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SPLENDID WORK DONE BY VICTORIAN NURSES

Dr. M. T. McEachern, the Director-General Spoke Here on Thursday.

The splendid work of the Victorian Order of Nurses was the subject of a very helpful address by Dr. M. T. McEachern, director-general of the order for Canada, who spoke before the members of the local branch in the city council chambers on Thursday afternoon. Dr. McEachern is now touring Ontario to assist the various branches of the order and his visit to Kingston will be repeated in the near future when further plans will be worked out.

Dr. McEachern was introduced by J. B. Walkem, who acted as chairman of the meeting, and in his opening remarks, he told of the very great pleasure which he had in meeting the members of the Kingston branch of the Victorian Order. He remarked that he had just arrived from Sudbury, in the first stage of his trip through Ontario, and that every community he had visited showed splendid work accomplished by the Victorian nurses.

It must be recognized, continued the speaker, that the local committees were the backbone of the order, as they raised money to assist in their own special work, as well as supervising the nursing, etc., carried on in the community. These committees also give many helpful suggestions to the head-office in Ottawa. It was the main object of the present tour to get acquainted with the members of these committees and receive their suggestions to further the interests of the order.

The order never was in a more flourishing condition, stated Dr. McEachern, and the demands for nurses are such that all the orders cannot be filled. In Saskatchewan and Alberta where the speaker recently made a tour of some four hundred miles the problem was gradually being worked out, but the possibilities for expansion were enormous. There is a great deal to be accomplished in Canada even yet, not only in the great North-West, but also in the Eastern provinces, and this expansion would benefit both the Victorian Order and the community at large.

The doctor sketched the work and co-operation with the Red Cross Society, and similar organizations, while many of the hospitals have adopted a plan to train the nurses of the third-year class in this community work and public health service. The order now gives a year's training in public health nursing at a university, and now they are able to go out at the request of the local board and carry on with anything demanded of them. It is the policy of the order to go into a community and do any work that is needed. Public health, bed-nursing, school-nursing, mothercraft, home-nursing, etc., all come within the accomplishments of the Victorian nurse, and in this way she had become an invaluable addition to the national life of Canada.

The order was now appreciated much more than in years gone by. The people looked for the service, and the members of the medical profession were sympathetic to its objects. Every doctor admits that the order have always played the game, and with this in view, a wonderful future, full of co-operation between the various organizations to combat disease and ill-health, is promised.

The speaker remarked that publicity was not usually prominent in the objects of the order, but that the people wanted to know, and should be told, of the activities of the association. The press came in for some complimentary remarks from the speaker, during which he stated that the newspapers were not only great educative mediums, but that they had always been very sympathetic towards the Victorian Order. The local newspapers should be assisted in every way possible, as their object is to inform the people of all community activities. Dr. McEachern then told of a publicity campaign which was being planned, and which would include literature of the order, and exhibits and lantern slides.

In conclusion, Dr. McEachern stated that Canada was now divided into three districts of organized activities, the whole to be directed by the Ottawa headquarters, as follows: the Maritime provinces; Ontario and Quebec; and the four Western provinces. There will also be a special nurse in each district to assist the local committees.

Before the meeting was brought to a close, Dr. McEachern answered a number of questions relating to the work of the order, and a general discussion also took place among the interested members of the Kingston branch who were present. Mr. Walkem gave a short address on the work done in this city during the years since the local branch was organized. He remarked that the Victorian nurse was always at the beck and call of the people, rich or poor, and that her services were invaluable.

During the past winter, 379 children of Kingston received attention from the two nurses of the local branch, and the nurses also rendered a great deal of assistance to the unemployment relief committee. The poor children of the people were given around 5,000 quarts of milk, and considerable social service work

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was also done. The Rotary boot and shoe fund was dispensed by these nurses also. The occasion was taken to publicly thank Dr. H. E. Day for his services to the order, as he has given two afternoons a week to the local welfare station gratis.

A SEVEN YEAR OLD LAD DROWNED ON THURSDAY

Fell Off a Log in Anglin's Slip Body Was Recovered 15 Minutes After.

Herbert Coulson, aged seven years, son of Sergt. Richard Coulson and Mrs. Coulson, 46 Ordnance street, was drowned at Anglin's slip at 3 p.m. on Thursday. The little fellow was playing on some logs in the slip with a companion, Daniel Enright, a lad of the same age, and fell off a log into the water. He could not swim and sank under the logs. Immediately the alarm was given and soon a crowd of boys, and the lad's distracted mother, were at the spot. George Marsh attempted to locate the lad with a hook but failed and putting on a bathing suit dived and brought up the body. It had been in the water about fifteen minutes, but Dr. W. W. Sands, who was summoned, pronounced life extinct.

The fatality cast gloom over the home of Mrs. Coulson, whose husband is with his unit, the R.C.H.A., in camp at Petawawa. She has one daughter, and little Herbert was the youngest of four sons. She has the sympathy of a wide circle of friends in her sorrow.

The place where the drowning occurred is dangerous for little children, and parents residing in the neighborhood state that other children have been drowned there. They complain that no protection is provided and that children are permitted to wander on the water front. "I think that there should be some person about there to warn children of the danger," said Mrs. Coulson, "a caretaker or the police should do this, for how are children to know unless warned."

The body was conveyed to S. S. Corbett's undertaking parlors. There was no inquest as the coroner was satisfied that the sad occurrence was purely accidental.

CHEESEMEN PROTEST EXCESS STAMP TAX

Will Write Minister of Finance and Point Out the Hardship.

At a meeting of the Frontenac Cheese Board on Thursday afternoon, a letter was read from the Montreal Produce Merchants' Association, stating that "all purchases of farm products, such as butter, cheese and eggs, bought on and after August 2nd, would be paid for on the basis of deducting the excess stamp tax at time of payment."

A resolution was passed to that effect, and the board informed that the operation of this tax came into effect three times on the same transaction; by the seller in the country; the Montreal merchant on bills of exchange, and by the handler in the country when dividend cheques were issued in payment for milk or cream sent to factories.

The association suggested that the boards protest to the minister of finance and promised co-operation in having the difficulty remedied. The board passed a resolution asking the secretary to write a letter to the minister of finance pointing out the hardship as it was never intended that the tax should be paid three times on one transaction. The way the tax affects the business, the factory pays the tax twice, because the Montreal buyer deducts the cost of stamps when making out a cheque in favor of a factory, and the factory has to pay stamps when issuing cheques to patrons. How the Montreal merchant pays a stamp tax when the goods are sold in Britain through agents is not clear, but they claim that they do pay it.

HARVESTING OF GRAIN IS ALMOST AT END

The Returns Are the Greatest in Quite a Number of Years.

Harvesting of grain is nearly over in the townships and on Wolfe Island, Amherst Island and Howe Island. The crop of oats, wheat, barley and rye exceeds that of any other year and the farmers are looking forward to a bumper root crop. Fodder crops have been excellent and the corn is already well on to maturity. There will be a surplus of fodder consequently an unusually large number of live stock will be carried over the winter. Pork raising has been general this year because of the plentiful supply of milk which was used on a great many farms for feed after selling the cream. There was an active demand for young pigs in the spring and prices were firm. They are regarded as the natural by-product of the dairy farm and the precautions against disease enforced in the Dairy Standards Act ensure the farmers a good return on their hogs this fall.

Mrs. T. G. Stevens, an aged resident of Athens, suffered a stroke recently and is very low, with no hopes of recovery.

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