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VICTORIA HOSPITAL

Yesterday a representative of The Daily Mail had occasion to ring up one of the "head men" on the Victoria Public Hospital Board and to make enquiries regarding a news item of general public interest. The item was in connection with a contract in regard to milk from which the parties who had entered into found that they were losing money and wished to be relieved. The matter had come up at different hospital board meetings and finally the contractors were given an increase. As a result one of purchasing committee of the institution resigned. The Daily Mail knew something about the incident. In fact we knew more about it than we published yesterday. In the ordinary course of our business, a representative of this paper called up one of the leading officials of the hospital institution yesterday and asked for news. He was insulted and told that he had better not use anything in the paper in regard to the hospital "unless he wished to get into trouble." Some other very abusive language was used in regard to this publication. The Daily Mail representative was rather surprised at the outburst coming from a supposedly friendly source, especially as this paper has always given the hospital a boost whenever we were called upon to do so.

There is this to be said about Victoria Public Hospital. It is a useful institution, founded for a useful purpose, and it, like all other hospitals, is doing good work. It cannot, however, be put upon a pedestal in a glass case where people are afraid to speak about it. It is a semi-public institution. It receives grants from the government, from the county and from the city, and handouts from everybody. At the same time its management charges a good fee to those who enter its doors as patients, and a person taking a room in the hospital has to plank down his money at the desk near the door before he can go upstairs, no matter how ill he may be. All this being so, the general public is entitled to know how the affairs of the institution are conducted, and when a paper asks the management or those who are supposed to represent it, for news regarding matters which effect the hospital, and do not cut in on the private rights of patients, the paper is entitled to receive this information. Otherwise the public will begin to wonder why.

The members of the Victoria Public Hospital board have for years given their time and their energy free to the Victoria Hospital. They deserve the thanks of the citizens for this. While the press and public appreciate this service they probably reserve to themselves the right to know what is going on. There is and has been in the past altogether too much of people who are on committees, and on trustee boards of public and semi-public institutions "high hatting" the job. The public have assumed an inferiority complex and have allowed these people to get away with it.

THE TROUBLE IN GREECE

Behind the uprising in Greece lies a political situation and an economic situation.

The political situation can be described briefly as a battle between the republicans led by Venizelos and the monarchists led by Premier Tsaldaris. That battle has been long and fierce, with now the one party, now the other, gaining the upper hand.

Not to go too far back, the Venizelists defeated the Tsaldarists in a general election in September, 1932, but did not get a clear majority in the lower chamber. Tsaldaris formed a cabinet which lasted ten weeks. Then Venizelos formed one but his majority was so small that he decided to increase it by calling a new election. He formed a coalition of six parties; Tsaldaris formed one of three.

Contrary to Venizelos' expectations, the Tsaldarists gained a majority of 22 seats.

Then General Plastiras attempted a coup d'etat and arrested Tsaldaris, but the country did not rally to his support, and his skipped to France. Venizelos was impeached for connection with the Plastiras plot, but proceedings were stopped by Tsaldaris, now Prime Minister. Then an attempt was made to assassinate Venizelos, whose wife and chauffeur were wounded. Several suspects were arrested, but their trial was postponed from time to time, and was begun about ten days ago, nearly nine months after the crime. Meanwhile both sides have been at swords' points.

Greece has been hard hit by the world depression. Her foreign markets for wines, tobacco, raisins and currants have been depleted by high tariffs and general poverty. Greece is paying only 35 per cent of the service on her foreign debt, and the budget has been running in the red for several years. Taxes are high and largely uncollectable. These matters have naturally caused much dissatisfaction with the government.

Consequently the revolt was no great surprise, and no matter which side wins, tension is likely to remain dangerously high.

SNAPSHOTS

They say that the shovel men are engaged on the back streets shovelling out the obstructions to people's paths which the snowplow made.

Quintuplets make a rather awkward number at bridge, unless it turns out that little Marie would rather curl up with a good book.

A United States visitor to the Legislature yesterday mistook Fred Payne with his clerk's gown, for the Provincial Premier, and thought Karl Walker was wearing the Windsor uniform.

This was not as bad as the visitor last summer. She thought that K. C. after Hon. L. P. D. Tilley's name stood for Knights of Columbus. Turning to her son she said, "Patrick, that Mr. Tilley is a K. C. the same as you are."

A naturalist says the mouth of the crocodile may easily be held shut with one hand. And then where are you

When that Nazi headman has an hour or two at his disposal he might help Hitler look for his.

"Market Soars," says a stock report headline. It ought to be up on the sidewalk any day now.

An Argentine swimmer remained in the water three and a half hours. It is thought to set a new record for monopolizing a bathroom.

Canada reports a tenor choir singer who is still at it after 50 years. Maybe he's expecting his voice to change.

With 7,000,000 men at his beck and call Il Duce says he can face the direst eventuality. It shouldn't be any too pleasant for either of them.

A Chicago biologist has transformed a hen into a rooster. It is probably a triumph for science as well as a defeat for early morning slumber.

Harry Jewett sitting in a sleigh behind a trotter just looks like old times. She was a nice stepper too. Harry old boy.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. J. M. Lemont has gone on a visit of a month to New York.

Miss Isabel Babbitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Babbitt, was operated on yesterday, at Victoria Hospital, and is doing as well as can be expected.

E. C. Armstrong is confined to his home by illness.

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PINEHURST, N.C., March 8—A coroner's jury today ruled the death of Mrs. H. Bradley Davidson Jr., 22-year-old millionaire's bride of two months, was due to carbon monoxide poisoning under circumstances not known to the jury.

OUR MAIL BAG

THANK YOU!

The Daily Mail is pleased to publish at the request of some members of the Governor Carleton Chapter of the I. O. D. E., the following letter:

Fredericton, N. B.

Mr. J. L. Neville,
Editor, Daily Mail, City.
Dear Mr. Neville:

The members of Governor Carleton Chapter I. O. D. E., as the oldest chapter in the Dominion, wish to thank you for your unparalleled effort in making New Brunswick's celebration of Founders' Day very unique.

It was reported at our March meeting that the Librarian of the Legislative Library has placed a copy of "The Daily Mail" of February 13th, 1935 in the Provincial Archives, saying that there has been nothing done of which New Brunswick should be more proud than that the first chapter I. O. D. E. was organized in Fredericton.

Very sincerely,
ELIZABETH S. ARMSTRONG,
Rec.-Secretary.

March 6th, 1935.

We appreciate this letter coming as it does from such a body as the first chapter of the Daughters of the Empire to be established in this Dominion. We also appreciate the very kindly remarks made by the members of this and other chapters of the I. O. D. E. at their recent meetings regarding our souvenir edition of February 13th. Much of the work on the edition was done by these energetic ladies from the different chapters of the order throughout the province and elsewhere, and we know that they made a good job of it.

The Daily Mail also appreciates letters received from several other chapters both in Fredericton and from other parts regarding our efforts in connection with Founders' Day and on our Editorial in connection with that celebration. No one appreciates this better than ourselves. Thank you, ladies.

THE ABATTOIR

Fredericton, N.B.,

March 8th, 1935.

Editor, Daily Mail,
Dear Sir:

Was pleased to read your Editorial on "Abattoir". Some few years ago this request was made but on the advice of a doctor living twenty miles in the country that the odor would be offensive it was turned down. Now if it had been granted at that time farmers would not be selling their potatoes for twenty cents per bushel today and the government spending thousands of dollars to try and raise the price of same which cannot be raised any other way than by the old order of supply and demand and this hog would demand quite a lot of them if we had a proper way to cure our pork in this province.

We are not supplying England with this quantity of pork products that was granted Canada at the Ottawa conference we have the market we are situated sixty miles from our shipping port and Mr. Nugaard is putting up a product second to none in his small way. And we feel sure the shrewd men that are on this committee will grant this request by so doing they will have taken the first step towards a twenty five thousand population for Fredericton visioned by our board of trade. If we are afraid of a little smoke and odor we will have the much more offensive "dole" with us for a long time to come.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor.
ADVANCEMENT.

Manitoba Drinks "Pig Swill" Liquor

WINNIPEG, March 8—Manitobans may drink contraband liquor. But all of it does not come from the United States, says Attorney General W. J. Major. Referring to police seizures of bootleg liquor, he said, "our drinkers are getting a concoction from material ordinarily going into the swill barrel for pigs."

BASTIA, Corsica, March 7—Andrea Spada, last of the bandits of "honor and vengeance," who ruled the Corsican hills for decades, was sentenced to death today.

PRICES HIGHER AGRICULTURAL REPORT SHOWS

Steady improvement in price levels in most of the principal agricultural products in this province in 1934, is indicated in the report of J. K. King, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, which is contained in the annual report of the Department of Agriculture tabled in the New Brunswick Legislature yesterday by Hon. Lewis Smith Minister of Agriculture. The report in part follows:

"New Brunswick farmers experienced one of the longest and most severe winters since weather records have been kept and, as a consequence, a very heavy demand was made on all feed supplies in order to bring the livestock through the winter. Furthermore, not only was there a heavy loss from winter-killing of apple trees in the province, but a very much reduced yield of apples on the trees which survived. Spring and early summer weather conditions were very variable, and, as a result, the hay crop ranged from above average to average in certain areas in the central and northern parts of the province to considerable below average yield in a large part of southern and eastern New Brunswick. "Grain and root crops were reported as average for the province with certain districts reporting below-average crops, due to dry weather.

"The principal potato growing areas reported one of the largest crops in history, with the quality exceptionally good, the only criticism being that on quite a large number of farms the percentage of over-size potatoes was high".

Statistics compiled by the bureau of Statistics, agricultural branch, Ottawa, showed an increase in the acreage of wheat potatoes, roots and hay and clover in New Brunswick in 1934 over that of 1933, while the acreage of oats, barley, buckwheat, mixed grains and beans showed a decrease. In his general summary of the reports of the various divisions of the department, Mr. King said in part:

"Greater appreciation of the importance of adopting better cultural and fertilizing practices by New Brunswick farmers in regard to soil management is much in evidence.

"The year witnessed a further development of the interest in horse breeding. The most striking evidence of this is found in the number of good stallions imported. At the beginning of the year the province had only six stallions qualified in class A; at the close of the year there were 17. The number of enrolled stallions advanced from 31 to 45. Reports show a larger number of mares bred to class A stallions and a larger number of foals being raised in most sections of the province.

"The restricted area for the eradication of bovine tuberculosis previously established in the province received a protest and the County of Madawaska was added. A total of 141,063 head were tested and 7.16 reactors found, or almost exactly 0.5 per cent. This is a very encouraging reduction in the per centage of diseased animals, which in the former test stood at 3.03 per cent.

"The establishment of a warble fly free area in the Harvey Station district was a feature of the season's program.

Fad Nipped in Bud

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., March 7—Ski suits for skiers, not for scholars. This is the decision of Principal G. Walter Williams of New Bedford high school in banning ski suits as classroom attire for feminine students. He said he was banning the ski suits for health reasons also, believing it unwise for a girl to remain indoors for hours in heavy winter apparel.

CROWN LAND SOLD

Sixty acres of lands in Northumberland County known as Lot Letter K East of Esemuniac Village in the parish of Hardwicke was sold at the Department of Lands and Mines have yesterday, the land going for the upset price of \$2 per acre to the applicant, Donald Lloyd.

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