and Gentlemen:—That the thousands of men and women in our prisons were once little children is a truth so obvious that it may seem absurd to mention it. Perhaps it is too obvious, for so few people seem to grasp the significance of it all. Of course it is impossible to tell how many life-tragedies might have been averted, had they been given a fair chance as children. Even in these days, thousands of little children spend their earliest years under conditions which make it appear almost a miracle if they grow up honest, sober and capable of making a living. The Children's Aid Society, with the help of those who appreciate the value of child-life, moral and spiritual as well as physical, stand for the protection and up-lift of those helpless children in danger of becoming the prison, or slum population of the next generation. It stands for more than that. It cares for the child in jeopardy because of the inability of its own parents to bring it up right. It would amaze most people to know of the appeals for help the Society receives on behalf of children "beyond control" or victims of bad habits, which those responsible are unable to check. It is a fact that there are many parents who are incompetent and should not have the care of children. It would not only be unjust but foolish to refuse help to such children. The Children's Aid Society prides itself on being remarkably comprehensive and free from red-tape. There is no question of class, creed, parentage, or anything else but need. Each case is dealt with entirely on its own merits and with a minimum of delay. At the same time whilst helping the children, care is taken to avoid relieving the parents of their responsibility. As to the methods of dealing with cases, there is much variety; children and their needs differ so much that different methods of meeting those needs have to be employed. The Society works, not in competition, but in co-operation with other Societies and Child-Welfare organizations.

Protection

At the beginning of the year there were 64 cases open and 111 new cases were received during the year. At the end of the twelve-month period 113 cases had been closed leaving 62 cases open. There were 143 children involved, 356 office interviews and 320 visits made. In all we attended 36 court cases, 7 children being made permanent wards and 6 being made temporary wards for 1 year, 1 previous temporary wardship extended one year.

A review of 11 cases showed that the difficulties which developed were due to illness of parents, separation of parents, moral neglect, physical neglect, delinquency of children, drunkenness, marital discord and desertion. In every instance the aim of the Society is to build up the home and remove the cause for neglect, rather than to remove the child. The saving in actual dollars to the municipalities by this constructive work of the Society is stupendous, since each child committed by the court to the Children's Aid Society is a potential liability to the taxpayers.

Unmarried Parent's Act

The administration of this Act demands a great deal of time and attention especially when the parties live in remote parts of the district. In all cases an effort is made to contact the putative father and make him responsible for the maintenance of the child. At the beginning of the year we had 31 cases and 45 were opened during the following twelve months, 38 cases were closed, leaving 10 to be carried over to this year. To properly enforce the Act in this district would require the full time of one worker.

Juvenile Court

This year there has been a slight increase in the number of juveniles before the court: 109 boys and 1 girl were charged and 12 boys and 1 girl were committed to Training School; 20 were dismissed and 77 placed on parole for periods ranging from 3 months to 1 year. As in the past the Juvenile Court Committees of Timmins and Tisdale Township have been of great assistance in investigating the cases and supervising the boys while on parole. The different police organizations have also shown the usual interest and co-operation in dealing with juveniles.

A summary of all the work reveals the following facts: 1,308 field visits, 1,215 office interviews, 23,000 miles travelled, 1,252 letters received and 1,809 sent out. These figures express the size of our work work in a more tangible form.

The Shelter

During the past year, the shelter has been handicapped by not having a permanent matron and has consequently been run largely on an emergency basis. Following the loss of Mrs. Condie, the shelter was for a number of months entirely without a full time matron. In the middle of June, Mrs. E. Burnett, formerly of the Hamilton Children's Aid Society, was appointed, but owing to ill health was able to remain only three months. Following this we were again without a matron for some time but in December were fortunate to be able to secure Mrs. H.

Boyd, R.N. who has been with us since. During the entire period, the shelter has assumed the role of a clearing house where supervision and training are given to children with physical and behaviour problems, until such times as suitable foster homes can be found. This year 27 different children ranging from 10 days old to 16 years of age were given care in the shelter a total of 2,293 days care. Our average family over the year has been 8. Some of the children must of necessity be there for some considerable time and because of this an effort has been made, since Mrs. Boyd's arrival, to make the shelter more of a family unit. With the assistance of generous friends it has been possible to do considerable alterations in the dining room which has been remodelled and is now a homey bright room with attractive furnishings. The attic, formerly a large dormitory has been converted into a much needed playroom. Space does not permit us to acknowledge each gift individually, but we wish to express our thanks to those friends of the Children's Aid Society who have made these changes possible.

Children in Care

We began the year with a family of 187 children in care and during the year we have found it necessary to admit another 57, but were able to release 36, thus leaving us at the end of the year with 208. The supervision of these children for whom this Society is wholly responsible, involves all the responsibilities and duties of parenthood for the physical and mental welfare of their children. This enormous task would be impossible without the generous and sympathetic co-operation of our foster parents whom we have learned to rely on as an integral part of our staff. The significance of the contribution of these "Substitute Parents" becomes apparent when it is pointed out that 58 of our children are in boarding homes, 71 in adoption homes, 14 in wage homes, 53 in free homes, and only 6 in institutions, 4 being cared for in mental hospitals and 2 in correctional institutions. The fundamental needs of every child are twofold: security and achievement. To feel secure the child needs love, affection and a home in which he is understood and appreciated. To be able to achieve, he must be allowed to develop his own individuality, while learning to live in harmony with the aims and objects of other people. With these two factors in mind, foster homeliving becomes of major importance. Last year 44 new foster homes were investigated, involving 208 visits to homes, references, doctors and ministers and 66 visits in search of suitable homes. The placement of a child in a foster home involves intelligent understanding of both child and foster home before placement and after. The supervision of these children last year means a total of 892 visits and 651 office interviews in the interest of the children. These figures, when interpreted, mean placements, replacements, returning children to their own homes, medical and dental care, clothing, school problems, finding jobs, difficulties of adjustment in foster homes and communities, consultations with doctors, nurses and teachers as well as countless other tasks.

Adoption Homes

One of the most pleasant experiences in our work is making out legal adoption papers for a child, who for one reason or another has been deprived of the security of his own home. Last year 20 adoptions were completed by court action and an additional 71 children are on adoption probation, an increase of almost 50% over last year. It is interesting to note that of these children, 31 are boys and 40 are girls, approximately 90% of whom are under 5 years of age. Legal adoption makes it possible for a child to receive a permanent home, the rightful heritage of every child; to take the name of the adoptive parents and to become one of the family in the fullest meaning.

It is not infrequent to hear soon after placing a child, such exclamations as this: "I don't know what we would do without Jimmie; we have already forgotten that he is not our own!" We then feel well repaid for the careful investigation of the histories of both child and adopting parents in attempting to fit the child into the best home suited for him, for we see the incomplete family picture rounded out by the addition of a child. Welfare workers have found that by making a complete record and history on each individual case they are able to analyze and follow up their cases more thoroughly. This involves much tactful investigation as well as a great deal of clerical work.

Press and Radio

The press throughout the district and also the radio have been of great service in keeping the work of the Society before the public. During our campaign for funds this service was of great value.

In conclusion I wish to thank all those who have contributed in any way to the work, special mention being made of the valuable free service given the children by the dentists of Timmins and Tisdale Township.

To our president, Mr. P. H. Laporte the directors and the staff, I extend my sincere thanks for their co-operation throughout the year.

A. G. CARSON, Local Superintendent.

Girls Replacing Men In Machine Shop Play Big Part in T.C.A. Wartime Maintenance



Trans-Canada Air Lines is unique among commercial transport operators on this continent with respect to the employment of women. They are replacing men who have joined the Armed Forces. No other operator carries as great a proportion of women on its payroll as does the T.C.A.

Girls are now employed in the instrument, engine, accessories and propeller shops and they prefer this mechanical work to clerical occupations. In addition, they are making a very direct contribution to the war effort since Trans-Canada Air Lines overhauls a great deal of R.C.A.F. equipment. The girls work a 48-hour week under the



same conditions as the men. Their employment is only for the duration of the war. The pictures: Upper left—Miss Eva Grant is shown grinding a valve. Upper right—Miss Mary Goshlake assembles the ignition harness which carries the high

voltage to spark T.C.A.'s powerful aircraft engines. Lower right—Miss Mary Baverstock is putting the finishing touches to a course-setting bomb sight, the instrument being a part of the equipment which women help to overhaul at T.C.A. shops for the R.C.A.F.

Lawrence Defoe, Noted Canadian Tenor Charms Recital Audience Here

Vocalist Gives Recital at McIntyre Arena. Music Lovers Hear Favourite Selections. Mr. Michael Rose, Local Artist, Gives Violin Selections.

An attractive and appreciative audience assembled in the Concert Auditorium of the McIntyre Arena on Tuesday evening to listen to the vocal numbers of Mr. Lawrence Defoe, noted Canadian tenor, of Toronto.

Mr. Defoe possesses a fine robust tenor voice of fine tonal quality and wide range. In his lower register the quality of his production approached the sonority of a high baritone while his upper registers were of a decidedly lighter quality. His various selection demonstrated a fine knowledge of the mechanics of voice production, coupled with a nice appreciation of the interpretation of the compositions. Barring one or two exceptions the solos were of a type which could easily be grasped and enjoyed by the listener of a very limited musical education, and no doubt such a voice greatly enhanced the enjoyment of the programme as a whole.

Perhaps the highlights of his songs were "Lord Renald," a Somerset Folk Song by Sharp; "Have You Seen but a Whyte Lillie Grow," an old English

ballad of the sixteenth century; and the "Lord's Prayer," by Malotte. All of these demanded echoes which were responded to in a humorous vein by the obliging artist.

Mr. Michael Rose, who assisted Mr. Defoe by playing two groups of violin selections played in his usual efficient manner and delighted his audience by performing such well-known numbers as "The Minuet," by Paderewski, and "The Hungarian Dance No. 5," by Brahms, which are universally popular.

Mr. E. W. Young acted as accompanist for the various numbers and demonstrated to a high degree his ability to subordinate his own emotions to those of the artists.

Charges Under the Liquor Control Act Bring Fines at Weekly Court Tuesday

One Man Pays Hundred Dollars and Costs for Permitting Drunkenness in His Home. Five Persons Fined for Drinking While on the "Indian List."

Timmins police laid a large number of charges this week under the Liquor Control Act and in practically every one of them the accused persons pleaded guilty and paid their fines or took their jail terms. Heaviest fine under the L.C.A. this week was the one that was given to Frank Zorilo on a charge of permitting drunkenness. He was assessed one hundred dollars and costs.

As the magistrate was going down the list of names on the docket on Tuesday he came across the name of Frank Zorilo and immediately Mr. J. E. Lacourciere, one of the local lawyers, rose to his feet to plead not guilty for his client. He said that he had been retained to defend the man but he couldn't find him in the court, so he didn't know whether to ask for a remand or not. The magistrate smiled at the lawyer and told him that he was too late as his client had already appeared earlier and pleaded guilty to the charge. "He paid me a hundred dollars on this charge this morning," said Magistrate Atkinson.

Police said they entered the home of Frank Zorilo at 59 1/2 Fifth Avenue at 4:20 a.m. on Sunday morning and they found a man very drunk in the house. Zorilo admitted to the police that he had supplied the liquor to the man.

Jack McCoshen, Armeline Chenier, Marie Lapointe, and Rose Anne Proulx, all paid fines of ten dollars and costs on charges of consuming beer while on the interdicted list. They all pleaded guilty and paid their fines. Pearl Johnson also faced a similar charge and she appeared in court and pleaded guilty but offered an explanation to the magistrate so she got off with the mini-

mum fine of five dollars and costs. She said she knew she was on the list some time ago but she thought that her name would automatically be taken off at the end of a year. When she was arrested over the week-end in a local hotel she thought that she was entitled to drink.

Six persons faced charges of being drunk and disorderly and four of them were given the choice of a ten dollar fine or thirty days in jail. The other two were granted remands of a week. Marie Irene Dionne, charged with consuming beer while a minor, was also given a remand for a week when she pleaded not guilty. Police will have to have the girl's mother in court to prove her age. Eddie Ladouceur paid a fine of twenty dollars and costs on a charge of supplying beer to a person on the interdicted list.

Mrs. Bernadette Ranger appeared in court to plead not guilty to a charge of allowing her eleven-year-old son to stay out after nine o'clock at night. She told the court that she was unable to do anything with the youngster and this information was corroborated by the police who said that the child was a regular "dead-end kid". The magistrate told the woman to go as he adjourned the charge till called upon but said that something would have to be done about the boy.

William Marchildon pleaded guilty to a charge of breaking, entering and theft and was given a three month term in jail. He had quite a lengthy juvenile record and it counted heavily against him. Police said that he had broken into the room of Samuel Lemieux, owner of the Riverview Hotel and

Support the Good Work of Institute for the Blind

In spite of depression, prosperity and war, the industrial plants of The Canadian National Institute for the Blind have not shut down since they were opened twenty-four years ago. One of the prime objects of The C.N.I.B. is to provide employment for blind men and women. It has been able to accomplish this object because the public have given it generous support, and it will continue to provide employment as long as the public, through its support, make it possible. There will be a tag day in Timmins on Saturday of this week.

One Factory in Canada Turns Out One Hurricane Fighter Every Six Hours

Timmins Kiwanis Given Graphic Pictures and Address on Canada's War Work in Making the Tools of Victory. Also Notable Report on the Great Success of the Special Salvage Drive for Rubber.

There were two very special features at the Kiwanis luncheon on Tuesday this week at the Empire hotel. One of these was the remarkable film, "Tools for the Job," presented through the courtesy of Ford Motors, with a very able address by Mr. Harry Matthews to explain and enlarge on the pictures. The other special feature was the report on the success of the special drive for salvage on Saturday.

Kiwanian Frank McDowell introduced the speaker for the day, Mr. Harry Matthews, and at the conclusion of the pictures, the speaker was thanked by Kiwanian Austin Neame, who remarked that "It thrills us and makes us feel proud to see the pictures of our great Navies, and the actual pictures of war production in Canada."

The films shown and the address by Mr. Matthews gave in graphic way had taken a number of articles from the room, including a bunch of keys for the other rooms. He was caught in the act by Lemieux and another man, Paul Gauthier.

William Bevin appeared to face a charge of non-support laid by his wife, Mrs. Verna Bevin, but just as the case was about to start a remand was asked for. Gregory T. Evans, solicitor for Mr. Bevin, had a number of letters that he had obtained from Mr. Bevin, and he showed them to Mrs. Bevin's attorney, Dean Kester, and to the crown attorney, S. A. Caldwell. After reading the letters a remand was asked for by the crown attorney who said that by the contents of the letters weakened Mrs. Bevin's case considerably and they didn't deem it wise to proceed before having a talk with Mrs. Bevin. The remand was granted.

A local man appeared to answer a charge of desertion laid by his wife, but before the case was half-over the magistrate remanded them for a week and told the pair to get together and settle their differences without coming to court. It appeared that the man had left his home some time in February and had returned a few weeks later but his wife would not allow him to enter the house. He tried again a few days later but met with the same cold reception. On the stand Tuesday, the wife admitted that she had refused to allow her husband to enter the house and said that she had done so because he had left her and she didn't want him back. The magistrate then told her that if she didn't allow him to come home she was unable to force him to support her.

Two More Drunk Drivers Given Ten-Day Term in Police Court This Week

Total of Sixteen Drunk Drivers Convicted This Year so Far. Both Pleaded Guilty This Week. One Man Was Sleeping Behind Wheel of Car as it Was Stalled Across Sidewalk.

Statio Neshoff was sentenced to ten days in jail on a charge of drunk driving at this week's regular police court and he was fortunate to escape with as light a sentence as that. The man was using two names and had been prohibited from driving under his real name. Besides that, he is alleged to have had a number of gasoline ration coupons in his pocketbook that were detached from a ration book and that didn't belong to him.

It appears that Neshoff had been prohibited from driving about a year ago when his license was cancelled. However, that didn't stop him from driving his car whenever he wanted to. He changed his name and a short time later he applied for a driver's license under the name of Steve Mischoff. He was granted the license under that name and the switch in names wasn't noticed until last Sunday morning about seven o'clock when he was arrested by a Timmins policeman and charged with drunk driving. Later Constable George Archambeault, fingerprint expert on the local force, took the man's picture and finger prints. It was then that it was discovered that the man had changed his name. This was later proved when papers were found in the man's possession in both names.

On Tuesday afternoon when the charge of drunk driving was read to him he pleaded guilty but Magistrate Atkinson asked for some of the particulars before sentencing the man. Police told of stopping the car on the highway just before the man entered the town streets and found him drunk. When the Magistrate was told about the man using the two names, he told Neshoff that he was now prohibited from driving under both names and that he had better not change his name again or he would find himself in much more serious trouble.

Ephram Lecuyer, 49 Southern Avenue, also faced a charge of drunk driving and he also pleaded guilty, bringing the month's total convictions on this charge to five, and the year's total to sixteen. Police said they found Lecuyer's car stalled across the sidewalk on Tisdale Avenue shortly after

midnight last Saturday night. They investigated and found Lecuyer inside the car behind the steering wheel asleep. The lights of the car were on and the ignition key was turned on. He was also given a ten day term by the magistrate and his car was impounded for three months while his driving privileges were cancelled for six months.

Only case that took up any great length of time Tuesday was a charge of careless driving against Philbert Poulin, a 16-year-old taxi driver for the Empire Cab Company. At the conclusion of the hearing the magistrate fined the young man twenty-five dollars and costs and issued a warning to taxi companies against hiring young lads just out of the juvenile brackets as drivers. It was a bad practice, the magistrate said, and they would find themselves in trouble consistently.

Sam Panceff, a former miner now suspended under the Workmen's Compensation Board, was the principal witness and he told a simple story about the accident in which he was involved. He said that he had been travelling very slowly along Birch Street on May 16th when he noticed the taxi coming along Tisdale Avenue at a terrific rate of speed. His car was just entering the intersection when he decided to stop to avoid the collision. He was fairly certain that the other car was going to crash into his car so he tried to get out of the car before the crash. He said the Poulin car swerved in towards his machine and hooked the bumper tearing it off at one end. One wheel was also pulled off from the impact. The other car stopped about seventy feet away from the scene of the crash.

Constable Grieves told of being called to investigate and his opinion was that the Panceff car had the right-of-way and had stopped just inside the intersection. There was still plenty of room for the other car to pass, though. He said that the Poulin car had swerved off the road after the crash and had torn its way through a wire fence and had broken off one of the fence posts.

Maurice Boisclair, a man who was standing on the sidewalk near the corner, told of seeing the accident and his description was similar to Panceff's. He said that the Poulin car had speeded up as it neared the other car.

Gerard Philopin and the accused, Philbert Poulin, both took the stand for the defence and they both said that it was the Panceff taxi driver that crashed into their taxi. They noticed that the Panceff car was still in motion as they neared it and they said Panceff had his head turned the other way when they saw him. They also claimed that the taxi was travelling only about twenty miles an hour when the crash occurred.

Poulin was asked for his age and he said that he was sixteen years old. He had been granted a taxi driver's license by the town officials, he said, about two months ago and had been driving steadily since that time. It was then that the magistrate warned against hiring "kids" as taxi drivers.

In summing up the magistrate commented that the taxi had evidently been travelling too fast and that as the cars crashed the taxi driver probably stepped on the accelerator instead of the brakes. He couldn't see how Panceff could be blamed for the mishap so he fined the youthful taxi driver twenty-five dollars and costs.

Lacelle Desrosier, 69 1/2 Third Avenue, also faced a charge of careless driving but her case was remanded for a week when it was discovered that her summons had only been mailed to her on Monday and that she had probably not yet received it. The charge arose from an incident, at 9:45 p.m. on Sunday when she was said to have made a left hand turn as she was travelling along Third Avenue. The turn was made so that she could enter her driveway but it was claimed that she failed to give any signal and a car coming behind her crashed into her car. Driver of the other car was Douglas Lister.

Adelard Aubertin pleaded guilty to a charge of failing to remain at the scene of an accident and paid a fine of twenty-five dollars and costs. Aubertin, a 33-year-old miner living at 59 Balsam street, was arrested shortly before eleven o'clock on Tuesday evening of last week when police finally located his car in front of the Timmins Garage. Earlier in the evening Aubertin had been involved in an accident on Spruce st. when his car hooked the rear end of a truck driven by Armand Bradette.

Donat Crispin, 64 Montgomery, was remanded for a week on a charge of driving a car with four persons in the front seat. Police arrested the man at 1:35 a.m. on Sunday while he was driving along Fourth Avenue, and preferred the negligent driving charge against him.

Edward Matheson paid a fine of ten dollars and costs on a charge of driving without a driver's license, while Earl S. Campbell had the same charge against him remanded for a week. Leonard McQuillan paid a fine of a dollar and costs for not having his name on the side of his truck while Yvon Larose paid a dollar and costs on a charge of having defective lights. Four other motorists paid fines of a dollar and costs for illegally parking their cars.

Gore Bay Recorder—Pictures of the early 90's show us that, rationing or no rationing, the ladies are not using as much dress material now.