

FINANCING
OF HOSPITAL
IS PROBLEM

Special Meeting of Committees on Monday Next — Graduation Exercises to be Held on 23rd.

The Victoria Hospital Board in regular monthly session Monday night discussed finances. On Monday night next the Finance Committee of the Board and the House Committee will meet to discuss the problem further. The matter of grants from the Municipality of York and the various towns was discussed last night and it is possible that additional financial support will be received from various bodies.

Contracts Awarded.
Contracts for supplies were awarded as follows: Bread, Estate of W. J. Murphy; milk and cream Pugh Bros.; ice, R. K. Stevenson Laundry, Byron E. Evans.

Those Present.
The members in attendance included Dr. D. W. Ross, president, Mrs. C. D. Richards, Mrs. D. Richards, Col. T. G. Loggie, His Worship Mayor Clark, Ald. C. N. Goodspeed, Ald. Ivan McKnight, Ald. A. Davidson, Mr. Rowley Manzor, (Marysville) Douglas Clarkson, (Nashwaak Village), A. Wilfred Coombes, (Devon), W. B. Gilman, (Kingsclear).

The report of the superintendent, Miss Margaret Pringle, showed that 114 patients received treatment in March. Of these 16 were medical cases and 42 surgical cases, 9 obstetrical cases were admitted, and 5 births, 43 operations were performed—22 major, 21 minor. X-Ray examination 33.

After a conference with the nurses the superintendent suggested that the graduation exercises take place on the 23rd instant and this was chosen.

The graduates for 1926 are—Misses Helen M' Cain, Ella Sansom, Jennie Varle, Bessie Connel, Della Bryant, Sara Stasuk and Emma Wark.

Miss Pringle reported a long list of names of donors of various useful and fancy articles recently received at the hospital.

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City Affairs

Cleaning the Streets
The city has had crews of men at work with old fire hose flushing the sidewalks from the streets and giving the sun a chance to melt the accumulation of snow and ice.

The Sugar Season
Maple sugar making operations have been somewhat retarded by the cold weather, but the yield promises to be a fair one. A few warm days will help out considerably. There is still lots of snow in the woods, which helps out in candy making.

Death of Child.
Mr. and Mrs. James A. Estey have the sympathy of their many friends in the death of their little daughter Avis L. Estey who died at noon today aged one year and six months. Besides the parents, two sisters and one brother survive.

For Industrial Home
The boy aged thirteen years who appeared in the Juvenile Court as a vagrant, has been sentenced by Magistrate Limerick to the Boys' Industrial Home at Saint John for an indefinite time. The sentence was imposed with the knowledge of the father and at his request.

The Laying Contest.
The hens taking part in the New Brunswick Egg Laying Contest produced 898 eggs last week, which brings the total production at the close of the 23rd week up to 14007. W. E. B. Talts pen led last week with 58 eggs, with that of John Woods in second place with 56. George Woods, with 963 eggs and 10177 points is leading in the contest. The pen of A. T. Reid is in second place with 930 eggs and 849.9 points. John Moore's pen has 883 eggs and 832.8 points.

Dr. J. C. Webster of Shediac is in the city today.
Chief Justice Sir J. D. Hazen is a guest at the Queen.
Hon. Mr. Justice Grimmer is stopping at the Queen.

FURTHER HEARING ON
THURSDAY MORNING ON THE
CITY ASSESSMENT BILL

Commissioners and Members of City Council in Support of Bill—Chancellor of Diocese of Fredericton objected to Certain Provisions for Assessment of Church Property—Merchants Object to Stock-in-Trade Valuation—Assessment of Rental Income Discussed.

The Municipalities Committee of the House of Assembly this morning devoted several hours to a hearing on the Fredericton Assessment Bill. The chairman E. C. Atkinson, when the committee rose after one o'clock this afternoon, stated that the committee would give some more time to the bill Thursday morning, before going into private session on it, and he hoped that by that time the differences in opinion could be settled.

Large Delegations.
As expected there were large delegations on the bill. Dr. W. C. Kierstead and ex-Ald. J. B. Dickson of the Assessment Commission were present and spoke in support of the bill Mayor Clark and several aldermen also were present supporting the bill.

The Business Men.
A large number of business men were present in opposition to certain provisions particularly that to assess stocks-in-trade at seventy-five percent of value. H. S. Campbell and Charles H. Weddall spoke on their behalf requesting assessment on a fifty percent valuation as before.

Anglicans Represented.
J. J. F. Winslow, K. C., Chancellor of the Anglican Diocese of Fredericton, opposed the section which enabled a tenant on the expiration of a lease to purchase the land he occupies, the value being set by arbitration. The Parish Church was represented by C. L. Dougherty. His Lordship Bishop Richardson and Rev. A. F. Bate of Fredericton were present.

Assessment of Income Rental.
P. J. Hughes, K. C., appeared on behalf of owners of real estate and spoke against the section to provide for the assessment of the income from real estate. R. W. McLellan also opposed the same section. He said that real estate values were depressed in Fredericton and the proposals under the act would increase the burden which could be passed on to the tenant only up to a certain limit.

Mr. Winslow speaking again pointed out that the bill could well be allowed to stand for a year in order that the public could become better acquainted with its provisions. He claimed that the old act was not unworkable and in fact had been administered quite satisfactorily.

Ald. Mitchell was heard in support of certain provisions of the bill.

Death at Marysville.
Mrs. Isabel Richardson widow of Sewell Richardson died last night at her home in Marysville after an illness of three days. She was aged sixty-eight years. Surviving are two sons Clarence of Marysville and Brydone of Fredericton and one daughter Miss Dorothy of Marysville. Also surviving are one brother Lankford Good of Edmundston, one sister Mrs. Eliza Duplissea of San Francisco and two half-sisters Mrs. George Haining of Fredericton and Mrs. Hazelton of Marysville, Wash. The funeral will take place Wednesday afternoon. Prayers will be offered at the house at two o'clock and service will be conducted in All Saints' Church at 2.30 by Rev. Mr. Fairweather. Interment will be made in the churchyard adjoining.

Addressed Normal Students.
Two members of the House of Assembly who had previously been students at the Provincial Normal School addressed the students of the school this morning. Each referred to his own day as a student. They were Dr. M. A. Oulton of Shediac and James S. Lord of St. Stephen. Dr. Oulton was principal for some time of what is now the Devon school.

Enjoying a Boom
At the regular meeting of Victoria Lodge I. O. O. F. last evening, four candidates were given the first degree and applications for membership were received from six others.

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