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## MORE THAN FORTY MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF ALIEN PROPERTY HELD IN TRUST

**Is Mainly Represented by Stocks and Real Estate—The Matter is Now Receiving the Attention of the Federal Government—Under the Treaty Canada Can Liquidate the Whole Amount or Use It to Defray Counter Debts.**

Ottawa, Feb. 3.—The cabinet has under consideration the question of what action Canada will take regarding the clauses in the Peace Treaty dealing with debts and enemy property. The cabinet is considering whether Canada shall or shall not adopt clearing offices in respect to the debts, and whether she shall exercise the right conferred by the Peace Treaty to liquidate enemy property and apply the proceeds in satisfying claims for damages sustained by the property of Canadians in Germany or Austria, and for the payment of claims made before the reparation committee which is to sit in Paris.

If Canada accepts the method of the clearing office, the payment of the debts is removed from the individual and placed under the jurisdiction of the office. The balance of debts is now in Canada's favor. Canadians owe Germans and Austrians \$1,700,000 and there is owing to them nearly two millions. The government would be obligated to collect the amount of the former at five per cent. and at pre-war rates of exchange, and a similar obligation would be imposed on the enemy countries, payment to be made through the clearing offices.

Canada may, if it so desires, use both debts and enemy property to defray counter debts and claims above enumerated.

Sir Henry Drayton, Dominion custodian, now holds in trust enemy property worth more than forty million dollars, mainly represented by stocks and shares and real estate. Under the treaty Canada may liquidate the whole amount and apply it to the purposes above mentioned.

## P. J. HUGHES PRESIDENT OF HOSP. BOARD

**Total Business of Year Shows Figure of \$28,139—Surgical Cases in the Majority.**

The annual meeting of the Trustees of Victoria Public Hospital was held in the hospital yesterday when the year's business was reviewed and the outlook for the future discussed. The officers for 1920 were elected and the vacancy on the Board, caused by the retirement of President G. N. C. Hawkins, was filled and the appointment of the several standing committees was completed. Vice President P. J. Hughes occupied the chair, and the other members in attendance included His Worship the Mayor, Dr. Keirstead R. FitzRandolph, and the Secretary-Treasurer.

**Treasurer's Report**

After the preliminaries were concluded the Treasurer reported the balance sheet for the year 1919 which was verified by Geo. Armstrong, of Devon, auditor. The business for the year totalled \$28,139.17, and a glance at some of the items would make one think the expenditures resemble that of a big hotel. For instance, meat, milk etc. \$3,199; contingencies and repairs \$2,524; groceries and produce \$3,036; fuel \$2,326; laundry \$1,129; drugs and medicine \$3,300. It is the intention of the Trustees to prepare a report this year for publication when the friends of this popular institution will no doubt be interested in contents.

**Superintendent's Report**

The annual report of Miss Sansom the superintendent, will also contain much of interest to the friends of the hospital. In her report for the last

## FREE WHISKEY FOR FLU VICTIMS

Detroit, Feb. 3.—United States Marshal Henry Behrendt has been authorized in a telegram from Washington to furnish free of charge to all reputable physicians whiskey to be used in the treatment of influenza cases.

The marshal was instructed to deliver the whiskey only when satisfied it was intended for legitimate purposes and to guard against abuse of the order.

month she shows that eighty six patients received treatment, and of this number seventy-seven of these indulged in surgical treatment.

**Officers**

In taking up the election of officers P. J. Hughes was elevated to the position of president. Hamilton Kitchen was elected vice president, C. A. Sampson secretary treasurer and George Armstrong, auditor.

Committees were then appointed for the year as follows:

Nurses—Dr. W. H. Irvine, Dr. W. C. Keirstead.

Repairs—The President, His Worship the Mayor, Mr. Kitchen.

Finance—The president, R. B. Hanson, R. Randolph.

Supplies—Lt. Col. Loggie, Warden Everett, the President.

The vacancy in the membership of the Board caused by the expiry of the term of office of G. N. C. Hawkins, was filled by the appointment of R. B. Hanson.

At the suggestion of the superintendent consideration was given to the wisdom of stocking-up with sundry supplies, principally medical drugs and medicine, the prices of which are still going up with rapid flight. This matter was referred to the committee.

## INVENTION THAT SENDS SPOKEN WORDS ON A RAY OF LIGHT

London, Feb. 3.—In a small room at the Imperial College of Technology, South Kensington, Professor A. C. Rankine is perfecting an instrument which shoots messages as a gun shoots shells. A person talking into a trumpet attached to a minute mirror, reflecting a strong light, can send a message to any distance reached by the light without fear of the words being intercepted, it is said. The words spoken can be heard distinctly half a mile away and are transmitted through projectors to an electric battery attached to a piece of selenium fitted to an ordinary telephone receiver. The larger the receiving battery the greater distance can the message be sent.

## TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS TO BE APPLIED FOR BY CITY UNDER THE HOUSING ACT REGULATIONS

**City Council Took Action Last Night—Large Delegation Presented to Urge Council to Take Action—J. J. F. Winslow, J. A. Reid, Major Mackintosh, Harry Ryan and Dr. W. H. Irvine Heard—Mayor Hanson Took Issue With Figures Quoted by Mr. Winslow—Said Costs Were Under Stated.**

The City Council last night decided to make application to the Provincial Government for a loan of \$200,000 under the Housing Act, and appointed a committee composed of Ald. Reid, Ald. Burpee and Ald. Cooper to act as a nominating committee for the personnel of the Housing Commission which under the Act will administer the money used for building dwellings. This action was taken after a hearing had been given a large delegation which included spokesmen from the Fredericton Board of Trade, York Commercial Club, Fredericton Trades and Labor Council and Fredericton Branch G. W. V. A. Those who were heard were J. J. F. Winslow, for the York Commercial Club, Major Colin Mackintosh for the G. W. V. A. Harry Ryan for the Labor Council, J. A. Reid for the Board of Trade of which he is president and Dr. W. H. Irvine who supported the Housing Scheme from a sanitary standpoint.

Mr. Winslow was the chief speaker, quoting figures extensively. Mayor Hanson followed with an address in which he stated that the City Council had not been trying to shirk responsibility. He criticised the figures quoted by Mr. Winslow as being far below what they should be stating in particular that it was nonsense to talk of a building lot for \$180.

### Enough Vacant Lots

After the delegation had been heard in the Council Chamber the Council met in the Committee Room and considered the matter. There was considerable discussion in which the opinion was expressed that there were enough vacant lots already served with water and sewerage to provide for all the houses required under the Housing Scheme. The number of vacant lots was placed by Ald. Cooper as upwards of two hundred. The general opinion was that the cost of erecting houses had been greatly understated by those supporting action on the part of the council but that conditions which had arisen in the city demanded action at the earliest possible date.

### Resolution Passed

On motion of Ald. Cooper seconded by Ald. Davidson the following resolution was passed:

Whereas representations have been made by various ratepayers and public bodies of the City of Fredericton that the housing accommodation within the limits of the said City is wholly inadequate for the population of the said City and that there is no immediate prospect of the situation in that regard being relieved by private enterprise and that it is, therefore, desirable and expedient that the corporation of the City of Fredericton, in order to alleviate the situation said to be existing, and in order to provide necessary, sufficient and adequate housing accommodation within the limits of the said City, should take advantage of the provisions of the "Housing Act, 1919", being Chapter 56, 9 George V., Acts of Assembly, 1919, and of the regulations of His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council made thereunder and apply to

### His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council for the loan of a sum not exceeding in the aggregate the sum of two hundred thousand dollars under the provisions of the said Act for the purposes aforesaid.

Now therefore be it resolved that it is desirable and expedient in the interests of the whole City that the City of Fredericton in order to alleviate the situation with respect to lack of housing accommodation said to be existing, and in order to provide necessary, sufficient and adequate housing accommodation within the limits of the said City, take advantage of the provisions of the "Housing Act, 1919" and of the regulations of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council therefore, and apply to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council for the loan of a sum not exceeding in the aggregate the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, under the provisions of the said Act and of the regulations thereunder, and that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to make application to His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor in Council for a loan of a sum not exceeding in the aggregate the said sum of two hundred thousand dollars, under the provision of the said Act and regulations and that he transmit therewith a certified copy of this Resolution.

### Large Delegation

The delegation which had been organized for some days to urge action on the part of the City Council in the matter of action under the Housing Act, appeared at eight o'clock. Its members filled all available seats in the Council Chamber.

J. J. F. Winslow  
J. J. F. Winslow for the York Commercial Club was the first speaker. He referred to the public interest in mat-

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## INFLUENZA IS EPIDEMIC IN A LARGE PART OF UNITED STATES

**Public Health Officials Say That Every Section of the Country is Now Affected—Just as Prevalent in the South as in the Northern Sections.**

Washington, D. C., Feb. 3.—Although influenza now has become epidemic over a large part of the country, officials of the public health service said today the situation was well in hand almost everywhere and that medical and nursing facilities are proving adequate.

"From telegraphic reports received by the health service" the statement said, "it is evident that epidemic influenza prevails over a large part of the country. Moreover, with its well established characteristic, this prevalence appears to be uninfluenced by climate.

"So far as our reports indicate, the disease is just as prevalent in the Southern warm regions as it is elsewhere.

"Reports indicate that virtually everywhere the situation is well in hand and that local medical and nursing facilities nowhere are overtaxed. Certainly the situation is in marked contrast to that which prevailed last year."

## AN ALLIED REJOINDER TO HOLLAND'S REFUSAL TO GIVE UP EX-KAISER IS COMING SOON

**Note May Intimate That in Case of a Second Refusal Diplomatic Relations With the Dutch May be Cut Off—A Blockade of Dutch Ports May Follow—Peace With Soviet Russia Essential to Resumption of Trade.**

(Special to the Mail.)

London, Feb. 3.—The Allied rejoinder to the refusal of Holland to accede to their demands for the extradition of the former Emperor William is imminent, according to reports. The note will be generally conciliatory, but it will intimate that the Allies will consider, in case of a new refusal by Holland, measures going as far as the breaking off of diplomatic relations or a naval blockade of Dutch ports.

### Peace is First Essential.

London, Feb. 3.—Peace between Soviet Russia and the Allied powers is the first essential to resumption of trade relations, said Maxim Lithinoff, Bolshevik representative, to James O'Grady, British delegate, with whom he is negotiating for exchange of prisoners at Copenhagen, according to a despatch received from Reuter's.

## COL. HI HENRY PASSES AWAY

New York, Feb. 3.—Colonel Hiram fame, died at his home here in his 76th year. Colonel Henry was a civil war veteran and had his own minstrel F. "Hi" Henry, of old-time minstrel company back in the 70's and 80's. He toured the country in his own special train and always led his band in the street parades, as he was a celebrated cornetist.

## DEFER ACTION TO OBTAIN INFORMATION

**City Engineer and Ald. Burpee Will Go to Halifax in Connection with Street Lighting.**

The City Council again has deferred action in the matter of Street Lighting. Consideration was given the matter in Committee last night and two motions were made. One by Ald. McKay was that the city proceed to repair the City Plant in Carleton Street according to plans prepared by the City Engineer. Another was to defer action until a special meeting, City Engineer McDowell and Ald. D. W. Burpee in the meantime to go to Halifax and secure information concerning certain machinery there.

Ald. McKay finally withdrew his motion and the other was passed.

In the discussion which took place Ald. Camp stated that promoters of the Pokiok hydro scheme said they could cut the offer of the Maritime Electric Company to light the city streets, in two.

Mayor Hanson said the objection to waiting for that was that the present plant might go out of commission at any time.

Ald. Reid objected to any definite action being taken at that meeting. He quoted figures to show that \$2000 per year could be saved by accepting the offer of the Maritime Electric Company.

## LIQUOR STOLEN FROM WAREHOUSE

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 3.—Sixty-four barrels of whiskey, 3,000 gallons, were stolen from the Menckearry warehouse on the eastern limits of this city Sunday morning. The were loaded on trucks and spirited away. This is the seventh time this warehouse has been entered.

## BIG BILL HAYWOOD AND THIRTY-SEVEN OTHER REDS ARE INDICTED

Chicago, Feb. 3.—Indictments against thirty-seven members of the I. W. W. were returned today by the special Grand Jury investigating radical activities.

Chief among those indicated were William D. ("Big Bill") Haywood, former secretary of the organization, now at liberty from Leavenworth prison under bond, and Thomas Whitehead, who succeeded Haywood as secretary.

The indictments complete the work of the "Red" Grand Jury. Last week the Grand Jurors indicted eighty-five members of the Communist party and thirty-eight members of the Communist labor party.

The charges in all cases are conspiracy to overthrow the Government and advocating the overthrow of the Government by force.