

## TWENTY-FIRST DEATH FROM PNEUMONIA

MISS ALICE G. BELYEA  
DIED AT HOSPITAL

Serious Situation in Gloucester Co.—Diphtheria Cases Here Improving—664 Influenza Cases.

Since Monday of last week 104 cases of influenza have been reported to the Fredericton Board of Health. Since the outbreak of the epidemic 664 cases have been reported. In 97 of these pneumonia developed. There have been twenty-one deaths that of Miss Alice G. Belyea a probationer nurse at the Victoria Hospital last night being the last. Indications still point to a subsidence of the epidemic there being no increase in the number of new cases reported.

### Doing Valuable Work

Valuable work is being done by the Red Cross and the V. A. D. The diet kitchen established in the Domestic Science Department of the High School sent out necessities to seventy four families.

### Diphtheria Improving

The situation in connection with diphtheria is improving. Of the five cases reported one is convalescent and the others are improving.

### Serious in Gloucester

Hon. P. J. Veniot arrived this morning from Gloucester County where the situation from Spanish Influenza is particularly bad. In the southern section of the Gulf Shore there have been serious developments recently. Dr. Desrochers and Dr. Comeau who are resident in the district both are ill. Dr. Parlin of the Canadian Army Medical Corps who was visiting his home there gave his services to the people and an effort is being made to have the authorities allow him to stay there for thirty days. Hon. Mr. Veniot and Hon. Dr. Roberts both have acted in the matter.

### New Winter Overcoat

Town Marshal Leo Hayes of Devon has been equipped with a winter great-coat of the latest pattern. In cut, the coat is similar to those worn by the C. P. R. police and in appearance is better than those worn by the Fredericton police.

### Death at Oromocto

The death occurred at Oromocto last night of Patricia Shirley Hatch daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Hatch. The deceased was about nineteen months of age and is survived by the parents and several brothers and sisters. The father is at present in France.

### New Tax-Collector

As forecasted some time ago by The Mail Police Sergt. William Hughes has been appointed collector of city taxes in succession to William Charters resigned. Mr. Hughes takes the office on a commission basis with seventy-five dollars per month advanced against his commissions.

### Will Vacate the Land

The City Street Department has vacated a piece of land belonging to the Purdie property adjoining the city lot near Needham Street. The city never had any lease of this its employees gradually encroaching upon it. The city authorities are not willing to pay the rental asked by the solicitors for the Purdie property.

### Firemen Kept Busy

The firemen were called out yesterday afternoon to answer a still alarm from the residence of Mr. Harry Hobson on the corner of Waterloo Row and Shore Street. A slight chimney fire was the cause of the call. A false alarm drew the firemen to box 17 at the corner of Northumberland and King Streets last evening about seven o'clock.

### Accommodation for Troops

Capt. A. B. Blanchard of No. 7 Military District Staff is in the city today to confer with the Buildings Committee and Secretary of Agricultural Society No. 34 as to the condition of the Exhibition Buildings and the extent of repairs necessary to make them fit for occupation by troops. His Worship Mayor Hanson attended the meeting which was held this afternoon.

### For Victory Bonds

City of Fredericton sinking funds to the amount of \$9,500 are to be invested in Victory Loan Bonds of 1918. As the money is now drawing only three per cent interest and the bonds pay five and one half per cent this is good business from the city's viewpoint as well as helping to win the war. The opinion was expressed at last night's committee meeting of the City Council that there should be no salesman's commission on this sale.

### Late Miss Alice Belyea

The death occurred last evening of Miss Alice Belyea daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hurd Belyea of this city aged twenty years. The deceased was in training as a nurse at the Victoria Public Hospital where she was seized with influenza which developed into pneumonia. She was a well known young lady and was much esteemed by her many friends. She is survived by her parents and by two brothers William and Jack. The funeral took place this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. A short service was conducted by Very Rev. Dean Neales. Interment was made at the Rural Cemetery.

## MILK PRICES ARE TACKLED BY CITY COUNCIL

FAIR PRICE COMMITTEE  
WAS NAMED LAST NIGHT

Mayor Hanson Brought Matter Up—Charged Milkmen Put Extra Cent on Price to Consumers.

Under an order-in-council passed by the Dominion Government at Ottawa some time ago the Fredericton City Council has appointed a Fair Price Committee which is to investigate prices charged for necessities of life in this city. The committee is composed of Mayor Hanson, Ald. Walker, and Ald. Burpee. The increase in the price of milk which went into effect November 1st is what brought about this action which was taken at last night's committee meeting. The price of milk to the consumer was made 13 cents a quart instead of 11 cents. This increase followed an increase in the wholesale price of milk from 6 cents to 7 cents per quart and the claim is made that the milkmen raised the price two cents when they were justified in raising it only one cent.

### Mayor Brought Up Matter

His Worship Mayor Hanson brought up the matter calling attention to the fact that the City Council could act in the appointment of a Fair Price Committee. The increase in the retail price was merely an attempt to gouge the consumer using the increase made by the farmers as an excuse. A fair retail price would be twelve cents per quart.

### Ald. Davidson Explains

Ald. Davidson stated that the Food Control Board allowed retail milk dealers a profit of five cents per quart over the price of milk delivered to the retailer. The Fredericton milkmen however were in a position different from that of dealers in other places as they had to collect their milk from the farmers in the majority of cases or had to pay for collecting same which amounted to the same thing. He did not make the statement from a personal viewpoint as in his own business he handled but a small quantity of milk.

Mayor Hanson said that the extra cent was indefensible.

Ald. Reid gave a statement of prices charged in Sherbrooke, Que., showing that the retailers operated on a basis of four cents profit per quart. Fredericton he believed was about large enough for one milk business. It was the fact that the business was split up that made prices so high.

On the motion of Ald. Cooper the committee was appointed.

### To Increase Teachers' Salaries

The Council last night also considered a lengthy communication from the School Board with regard to the

## DIFFICULTIES CONFRONTED THE HOSPITAL STAFF

ALL NURSES BUT THREE  
ILL AT THE SAME TIME

Volunteer Nurses Did Nobly—New Patients Had to be Refused—Expenditure Heavy.

Hon. Judge Crocket presided at the monthly meeting of the Victoria Hospital Trustees, held yesterday. Considerable business was transacted and plans projected for future operations as soon as it may be possible to again throw open the hospital to the public. The prevailing sickness took such a grip of the nursing staff that with one or two exceptions all were confined to bed. Miss Sansom, the superintendent, and the assistant superintendent, Miss Hanson, with a young probationer, for several days composed the nursing staff.

### Heavy Expenditure

The financial statement of the secretary treasurer for October showed a very large expenditure. This was caused to a large extent by the extra medical and other supplies it has been deemed wise to purchase in view of steadily increasing prices. The receipts have, however, been encouraging, and if it were not for the increasing necessity for new furnaces and other permanent work the treasurer thinks it might be possible to keep the figures on the proper side of the bank account.

### Had to Refuse Patients

From the report of the superintendent it was shown that seventy-eight patients were treated in October, and owing to the collapse of almost the entire nursing staff with a form of influenza, it was found necessary to refuse the admittance of new patients and to part with all patients in the hospital who were at all able to go to their homes.

There were six deaths during the month, and with one exception they were in the hospital less than a week.

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application of teachers for increases in salaries. Attached to this was a petition signed by many of the largest ratepayers of the city praying that the salaries of the teachers be increased. There also were comparative statements showing the salaries paid in Fredericton, Moncton, and St. John. The School Board asked that in view of this the Council make arrangement to increase the appropriation for ordinary school expenses by \$4,000 for the purpose of increasing salaries from January 1st. On the recommendation of the Finance Committee it was decided to take the action requested.

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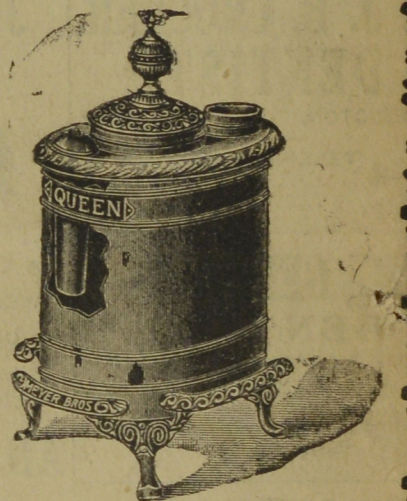
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Government Meeting Tonight  
Hon. P. J. Veniot, Hon. J. P. Byrne and Hon. J. F. Tweeddale are in the city today to attend the government meeting which starts this evening. Other members will arrive tonight.

Will Wed Tomorrow  
The wedding of Mr. John Millar son of Mr. George Millar of Moncton and Miss Gladys Cliffe, daughter of the late Mrs. E. Gilmore of Fredericton will be solemnized tomorrow morning by Rev. Dean Neales.

Error in Casualty List  
The casualty list as announced from Ottawa Sunday night giving the name of W. L. Lounsbury of Fredericton as died was incorrect in that particular. His parents yesterday received a cable gram from Gunner Lounsbury who has been ill in England, stating that he was improved.