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BLIND TAUGHT TO HELP SELVES

Mr. Cowen Tells of Practical Work Done by National Institute.

Both to the Canadian Club on Friday afternoon and at the Westholme Theatre on Sunday night J. E. Cowen, the blind representative of the National Institute for the blind, told of the wonderful work that is being done for the blind soldiers and sailors at St. Dunstan's.

"God never shuts the door but he opens the window," said the speaker at the Canadian Club luncheon. "Many of the blind men live fuller lives now than they ever lived before they lost their sight. The people at St. Dunstan's are not really blind men. They are simply men who do not see. All are better mentally than when they came in. We have yet to register one failure."

Good Salary.

Mr. Cowen went on to tell of the work that the men did. Many engage in poultry raising. They build the poultry houses and everything connected therewith and they learn to dress the poultry and some have secured good appointments. One man is now instructor at Queph Agricultural College, getting \$125 a month which together with \$75 pension gives him a much better salary than he was getting before he went overseas.

Other trades taught are shoe making, mat making, basket making, carpentry, picture framing, massage, typewriting, telephone operating. The massageurs are even better than the sighted men for they learn to concentrate better. Pte. McDougall at Toronto is earning \$150 a month at the profession in addition to his pension. Pte. Turner at Shaughnessy gets \$100 a month.

Those learning typewriting take 100 words a minute and are from twenty to twenty-five per cent more efficient than a sighted typist.

Amusements.

Speaking of amusements, Mr. Cowen told of the men playing push ball, cycling, swimming and rowing as well as playing cards and dominoes.

Some blind people who have been otherwise wounded or disabled it is impossible to train. These are taken care of at a convalescent home at Ilkley in Yorkshire where they may live as long as they wish among pleasant surroundings. Thirty-five blind men have permanent homes there and there is a house where their relatives may visit now and then.

Start in Business.

The National Institute starts the men who are fit for it in business in any of the trades or industries and provides for them raw material at the lowest possible price and takes the finished product and sells it for them. There is no indiscriminate charity. Every man is taught to help himself.

Many Canadians are being helped, this department being under the Canadian National Institute at Toronto. Already two workshops are established and it is proposed to open several others in the central and western provinces.

"PECK'S BAD GIRL" AT THE WESTHOLME

"Peck's Bad Girl" is one of those spirited comedy-dramas that have proved so popular with Prince Rupert movie fans. It is a story of how love came to a young girl, but it is full of humorous and picturesque phases that keep things lively throughout. A bank robbery that was stopped through the agency of the bad girl is an incident that is outstanding in the play.

VAUDEVILLE AND MOVIES AT EMPRESS

There is to be another vaudeville night at the Empress Theatre and a film that is a first later. Nell Shipman in "Baree, Son of Kazan" is wonderful. A drama of the western woods, swift, stern and real, showing malamute dogs and all sorts of wonderful things are compressed into one picture story. Seldom has there been anything to equal it, according to the advance notices.

Sport

There is considerable discussion in sport circles as to the possibility of arranging a baseball match in order to determine the championship for Western Canada. Arrangements are being made to stage the event in Calgary or Edmonton.

Last week there was a meeting of the St. Andrew's sports committee and several important steps were made for the fostering of further interest along the lines of outdoor exercise and games.

If it is possible there will be a revival in basket ball activities during the fall and winter. Before the war there were many local teams and competition was always very keen. A house league will be formed by the St. Andrew's Society.

A new and comparatively delightful outdoor exercise which has recently come into vogue is the photography of wild life in their native haunts. This is a most fascinating study but requires great patience and care in order to get the best results. Its advocates are rapidly increasing as the hobby becomes more and more before the public eye. Nearly every magazine has insects and cuts showing the results of hunting with a camera. This is especially noticeable in the case of moving picture concerns.

Should weather conditions prove favorable there will be a practice football match this evening between the married and single men of the St. Andrew's club.

A football league will very likely be formed for the fall months and clubs and societies interested will meet in the near future to consider how many teams are available. Such groups as the Sons of England, Great War Veterans' Drydocks, Retail Clerks and St. Andrew's ought to be able to field fairly good teams.

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But the plan needs more. It needs a community spirit of co-operation.

Already Provincial Governments, Universities, Farmers' Associations, and Veterans' Associations are giving valuable assistance. Many manufacturers and sellers of farm supplies have agreed to allow the soldier settlers special prices. Many successful farmers have willingly worked on Qualification Committees which have to pass on the applicants. Men who have had experience in lending money on farm property are serving on Advisory Loan Committees, judging land values.

But even such practical assistance is not enough. In each community farmers can be of real service to the soldier settler. They can give him advice about local conditions. They can lend him an extra horse or plough, give him a day's help at seeding or harvest time, and extend to him that friendly, neighborly, respectful spirit which he deserves.

In this way Canada is performing a double duty. It is discharging, as far as possible, the debt we owe to our soldiers; and it is adding to the country's chief industry a body of competent, willing producers.

Full information about lands and loans for soldiers will be sent on request to the Provincial Superintendent, Soldier Settlement Board, Rogers Building, Vancouver, B. C.

"The distribution of soldier settlers in settled rural communities will be of material assistance to the less experienced settlers in that they can get advice and assistance from their neighbors." Farm and Dairy, Toronto

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