

DECREASE OF FORTY PER CENT IN FLU CASES

LATEST STATISTICS IN CITY ENCOURAGING

Board of Health Will Meet Tonight to Consider Raising of Ban Probably on Monday.

Mr. G. Y. Dibblee, Secretary of the Board of Health announced today that the doctors reports handed in on December 28th show 162 cases of influenza and 37 cases of pneumonia making a total of 199 cases in the city. The report of Monday, January 7th shows a decrease of about forty per cent. The number of cases of flu in today's report was 96 while 25 cases of pneumonia were reported, giving a total of 121 cases. There have been three deaths from pneumonia in this city since December 28th. The situation now is practically normal for it cannot be expected that the influenza will cease.

The Temporary Hospital
The Temporary Hospital has been a boon to the public in handling some of the most dangerous of the diseases. In all thirteen patients have been admitted to the hospital and five very serious cases have succumbed to the disease there. The Temporary Hospital will be kept up in the event of any unexpected development. The action of the Board in opening up the Temporary Hospital has saved worrying and suffering in a number of cases and has been greatly appreciated.

Board Meets Tonight.
A meeting of the Board of Health will be held this evening to discuss the lifting of the ban on Monday evening. As everything points to a clean-up in the disease there is no doubt but what the ban will be lifted.

Wearing A Smile
Mr. Dugald McCatherin is wearing a smile on the arrival of a young son at his home, Charlotte Street.

Fourteen Discharges Given
Fourteen discharges were granted today at the District hospital. Several officers are in the city today awaiting their discharge.

Branch Bank Opened at Stanley
A branch of the Bank of Commerce opened yesterday at Stanley. Mr. W. T. Gerald, manager of the Fredericton branch was in Stanley arranging for the opening.

Woodstock Road Ploughed
Ald. McKay, chairman of the Street Committee yesterday had the snow-plough clear the sidewalk in Woodstock Road as far as the New Brunswick Military Hospital.

Car Registration Slow
So far this year 286 motor cars have been registered in the province for 1919 while 58 motor trucks have been registered. The heavy snowfall seems to have hindered a large number from registering.

Prohibition Cases Up
Two prohibition cases came up in court yesterday before the Police Magistrate. One of the charges which was against a local physician was withdrawn. The other case was adjourned until Friday, the 17th.

Has St. John Office
Mr. W. P. Jones, K. C., of Woodstock has opened a law office in St. John. He will retain his connection with the firm of Jones & Jones and will continue to reside at Woodstock. Mr. Jones has long been recognized as one of the leading barristers of the province.

Hay Plentiful in Market
There were some nice looking loads of island hay in the market this morning which sold for from \$15 to \$18 a ton. Although the sledding is difficult with so much snow on the country roads several of the nearby farmers are bringing their hay to the market and disposing of it.

Mid-week Market.
About a dozen teams were collected at Phoenix Square for the midweek market this morning. Meat was the chief article of produce. Beef sold for 10c. to 16c. a pound, veal at from 14 to 16 cents and pork 20c., starting at 22c. an dthen moderating. Turnips sold for \$1 a barrel and eggs were offered at 70c. a dozen. Butter was 55c. and 60c. a pound.

Asked for Photos of City
Mr. R. H. Simonds of the Board of Trade has received a communication from Smith, Dene and Moore, general advertising agents, asking for several pictures of Fredericton showing activities on the streets. The company are compiling a booklet of Canadian cities to send to Europe as a means of advertising Canada.

RETAIL MILK PRICES CANNOT BE REDUCED

SPREAD OF FIVE CENTS PERMITTED BY BOARD

Mayor Hanson Announces That the Fair Price Committee Has No Power to Interfere.

According to the announcement made last night at the City Council nothing can be done in Fredericton toward reducing the retail price of milk which now is thirteen cents per quart. A Fair Price Committee was appointed by the City Council some weeks ago and was formally recognized from Ottawa. His Worship, Mayor Hanson who acted in the matter investigated but found that the wholesale price of milk delivered in Fredericton was eight cents per quart showing that the "spread" of five cents per quart permitted by the Canada Food Board was not exceeded.

There was further discussion on the matter in which the opinion was expressed that the milk business in Fredericton would be better handled if in the hands of not more than two retailers and the farmers were held responsible for the high price.

Mayor's Statement
Mayor Hanson reporting for the Fair Price Committee said that the milk situation had been looked into and it was found that the committee could do nothing. The Canada Food Board permitted a "spread" of five cents per quart between the wholesale price delivered and the retail price. The retail price in Fredericton was thirteen cents and the price delivered to the retailer eight cents. As long as the authorities did nothing with regard to the prices charged by the farmers who was the milk-producer there would be no change in price of milk or other food product. There had been too much food profiteering and the farmer had been the chief profiteer.

After the Retailer
Ald. Davidson said the legislation along the line of food control all was aimed at the retailer. It was class legislation of the worst kind.

Ald. Wilkinson remarked that there was about sufficient business in Fredericton for two milk dealers.

His Worship pointed out that competition in Fredericton did not result in lower prices as it should theoretically, but in higher prices.

Holmes-McCain.
Gilbert A. Holmes and Elizabeth E. A. McCain, both of Fredericton, were married at the Methodist parsonage on December 16th by Rev. G. M. Young.

N. B. POTATO GROWERS' ASSOC. DID NOT MEET

POSTPONEMENT MADE FOR SEVERAL REASONS

Will be Held in Woodstock, Beginning March 9th, in Conjunction with the United Farmers.

The meeting of the New Brunswick Potato Growers' Association which was to have been held in the city today has been postponed until March 19th and 20th at Woodstock. Several exhibitors are in the city today to attend the meeting and were greatly disappointed when they learned of the meeting being postponed.

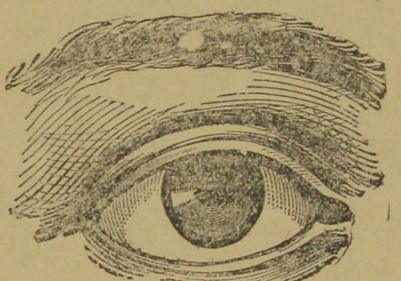
One gentleman from Sackville who had not received any notice of the postponement of the meeting, arrived in the city today with several exhibits. The meeting was postponed because it was believed that a meeting held in Fredericton would not receive the interest of the Carleton County farmers.

Mr. James Bremner of Chatham, Secretary of the N. B. Potato Growers Association is meeting with Mr. James Sharpe of Woodstock to make the necessary arrangements for holding the meeting in conjunction with the annual meeting of the United Farmers of New Brunswick at Woodstock beginning March 19th. The programmes of the two meetings will be united, the meeting of the Potato Growers Association will be held on Wednesday and Thursday while the other meeting will be held on Friday and Saturday. One important reason for the meeting not being held here today was on account of the influenza ban on public meetings.

Narrow Escape on Queen Street.
This morning on Queen street several pedestrians had narrow escapes from the snow and ice falling off the roofs of the buildings. Several of the Queen street merchants took steps to prevent accidents and had their roofs cleaned off.

At Temporary Hospital.
There are four patients at present taking treatment in the temporary hospital. Two of them are out of bed today, while one patient who has been very seriously ill is reported slightly improved.

Opposition Caucus.
Opposition members of the Legislature held a secret conclave at St. John yesterday to discuss the situation. Mr. Pinder of York, who is said to be taking the initiative in the house cleaning process, was present, and tendered his fellow members a lot of advice. Asked by a friend this morning what conclusions were arrived at, Mr. Pinder was inclined to be non-committal.



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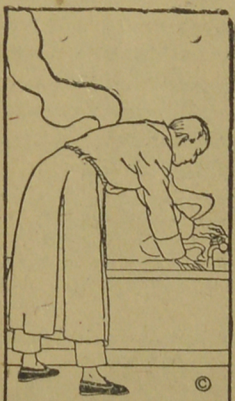
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