

Good Work of District Children's Aid Society During the Past Year

Annual Report of Superintendent of District Society Reviews the Efforts of the C. A. S. in Helping the Children of the District. Some Interesting Sidelines on the Work

The annual report of Mr. A. G. Carson, local superintendent of the District of Cochrane Children's Aid Society, as presented at the recent annual meeting is given herewith to show the good work being accomplished by the organization.

Twentieth Annual Report, for Year Ending March 31st, 1944

To The President and Members of the Society:

Ladies and Gentlemen:—During the past year we have attempted to realize the objectives of the Children's Aid Society which are as follows:

- (1) to protect children from cruelty and neglect
- (2) to secure foster homes for children who have no home or proper homes of their own, and
- (3) to generally discharge the functions of the Children's Aid Society under the Children's Protection Act, and other Legislation in the interests of children.

No duty in life is greater than the care of children. Homes make the nation and parents make the homes for themselves and their children. Many children on account of death or misdoing of their parents claim our special care.

Institutions to provide for these children are among the earliest efforts of public and private charity, but the home is the place to bring up a child, the child's own home if possible. If not, another home must be provided where the child is a member of the family. The Society first endeavours to re-establish the home and if this is impossible, application is made to the Juvenile Court for temporary guardianship, and the child is placed in a foster home. Usually it is no fault of the child that he is removed from his home and great care must be taken that the Society succeeds where the parents have failed.

Reviewing the actual work we will deal first with:

Protection

The war has had its effect on this phase of our work. Added to the work of the Protection departments is the supervision of a number of soldiers' families where the children need protection because of various factors brought into play—the mismanagement of the newly acquired income, increased drinking and the resulting evils that follow.

This year 66 new families came to our attention involving 89 children. 145 office interviews and 179 visits were made.

Child Care

At March 31st we had a total of one hundred and sixty-nine children under our care and supervision. There were 38 children in boarding homes, 20 in the Shelter, 57 in adoption probation care, 30 in free homes, 18 in wage homes and 2 in institutions. The number of children in the Shelter was higher than usual at that time due to an emergency—the average number is between 10 and 12.

When a child comes into care of the Society, we endeavour to secure a home for him where he will be treated with understanding and kindness and where he will make a happy adjustment. He is given any medical and dental care necessary and attractive clothing is purchased for him so that there will be no difference in his appearance and that of other children. School attendance until the age of sixteen is compulsory and if any child is ambitious and making reasonable progress, he is encouraged to continue his education.

Foster homes are visited frequently so that we may talk over the child's progress and any problem of behaviour, health, etc., which may arise. You will realize that some of the children taken into care have been neglected, morally and physically and adjustment in a normal home is not always easy. It very often requires a great deal of work and patience on the part of the foster parents and we would like to express our appreciation to them for the excellent care given our children during the year. The community owes a great debt to those people who are willing to take a child into their home and do their best to help him develop into a healthy, worthwhile citizen.

Some people may not be aware that at Christmas-time each one of our wards receives a gift from the Society. This has been made possible for many years by the generosity of Marshall-Eccleston Ltd., and our President, Mrs. Eyre. We would also like to thank the Broadway Theatre for their kindness in donating weekly passes to the children in the Shelter.

Seven of our present wards are on Active Service and there are also 14 past wards who are serving in the Armed Forces. Two of our former wards have made the supreme sacrifice, one while serving in the R.C.A.F. and the other in the Army in Italy.

During the past year 51 adoptions were completed. Many of these were for children placed by the Society two years previously. Some, however, were adoptions completed for children who had been supported in the home for a number of years and for whom legal adoption is now necessary for Dependents' Allowance, etc.

Dependants' Board of Trustees

This part of the work entails a great deal of time in interviewing and endeavouring to obtain settlements. In many cases after a settlement has been made we spend time in collecting under agreements and court orders.

This year 36 new cases were reported resulting in 134 office interviews and 160 visits. Four cases were taken before the court and 2 orders for maintenance were made.

Juvenile Court

Sixty-six children were brought before the Juvenile Court during the year. Of this number 5 boys and 2 girls were sent to the Ontario Training School and one girl to the Ontario Hospital. Most of the offences for which children were brought into Juvenile Court were of petty nature and were only brought in after repeated warnings had been given by the local police, truant officers, or members of our staff. The great problem in Juvenile Delinquency is the lack of recreational facilities. In some communities steps have been taken to improve these facilities, but in others very little has been accomplished. We feel, however, that a great deal more time, money and effort might well be spent to good advantage on projects to interest the boys of our various communities.

We would like to extend our appreciation to the court officials for their zealous efforts, and to the police forces throughout the district for their co-operation in dealing with juvenile delinquents; also to Mrs. Copps, court-stenographer, who has given much time in transcribing the evidence taken in court for the use of the Society.

Special mention must be made of the work done in our Juvenile Court by Judge Atkinson and Judge Tucker, who have had long years of experience in dealing with children and are motivated by an unusual spirit of understanding and sympathy for children.

Finances

It will be noted from our financial statement that the receipts for the year were \$23,725.77. To properly cover the work of the coming year we would suggest that we budget for an additional \$3,000.00 which would cover the salary of an additional social worker to look after the applications and investigations for the Dependents' Board of Trustees and the Dependents' Allowance Board. There is also the matter of additional office space which should be considered. I would suggest that a committee be appointed to look after the raising of additional revenue and that they handle the fall campaign. Last year the donations amounted to \$2,357.00 and there is no doubt that a well planned campaign could increase this amount to at least \$5,000.00.

Appreciation

To our President, Mrs. Eyre, and the members of the Board, we acknowledge with thanks the valuable assistance given. The Society depends on the goodwill of the community for its successful operation. We would also like to express our appreciation to the press, the Ministers and Parish Priests, Doctors and Nurses, Dentists, Teachers, Service Clubs, Town and Township Officials, those who share their homes or contribute their time and means. Without their assistance our Society could not carry on the work of helping dependent children. We feel that the Society does enjoy this goodwill of the citizens and trust it may continue during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. Carson, Superintendent.

Francis Morris, Asst. Supt.

Actual Statistics

Accompanying Mr. Carson's report is the following statistical review:

End of Year	
Shelter	20
Boarding Homes	38
Adoption Probation Homes	57
Wage Homes	18
Free Homes	30
Institutional Care	2
Children of Unmarried Parents	
Cases open at April 1st, 1943	27
Cases opened during year	36
Cases closed	48
Cases open at March 31st, 1944	17
Office interviews re above	214
Visits made	193
Juvenile Court	
Children brought into court	66
Sent to Training Schools	5
Girls	3
Boys	2
Mileage travelled during year	14,808
Mail received	1,681
Mail sent out	2,603
Dependents' Board of Trustees	
New cases	445
Visits made	106
Office interviews	365
Reports forwarded	296
Dependents' Allowance Board	
New cases	5
Visits made	18
Office interviews	17
British Child Guests	
Children under supervision	4
Visits made	19
Office interviews	9
Financial Report	
The following is the financial report for the year, April 1st, 1943, to March 31st, 1944:	
Cash in bank April 1st, 1943	\$2792.45
Municipality grants—Timmins	2,000.00
—Tisdale	600.00
—Cochrane	100.00
—Kapuskasig	75.00
Provincial grants—Grant	1500.00
—Mileage	71.89
—Wards	9430.50
Municipality Maintenance—Timmins	3461.17
Calvert	274.50
Tisdale	273.75
Maintenance from Parents	1251.81
Dependants' Board of Trustees	1598.23
Province of Ontario Travelling Refunds	209.65
Travelling Refunds from Town of Timmins	487.60
Donations and Interest	2357.09
Sundry	34.52
Receiver General (underpaid)	06
Payments (see attached statement)	22,338.80
Cash in bank March 31st, 1944	\$4179.42
I have, under separate cover, drawn the attention of the Superintendent to minor irregularities and recommendations and subject to this report, I hereby certify that the accompanying statements are drawn up so as to show the correct financial position of the Cochrane District Children's Aid Society as at March 31st, 1944, according to the explanations and information given me and as shown by the books. Timmins, May 22nd, 1944.	
S. G. FLOWER, Auditor.	
Payments—Society	
Salaries—Staff	5141.45
—Clerical	994.28
Rent	300.00
Telephone and Telegraph	88.06
Postage and Excise	142.61
Stationery and Office Supplies	123.51
Board—Wards	7632.02
—Non-Wards	702.85
Clothing and Shoes —Wards	1239.81
—Non-Wards	587.45
Medical and Dental—Wards	181.49
—Non-Wards	146.25
Travelling	750.43
Sundry	219.93
Trust Account	156.50
Travelling—Investigation	302.69
—Home Finding	86.46
Supervision—	
Wards in Pay Care	190.39
Wards in Free Homes	172.93
Non-Wards	130.68
Shelter—Payments	
Dietaries—Bread	79.40
—Groceries	1259.87
—Meat	253.78
—Milk	356.58
Other Maintenance—Drugs	46.77
—Fuel	374.41
—House Furnishings	112.73
—Utilities	83.90
Property—Repairs	323.48
Sundry	158.21
Total Payments	\$22,338.80

1934-44 Edition of Canada Year Book	
Storehouse of Information About Canada and Its Several Provinces	
The 1934-44 edition of the Canada Year Book, published by authorization of the Hon. James A. MacKinnon, M.P., Minister of Trade and Commerce, is announced by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.	
On grounds of war-time economy, the 1943 edition of the Year Book was not published and the present volume has therefore been planned to cover developments over a two-year period, perhaps more important from the standpoint of the changes in our internal economy than any other like period in the Dominion's history. The problem of	

including all necessary new material and at the same time keeping the volume down to convenient limits has not been an easy one to solve and, wherever possible, space has had to be saved by reference to early editions for standard material.

The Canada Year Book is the official statistical annual of the country and contains a thoroughly up-to-date account of the natural resources of the Dominion and their development, the history of the country, its institutions, its demography, the different branches of production, trade, transportation, finance, education, etc.—in brief, a comprehensive study within the limits of a single volume of the social and economic conditions of the Dominion.

Special War Articles

The War has now cut deeply into the national economic structure and the statistics of almost every chapter of this edition of the Year Book reflect the extent to which war production and war-time controls have played their parts in maintaining output and supporting the price structure against growing pressures from all sides. The following are typical: The War and Canadian Agriculture is covered at pp. 195-201; The Influence of the War on the Pulp and Paper Industry, at pp. 264-265; The Effects of the War on the Canadian Fisheries, at pp. 277-279; The Influence of the Present War on Manufacturing, at pp. 354-362; War-time Controls Affecting Distribution and Trade, at pp. 521-526; The War-time Control of Transportation, at pp. 567-575; and The Activities of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board in Controlling Prices, Rents and Supplies at pp. 776-783.

Public Finance is the backbone of the war effort and this chapter has been recast to adequately cover the developments taking place. The all-important subject of National Income receives new and extended treatment in Part I, at pp. 798-803; Part II deals with the subject of Dominion, Provincial and Municipal Finance; a new field is covered in Part III, where outstanding developments in taxation are discussed. It is unfortunate that, due to the re-organization of income tax statistics made necessary by the profound changes in the basis and manner of payment of this tax over the past two years, this important and, because of its broad incidence, universally interesting subject cannot be covered as completely as in former years, but the National Revenue Department has the revisions well in hand, and as soon as comparable figures are available they will appear in the Year Book again. An entirely new Section of this Part (pp. 861-872) deals with the incidence of Succession Duties on typical estates.

Other New Features

Attention is called to some of the more important features of the present volume that do not relate specifically to the War.

Chapter I—Physiography—contains two feature articles: The Canadian Government's Reindeer Experiment, at pp. 17-23, and Meteorology Related to the Science of Aviation, at pp. 24-29.

Chapter III—Constitution and Government—an article on Canada's present Status in the British Commonwealth of Nations appear at pp. 41-47.

Chapter IV—Population—present as complete a picture of the 1941 Census as will appear in any one edition of the Year Book. Due to difficulties occasioned by the War, however, the Census compilations are not as advanced as was expected and several lacunae still appear. It has been possible to include, at the last minute, an Appendix 111, a very complete analysis of the Occu-

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