

## THE DAILY MAIL

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## PUBLIC HEALTH.

The bill introduced into the Legislature yesterday by the Hon. Dr. Roberts for the establishment of a Department of Public Health, is one of the most progressive measures ever placed before the people of New Brunswick, and shows evidence of constructive statesmanship on the part of the government of the highest order. The question of the public health is not one that concerns any particular class only, or even mainly. It affects every class of the community alike. There is no man, woman or child in the province but who is vitally interested in the preservation of healthy conditions around him or her.

Seldom, too, has it been the privilege of members of the House to listen to a more able presentation of a case for legislation along new lines than was afforded them when Dr. Roberts brought in the bill. His was a masterly review of present conditions, with full and complete reasons why many changes in them are both desirable and necessary if the welfare of the community is to be preserved. Few men are better able than he to deal satisfactorily with this important subject, and he is to be cordially congratulated upon the admirable presentation he made.

That any bill dealing with so important a subject should be somewhat far-reaching and perhaps in some instances drastic, is but to be expected. Desperate diseases require desperate remedies, it is said; and it must be admitted that conditions surrounding matters of public health in this province come very near indeed to the desperate class. There has hitherto been a lamentable lack of system in dealing with such matters, they have not been treated with that degree of seriousness that they deserve. This may perhaps have been due to the fact that there has been no recognized head or controlling force in supreme charge of affairs, a sine qua non to success in any line of endeavor. This state of things will, however, be remedied by the passage of the new bill; and with so able and enthusiastic a Minister as Dr. Roberts at the head of affairs, the public may safely look for a considerable change for the better in existing conditions at an early date.

Criticism of the bill will no doubt be forthcoming in plenty, and it may undergo some minor changes before it leaves the Legislature; but the great majority of the members of the House are too fully seized of the importance of such a measure to permit any changes to be made in it that will materially impair its usefulness.

## OLD TIMES RECALLED.

The St. John Standard is trying to make a noise over the fact that Mr. Harry M. Blair, who was secretary of the Public Works Department during the palmy days of Mr. J. Kidd Fleming, was paid \$1,200 last year for collecting auto license fees. The government did not pay Mr. Blair one cent more than it agreed to pay him when it engaged him to go after delinquent auto owners. The Standard is sore on Mr. Blair because he helped materially in exposing the crooked methods of the old administration. Mr. Blair during the period that he held an important office under the old government, was cheek-by-jowl with the strong-arm squad which manipulated patronage in this constituency, even to the selection of jurymen; regulated the booze traffic, collected toll from contractors, negotiated political notes, and handled the swag when an election was on. The Mail holds no brief for Mr. Blair, nor does it pay him any great compliment when it says that he was by long odds the best of the lot.

The government supporters in the Legislature, in recognition of the first anniversary of the present administration, waited upon Premier Foster and presented him with a congratulatory address. The compliment paid the Premier "that he is the right man in the right place," is well deserved. The Premier is one of New Brun-

wick's brightest and most successful young business men, and he is in public life not to serve any personal ambitious, but because he feels that he can be of service to his native province. Some very able men have filled the high position in this province which Hon. Mr. Foster now holds, but none ever gave to the province more loyal and devoted service. As head of the government he has made good and no prime minister in this province ever enjoyed to a greater extent the esteem and confidence of his legislative supporters.

Some astonishment has been expressed at the statement made by a prominent lumberman a few days ago when addressing a committee of the Legislature, that he and others connected with the lumbering industry "could make and unmake governments." If a threat was implied in the remark, it is scarcely likely that anybody in authority is going to be frightened. The observation was an undiplomatic one and would have been better left unsaid.

## Through Our Sieve

Wild oats harvest themselves. All other crops have to be attended to.

Radishes have the punch, but potatoes have staying qualities.

They do not help to win the war who wear faint hearts in plain sight.

In the matter of bathing suits there will be no serious quarrel about wasting cloth.

For the war gardener the government should institute the order of the blistered palm.

It is going to be a strain on the sad-eyed consumer to take his rhubarb pie with less sugar.

There is going to be an awful flood of bum French in this country when the soldiers get back.

Nick Romanoff is to be moved again. Nick got one thing through the revolution—a chance to see Russia.

A good many family skeletons are being exposed to public view in these days of décolleté waists and short skirts. Help!

No man should be looked down on because of his pety; it may be inherited like buck teeth or big ears, and it may be as unpleasant to him as it is to you.

**Against Increased Percentage.**  
The council of the New Brunswick Branch of the Dominion Alliance met in this city yesterday afternoon, the president, Mr. Donald Fraser in the chair. At the meeting of the branch a report on the work done since the last meeting was presented. After discussion it was decided to continue the organization of the province. A delegation waited upon the Provincial Government and protested strongly against any increase in the alcoholic percentage in beer permitted to be sold under the act and against municipalities being allowed any portion of the fines collected under the act. The premier was congratulated upon the manner in which the prohibitory act was being enforced.

## CHURCH SERVICES.

## St. Paul's Presbyterian.

The morning service at 11 o'clock will be taken by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Sutherland. Dr. Shearer, of Toronto, will be the evening preacher. Sunday school and Bible classes at half-past two o'clock in the afternoon. All are welcome.

## Methodist Church.

Rev. Geo. M. Young, pastor. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Rev. J. G. Shearer, D.D., of Toronto, will preach in the morning. In the evening the closing sermon on the "Last Things" will be given by the pastor, "The Communion of Saints." Sunday school at 2.30 p.m. Strangers welcome.

## Brunswick Street Baptist.

Rev. G. C. Warren, B. D., pastor. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Communion at 12 m. Evening sermon will be the last in the series on the Words from the Cross. Bible school and men's class at 2.30 p.m.

## George Street Baptist.

Rev. Milton Addison, pastor. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., with sermons by the pastor; 2.30 p.m., Sunday school. All made welcome.

## Reformed Baptist.

Rev. H. C. Archer, pastor. Preaching on Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. by pastor. Social service at 10 a.m. Sunday school at 2.30 p.m. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.30 p.m. All are welcome.

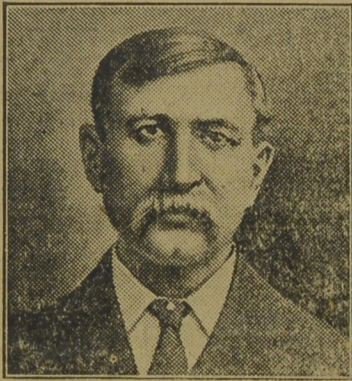
## Salvation Army.

Week-end services: Saturday, 8 p.m., Salvation meeting; Sunday, 9 a.m., Kneel-drill; 10.15 a.m., Directory Class; 11 a.m., Holiness Meeting; 1.45 p.m., Sunday School; 3 p.m., Praise Meeting; 7 p.m., Salvation. All are cordially invited.

St. Mary's Church, North Devon. Public service and sermon at 3.30 p.m.

## FRIENDS THOUGHT HE WOULD DIE

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In a week, there was improvement. The constipation was corrected; and soon I was free of pain, headaches and that miserable feeling that accompanies Dyspepsia. I continued to take this splendid fruit medicine and now I am well, strong and vigorous!" ROBERT NEWTON.

50c. a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size 25c. At all dealers or sent postpaid on receipt of price by Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

## Late Mrs. Judson Barker.

The remains of the late Mrs. Isabella E. Barker, wife of Ald. Judson Barker, of this city, were laid to rest in the Pickard Burying Ground yesterday afternoon. Service at the house was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Kierstead and the Rev. Milton Addison. The funeral was largely attended by the many friends and relatives of the deceased. The floral tributes were many and very beautiful.

## Adjourned for Judgment.

The charge of non-support laid against a young man residing at Millville, was continued before Magistrate Limerick this afternoon. Evidence was taken and the case adjourned until noon on Tuesday, the 9th inst., for judgment.

## Death at Hammondville.

Mrs. Emily J. Hammond, widow of George A. Hammond, died at her home at Hammondville at an early hour this morning at the age of seventy-one years. Death was due to the infirmities of old age. Two sisters survive. They are Mrs. Elsie Kelley of Hammondville and Mrs. John Jamer of Red Rapids, Victoria county. The funeral will take place Sunday at two o'clock, Rev. Mr. Rutledge conducting the service. Interment will be made at Hammondville.

## Y. M. C. A. War Fund Drive.

At last night's meeting in connection with the local drive for the Y. M. C. A. War Fund, the officers elected were confirmed. Mr. H. S. Campbell asked to be relieved from the office of secretary on account of business matters and his request was granted. Rev. Dr. Roberts was appointed secretary. The officers were given power to add eleven to the committee and were given power to act.

## New Provincial

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## Suggestions Made.

Among the suggestions made for improving the industry were the formation of a cheese board for New Brunswick to perform the duties undertaken by such bodies in other provinces and the grading and selling of all cheese according to quality.

## SOCIETY NEWS.

Lady Ashburnham entertained at a tea yesterday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Pugsley. Mrs. Gregory poured and Mrs. Ketchum and Mrs. Harry G. Chestnut served the ices and salads, assisting in serving the guests were: Miss Grace Winslow, Misses Rita and Molly Barry, Miss Hilda Gregory, Miss Helen Richardson and Miss Edwina Waycott. Mrs. Harold Babbitt invited the guests out. The decorations of the dining room were red carnations and in the drawing room daffodils.

Judge and Mrs. Crockett entertained last evening at a double bridge of three tables in honor of Mrs. A. Pierce Crockett of St. John. Mr. George Taylor and Mrs. W. C. Crockett were the prize winners.

Mrs. A. P. Crockett who has been visiting Mrs. A. M. Gibson returned to her home at St. John this morning.

Mrs. F. L. Cooper entertained at a two table bridge on Thursday evening. Mrs. A. W. Macrae was the prize winner.

Mrs. G. N. C. Hawkins entertained at a bridge of four tables last evening when Mrs. Ross Thompson was the prize winner.

Mrs. Ross Thompson entertained at the tea hour on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. A. W. Macrae returned to her home at St. John this morning after spending a week here the guest of her sister Mrs. Bridges.

Discretion is now the better part of buying Hosiery. We have just received our stock of

# Holeproof Hosiery

For Women and Children, in Cotton, Lisle and Silk

Lisle, 6 pairs in a box, guaranteed for six months, \$4.00 box.

Silk, 3 pairs in box, guaranteed for three months, \$4.50 box.

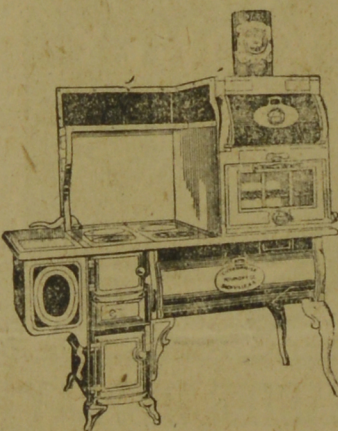
Luxete and Adanac Hose in all colors, 50 to \$1.35 pair.

The best stocking for children is "Holey Tearer." See them at the Hosiery counter.

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The Burnished Top does away with Black-leading.  
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WHOLESALE

RETAIL

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## Public Health Bill

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tions and also provided for greater secrecy in voting.

The House considered a bill to fix valuations for assessment purposes of Humphrey's Glass, Limited.

HON. MR. ROBINSON explained that the bill was similar to those for the granting of exemptions to new industries, and like all similar Moncton bills, contained a provision that there should be no exemption from school tax.

These bills were reported as passed with amendments.

The House took up the consideration of a bill to authorize the City of Moncton to issue debentures.

HON. MR. ROBINSON explained that the issue of debentures was for the purpose of completing work already in hand.

MR. POTTS objected to permitting a city to issue bonds for thirty years at 6 per cent. He said that it was generally recognized that at this particular time municipalities must get down to the short term bond, running for not more than ten years. The Legislature should not approve of so long a term as that mentioned in this bill, thirty years. The pavements laid in Moncton probably would not have a life of ten years. The issuing of 30 year bonds at 6 per cent was good business for the investor, but poor

## For Convalescent Home.

The band instruments presented to the 55th Battalion through the efforts of Royal Standard Chapter, I.O.D.E., of St. John, are to be sent to the Convalescent Home in Fredericton for the use of the soldiers who may be inmates of it.

## Removing Ice from Streets.

The street department has a crew of men at work removing ice from the sidewalks of Queen street and opening drains. The work is belated but nevertheless is becoming soft in places and as a result holes have developed on the roadway which cause much inconvenience to teamsters and drivers of motors.

## CASTORIA

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business for the municipality making the issue.

HON. MR. ROBINSON said he could assure the hon. member for St. John City that Moncton would not issue 30 year bonds at 6 per cent, although the bill permitted it. The people of Moncton were as well aware of conditions in the money market as was the hon. member. Nevertheless, the remarks of the hon. member against permitting the issue of long term bonds were to the point and all realized that such issues should not be permitted.

MR. POTTS said he had noticed that the City of St. John recently had issued some two hundred thousand dollars' worth of bonds for thirty years at six per cent. It was a mistake to give a city power to make such an issue, and it was decidedly poor financial

## MINSTREL

AND

## VARIETY SHOW

OPERA HOUSE,

APRIL 11th and 12th.

Plan of Seats opens Monday Morning at 10 o'clock for Thursday Night's performance, and the plan for Friday night's show opens Tuesday Morning at the same hour at RYAN'S CENTRAL PHARMACY.

Entire proceeds to be used for patriotic work carried on by the

Anagwakade Chapter, I.O.D.E. Admission, 35, 50, 75 Cents.

ing on the part of the City of St. John. If the Legislature had been asked to grant permission to make the issue he would have opposed it.

HON. MR. ROBINSON said that he understood that the bill from St. John authorizing this issue already had been before the House, but the hon. member still could move for reconsideration.

MR. POTTS—"I have not seen the bill."

MR. SWEENEY—"You will have to stop looking after Moncton and look after St. John."

HON. MR. ROBINSON said the hon. member from St. John City would have to keep awake. The power to make a thirty year issue was in this particular bill merely because it was customary. The bill was reported passed as amended.

Adjourned at 5.30 until Monday evening at 8.30.



## CIGARS

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The contented smoker buys his cigars here, because there is certainly contentment in every smoke we sell. That's due to quality, which in turn is guaranteed by the standard brands we sell. Cigars for home smokers and to send to the "boys."

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Agency for Miller Standard Rubber Goods.