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ACHIEVEMENT

Recently there have been letters in Toronto newspapers boasting that the public schools there have had more than one lady principal during the years. As usual the Porcupine Camp is in advance of the provincial capital, having had eminently successful lady principals for many years. Just at the moment, South Porcupine is more than regretful because the talented lady who for thirty years has served the children so effectively and so devotedly is retiring. The Advance has no apology for the space recently devoted to reference to the services of Miss B. M. C. Shaw as principal of the South Porcupine public school. Surely the achievement recorded is more important than many murders or scandals or sensations—more in the real nature of "news". Thirty years of eminently successful service as teacher and school principal, with literally hundreds of successful pupils and with a school record for efficiency that approaches the unique. And over and beyond all this, the holding of the genuine affection and the sincere esteem of all. Surely, achievement is the word for it. The remarkable demonstrations of appreciation and affection from teachers, pupils, former pupils, parents, school trustees,—all connected in any way with the South Porcupine public school—have been strikingly impressive. The tributes during the past week have been truly remarkable. The municipality, the board of school trustees, all the churches, the service club of the town, the Boy Scouts Association, the Girl Guides Association, the Red Cross,—practically every organization and group in the community—have been forward with tangible evidence of appreciation and regard. Emphasis has been placed by the Catholic Church organizations on her consideration and respect for the beliefs of others. The Finnish ladies said she has united the Finnish and the other Canadians as no one else could do. It would seem that her services to the community have equalled her services to the school. The Advance does not know of any other case where recognition and appreciation have been so widespread, so general and so sincere.

There can be no question of the remarkable achievement of Miss Shaw in sponsoring so many brilliant students, in inspiring so many to the best ways of life, in winning the esteem and affection of all. Miss Shaw herself passes on the honour to the pupils, the parents, the school board, the community. This is not all modesty. There is sound sense in it. It is certain that without co-operation and goodwill the work of those who serve the public is handicapped and restricted. But the genius of public service lies in securing that sympathy and esteem. That is achievement. Still it must be admitted that Miss Shaw's achievement has been matched by the achievement of the people of the community. It is a great thing to win the success that Miss Shaw undoubtedly has won. It is also a great thing to know that the people of a community have the talent and the generous spirit that recognizes and appreciates great service in their behalf.

ABOUT MUSEUMS

The value of museums does not appear to be fully appreciated. Too many people are inclined to look on museums as simply places of interest, while the fact is that museums in general have a particular practical value for many reasons. Their value in preserving and illustrating history can not be over-emphasized. All museums have research departments and these branches of the work prove of genuine practical benefit. This is true in special manner in regard to the Royal Ontario Museum News—a bulletin issued monthly or oftener, and dealing with so many interesting subjects that it will attract all thoughtful people. While the Royal Ontario Museum is modest in regard to its own work, it seldom fails to indicate some line of practical value and profit. At the moment the Royal Ontario News is advocating the establishment of local museums. The Royal Ontario Museum believes it has a special interest and responsibility in this matter. It admits that a large percentage of existing local museums are ineffective, because they lack the right financial support, adequate housing and trained staffs. "Back of all this, however," says The Royal Ontario Museum News, "is the failure of people at large to realize that the local museum, like the public library, can be an important auxiliary instrument of education."

A hint to the solution of this problem lies in the words, "like the public library." Why not have the museum as an integral part of the public library. Some years ago the chief librarian of the Timmins public library became much interested in the matter of a local museum for Timmins. Very properly she looked on Timmins and

district as an area that could provide very special attractions for any museum. Unless historic material—documents, souvenirs, etc.—are gathered and preserved in some way, it will be difficult, indeed, to write a proper history of the Porcupine Camp. Something more than a simple gathering of material, labelling and docketing the same is needed. There must be a staff with the full realization of what a museum really implies. And there must be sufficient room for the proper display of the treasures of the museum. There did not appear to be any difficulty in securing museum material here, varied as that may be, but there was the handicap of want of the necessary floor space. The present premises are not sufficiently large to accommodate the rapidly growing needs of the library itself. No doubt when happier days arrive there will be plans to give adequate quarters for the library itself. To this should be added still further room for local museum purposes. It would seem that the local library and the local museum may well go together as "auxiliary instruments of education."

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

The response being given to the appeal for \$6,000,000 for a new modern building for the Hospital for Sick Children is so ready and so generous that all may well feel proud of Canada and of Canadians. Anything for the children is a true building for the future, and the Hospital for Sick Children bears so important a part in the health, the strength and the happiness of children that this building for the future has very special significance. The authorities of the Hospital for Sick Children estimated that the least amount that would meet the needs for a new, modern and thoroughly equipped new building would be six million dollars. The amount, however is so large that some people were discouraged before the campaign was well started. Of course, in view of all the other calls these days, six million dollars is an immense amount of money to expect to raise. But what of the facts? At the time of writing this, the subscriptions total well over \$5,000,000. It has taken such a comparatively short time to raise that five million dollars that there is every assurance that the other million will be secured without difficulty.

Another feature of the campaign is worthy of special note. No one can read the lists of donations as published in The Globe and Mail without being struck by the fact that there are so many anonymous donations. "Anon," "Anonymous," "Well-wisher," "Grateful," "Former Patient" and other names to hide generosity are so frequent as to catch even the careless eye. These anonymous subscriptions are not paltry sums that the donors might be ashamed to own. Instead, they are generous gifts, many of them \$100 donations with many at \$200, \$300, \$500 and even more. One cynical newspaper suggests that these anonymous donations may be made with the plan of keeping the public from knowing that the donor has so much money. There is nothing in that sort of cynicism. The answer is quite simple. If there were ulterior motive behind such donations, why should the donors give anything at all? The truth seems to be that the donors are so interested in helping the cause that there is no thought of publicity or other reward.

The whole situation is so pleasing that it should warm the heart of any true Canadian, and also it should spur them on to do their own share. The donors are "building for the future" without thought of selfishness or personal advantage.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

Still stands the motto of the King:

"Put into your task whatever it may be, all the courage and purpose of which you are capable. Keep your hearts proud and your resolve unshakable. Let us go forward to that task as one man a smile on our lips and our heads held high and with God's help we shall not fail."

There are two brothers in town who have contrary methods of welcoming servicemen home on leave. The one is an optimist and the other is a pessimist. Says the optimist:—"Well, I am glad to welcome you home!" Says the pessimist:—"Hullo! It's too bad you have to go to the Pacific!"

The record success of the Legion "V" Carnival last week is an illustration of what good organization, good co-operation and a good cause can achieve when dealing with a good people.

It is interesting to note that Canada was the first nation to declare war on the Japanese. Premier King apparently is carrying his principle of "first in, first out" to the war with the Japs.

The Halifax Herald has harsh words for those people who are not sure that the present war will be the last one. The Herald argues that there cannot be another war because the world can not stand it. The same argument was used at the end of the war of 1914 to 1918. Yet the world is standing another war now. It is remarkable what the world can stand. It is well to remember, before becoming too dogmatic in the matter that China has endured war—the same sort of war that the rest of the world has sampled—for four years longer than Britain. It is admitted that the present war is worse than the last—just as the last was worse than any of its predecessors.

But how much further is it safe to go than that. No sane man wishes war. There are other evils that people do not desire. But that does not mean that these evils will not occur. Something more than wishful thinking is required. About the best way to avoid future wars is to be prepared to deal with them in their incipient stages. No sane man wishes fires, but that sort of wish does not kill off incendiarism. Fires are prevented or checked in their early stages by having the equipment to fight fires.

The recent Dominion election was remarkable for many things. One of these was the fact that despite all the new parties and the super-democracies in the field, there was no loud and gen-

eral cry for the abolition of the Senate. Premier King has found the Senate almost as useful for party purposes as the innumerable bureaus that make other jobs for good party heelers. In the confusion, the public should not forget that the Senate may be a useful body. "The Printed Word" points out that Premier R. B. Bennett made the Senate of much value. He had legislation initiated and perfected there where it could have study and thought not practical in the House of Commons. "The Printed Word" mentions two acts of this kind, one relating to insurance, and the other to shipping. Neither of them have needed revision since. That is something.

A local wit wants a Gallup Poll on the Weather.

Lovely Wedding at United Church

Miss Iris Munro and Flying Officer Quist United in Marriage.

One of the loveliest weddings of the season took place on Wednesday, June 27th, at First United Church in a pretty setting of spring flowers and fern when Miss Iris Munro, daughter of Mrs. Charles E. Munro and the late Mr. Munro, of James Ave., and Flying Officer Harry Ernest Quist, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Quist, of Toronto, were united in marriage. Rev. W. M. Mustard officiated. The bridegroom has just recently returned from overseas.

Mr. H. Treener presided at the organ and during the signing of the register Miss Peggy Williams sang "The Lord's Prayer."

The bride, who was given in marriage by Mr. Chet. Rondeau, was radiant in a floor-length gown of double net and lace over white satin, featuring a long torso bodice and Peter Pan collar of lace, with white

satin buttons down the front to the waistline. The double net skirt was dotted with small satin bows. Her scalloped veil was caught with stephanotis, and she carried a bouquet of pinocchio roses and Stephanotis. Lace mittens with small satin buttons complete the ensemble.

Miss Evelyn Munro, sister of the bride, and Miss Joanne Langdon were bridesmaids and looked most attractive, gowned alike in floor length dresses of turquoise crepe, with net yokes, bertha collars and full skirts. They wore flowered coronets consisting of pink carnations, blue, white and pink cornflowers, and carried matching bouquets.

Little Miss Jane Dickson was flower-girl and wore a frock of blue taffeta with blue lace insertions, and carried a nosegay of roses and cornflowers. She wore white ribbon in her hair with clusters of white flowers on each side.

Mrs. S. V. Burr, sister of the bride was matron of honour and wore a very becoming gown of orchid crepe with fitted bodice, square neckline and a draped skirt. Her bouquet was composed of peach gladioli and she wore a coronet of the same flowers.

Warrant Officer Kenneth Morrison, R.C.A.F., attended the groom, and Meb Ralph and Doug Bracken were ushers.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the McIntyre Lounge where Mrs. Munro, mother of the bride received the guests, wearing a cloud blue street length dress with matching mohair hat and gloves. Her corsage was of pink delight roses. Mrs. Quist, the bridegroom's mother also received the guests and she wore an afternoon dress of Alice Blue with beige hat and gloves and a corsage of rapture roses.

The bride's table was centred with a four-tiered wedding cake, banked on either side with bouquets of snapdragons, peonies and lupin and was lighted with white candles. Mrs. Wm. Dunn and Mrs. James Ralph poured tea. Mr. W. O. Langdon proposed the toast to the bride, the bridegroom responding. During the reception Mrs. Blanche James, of Schumacher, entertained at the piano.

Later the happy young couple entertained for their honeymoon to be spent at Banff and Victoria, B.C. For travelling the bride chose a most attractive suit of powder blue crepe

with white accessories and a corsage of red roses.

Out-of-town guests were the bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Quist, of Toronto; Mrs. Frank Parker of North Bay; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Charron, of Iroquois Falls, and Mr. T. G. Waler of Toronto.

Prior to her marriage the bride was entertained by Mrs. C. Rondeau, Mrs. Wm. Dunn, Miss Joanne Langdon, and at a trousseau tea by her mother, Mrs. Munro.

Beer Charge on Election Day Thrown Out by Court

Provincial Constable Stromberg, of Matheson, had a case before Magistrate Atkinson at Halleybury recently that was thrown out of court, because the charge of serving liquor was not maintained. Constable Stromberg's evidence was to the effect that on June 4th, the provincial election day, he had gone into the Riverview hotel at Matachewan and found a man sitting in the ladies' beverage room. He had warned the hotelkeeper that no liquor could be sold that day. Later he had returned and found several men including the hotel man in the taproom, and they were drinking. He added that the hotel man had told him that the men were very dry and the holiday was over. The charge of selling liquor followed. The hotel man told the court he had not sold any liquor that day and had not served any. He had told the men who were very thirsty that they could help themselves. "I felt sorry for these fellows," he told the court, "they were 82 and 83 years old and living back in the bush". The magistrate pointed out that under the section under which the charge was laid it was necessary to show that the beer had been served or sold, and the accused denied this and he had a reasonable story to back his defence. Accordingly the case was dismissed.

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\$6,000,000 BUILDING FUND

Will you help build health for countless children?

ABOVE is the architect's drawing of a new Hospital for Sick Children which the people of Ontario must begin to build in the immediate future. This task cannot be delayed. Scores of little children today are awaiting the specialized hospital attention which only this institution can give.

During the past 70 years, hundreds of thousands of sick and crippled Ontario children have been treated. 95 per cent. of the beds are in the public wards. The 88 doctors in attendance make no charge for these patients.

The research laboratories are among the largest of their kind in the country. All Canada benefits from this research. It has been effective in the prevention and cure of disease.

WHY IS A NEW BUILDING NEEDED?

The present hospital is obsolete and overcrowded. More beds are needed. The total number of patients treated has increased 50% since 1929. No

bed is ever empty and there is a continuous waiting list of 200 cases. The estimated cost of the new hospital is \$6,000,000. Today, as

throughout its history, the hospital must rely on the generosity of public-spirited citizens. Thousands of little children look to you to restore them to health. Whatever you can give will bring rich rewards to you, to Ontario and to the Dominion both now and in the years to come.

FACTS Tell the Whole Story

- Hospital founded 1875—six beds.
- College Street Hospital built 1889, with 190 beds. Extended later.
- Present capacity, City hospital, 320 beds, 300 in public wards.
- Constant waiting list, 200 patients.
- Hundreds of Thousands of Ontario children treated since foundation.
- Treated last year: Cot patients, 9,730; Out-patient treatments, 60,858.
- Research Work benefits whole of Canada and other countries.
- Over 3,000 problem cases admitted from outside of Toronto each year.
- 88 doctors give free services, totalling over 45,000 hours yearly.
- Hospital treats more children than any other hospital in North America.
- 600 beds urgently required, with all related services.

Send Your Contribution to W. Long, Treasurer Local Committee, Bank of Montreal, Timmins

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