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THE INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC

Influenza was the chief topic of discussion at the annual meeting of the British Medical Association, and yet the assembled wisdom of that famous body of experts was able to throw little light upon the terrible epidemic of last year. Some new figures were given as to the toll which it took. One of the leading army surgeons stated that in the first British army alone between May 18th and July 22nd over 36,000 British soldiers passed through the casualty stations. The disease was extremely infectious. After the mild spring epidemic died down a much more serious type appeared with greatly increased pulmonary cases.

Looking back at the five years of war, the surgeon added, it seemed that the cases they had been calling influenza this winter were of the same character as those of most previous winters, but especially of the winter of 1916-17. If they were influenza now, they were influenza then. There was the same stamp of pulmonary disease, the same character of fever, and the same complications. When the recollected the epidemic of 1889, its harmlessness to the young, the infrequency of severe pneumonia except as a result of exposure, and the frequency of prolonged nervous exhaustion after it, he was very much tempted to ask whether the present disease was influenza at all; or, if so, whether it had not considerably changed its character since then.

Surgeon General Bassett Smith, in speaking of the navy, said that at the Cape the disease was so bad that the only way to keep the necessary number of ships ready for action was to stop communication with the land altogether. One ship with a complement of 772 had 668 cases and thirty-eight deaths. It was very common in the Adriatic, where it was mistaken at first for fever.

Major Norman White, I. M. S., said that the epidemic in India was at first mild, though widespread. In a few months in the British provinces alone 4,993,132 deaths were reported out of 238,000,000 inhabitants. The Central Indian States lost 6 per cent. of their population, and one state lost 44.7 per cent. Villages were wiped out and many others lost half their population.

And yet the medical men were not able to shed much light upon the mysterious development and the terrible ravages of the disease. Dr. Tyson, for example, stated that the numerous "infallible" cures were amusing. There was only one cure, he said, "Go to bed at once, and keep there." For the first time there was unanimity among the doctors.

Petitions are being tabled in the House of Commons at Ottawa daily, praying for the passage of an act by Parliament prohibiting the manufacture, importation, transportation or sale of alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes. While the majority of these petitions come from the English-speaking provinces, a considerable number are tabled by the representatives of the province of Quebec. It is understood that the government will give early consideration to the prohibition question, having heard an expression of views from its supporters at the caucus held on Thursday last. The impression continues to grow that the terms of the present order-in-council will be considerably modified along the line of recognition on whatever action may be taken by the various provinces.

The ratepayers of this city yesterday, by a majority of 128, declared themselves against the adoption of the so-called daylight saving time. There was very little interest taken in the election and scarcely more than one-half of the registered vote was polled. Three-fourths of the returned soldiers who voted were opposed to daylight saving. The railways will still continue to use daylight saving time, and the election, while it has settled the question so far as the city hall clock is concerned, will not result in any

great improvement in conditions. With the railways operating on one system of time and the city on another there is bound to be more or less confusion, and there will be nothing to do but grin and bear it.

An express train on the C. N. R., which was derailed near Elgin, Ont., a few nights ago, had attached to it three private cars in which cabinet ministers and railway officials were travelling. Mr. Archie McCoig, M.P., brought the matter to the notice of Parliament and in doing so said that in order to accommodate the government and railway dignitaries, ordinary sleeping cars had to be omitted from the train. This meant that passengers had to sit up all night in the smokers or ordinary day coaches. The Minister of Railways made a lame excuse, declaring that it was a mere coincidence that three private cars were attached to the one train.

All will be glad to learn that the Canadian troops which were sent to Siberia some months ago are now on their way home. Just why our boys were ever sent to that god-forsaken country has not yet been made clear to the average citizen.

The Government bill to incorporate the Canadian National Railway Company was put through the House of Commons under closure at an early hour this morning.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

It seems that Time really can turn backward!

You've got to stop kickin' our time around.

Call me early (but not so early), mother dear!

Old Father Time don't know who his friends really are in this town.

The town clock has the face to tell us 'most anything.

If people didn't have hobbies the world would soon cease to revolve.

The allied forces which won the Time war must now look out or they may lose the peace.

Times change—in different ways. Nobody wonders at the present moment what is going on at Potsdam.

Not even a school teacher will notice the incorrect grammar in a compliment.

After all there are but two classes of unfortunates in the world; those who are married and those who are not.

This modern life, complains the old fashioned reactionary, is just one darned performance of the impossible after another.

Germany certainly has some military and naval geniuses. They are not explaining defeats; they're explaining how they really won the war.

What time does the St. John train arrive in the morning? Questions like that can be put in the arithmetics now instead of the old fashioned problems about brick walls and acres of land.

RIOT QUELLED BY MILITIA

Terrehaute, Ind., April 20—Two companies of State Militia were ordered to Linton, Ind., tonight to quell a riot resulting from a strike of telephone operators at that place. During the rioting a mob of five hundred persons broke the doors and windows of the telephone exchange and drove 8 girls strike-breakers to the roof. The girls later were rescued and taken to a place of safety.

Baseball Team Organized
 The Junior Pets baseball team have organized and are ready to play all comers at any suitable time. The following is the proposed line-up: Catcher, V. Boyne; pitcher, D. Finnmore; 1st base, Allen; 2nd base, Larsen; 3rd base, Robinson; short stop, H. Wheeler; center field, J. Coyle; right field, H. Lifford; left field, Smith. A number of junior as well as senior teams have organized and are expected to bring out some good material for the season's games.

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LOCAL NEWS

County Court in Session

The York County Court met in adjourned session this morning when the civil docket was taken up. The case of Bennet vs. Kinsella was heard. Mr. P. J. Hughes and Mr. J. J. F. Winslow appeared as counsel. The case is an action for commissions alleged to be owed by the defendant to an agent taking orders for monuments and gravestones.

Are Returnin gHome

No. 7 M. D. headquarters are in receipt of information to the effect that seven men former members of the 260th Canadian Rifles, the maritime section of the Siberian expeditionary force are to arrive at St. John in the near future, having landed at Vancouver. Four of the men left the West on Sunday morning and should arrive the latter part of this week. All seven men reported in the information are invalided men returning to their respective homes for medical treatment.

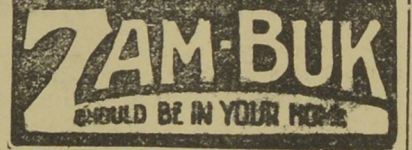
Died at Sea

Capt. E. H. O'Neal of Dorchester, Westmorland County, a well known master mariner died at sea a few days ago while en route to Bermuda. The deceased was a native of Dorchester but for many years resided at Glasgow Scotland, where he was employed as overseer of a large shipbuilding concern. He returned to Dorchester last year with the intention of spending the remainder of his days there. He was making a trip to the West Indies for the benefit of his health when death overtook him.

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Returned From Meeting

Mr. C. H. Burt returned this morning from St. John where he attended the meeting of the New Brunswick Provincial Executive and Advisory Board of the Retail Merchants' Association. Mr. Burt was the only member representing Fredericton at the meeting. The chief business of the evening was the routine business consisting of the reading of the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports. Following this the reports of the delegates to Ottawa to the Dominion Convention of the Retail Merchants was heard.

Make First Trip of Season

The steamer D. J. Purdy left St. John yesterday morning arriving here at 7.30 last evening on her first trip up river this season. She had passengers on board and a big cargo of farm implements and machinery. She will make the run to Fredericton on every Monday, Wednesday and Friday and leave this city every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. She left this morning with a heavy cargo under the command of Capt. S. Day, with Capt. William Harding as mate, Hedley V. Lpton as purser and Miss Thorne as Upton as purser and Miss Thorne as stewardess. W. J. Southern is local agent.

Economy, Thrift, Conservation

In the work of reconstruction these qualifications will lend a leading part. The successful housekeeper today must have three characteristics. From an economic standpoint the thrifty housekeeper, in order to conserve her energy and make the hard-earned dollars "do their best," will have for her home

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 G. R. PERKINS,
 City Treasurer.

NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of all the Retail Merchants is called at the Board of Trade rooms, Queen Street, TOMORROW EVENING, April 30th, at eight o'clock, City Hall time, to decide what course will be taken by the merchants regarding the time.

Rev. G. M. Young left last evening for Ottawa to attend a committee meeting yesterday.

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