

Public Health Work In New Brunswick is Making Great Progress

BUREAU OF HEALTH MET YESTERDAY

Some Mild Cases of Influenza Reported at Canterbury, York County.

St. John, Feb. 28—The quarterly meeting of the Bureau of Health of the province was held at the Health Centre yesterday. Those present were: the chief medical health officer, Dr. G. G. Melvin; Dr. L. H. Abramson, the director of laboratories; Dr. F. J. Desmond, district medical health officer for the northern section; Dr. William Warwick, district medical health officer for the southern section; Dr. J. A. McCarthy in charge of the venereal disease division; Miss H. T. Meiklejohn, director of public health nursing service; Frank L. Mallory, secretary of the Charlotte county board of health; Mr. Morris, secretary of the Northumberland district board of health; and Miss E. G. Shied, chief clerk of the public health office in Fredericton.

Reports were received from the various members of the Bureau regarding the work of the last three months. The health officers reported very few cases of infectious disease in their districts and also submitted reports on routine matters.

Dr. Abramson reported that a considerable amount of work had been done at the laboratory and much new work, especially in regard to blood chemistry, and also in controlling the use of insulin—the new treatment for diabetes which is being carried on at the General Public Hospital.

In regard to social hygiene work, Dr. McCarthy reported on the recent campaign which had been carried on with great success throughout the province. He also told of what steps had been taken to organize local societies.

Miss Meiklejohn reported on the work of the public health nurses and told of the placing of a nurse at Shediac, a new nursing centre. Sussex, she said, was planning to have a public health nurse for the town and the vicinity and it was hoped the plans would be completed before long. A public health committee had been formed at Sussex to undertake this work. Miss Meiklejohn also reported that Miss Greta Ferris had organized several classes in welfare and home nursing among the girls and young women of St. John and the classes were proving very successful.

Plans were discussed at the meeting with regard to the training of public health nurses for the province at the Health Centre. This project was advanced one step further.

Arrangements were made for compiling small hand books for the use of sanitary inspectors and other routine matters were discussed.

A few reports were received of the cases of epidemic influenza recently reported. The disease was apparently of a mild variety and the two localities in which it had appeared were Dipper Harbor, St. John county, and in Canterbury, York County.

THE MILLET HOUSE TO BE OPENED SOON

Paris, Feb. 28—The ramshackle building in the main street of the art center of Barbizon, where Jean Francois Millet painted "The Angelus" and other masterpieces, is being restored to its exact condition when used by the master. It will be opened officially to tourists and pilgrims by a representative of the Ministry of Fine Arts about the end of next month.

The restoration is almost almost a work of love by Douthin the last painter of the Barbizon school who, after discovering a long hidden set of camera plates showing almost every corner of Millet's home, bought the lease and commenced to rebuild and replace covering the expenses of his operations by the sale of Millet's best known canvases. When complete the house will be virtually a Millet museum.

INTRODUCED CIGARETTES IN ENGLAND

American Who Took Them Over is Now a Bankrupt at 87.

London, Feb. 28—A receiving order in bankruptcy was granted this week against the naturalized American who first introduced cigarettes in the United States and England. He is Nicholas John Countouris, 87 years old, tall, with flashing eyes and a vast white beard.

He was one of a small group of merchants in the Near East who in 1858 taught Englishmen, and later Americans, the pleasure of smoking cigarettes. Born in the Ionian Isles, Countouris became an American citizen, but for the last seven years he has lived in a small house in Forest Hill where he pays about \$5 a week for his room. Countouris, who speaks twenty languages, said:

"It was at the invitation of the late Duke of Cambridge that I sent ten bales of Turkish tobacco to England in 1858. At the beginning only a handful of people smoked cigarettes among them being the then Prince of Wales later King Edward VII., and Lady Mordaunt, who smoked a special brand I made for her. I was twitted about my cigarettes by the man who became the maker of a cigarette which now has a great repute. He said to me, looking at a package of my early cigarettes: 'When did you go into the chandler's trade?'"

"He thought they were little candles to be used for decorative or other purposes. In those days people smoked only pipes and cigars and it took much patience and advertising to introduce the cigarette habit."

English officers learned the habit from the French, Spanish and Turks during the Crimean war and the fashion spread quickly on their return. But as those early smokers were all forced to "roll their own" cigarette smoking was more or less of a novelty, but after 1860 when companies were formed to turn them out ready made the demand for cigarettes grew enormously and has continued to grow ever since.

ROBERTS IS REMANDED

Quebec, Feb. 28—Because certain documents from the secretary of State at Washington, D. C., had not reached the local authorities the extradition proceedings in the cases of John H. Roberts and Elsen Dysen who are wanted in the United States by the U. S. Department of Justice were again adjourned until next week.

In the case of Roberts it is understood that there will be a further delay but the hearing in the case of Dysen who is wanted for perjury in connection with testimonies rendered in two actions respectively for \$20,000 and \$330,000 against the Grand Trunk, will proceed. Dysen has been refused bail. It is understood that a move will be presented to obtain the transfer of the office to Montreal.

TO BE MANAGER OF NATIONAL

Ottawa, Feb. 27—It is officially announced that J. E. Dalrymple, has been appointed vice-president in charge of traffic, Canadian National Railways, reporting to the chairman and president, Sir Henry Thornton. Mr. Dalrymple will also have charge of the sleeping, dining, parlor car and hotel departments of the system. He has hitherto occupied the position of traffic vice-president, Grand Trunk Railway system.

DOPE EVIL IS SPREADING IN CANADA

SOME STRIKING STATISTICS

Every Effort is Being Made to Stamp Out the Evil, Says Minister.

Ottawa, Feb. 27—Startling statistics relative to the spread in Canada of the "dope" evil were given to the House of Commons tonight by Hon. Dr. H. S. Beland, in presenting his estimates for the Department of Health. Dr. Beland, in reply to a query by Hon. Harry Stevens, Conservative, Vancouver, said that reliable data, gathered chiefly under the aegis of the Mounted Police, went to show that there were in Canada at least 9,500 confirmed drug addicts. Of these 1,800 were believed to reside in Ontario, 3,800 in Quebec and 2,500 in British Columbia.

Statistics presented by Dr. Beland showed that convictions in Canada during ten months ended January, 1923, covered the following classes of citizens: Doctors, thirteen; dentists, eleven; veterinarian, one; dealers other than Chinamen, 129; Chinamen 431. In this total of 585 convictions Toronto shared as follows: Doctors one; dealers, nine, and Chinamen, thirty-seven.

"Every effort is being made to stamp out this habit," said Dr. Beland. "We are deporting Chinamen just as rapidly as we can. Thirty Chinamen have been deported and some 200 are in custody awaiting possible working of the deportation machinery."

Hon. Mr. Stevens called for even more vigorous efforts to stamp out the evil, and his advocacy of the lash for pedlars and dealers drew applause from all parts of the House. He urged closer co-operation between mounted, Dominion, provincial and city police in coping with what had become a tremendously powerful "ring" of evil-doers. His plea for heavier punishment was seconded by A. W. Neill Independent, Como-Alberni.

One bright spot in the lurid indictment of the Dominion was the statement by the minister that Prince Edward Island stood in splendid isolation, having against it on the criminal blotter no black marks. It had, said Dr. Beland, no addicts, no pedlars and no convictions.

LEGISLATION UPON VARIETY OF SUBJECTS

Electric Railway for Tobique Valley Projected — Queen's Patriotic Fund Bond Issue.

Notice of legislation on a variety of subjects for the approaching session of the House of Assembly of New Brunswick is given.

One application will be for the passing of an act to amend a section of the Church of England Act, 1912, so as to authorize the holding of annual parish meetings on the fourth Monday of January instead of Easter Monday.

It also is sought to extend the temporary borrowing powers of the Town of Grand Falls from one thousand dollars to five thousand dollars.

The Municipality of Queen's County seeks legislation to authorize the issue of debentures not to exceed eight thousand dollars in amount, for the purpose of discharging indebtedness to the Province of New Brunswick under the Patriotic Fund.

John E. Stewart of Plaster Rock, well known as a promoter and contractor, is giving notice of legislation for the construction of an electric railway from Plaster Rock, Victoria County to Riley Brook, in the same county.

A "Surgical Operation"

St. John Telegraph: A successful "surgical operation" at Armadale, N. S., has been reported. It was said that a lady in that district, while feeding her hens, noticed that one of them had an unusually large crop. She opened the crop of the bird and found a hair-pin. This was removed, the crop was sewed up again, the hen was put back in the yard, and is now reported "doing as well as can be expected."

STEEL MAGNATE URGES PEACE FOR BUSINESS MEN

WANTS COMMISSION SENT TO BERLIN

U. S. and British Interests May Get Together for Reparations Settlement.

London, Eng., Feb. 28—In circumstances which must give his utterances considerable weight, Charles M. Schwab, American steel magnate, declared his firm belief that the reparations question should be settled by an international commission of business men.

In the opinion of those best qualified to speak of Anglo-American joint action this announcement from Mr. Schwab constitutes the first step toward a new conference in which the two creditor countries will take a forceful and dominant position.

Inquiry Commission Favored

The British and American governments, with the aid of the greatest business men on each side of the Atlantic, may soon arrange a plan of action which will allow the United States to participate in settlement of the reparations question without being dragged into political entanglements. This Mr. Schwab believes to be possible through strong representation on a commission to go to Berlin and find out what Germany is able to pay and then help her finance the payments through a large bond issue.

When asked what would happen to such a proposal if France objected, Mr. Schwab said he believed that France would prove reasonable. In other words, if two creditor nations, operating together, put sufficient pressure on France, she will find great difficulty in doing anything but agree to the plan.

Emphasizes Debt Settlement

Throughout his talk with American newspaper correspondents here, Mr. Schwab emphasized the great importance of the recent debt settlement between Great Britain and the United States, declaring that this act was the key to the whole problem of curing the world's financial ills.

Several times the steel magnate praised the courage of Great Britain in accepting the American terms, and lauded Ambassador Harvey and others who, he said, had been instrumental in bringing about the settlement.

"This one act paves the way for two great nations to co-operate unreservedly toward the solution of Europe's problems," said Mr. Schwab in laying stress upon the necessity of immediate and drastic action.

Opposed to Occupation

He declared that American opinion generally was against the French occupation of the Ruhr, despite the great admiration of Americans for the French people.

While Mr. Schwab stated that he was expressing only the viewpoint of the average business man, it was none the less clear to those who heard him that his views were shared by other prominent men powerful enough to make their wishes felt even in France.

MAJOR LAWSON MAGISTRATE IN MINTO DISTRICT

Succeeds Scott McLeod, Removed for Cause — G. F. Smith of Blissville Created J. P.

Among the provincial appointments gazetted today which are of interest in this section of the province are Walter C. Lawson of Minto to be police and Stipendiary Magistrate of the Minto police district in the Parishes of Northfield and Canning with criminal, quasi-criminal and civil jurisdiction, in the place of Scott McLeod, who has been removed from office for cause. The appointee is Major W. G. Lawson, M. C., well known in this city.

G. F. Smith of the Parish of Blissville, Sunbury County, has been appointed justice of the peace.

James A. Barter has resigned as Labor Act Commissioner for the Parish of Wilnot, Carleton County.

Peter U. Violette of Hartland has been appointed issuer of marriage licenses.

Estimates are Being Put Through the House of Commons

BIG ROBBERY OF DIAMONDS IN CHICAGO

Two Bandits Hold Up a New York Broker in an Elevator.

Chicago, Feb. 28—Two armed bandits stole approximately \$100,000 in unset diamonds from Henry C. Hart, a New York diamond broker, today, after trapping him in the elevator of a business block in the heart of the Loop.

They ran the elevator to the top floor, seized the gems, kicked out their victim and the elevator operator shot the car back to the ground floor and lost themselves in a crowd of shoppers before a chase could be started.

Hart, whose New York office is at 87 Nassau street, was lured into the bandit's trap by a telephone message. He had intended going back to New York tonight, after four weeks here and left the Madison Park Hotel, early in the morning and went to the Columbus Safety vaults office where his stock of jewels was in storage.

The phone girl there told him a man had telephoned asking him to call as soon as possible at the offices of William Morstrom, a wholesaler in jewels on the fifth floor of the Kranz Building. The message was plausible and Hart hurried to keep the appointment, taking his jewel case with him. Two men met him in the lobby and followed him into the elevator. As the car started up one of them drew a revolver and forced the elevator operator to stop between floors. He then shoved Hart into a corner of the car took his jewel case from him and pulled a diamond ring valued at \$1,100 from his finger.

While the gunman kept jeweler and operator covered the second bandit took charge of the elevator. He ran it to the sixth floor, where Hart and the operator were forced off. Then the car dropped swiftly back to the ground level.

At the detective bureau Hart told two different stories regarding the ownership of the stolen diamonds. His first was to the effect that the stolen gems were his own property. When questioned later by Chief of Detectives Hughes he said the diamonds were the property of Goldmintz Brothers, 70 Broadway, New York. Attorney Albert Eastman of Chicago notified the authorities tonight that officials of the Goldmintz Brothers would arrive in Chicago Monday to assist in the investigation of the robbery.

CHARGES AGAINST SKATERS GROWING

St. John, Feb. 28—The amateur skating situation in the Maritime Provinces is becoming even more involved since the resignation of the officers of the M. P. A. S. A. on Monday as a result of the developments in connection with and following the holding of the International skating championships here and the Jubilee meet in Moncton.

Investigations into several matters will be demanded by A. W. Covey president of the M. P. B. A. U. of C. and he is reputed to have accumulated considerable evidence concerning some of the prominent amateur skaters. The "barnstorming" trip of several skaters through the two provinces was hastily cancelled yesterday by the skaters when they learned what had occurred in St. John and they have returned to their homes. While no actual charges have been made officially, as yet, something definite is expected soon. The St. George Club of this city, has given up its sanction to hold the maritime indoor championships owing to the mix up in amateur skating ranks.

LARGE SUM WAS VOTED YESTERDAY

Vocational Graduates Have Been Prompt in Paying Back Loans.

Ottawa, Fe. 27—Absence from the House of Commons today of the Prime Minister, the leader of the Opposition and several front benchers on both sides of the chamber did not retard in any way the progress of the sessional programme. The day was devoted entirely to estimates and proposed disbursements of the Departments of Soldiers' Re-establishment and Health were discussed and approved.

Hon. Dr. H. S. Beland, piloting the estimates of both departments, drew commendation from all groups for his readiness to explain the various items and several members paid distinct tribute to the "skill and human sympathy" with which he had supervised the Department of Soldiers Re-establishment.

That estimates totalling more than \$13,585,000—\$12,862,000 for re-establishment and \$723,000 for health—were passed, in one day and was due in no small measure to the manner in which Dr. Beland elucidated the work of his dual department.

Discussion of the re-establishment estimates was featured by plain talk with the House in committee regarding operations of the Pensions Act and the minister was urged to present to the House at the earliest possible moment the report of the royal commission now conducting inquiries into charges laid by various veterans organizations.

Amendments aimed at further humanizing of the act were hinted at while G. C. Power, Liberal, Quebec South, wondered whether the present Board of Pension Commissioners was not too "autocratic" for most efficient service.

Estimates of the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment went through the House today with little opposition although discussion covered a wide range. One remarkable fact was brought to light. Reviewing its work Hon. Dr. Beland, minister in charge of the department, informed the House that out of \$600,000 loaned to vocational graduates there was approximately \$260,000 outstanding and nothing overdue. The announcement sent a buzz of pleased surprise round the House.

"That is a remarkable statement," commented W. A. Boys, chief Conservative whip. "I don't believe," he added, "that there is any class in the community—business men, professional men or otherwise—that could make such a showing." The intimation that nothing was overdue continued Mr. Boys, was "so remarkable and so delightful" that he would like to be sure of it.

"My information," repeated Dr. Beland "is that there is nothing overdue."

T. W. Caldwell, Progressive, Carleton, N. B., asked why the first part of the report of the Ralston commission dealing with charges of conspiracy made by the G. W. V. A. against the Board of Pension Commissioners had not been received. He understood it was to have been available early in the session.

The vote for care of patients and medical examination of pensioners carried.

HURLED STONES AT SLAYER OF CHILD

Philadelphia, Feb. 27—While a crowd of men and women in the street shouted for swift justice, W. T. Mergan, slayer of six-year-old Lillian Gilmore today was held without bail in a police station in the northeastern part of the city. Then when he was removed from the station to prison van to be taken to City Hall, a shower of stones and other missiles were hurled at the frightened prisoner. No one was struck and no arrests were made.