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"There Are No Bad Boys," F. J. Wilson Tells the Rotary Club.

A splendid address on work among boys, was given by F. J. Wilson, general secretary of the Kingston Y. M. C. A., at the noon-day luncheon of the Kingston Rotary Club, at the British-American hotel, on Friday. The president, Leman A. Guild, presided, and there was a good attendance of members. Mr. Wilson chose as the subject of his most interesting and inspiring address, "The Boy and His Gang." The speaker dealt with the boy at various stages in his life, and showed how parents and workers among "the rising generation," could help to give the lads a proper start in life, and keep them on the right path.

At the outset of his address, Mr. Wilson pointed out how it was a natural thing for boys to travel in gangs. And in view of this fact, the all-important task was to see that the boys travelled with a good gang. A boy would never forget anything that was done to promote his interests, and the field presented a great opportunity for work among the youngsters. There was an opening for a "Big Brother Movement," and all who took part in this, would find themselves amply repaid for all their trouble.

Branching out on the boy problem, the speaker remarked that it was a man problem, as all would admit that the boy of today, is to be the man of tomorrow. One could figure out the wheat resources of the country, but who could estimate the value of the crop of boys turned out every year? Everyone recognized the fact that the boys were the greatest asset of a community. And the work among the boys should have the warm support of every man and woman.

"There are no bad boys," declared Mr. Wilson. "Some may take objection to this statement, but it is just the case of normal boys who have gone wrong. Our job is to keep the boys in a good clean gang. Keep close to the boys, work and play with them, give them the proper instruction, and this will help keep them on the right track."

Mr. Wilson referred to the boys at various ages, and emphasized the great need of a father making a chum of his boy. He made special reference to the boy at the age when he asks so many questions. A father had to be "a human book of knowledge," at this stage, but the speaker appealed to the father to answer all the questions and help the boy in every way possible. Play time was a dangerous stage for the boys, and it was important that attention should be paid to the boys' companions. The adolescent stage was also an important period. It was at this stage a boy formed his ideal and made his decision as regards his future.

Mr. Wilson interspersed his address with many bright and interesting stories, and his talk was greatly appreciated by the members of the club. Rotarian Charlie Anglin moved a vote of thanks to the speaker, which was tendered by the president amidst warm applause. President Guild announced to the members that the Belleville club had accepted an invitation to come to Kingston on May 13th for an inter-city meet, and that arrangements would be made to have representatives from the clubs at Brockville, Watertown, N.Y., Smith's Falls and Renfrew. It is expected that twenty-five or thirty members will be here from Belleville. The president also announced that the operetta, "In A Persian Garden," would be given at the House of Providence on May 1st.

In the absence of the pianist, Rotarian Harold Singleton, Rotarian "Jack" Elder was appointed musical director for the luncheon, and he succeeded in putting over the songs in good style. "Jack" made a big hit when he tried out "The Old Grey Mare." In fact it went over so big that the selection will be added to the list of Rotary songs. H. L. Van Luven, Napanee, was introduced as a guest at roll call. The president made the most pleasing announcement that in the course of a week or so, the club would have as their speaker, John Nelson, ex-publisher of the Vancouver World, and one of the best authorities at the coast on the Oriental question. Mr. Nelson has been making a special study of this question. He is an eloquent speaker, and his visit to Kingston is being looked forward to with keen interest.

Rotarian "Mike" Bohan, the genial proprietor of the British-American hotel, presented the members of the club with a fine gift in the form of a very attractive match box with a Rotary wheel and the following inscription: "British-American Hotel, Rotary Headquarters." The gift was very much appreciated by the members.

Rev. Clarence Mackinnon, head of the overseas Khaki University, preaches morning and evening in Chalmers church on Sunday. Hear him.

Stratford merchants may stage a motor hike to the annual convention of the Retail Merchants' Association at Brockville on June 22nd.

John Hamby, of the Royal Bank, Napanee, was brought to the General hospital and successfully operated on for appendicitis.

Letters to the Editor

Bilingualism and Regulation 17. Catarqui, April 20.—(To the Editor): The misrepresentations have been so many and the consequent misunderstanding so widespread in regards to Bilingualism and Regulation 17, that I propose, with your permission, to state what I believe to be the facts in regard thereto.

By the Act of Union of 1840, Upper and Lower Canada came under one parliament with an equal number of representatives from each. The population of the two provinces was at that time almost equally divided between the two races, Lower Canada being overwhelmingly French and Upper Canada being just as solidly English. So far as the schools were concerned, there was never a sentence or word in any of the many educational acts passed between 1841 and 1867 giving the slightest recognition to the use of the French language in Ontario, nor does there appear to have been any request from any quarter for such recognition. English was accepted without question as the official language of the province and the use of any other was regarded as exceptional and merely as a convenient means of imparting instruction to pupils not understanding the official language. That situation was accepted without protest and without any request on the part of the French for official recognition of their language all through those trying years when the Rev. Dr. Ryerson, with infinite patience and consuming zeal was evolving the Ontario school system. That was the situation accepted without hint of amendment between 1841 and 1867 by a parliament composed about equally of French and English members, and that was the situation endorsed and confirmed by the Fathers of Confederation in 1867 and continued for eighteen years thereafter without a single line of legislation relating thereto.

By 1881 the population in Ontario of French origin had increased to 102,743. It was not, however, until 1885 that the department of education considered necessary an express provision in the law declaring English the language of all state controlled and state aided schools. This was done because about that time complaints arose concerning the defective training in English of pupils in certain schools of the counties of Prescott and Russell. Apparently no attention was paid to the mandate of the department and the complaints continued for several years. In May, 1889, the Hon. G. W. Ross, minister of education, appointed a commission to ascertain whether the instructions of the education department regarding the teaching of English in the schools of Prescott, Russell, Essex Kent and Simcoe were being complied with or what steps should be taken to more completely enforce the regulations in those counties. The commission reported seventeen schools with satisfactory results, twenty-one with fair progress being made, twenty-eight with less time given to English than prescribed, and eighteen where the pupils knew very little English.

It will thus be seen that thirty-five or forty years ago the government found it necessary to take steps to protect English-speaking children from neglect which was becoming every year increasingly manifest. Acting on the suggestion of the commission, the government in 1890 provided bilingual readers and established at Plantagenet a special school for the training of French teachers in the English language. In 1891, the department specified that it was the duty of public school teachers to employ the English language as the language of instruction and communication except in so far as this was impracticable by reason of the pupils not understanding English; and that in school sections, where



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In 1893, the commission of 1889 was re-appointed with instructions to note what progress, if any, had been made since their previous report especially in Prescott and Russell. The commission reported "a decided advance has been made" and urged perseverance. Results, however, fell far short of meeting expectations and, in 1900, the Hon. R. Harcourt, minister of education, directed the attention of the inspectors to the needs of the French bilingual schools and declared that, "The regulation requiring that, so far as possible, all communications between pupils and teacher shall be in English, must be carefully observed."

Complaints continued to increase and, in 1910, Dr. F. W. Merchant was appointed with instructions to ascertain to what extent the law and the regulations were being observed and to what extent the means to attain the desired end of providing all pupils with a thorough training in English were inadequate or defective. Dr. Merchant's report and other events which led to the passing of Regulation 17 will be considered in a subsequent letter.

—J. W. EDWARDS.

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