

### Sunday School Attendance Shows a Decided Decline

A growing sense of economic injustice, which has a demoralizing effect on minister and people alike, is one of the causes of decrease in attendance at the United Church Sunday Schools, states the report of the church's Board of Christian Education, which will be presented to the General Council of the Church when it meets in Toronto on Sept. 21st. It is recorded in the document that the decrease in Sunday school attendance since 1932 to the present time has been 8.66 per cent.

Radio entertainment, Sunday motoring, and Sunday amusements, lack of interest on the part of parents and other adults, lack of religious convictions and evangelistic passion on the part of teachers and officers, and a growing secularism and materialism are other causes blamed for the decrease. The report further states that the decrease is not confined to the United alone, but investigation among other denominations shows similar decreases.

"It is interesting to note that, while Sunday school attendance has decreased 8.66 per cent, and more," the report continues, "public school attendance is also

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lower. For the whole of Canada the school attendance was down 3.37 per cent. Another feature of lessening interest in Sunday work is the lack of teachers. It is exceedingly difficult to secure an adequate number of teachers who will take their work seriously. This is particularly true of men teachers for boys of the Sunday schools."

### To Follow Grandfathers

Speaking at the Mulock picnic Rt. Hon. W.L.M. King paid a fine tribute to Col. Mulock and Morgan Baker, and to our elderly citizen Seneca Baker. One may feel justly proud and a bit 'perked' up to have the first citizen of the nation come forward with glowing words of praise such as was set forth by Mr. King. In part these were his words:

"May I say to my friend, Mr. Morgan Baker, how deeply honored I feel that he should have spoken words of welcome such as he extended to me today. In the years I have been associated with North York I remember having the privilege of being a close friend of Mr. Baker's father. A finer citizen of our country I believe is not to be found in any part of it. He is an example to all of us, a man of keen vision, character and ability, and true conception of citizenship. I remember saying to a good many of our friends at the time when they came to select a candidate for the provincial House that I doubted if they could do better than to choose Mr. Baker. I am sure he is one who will maintain the traditions of the constituency which he has so much at heart, and one who will rise to a great place in the affairs of our province and in

the affairs of our country. I tell you today that you have in the person of Mr. Baker, in the provincial House, and your other representative, Col. Mulock, in the federal House, two young men who are going to take an increasingly important place in the public life of our country, and who are going to be as honored as their grandfathers have been before them.

### Vancouver Home Folk

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ful way. He is tall and as straight as a policeman. He enquired eagerly about his brothers Calvin and Amos at home in Goodwood, and Nathan in Toronto. Calvin, of course, is the eldest of the family. Mr. Stafford has three sons and one daughter all living in Vancouver. "I like Vancouver but am interested in the old home too," he said. "My brother Calvin subscribes for a copy of The Tribune for me each year, and that's how I knew I could see you here," smiled Mr. Stafford. Continuing he said he liked Vancouver because of its wonderful climate, few frosts, and last winter there was hardly a day, if any, that one could not put a spade in the garden. Sometimes it is not quite this mild.

Mr. Raymer is also a weekly reader of The Tribune and his copy then is handed to a Mrs. Carter who came from Pickering. She in turn sends it somewhere else after reading it.

It was the great pleasure of the editor to meet Miss Beth Percy who in company with her sister Mrs. G.H. Trethewey, called on us at the Vancouver Hotel. These were busy days, and we regretted that we did not have more time to spend with these old Stouffville friends. Mrs. Trethewey, has been located in Vancouver for some time and is well known there and throughout the province being greatly interested in and holding a provincial office in the Rebecca lodge for British Columbia. The Percy family for many reasons will always have a prominent place in the memory of old Stouffville.

Roy Kendrick, brother of Mrs. N. W. Byer, conducts a fine store right across from the big hotel where we had our headquarters. His is the fashion shop for Charis garments, and his fine premises are among the best in the city. Mr. Kendrick was anxious to show us the city, but we had to be content with a couple of brief visits to his well appointed business premises. He still recalls many Stouffville people.

One of the happiest hours in Vancouver, (and we had just an hour for the visit) was spent with Mrs. Benj Palmer, an entertaining elderly lady and sister of our Rolph Jones of Altona. She hears from her brother weekly by way of a copy of this paper, and we are proud to say it has no more interested reader than Mrs. Palmer. Despite a half century or more away from her home here she follows the children and grandchildren of her former acquaintances. This keeps her mind alert and provides Mrs. Palmer with much to think about. With her two daughters (Mrs Palmer is a widow) we enjoyed a drive through Vancouver's wonderful park. The Misses Palmer were most kind to us and their mother is certainly fortunate to have at home two such thoughtful and lovely girls.

Mrs. Palmer referred to an article in this paper recently concerning Mrs. Esther Robinson's birthday. "Why, I was so delighted to read that," said this Vancouver lady. "And

do you know that she was my Sunday School teacher away back when we were all just girls." We promised to convey congratulations to Mrs. Robinson. Mrs. Palmer left the Altona section as a young woman and with her husband located on Manitoulin Island, but in later years went West. She is one of the few people who could probably provide material better than any one else for an early history of Altona. Mrs. Palmer's one daughter is a graduate of the B.C. University.

Dr. W. and Mrs. Richardson called at our hotel headquarters one evening for a brief visit. Dr. Richardson's sister is the wife of Rev. W. S. Irwin who this summer came to Whitchurch to become minister on the Lemonville circuit of the United Church. The doctor has been a dental practitioner at the coast for many years and has a well located office on one of the Main thoroughfares. His wife is a niece of Mrs. Robinson of whom Mrs. Palmer made reference, also Mrs. Richardson is a niece of Mrs. Millard and cousin of Mrs. Lud Hoover. She was born near Whitevale, her maiden name being Christina Spink. They are well and were anxious for news from Stouffville.

Well known merchant tailor in Vancouver conducting a live business in made-to-measure clothes is Hartley Storey, a native of this section, being a son of the late John Storey. His parents lived where Eli Raymer now resides on Main street west at 9th concession, after moving from their farm on Uxbridge-Whitchurch Townline. Hartley as a young man learned the tailoring with the late W. B. Sanders, and worked on the bench with Frank Rae and John Bundy when they were lads. Mr. Storey has not forgotten the town of his youth, and when he showed us his well appointed business premises we were pried with questions about the home town folk. It is around 35 years since he left home here. He is well known in the city of Vancouver and enjoys a large patronage there.

All these people warned us to bring back greetings to their old friends.

### SAYS, FARMHANDS' PAY EQUALS UNION DEMAND

Ontario's agricultural workers have never made any move to form a labor union, it was learned recently from Deputy Minister of Labor James Marsh. But although the farm workers in Ontario have not organized, they are, generally, just as well paid as the men in Alberta, where an organization known as the Alberta Harvesters' Wage Committee has been formed.

The Alberta union made known its wage demands in a manifesto distributed to unemployed men in Calgary. They ask for \$2 per day for stookers on a ten-hour basis and \$4 for eleven hours for threshers. Western farmers, preparing to reap the best grain crop in several years, are offering \$1.75 and \$2 per day for harvesters, with bindes and combine men getting as much as \$3.50 per day.

J. Fred Marsh, Superintendent of the Ontario Employment Bureau, said yesterday Ontario farmers are paying \$1 per day for harvesters, but pointed out that because of the smaller grain crop in Ontario the work is considerably different.

"It would not be fair to compare the wages of Ontario and Alberta workers," he remarked, "because the jobs are entirely different. In Ontario the workers merely harvest the crop, while in Alberta they thresh as well as harvest the crop."

Mr. Marsh pointed out that a man working on a farm on a yearly basis would earn, on the average, about \$300 and his keep—Some, he said are paid more because of their greater experience.

For seasonal work, during the summer months, the men are paid \$25 to \$35 per month and their room and board. Mr. Marsh pointed out that if Alberta farmers meet the demands of the agricultural workers the men will not be any further ahead than workers in Ontario, because their jobs will not last as long as those of the eastern workers.

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