

# MR. KELSO SPOKE OF CONDITIONS IN FOREIGN SECTION

## Rotary Club Will Ask That "War Angelus" Be Observed

Some interesting suggestions were brought out at the third luncheon of the Sault Ste. Marie Rotary Club in the Y. M. C. A. yesterday, at which Mr. J. J. Kelso superintendent of neglected children in the Province of Ontario was the guest of honor.

President H. J. Hollinrake told the rotarians that he had received a telegram from Mrs. E. J. Best in response to the telegram sent by the Rotary Club at its last luncheon expressing their sympathy with Mr. Best, who was suffering from the effects of a serious accident at Lorrain, Ohio, and stating that Mr. Best had sufficiently recovered to allow of his removal to the home of a friend.

A letter had been received from former High School Principal W. B. Race, at Brantford, enclosing a copy of the Brantford Rotary Club program.

Mr. L. Chapman moved, and Mr. W. F. Gilchriese seconded the motion, that the secretary be instructed to arrange for the ringing of the "War Angelus" at 11 a.m. each day, during which there is to be meditation and prayer for the success of the allied arms in the war.

A similar motion was passed by the International Convention of Rotary Clubs, recently held in Kansas City.

Mr. W. F. V. Atkinson asked the president for an explanation, to which the president replied that he was glad he belonged to a club that recognized something higher than mere dollars and cents, and the note that the "War Angelus" be rung was unanimous. The proposal is to have the city hall bell ring at that hour each day.

Mr. James Bassingthwaite and Mr. C. A. Findlay moved that the secretary ask the city council to request the attorney-general of Ontario to establish a juvenile court in this city, and that Judge Stone be appointed the juvenile court judge.

Major P. B. Wilson introduced a motion that the Rotary Club extend their sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Hand, one of whose sons has been reported killed, and one reported missing within the last month. Both were in the air service. The resolution was endorsed by a standing vote of the club.

Mr. J. J. Kelso, superintendent of Neglected and Dependent Children in the Province of Ontario, in speaking on the subject, "The Foreigner," said that in the town of Oshawa, which is a manufacturing town, three distinct settlements exist. He related that a foreigner who could not speak English, going from that town to Toronto, on his arrival at the Union Station, one day began to inquire of passers by, for the address of one of his friends, but as he was passed from one to another, he was noticed by a policeman, who at once thought the man was begging, and arrested him. He was locked up over night and sent to jail the next day, because the court had not sufficient time to inquire into his case.

The case was cited of three men, Mr. Kelso himself had taken to the city poor house to get them lodgings over night, and here he found the men were given a room with a cement floor and told to sleep on the floor, until Mr. Kelso had raised a protest and threatened to write the institution up in the city newspapers, after which the men were provided with proper beds.

"We have sent agents abroad to bring these men to our shores and they have come in train loads and when we have got them here, our interest in them ceases," he said. "We don't provide them with proper houses to live in, and many families are forced to congregate in one house.

"In my drive around your city yesterday I saw some of the loveliest children I ever looked on, living in your foreign section, in hovels they would never see in their own country. You must remember they will be the citizens of the future, and they will dominate you, if you do not dominate them."

"We should encourage them as much as possible," Mr. Kelso said, and suggested that a committee be appointed to meet them when they come to the city, to give them the hand of fellowship and show brotherly interest in them. He added that steps should be taken to see that they get the best possible education, and that all the necessary improvements should be made in the section of the city in which they live.

"The war has taught us the value of lives," the speaker said, and he said that he knew of about 800 boys, illegitimate children, who had gone to the front and many of them had made good. He advocated that the mothers be taught how take care of their children, in order that they may become useful citizens.

A card has been printed by the Rotary Club which will be supplied to all the members of the club, and in fact to any car owner who wishes to have one, and which will invite all returned soldiers to ride their car as far as they are going at any time. These cards will be distributed by City Clerk H. G. Campbell.