

Hundreds of Children Helped by the Work of District Children's Aid

Interesting Report by Local Superintendent A. G. Carson on the Various Departments of the Cochrane District Children's Aid Society for the year ending March 31st, 1945. Statistics Give Details of the Work Accomplished

The following is the annual report of the Local Superintendent of the Cochrane District Children's Aid Society for the period ending March 31st, 1945:—

Ladies and Gentlemen:—Once again, it is my privilege to present our annual report. This is my 16th annual report and during that time there have been many changes. The Staff has been increased from one to five; we have seen boys and girls grow from children to manhood and womanhood. A great number of them have married and have homes and children of their own; some have volunteered to serve their King and Country and others have paid the supreme sacrifice. Your Society has endeavored to the best of its ability and resources to see that our children have the best care and training in suitable homes. We are fortunate in having foster parents who are devoted to the children, who have thrown open their homes to receive a dependent and neglected child.

We have had a very busy year. Our activities in connection with the Dependents' Allowance Board and investigations for the Dependents' Board of Trustees, District Social Service of the Department of National Defence, have, at times, been very heavy. At the beginning of the year Mrs. C. Delahunt was taken on the Staff and has been engaged in protection work. This work is a great help to the children involved and a great saving to the municipalities. This is the most important part of our work and is growing heavier every year. In dealing with these cases, we endeavour to keep the children in their own homes if possible. However, if this is impossible, ward action is taken and good foster homes are found where the children receive a fair chance in life.

PROTECTION (by Mrs. Delahunt)

During the past year, we have endeavored to expand this phase of our work. A worker was added to this staff who has devoted almost full time to this branch. We began the year with nineteen cases and ended it with sixty-eight. During this time 160 cases were reported and treated. A number of our cases require the assistance of the health department and school. Since it is almost impossible to draw a line between the work of each, it can readily be seen that it is necessary for all three to work together. We have had pleasant co-operation from these departments. For example, Public Health and our Society have found that by having the school-attendance of particular cases carefully watched, checked and improved we often immediately see a change for the better in our health and welfare conditions. Again, we have cases where we both find it beneficial to discuss the case in hand supplement each other's plans and on occasion have even made joint visits where the advice and judgment of a nurse would be helpful. Our schools have likewise helped us. Most of the school principals, besides reporting cases which they consider to require our attention, have volunteered

ly taken on the task of acquainting us with exceptional or important incidents and developments in the child's life at home or in school which they feel would have a direct bearing on the case and which has proven invaluable to us.

We have had several cases which have required intensive work and which in peace-time, would not ordinarily come under this department. Some mothers, who are in poor health and whose husbands are in the army, have found the responsibility of raising a small family, alone too difficult and as a result face a nervous breakdown. Under such conditions, a husband, if in this country, usually gets a leave. For purposes of investigation and checking, quite a period usually elapses before the leave can be granted. When relatives are near or help can be secured, the task of keeping the home together until his arrival is not difficult. When there is no one else to take the responsibility, the worker takes charge in order to make sure that the children are not neglected at any time or in any way. This often involves getting the help of neighbours, clergymen and organizations to lighten the burden of the mother in an effort to relieve her mind and improve her health.

Again, we have the cases of mothers, especially young ones, who go off at night to enjoy themselves and leave their children alone because they cannot afford help. To meet this situation, we have been able to organize a group of school girls into "sitters" who have volunteered their services free on Friday and Saturday nights until twelve o'clock, once a month; enabling the mothers to participate in some form of legitimate amusement.

Although it is impossible to evaluate our work in this field, surely it is not too much to expect that our expenditure of time, effort and money will be justified by future results.

CHILD CARE (by Mrs. Morris)

During the year, 85 children were taken into care which represents an increase of 5% over the previous year. Of this number, 13 children were made wards, 6 of which were permanent and 7 temporary. At the end of the year, we have 160 children in care, 13 in the Shelter, 57 in boarding homes, 57 in adoption homes, 15 in wage homes and 3 in institutions. Medical and dental attention for the children included 93 medical, 2 mental health and 60 dental clinics.

One of our greatest difficulties in this work at the present time, is a lack of foster homes, especially boarding homes. This condition continues in spite of additional publicity and home-finding visits. The result has been an increased strain on the resources of our Shelter. However, we were indeed fortunate to secure the competent services last June of Mrs. B. Whitson as our new Matron. Her untiring efforts and personal interest in each child have helped us immeasurably in meeting this situation.

We are very grateful to the organizations and private individuals who made a number of donations to the Shelter during the year, especially at Christmas time. Two of these, which have given the children unlimited pleasure, we would like to mention especially: a radio given by the Princess Alice Club and the nucleus of a children's library made possible by a gift from the Buffalo Ankerite Employees' Fund.

A number of improvements have been made during the year by the Shelter House Committee and the creation of a satisfactory playroom for the children remains an unrealized ambition.

Adoptions (The number of adoptions completed)

by the Society this year was 28. Eighteen new placements were made during the year. Although these children are not usually wards of the Society, they are under supervision during the two year probation period and home visits are made.

Unmarried Parents' Act (by A. G. Carson)

The unmarried mother and child comprise a major social problem. We had 17 cases at the beginning of the year, opened 35 new cases, closed 33 cases, leaving 19 open at the end of the year. In these cases, the Society is interested in the welfare of the child and whether the child is placed in an Adoption Home or is taken home by the mother; the Society must keep the case under supervision until assured that the child is being properly cared for. In most cases coming to our attention, there was no corroboration of the girl's statement regarding the putative father and if he denied being responsible, no court action could be taken. In a number of instances the putative father had joined the Armed Forces and could not be interviewed.

Juvenile Court

Under the able guidance of Judges S. Atkinson and E. R. Tucker the Court has functioned in the usual manner. Children who appeared in Court are treated with understanding and sympathy and are only committed to the Training School after several appearances in Court. During the year 60 children were charged in Court, 9 were committed to the Training School and 51 were placed on parole. I would like to mention particularly the wonderful co-operation we have received from the Provincial and Municipal Police Forces throughout the district in dealing with Juvenile Delinquents.

In closing, I wish to thank all those who in any way contributed to the success of the work. Without the goodwill of the citizens, the Society could not successfully carry on the work, and we are grateful for the assistance received from the ministers, parish priests, doctors, dentists, nurses, teachers, service clubs, town and township officials, those who contribute to their means or share their homes. The local press and radio station CKGB have been of great assistance in keeping the public informed of our needs.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and myself, I desire to express appreciation for the faithful and diligent services rendered by the entire Staff. It has been a pleasure to work with them. To Mr. G. S. Drew and Mr. P. H. Laporte, members of the advisory Committee of the Dependents' Board of Trustees, we express our thanks for the time given in dealing with the many applications received from the soldiers' dependents.

This report would not be complete without mention being made of the splendid co-operation of our President and Board of Directors in all matters relating to the work of the Society.

Respectfully submitted,
A. G. Carson
Local Superintendent.

ACTUAL STATISTICS

The following statistics of the work accompanies Mr. Carson's report:—

Child Protection Cases	
Old Cases	18
New Cases	96
Re-opened	27
Open at end of year	46
Visits made	1313
Office Interviews	363
Children in Care	
April 1st, 1944	165
Admitted during year	85
Discharged during year	70
H. A. Easton, Pte. S. Edwards, Sgt. H. D. Ostrosser, Spr. R. J. Curry, Spr. L. J. Salvail, Pte. W. L. Hazard, Pte. B. W. Thrasher, Spr. T. Searle, Spr. A. Butterfield, Lieut. H. B. Montgomery, Spr. J. S. Donaldson, LAC M. E. Emard, Sgt. J. A. Kalliokoski, LAC R. D. Cummings, WO. J. H. Walton, Pte. A. Sarafinchan, Cfn. W. Edwards, Cfn. N. R. Woolcocks, Lieut. B. Howse, Gnr. A. J. Houle, Bdr. W. C. Pryor, L-Cpl. W. Hampton, Gnr. G. E. Marshall, Cpl. A. C. Bannerman, Sgt. D. C. Johns, Rfmm. F. J. Belanger, Pte. L. J. Poirier, LAC G. E. Roy, LAC N. L. Lion, WO. K. Tennant, LAC M. E. Thomas, L-Cpl. J. W. Martin, Spr. R. K. Camell, Spr. A. Gorman, Dvr. H. Chalifoux, L-S. J. F. Shaheen, Capt. H. F. Appleyard, Spr. P. Carroll, Pte. T. A. Quine, Piper R. Quigg, Sgt. G. H. Boyd.	1159
Office interviews	409
Disposition of Children in Care at end of Year	
Shelter	13
Boarding Homes	57
Adoption Probation Homes	57
Wage Homes	18
Free Homes	32
Institutional Care	3
Children of Unmarried Parents	
Cases open at April 1st, 1944	17
Cases opened during year	35
Cases closed	33
Cases open at March 31st, 1945	19
Office interviews re above	92
Visits made	94
Juvenile Court	
Children brought into court	60
Sent to Training Schools—	
Girls	2
Boys	7
Mileage travelled during year	19,576
Mail received	2,145
Mail sent out	3,652
War Services— Dependents' Board of Trustees	
Supplementary grants—	
new cases	603
new cases	330
Visits made	1251
Office interviews	621
Reports forwarded	621
Investigations re Compassionate Leave or discharge	106
Visits made	132
Office Interviews	51
Reports forwarded	91
Dependents' Allowance Board	
Supervision of Soldiers' Families	24
Number of cases	450
Office interviews	57
British Child Guests	
Children under supervision	3
Visits made	18
Office interviews	12
The financial statement for the year will be found elsewhere in this issue.	

Only Five Fall Fairs in This Part of North

The Ontario Dept. of Agriculture has just issued the annual list of fall fairs and exhibitions, and from this list, which is usually accurate and complete it would appear that there will be only five fall fairs in this part of the North. Previous to the war there were probably double that number each year, with some years seeing fourteen or fifteen such events in this large area of the North.

The five fall fairs listed for this year in this section of the North are: Clute, Aug. 29th. Porquis Junction, Sept. 6th and 7th. Val Gagne, Sept. 5th. Charlton, Sept. 11th and 12th. Englehart, Sept. 18th and 19th. Other fairs listed that may be of interest here are: Georgetown, Sept. 7 and 8. Bracebridge, Sept. 13 and 14. Gore Bay, Sept. 12 and 13. Renfrew, Sept. 11 to 14. Burk's Falls, Sept. 20 and 21. Huntsville, Sept. 19 and 20. Powassan, Sept. 18 and 19. Stratford, Sept. 17 and 18. Beachburg, Sept. 24 to 26. Bruce Mines, Sept. 28. Moraviantown, Sept. 10 and 11. St. Mary's, Sept. 4 and 5.

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WELCOMES RETURNING HEROES: Thirty-one years a Canadian soldier, (C.E.F., militia, C.A.S.F. and reserve), Seymour Tyler, Canadian Pacific Railway sleeping car porter, is unofficial greeter to thousands of the fighting men and women being rushed home now on the sleepers and diners taken out of ordinary service (above). A high point in his World War II experience was leading the First Division to trains from shipside at Greenock, Scotland, in December of 1939 as band sergeant of the Carleton and York Regiment bugle band. His most prized possession is a silver bugle, gift of Carleton and York warrant and non-commissioned officers, about which the King questioned him at Aldershot in 1940 (inset).

Hundred More Servicemen Send Thanks for Fags

More Letters and Cards Received by the Timmins Legion Community Fag Fund.

Timmins Legion Community Fag Fund is keeping up its regular shipments of cigarettes overseas. Last month there were 75,300 cigarettes sent to the servicemen from this town and district who are still on duty "over there." And the boys overseas continue to appreciate cigarettes sent. In the past week or so one hundred men have sent cards or letters of thanks here, expressing appreciation for the fags sent. Those sending acknowledgement are as follows:

- Pte. P. E. Boulanger, Pte. G. Perreault, LAC N. Horrester, Gnr. C. J. Slattery, Pte. E. G. McGlashan, Pte. E. J. Whitford, Pte. J. Mills, Pte. J. Dierner, Rfmm. D. Waters, Spr. E. Malone, Lieut. J. W. West, Spr. C. D. Boyd, Pte. A. J. Weir, Pte. M. Yasinchuk, Sgt. E. E. Gignac, Pte. G. Strong, Tpr. C. J. Lafranier, Gnr. L. A. Morel, Spr. A. McWhinnie, Rfmm. G. St. Denis, Bdr. W. Whitehead, Pte. L. F. Paquin, Cfn. F. Griffin, Cpl. A. Spence, Cpl. T. J. Kelly, Gdsm. J. Frankow, L-Cpl. J. A. Dodds, Pte. B. T. Ho, Lieut. Pte. C. H. Holmes, Pte. J. O. Auger, Pte. L. P. Lemieux, LAC F. Robitaille, Pte. A. A. Villeneuve, L-Cpl. H. Bombardier, Dvr. C. C. Cameron, Cpl. A. K. Powell, Cpl. A. R. Bowyer, Spr. O. Rivet, LAC A. M. Sinclair, Tpr. R. J. Sweeney, LAC A. Garraway, Pte. G. J. Doolan, Sgt. P. McWhirter, Pte. A. V. Batticelli, Cpl. S. E. Guindon, C.Q.M.S. J. Constantineau, L-Cpl. D. McGaw, Pte. A. R. Tubman, Spr. R. Van Op Den Bosh, Pte. E. Hebert, Cpl. A. Adamson, Cpl. J. P. Little, Spr. J. A. Brazau, Bdr. E. J. Kulaick, Pte. E. A. Quinn, Spr. H. Marcotte, Pte. W. Singleton, Tpr. H. A. Easton, Pte. S. Edwards, Sgt. L. J. Salvail, Pte. W. L. Hazard, Pte. B. W. Thrasher, Spr. T. Searle, Spr. A. Butterfield, Lieut. H. B. Montgomery, Spr. J. S. Donaldson, LAC M. E. Emard, Sgt. J. A. Kalliokoski, LAC R. D. Cummings, WO. J. H. Walton, Pte. A. Sarafinchan, Cfn. W. Edwards, Cfn. N. R. Woolcocks, Lieut. B. Howse, Gnr. A. J. Houle, Bdr. W. C. Pryor, L-Cpl. W. Hampton, Gnr. G. E. Marshall, Cpl. A. C. Bannerman, Sgt. D. C. Johns, Rfmm. F. J. Belanger, Pte. L. J. Poirier, LAC G. E. Roy, LAC N. L. Lion, WO. K. Tennant, LAC M. E. Thomas, L-Cpl. J. W. Martin, Spr. R. K. Camell, Spr. A. Gorman, Dvr. H. Chalifoux, L-S. J. F. Shaheen, Capt. H. F. Appleyard, Spr. P. Carroll, Pte. T. A. Quine, Piper R. Quigg, Sgt. G. H. Boyd.

Proving that This is a Small World After All

An interesting coincidence in the matter of mutual friends is referred to in a letter written home by Henry Ostrosser, who is on active service overseas.

On a recent leave from his service on the continent, he only spent a day or two in England, and then followed the usual custom of the Canadian soldier and decided on a trip to Scotland.

At Edinburgh he made a number of friends, and among them was a lady serving in the A. T. S. This young lady was quite English and modestly proud of it. In the course of conversation she asked him casually if he knew anyone in England.

"Well, now," said Henry, "I must confess that I cannot think of even one that I would call friend, or that I can say that I know well."

The young lady urged him to think. Surely, there was someone, somewhere in England, that he knew well, and so called his friend.

"Even if I could think of someone in England, you would not be likely to know them," Henry suggested.

"You don't know," was the young lady's answer, "I know a lot of English people."

Then the Canadian soldier remembered that there was one English person in England that he knew and knew well.

"Well," said Henry, "there is one Englishman that I do know, and know well, and he is a friend of mine."

SUCH IGNORANCE

Defense Worker's Wife—But the fashion notes in last night's paper say black kids have tan stitches and vice versa. I see the tan stitches but not vice versa.

Self Girl (sweetly)—Oh, you see, 'vice versa' is French for 'one button.'

Globe and Mail.—There are few easier ways of creating permanent beauty than by planting a tree. Such an act, done in a spirit which is sensitive and aware of the significance of the work, can be a memorable emotional experience.

Englishmen Still Insist on Getting Their Rights

By Mary Williamson in "News", Judith Robinson's weekly journal.

Let no one think that an Englishman doesn't still stand up for his rights. A large section of the London office of the Great Western Railway has been functioning in Reading during the war, and the staff travel out by train every morning. They are met at Reading station by a bus and transported to their building. One morning the rain was coming down in buckets, and the driver stopped to let his passengers out at the gate of the fifty-yards long driveway. They protested at not being driven to the door, but the driver refused to oblige. And the passengers refused to budge. So he sat, and they sat. And the rain poured down. Finally the driver said he was going back to the station to pick up the mail. The passengers said that was all right, they would go back too. To the station they went, picked up the mail and returned to the office building, and this time the driver said nothing but drove to the door, and the passengers climbed out with dignity and appeared at their desks an hour and a half late, but dry.

"We knew we were within our rights," said the chap who told me the story. "Driving us to the door on a wet day was part of the agreement."

Ladies' Auxiliary of the Legion Hold Weekly Tea

The ladies' Auxiliary of the Legion held their afternoon tea at the home of Mrs. R. Hardy, 6 Transmission Line It had been hoped to hold the tea on the lawn, but the showery weather made these arrangements impossible.

The ladies present were:—Mrs. L. Nicholson, Mrs. R. Hardy, Mrs. J. McGarry, Margaret McGarry, Mrs. A. Borland, Sr. Mrs. A. Borland, Jr., Elizabeth Borland, Mrs. Kelsey, Mrs. B. Richards, Mrs. L. Mason, Mrs. E. Finchen, Mrs. W. Wilkinson, Helen Borland and Mrs. Stewart, of St. Petersburg, Florida, who is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. Borland, Jr., 76 Balsam Street, South.

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