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Topic for Discussion at  
the Teachers Institute

DR. MELVIN.

A large and cultured audience was present at the meeting of the New Brunswick Educational Institute held at the Provincial Normal School last evening at 8.30 o'clock. An excellent musical program was furnished by O'Brien's orchestra. A vocal solo, "The Slave," was charmingly rendered by Mrs. W. S. Carter, who also responded to an enthusiastic encore with the Irish melody, "Where the Shannon River Flows."

Dr. H. V. B. Bridges sang the beautiful solo "True to Death," in his usual excellent style. Miss McAdam accompanied the singers.

The Address of Welcome was delivered by Mr. John J. Weddall and the principal addresses of the evening were delivered by Dr. David Townsend, superintendent of the Memorial Sanitarium; Dr. George M. Melvin of St. John, and Dr. A. B. Atherton of this city.

The first speaker was Dr. Townsend, who, in discussing the subject "Tuberculosis," said in part that the bacilli were first discovered by Dr. Koch and had a special affinity for respiratory form. They caused a greater number of deaths than any other disease, one out of every seven persons coming to their death from the tuberculosis germ.

The Jews seemed to be practically free from it, but they were the only people who appeared to be so fortunate. Alcohol is a great factor in promoting the disease. We do not inherit tubercular trouble, but may by its inheritance acquire a constitution weakened by disease.

One eleventh part of the pauperism in England today can trace its origin to this dreaded disease. Millions of bacilli are given out in spitting and this disgusting habit is a constant menace.

The first evidence of the disease may be a cough. No cough should last more than six or eight weeks. Spitting and coughing up blood have a dangerous appearance. Tuberculosis, however, is reversible if we destroy the cause of the disease. The careful consumptive is no menace. Fresh air and sunlight are essential to cure it and other requisites are personal cleanliness and a mixed diet. Patent medicines cannot be too strongly condemned but the sanatoria on the other hand, has accomplished much good.

## MANY JUNE BRIDES

(Continued from page eight.)

SCOTT-BROWN

A quiet wedding took place yesterday afternoon at the Methodist Parsonage in this city, the principles were Mr. George E. Scott of Fredericton and Miss Elsie M. Brown, lately of this city, formerly of Birmingham, England. The groom was supported by Mr. Leslie Stewart and the bride was accompanied by her sister, Miss Lucy Brown. Only a few of the near relatives were present. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. Neil McLaughlin.

GORDEN - YERXA

Mr. Millard Gordon of Keswick Ridge and Miss Ethel Yerxa of Keswick were married yesterday afternoon by Rev. L. A. Fenwick. A reception is being held today at the home of the groom.

ALLEN-SHANKS

The residence of Mr. John Shanks at Lincoln was the scene of a pretty wedding on Tuesday, when their daughter, Mary A. was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Mr. Archie Allen of Lincoln. Rev. T. D. Bell performed the ceremony in the presence of a large number of invited guests. At the conclusion of the ceremony a sumptuous wedding repast was served.

MACHUM-BAILEY.

The home of Mrs. R. M. Bailey of Gobson, was the scene of a very pretty wedding yesterday, June 6th at five p.m., when her daughter, Julie E., was united in marriage to Rev. Waldo C. Machum, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Machum of St. Mary's. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. H. Jenkins in the presence of relatives and intimate friends of the contracting parties. The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Mr. Ford S. Bailey, was attended by Miss Louise Allen as bridesmaid, while the groom was supported by Mr. Arthur Bailey, brother of the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Machum left last evening for a short trip through the province. On their return they will spend a few weeks with relatives here after which they will leave for Hantsport, N. S., where Mr. Machum is pastor of the Baptist church. Mr. Machum is a graduate of the Fredericton High School and of the University of New Brunswick, having had a distinguished course at both institutions.

Dr. George M. Melvin's address was an able and excellent exposition of the necessity and practicality of the "medical inspection of schools." The speaker said in part that the usefulness and necessity of medical inspection of the schools was becoming more and more recognized. The legislature in New Brunswick last year granted power to the educational authorities to employ medical school inspection. Medical inspection depends upon two principles, viz., 1st, the child must have health to attend school—or to profit by attendance. 2nd, one child must not infect another.

Medical inspection acts promptly in detecting cases of disease in the schools and prevents too early readmission of children who have been infected. Inspection is necessary because, 1st, a child is very susceptible to disease. 2nd, schools are under direct supervision of the government. 3rd, the child is not able to protect himself and attends school from compulsion and not free will.

Inspection is of two kinds, complete and limited. Complete inspection includes that for contagious diseases, non-contagious diseases, physical defects, deformities and mental defects. Limited inspection has reference solely to contagious diseases and is far more frequently put in force than complete inspection. The principal contagious diseases are scarlet fever, diphtheria, measles, whooping cough, pediculosis, mumps and small-pox. Diphtheria, scarlet fever and small-pox exclude children from the whole house in which either disease is present. Measles excludes only those affected and those who have not had the disease. The third class such as scabies only exclude temporarily or while the patient is under treatment.

There are three varieties of inspection, semi-annual, monthly and emergency inspection. The control of the medical inspection of schools should rest with the educational authorities but the inspector should be responsible to the health authorities for contagious diseases.

The average cost of the medical inspection of schools in America is estimated at from fifteen to twenty-five cents per pupil per year.

HON. JACQUES BUREAU  
MAY VACATE SEAT

(Canadian Press.)

Ottawa, June 27—Jacques Bureau, former solicitor general and member for Three Rivers, is in Ottawa and had a talk this morning with Sir Wilfrid Laurier. It is understood that he will end the election protest which has started against him by confirming judgment and vacating the seat.

## ANOTHER GOLD STRIKE

Fairbanks, Alaska, June 27—News was received here yesterday of a gold strike in Fox Gulch in the Tanana district. Many prospectors are rushing to the new diggings from Iditarod.

YESTERDAY'S STORM

In the gale which swept over the city yesterday, a raft of logs belonging to the York & Sunbury Milling Company got a drift, but was held up in the cove near the iron bridge. A large tree in front of the Sewell property was blown down in the gale.

DRUGGISTS IN SESSION

The annual meeting of the Pharmaceutical Society is being held at Pine Bluff this afternoon. The party went up the river by launch and the visitors will be entertained at dinner at six o'clock this evening by the local druggists.

## PERSONAL

Miss Katie F. Corbett of Cambridge Port, N. B., and Miss Mary Corbett, St. John, are the guests of Mrs. Fred Corbett, Forest Hill.

Mr. D. F. Pidgeon and Miss Nellie Pidgeon of St. John are at the Queen.

Capt. J. A. Read left this morning on Bear River, N. S., to join his bark Edna M. Smith. He will sail next month for Buenos Ayres.

The many friends of the young couple will join with The Mail in wishing them a long and happy wedded life.

DR. A. B. ATHERTON

Dr. A. B. Atherton was also heard from on the same subjects and gave a learned exposition of the cases. His remarks were in the main as follows: That Dr. Townsend was undoubtedly correct in many particulars but he attached more importance to heredity and considered that we might get at the whole root of the matter by preventing the birth of weaklings, but felt that we could not hope soon to do away with or get away from contagious diseases.

He attached great importance to the keeping of the health and constitution in good condition. He believed that mothers should nurse their children and not leave them to the tender mercies of the bottle. That the social world should be deserted when attention was needed for the young.

Young people should not be given candy; and the trash eaten by the children of today is the cause of a great deal of indigestion and bad teeth. America is noted for this evil.

The eye should not be overworked. Diseases of the eyes are brought on chiefly before the age of seven years by reading fine print etc. Nervous children should not be overworked in their studies and there should be no school house without a good playground for the children.

It was decidedly preferable to prevent diseases than to attempt a cure. Children should not be allowed to read trashy novels, injurious alike to memory and health.

He was strongly in favor of a curfew bell, which would necessitate the keeping of good hours for the young people.

It had often come to his notice that children were overclothed. He could see no reason why a youth should need an overcoat. Anyone boy who could not keep himself warm by exercise wasn't worth warming.

He was strongly opposed to the so-called "cramming" for exams as this is a particularly dangerous habit.

At the close of the meeting Mr. H. H. Hagerman in a few appropriate words moved a vote of thanks to the speakers of the evening. The motion was seconded by Inspector McLean and received the hearty endorsement of the meeting. The exercises of the evening closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

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