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Activities For All Hallows.

Wednesday of next week is the feast of All Hallows, better known everywhere as Hallow E'en. On that evening boys and girls indulge in more or less innocent pranks. Sometimes they go beyond the bounds of what is right and proper and thoughtlessly destroy property.

While the police do their duty on Hallow E'en, it is much better that the young people should be self-controlled rather than that the strong arm of the law should have to take them in hand. To that end a good many parents and others will take steps to provide such innocent amusement as may seem good for the occasion. Older people will join with the youngsters in observing the occasion. If this is done there will be little temptation for the youngsters to get beyond control and do things which their parents and all others regret.

Everyone appreciates or should appreciate wholesome fun. Everyone likes an innocent prank. The difficulty with young boys is that they sometimes do not realize the boundary line between innocent pranks and destructive vagaries. It is up to the parents to see that this boundary line is clearly marked for their children so that the coming Hallow E'en may be fuller of enjoyment and less given to destructiveness than any which have preceded. It should be remembered that no prank is worth while in which one party to it suffers.

Mistaken Idea About Pulpwood Export.

There is a mistaken idea abroad in regard to the export of pulpwood. While the provincial government has power to refuse to allow timber to be exported from its lands, the moment the land gets beyond the control of the provincial government, the latter has no say in regard to what shall be done with the product. The matter at once, according to the constitution, becomes a Dominion government affair. It is then to the Dominion we must look to stop export of timber to the United States. All matters of trade and commerce are Dominion matters.

Most of the timber in Northern British Columbia is held under lease from the provincial government but there are a few tracts of crown granted lands with which the province has nothing to do. It is from these crown lands that logs are exported.

It must be remembered that the powers of the provinces are clearly set forth in the British North America Act and the Dominion jealously guards its rights. Appeals are constantly being made to the courts to decide what those rights are and what are the rights of the provinces under the law. The Dominion government, not being so vitally affected by local matters, is apt to take a broader view of public questions. In this case, however, there has been considerable export of pulp logs from eastern Canada and at the last session of the legislature the Dominion government was given power by parliament to stop log export if it saw fit. So far this power does not seem to have been used. If any British Columbia people feel that the law should be put in force they should bring pressure to bear on the Dominion authorities. Already the people interested in continuing the export business have done this and are continually doing it. Little has been heard from the other side, however. Instead of grumbling at the provincial government for something over which they have no control, the matter should be taken up with the Dominion.

Wednesday Next Is Fish Day.

The last day of October is set aside as National Fish Day for the purpose of focusing attention on one of the great natural resources of the Dominion and to show appreciation of the work of the men who gather in the harvest of the seas.

The most practical way in which Canada can show appreciation for the fishermen is to make greater use of sea products and thus help to make the calling more remunerative. Fish is a splendid food product and has high nutritive value.

"My Heart Would Palpitate, I Had Weak Spells"
Mrs. L. Whiting, 202 King St. West, Brockville, Ont., writes:—
"I took very sick with my nerves and stomach, and seemed to be all run down. At times my heart would flutter and palpitate so and I would take such weak spells in the pit of my stomach that I sometimes thought I would never get better. I had almost given up hope when a friend advised the use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food. I did not stop until I had taken twenty-five boxes. It has done wonders for me and I want to recommend it to everyone."

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MACLEAN MAKES POLICY CLEAR

In Address to Trustees He Speaks of Many Important Educational Matters

NO COUNCIL COMMITTEE

Would Like to See National System Throughout all Canada

The proposal of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities that the whole cost of education be borne by the provincial government was the most fantastic and retrograde suggestion he had ever heard made by a body of public men, Hon. Dr. J. D. MacLean, minister of education, told the convention of the British Columbia School Trustees' Association at Duncan recently.

The minister, in the course of a lengthy address, defended the educational system of the province against various criticisms, and dealt with various proposals advanced in regard to it. He attacked the plan of the Union of B.C. Municipalities to have municipal councils take over the control of the schools from the school boards, declaring that the record of councils in the past was a strong argument against such a move.

Function of Trustees

The two most outstanding functions of a school trustee, said Dr. MacLean, were those of appointing teachers and providing school accommodation. While trustees were an intelligent body of people, they had not the special training which permitted them to know the strong and weak points of teachers, and while the School Act gave the boards full power to make appointments, it was wise to consult the principal—in the case of graded schools—the provincial inspector, and—in the case of the larger centres—the municipal inspector.

Some trustees had wondered whether or not they were legally liable in the event of the necessary accommodation not being provided. There was no liability, provided the board had taken advantage of the machinery existing to secure the accommodation. He urged that every trustee know the School Act and regulations.

What he termed some of the strong features of the B.C. educational system was pointed out by Dr. MacLean. He stressed the value of free education in providing a broader field from which to select leaders and a more intelligent body of people to make the selection.

Religion in Schools

Taking up the question of religion and the schools, the speaker declared that those who had known what conditions were in places where a religious question existed, would know that it was well to leave conditions in British Columbia as they were. "It is a dangerous thing to be stirring up the passions of the people," he added.

The advantages of the present system of central direction with a certain amount of local control, resulting in a standardization of curriculum, books, etc., was dwelt upon, and Dr. MacLean went on, "I would like to see a national system of education stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific, under which our people would all be brought up with the same ideals."

Best Trained Teachers

British Columbia had the best trained teachers in Canada, according to a Dominion government report, said the minister, and they were improving all the time.

Dealing with the charge that the present educational administration system was costing too much, he explained that at present it amounted in British Columbia to only one per cent of the total expenditure. This was the lowest in Canada. The administration cost per class room and the inspection cost were lower in British Columbia than in the other three western provinces. The cost of conducting examinations was also lower.

The cost of educating a child in British Columbia was $74.60 a year, while in Saskatchewan it was $98, in Manitoba $73.70, and in Alberta $86. In Manitoba the population was much more condensed than in British Columbia.

Sharing Cost

In British Columbia the provincial government contributed forty per cent of the school cost, in Alberta it gave fifteen per cent, in Manitoba it gave fourteen per cent, and in Saskatchewan, twelve per cent. Nowhere else in Canada was the provincial government as generous in this regard as in British Columbia, declared the minister.

The Union of B.C. Municipalities, he continued, had suggested various expedients in regard to education costs. One was that the provincial government bear the whole cost.

Would Shift Control

This would simply mean that the provincial authorities would have to increase their tax bill by that amount. If the government collected the taxes for school purpose, who would administer them? Did anyone suppose he would hand out the money for school boards to administer? asked Dr. MacLean. The business way was for the man who spent the money to direct the policy. "It would bring the whole educational system into the arena of party politics," he asserted, after pointing out what would likely happen in the event of an unscrupulous government gaining power. "It is the most fantastic, most retrograde suggestion ever made by a body of public men," declared the minister.

It had been suggested that the school boards were extravagant and were not fit to manage the business of the schools, he went on.

"They want a council committee to handle school affairs," he explained. "I don't approve of that." He had spent two weeks investigating to ascertain if the plan was in force anywhere else in the world, and he failed to find a single case. In a matter of this sort he did not care to set a precedent.

Record of Councils

What was the record of municipal councils? asked the minister. His belief was that public utilities, be they water works, or street car systems, should pay their way. Last year municipalities of British Columbia had lost $300,000 through public utilities. There was a shortage of five and a half million dollars in sinking funds. Only ten per cent of the debt of municipalities was due to schools. "When a man comes to you and says that you are spending too much and sending the country to the bow-wows, show him these figures," suggested the speaker.

Dr. MacLean said that he was willing that an educational survey of the province be made if there was sufficient local demand. Outside of Vancouver and neighborhood, however, there had been little request for such a survey. If it was simply a matter of stock-taking, he would say that his department was continually stock-taking. If the aim was to graft on to the present system things still in the experimental stage, he would not agree, no matter how many surveys might be held. Any survey should be by the citizens of British Columbia or Canada, he added.

No Pay For Services

After explaining the new changes in the British Columbia system, the minister expressed appreciation of the work of the trustees. He thought that to pay them for their services would be to weaken the boards.

PRICE OF DISTILLATE TO BE REDUCED HERE

City Council Was Advised Last Night by F. C. O'Hara, Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce

The city council last night received a letter from F. C. O'Hara, deputy minister of trade and commerce, Ottawa, stating that he had been informed that the Imperial Oil Co. was about to reduce distillate prices here in line with reductions recently made in the price of gasoline at outside points.

Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

George W. Stennett, Victoria manager of the Alliance Fishing Co., is in the city making arrangements for the fishing of the company's two schooners, Alliance No. 1 and Alliance No. 2, out of this port this winter.

Returning from a three month's big game hunting trip to Alaska, John Borden, Chicago millionaire and cousin of Premier Borden, Harry Scott, San Francisco, and William Brown, Chicago, are in the city to[illegible] on Mr. Borden's yacht, Adventuress bound south. The yacht came to this coast from Boston sailing around South America and through the Magellan Straits.

The Daughters of the Empire held an auction bridge tournament last night at the home of Mrs. J. D. Westenhaver, Fifth Avenue East, last night. A contest is being staged for the handsome sterling silver frame donated by H. S. Clements, M.P.

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Canadian Rockies Lure Noted Artists

Noted artists, famous moving picture directors and expert scenic photographers, like thousands of tourists, have succumbed to the lure of the innumerable beauties of Banff and the Canadian Pacific Rockies. Artists in increasing numbers each year spend the summer on the trail in the mountains transferring these beauties to canvas. For seventeen years Carl Rungius, celebrated painter of wild animals in their native haunts, has been a regular visitor to Banff. Now he lives there most of the year and has built his own bungalow and studio. In 1921 Rungius won the $1,000 Altman prize, but, being foreign born, was disqualified, whereupon the National Academy of Design bought the painting for $1,000 and it now hangs in the Corcoran Art Gallery, Washington.

Belmore Browne, artist, author, explorer and conqueror of Mt. McKinley, 20,300 feet, lives in his own bungalow-studio in Banff the year round except when exhibiting in New York. He and Rungius both study the mountain goats, sheep, deer and bear in their wilderness homes and paint them and their majestic scenic backgrounds. Richard M. Kimbel, landscape painter, has spent two summers in Banff and is painting at Lake O'Hara, near Lake Louise, and last year W. Langdon Kihn lived a month on the Stoney Indian reservation making pastel portraits of the big chiefs, little papooses, squaws and guides. Leonard M. Davis, who paints wonderful landscapes in Alaska and the Canadian Rockies with a palette knife, has joined the Banff art colony and expects to make his winter home in near-by Calgary.

The lure of Canada's Switzerland drew John Singer Sergeant, R. A., to beautiful Lake O'Hara, in the heart of the Great Divide, and with his easel planted in the white and pink heather of an Alpine meadow 6,600 feet above sea level the world renowned painter devoted ten days to painting this exquisite jade-green lake and the towering mountains in which it is cupped. Charles W. Simpson, R. C. A., of Montreal; Oliver Dennett Grover, of Chicago; Philip R. Goodwin, Edward Potthast and Albert Groll of New York and many other painters of note have found inspiration in this scenic wonderland. As for those humbler artists, the tourists with cameras, they are to be seen snapshotting everywhere in the bungalow camps, by the lakeside and along the trails making beautiful pictures which inspire their envious friends to visit Banff and do likewise.

TIMBER SALE X 5501.

Sealed Tenders will be received by the Minister of Lands, at Victoria, not later than noon on the 16th day of November, 1923, for the purchase of Licence X 5501, to cut 4,084,000 feet of Hemlock and Spruce, and 46,500 lineal feet of Cedar Poles, on Lots 1375 and 1376, Range 5, Coast Land District.

Two (2) years will be allowed for removal of timber.

Further particulars of the Chief Forester, Victoria, B.C., or District Forester, Prince Rupert, B.C.

TIMBER SALE X 5587.

There will be offered for sale at Public Auction, at noon on the 16th day of November, 1923, in the office of the Forest Supervisor at Smithers, the Licence X 5587, to cut 85,600 Jack-pine Ties, on an area adjacent to the south boundary of S.T.L. 7797p, Range 5, Coast Land District.

Three (3) years will be allowed for removal of timber.

Further particulars of the Chief Forester, Victoria, B.C., or District Forester, Prince Rupert, B.C.

TIMBER SALE X 5449.

Sealed Tenders will be received by the Minister of Lands, at Victoria, not later than noon on the 26th day of October, 1923, for the purchase of Licence X 5449, to cut 25,000 Jackpine Ties on an area situated northeast of Telkwa, Range 5, Coast District.

Two (2) years will be allowed for removal of timber.

Further particulars of the Chief Forester, Victoria, B.C., or District Forester, Prince Rupert, B.C.

TIMBER SALE X 5505.

Sealed Tenders will be received by the Minister of Lands, at Victoria, not later than noon on the 25th day of October, 1923, for the purchase of Licence X 5505, to cut 19,000 Hemlock Ties, on an area adjoining Lot 221, Range 5, Coast Land District.

Two (2) years will be allowed for removal of timber.

Further particulars of the Chief Forester, Victoria, B.C., or the District Forester, Prince Rupert, B.C.

TIMBER SALE X 5590.

Sealed Tenders will be received by the Minister of Lands, at Victoria, not later than noon on the 2nd day of November, 1923, for the purchase of Licence X 5590, to cut 52,700 Jack Pine and Spruce Ties, on an area situated near Sheraton, Range 5, Coast Land District.

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