

### CITY PAYING FOR TOO MANY AT HOSPITAL

**Believed That People  
Well Able to Pay Im-  
posing on the City—  
Change Will be Made.**

It has developed that the bills presented to the city by Victoria Public Hospital for free and part-pay patients in the institution contain the names of many who are able to pay for hospital attendance, and that the public is being imposed upon by some of the frugal ones.

The total of the charges made by the hospital against the city is \$4,813.04. This exceeded the amount for 1925 by some \$800. The city's grant for 1926 amounted to \$3,000.

When the account was presented to the City Council last night objection was taken to a number of items. Several aldermen stated that a number of the patients named were well able to pay the hospital charges.

Ald. Mitchell commented to the effect that the hospital at that rate had better be made free to everyone.

Discussion ensued on the way in which the admissions are made at the hospital. It was pointed out that the hospital allowed no credit and that charges must be paid in advance or a guarantee given by the individual or the city. It was urged in that connection that the endorsement of a patient on a note would be sufficient to produce the funds.

Ald. Thompson suggested that the physicians endorse the notes. He also said there should be an investigating committee of some sort.

#### To Alter Wording.

There was an expression of opinion that the city should make the attempt to collect hospital fees from those able to pay. The position of the city is that of guarantor of the charges the word "free" being a misnomer.

It was decided on the motion of Ald. Thompson seconded by Ald. Davidson that the wording on the permit to enter hospital be altered so to show clearly the liability of the patient to the city.

#### CITY AFFAIRS

##### Carleton Curlers Here.

Four rinks of Carleton curlers are playing Fredericton here today, two rinks this afternoon and two tonight.

##### Local Assault Case.

Percy Lyons of this city was arrested Monday on a warrant, assault being charged by Reid Morgan. F. H. Peters counsel for the accused arranged bail in \$200. The hearing is to take place Tuesday morning.

##### Marysville Carnival.

On Wednesday night a fancy dress carnival will be given at the Marysville open air rink. The rink management is donating some fine prizes and the competition in the various classes will be worth while.

##### Given the Distinction.

Although the alterations and improvements at the police station are not completed, the new cells have been in use. An Indian arrested by Town Marshal Leo Hayes of Devon and placed in the cells here for safe keeping over night was the first prisoner incarcerated. He was given Cell No. 1.

##### Amateur Play in Devon.

Devon amateurs presented "Higbee of Harvard" in St. Anthony's Hall Monday night to a large and appreciative audience. Specialties were interspersed among the three acts of the play. The members of the cast were Charles Barry, Gerrard McNeil, Edward Chambers, Charles McGahey, Joseph McManus, Miss Rose Doherty, Miss Frances Stephen, Miss Irene Dinsmore and Miss Carmel McManus.

##### Egg Laying Contest.

The Barred Rock pen of Mr. John Wood of Bloomfield continues to lead in the New Brunswick egg laying contest. Its production last week was 50 eggs, making a grand total of 485 with 486.1 points. The Experimental Station pen is in second place with 451 eggs. George Wood's pen is third with 443 and Harry Patterson's fourth with 434. The total egg production last week was 606, which brings the grand total up to the end of the 13th week to 5274 eggs.

#### WATCH FOR THE GROUNDHOG ON WEDNESDAY.

Tuesday February 2nd is Candlemas Day—"Half your Wood and Half your Hay." Tradition says that the ground-hog will come out of his den and take a look around. If he can see his shadow he will den up again. If he cannot he will stay out for the balance of the winter will be mild. If the weather is as it is today he will be able to see his shadow without a doubt.

### CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SHOW SLIGHT DROP

**January 1927 Few Hun-  
dred Dollars Lower  
Than Corresponding  
Month of Last Year.**

The customs and excise collections for the Port of Fredericton, for the month of January, according to the returns announced by Collector L. C. Macnutt, show a slight decrease compared with the corresponding month of last year. The total was slightly under \$35,000.

The returns are as follows:—  
JANUARY, 1927.

Customs import duty .....	\$21,651.61
Customs sales tax .....	2,967.75
Customs Excise .....	34.04
Excise tax (domestic) .....	3,762.99
Excise duty .....	6,279.09
Sundry collections .....	30.00

Total revenue .....

Total revenue .....	\$34,725.48
The total revenue for January, 1926	amounted to \$35,355.55, a decrease of
\$630.07 for January, 1927, as compared	with the corresponding month last
year.	

### SCHOOLS WANT \$111,740 FOR ENSUING YEAR

**Balance Sheet to be Fur-  
nished City Council by  
the School Board —  
Query re Surplus.**

The annual budget of the Fredericton School Board was presented to the City Council Monday night when the Council met in committee preparatory to the monthly meeting tonight. As stated previously in the Mail the total is slightly in excess of \$111,000 the exact total being \$111,740 which includes a Vocational budget of \$6,465.

#### Ald. Ross Asks Re Surplus.

Ald. Ross after the budget was presented drew attention to the fact that although the city showed an overdraft the School Board showed a surplus of \$12,000. The situation was curious inasmuch as the School Board received its money from the city.

#### To Furnish Balance Sheet.

Mayor Clark replied that the School Board had been asked for a balance sheet for the year 1926. The Board had stated that such a balance sheet would be available when the auditors would complete their work.

Consideration of the School Board budget was referred to the March meeting or to a special meeting to follow the receipt of the information requested of the School Board.

Ald. Richards drew attention to the fact that as there was no doctor's fee for a free patient there was a double inducement for a person to be registered as a free patient.

The following were the budget details:—

Bonds .....	\$ 3,500
Sinking Fund .....	3,700
Coupon Interest .....	16,000
Repairs .....	2,000

Total Fixed Charges .....	\$ 25,200
Current Expenses .....	10,400
Salaries .....	69,675
Vocational Budget .....	6,465

Total .....

Total for School Board ....\$111,740

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### Removal Notice

I beg to notify my patrons and the public generally, that I have lately removed my Jewellery business from North Devon to Fredericton. I am now located in the Kitchen Block on Queen Street, opposite the store of Colwell & Jennings, where I am hopeful of receiving the continued patronage of my numerous customers in the city, Devon and surrounding country. Watch Repairing is my specialty and good work and prompt service are guaranteed.

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