

ANNUAL MEETING

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moded by Mr. W. J. Bradwers, seconded by Mr. E. T. Higgs.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Ladies and Gentlemen: I am pleased to be able to report that during the past year the Free Dispensary has under the able supervision of Miss Earle carried on its useful community work as satisfactorily as possible with the limited means at its disposal.

At this meeting it is very important that special attention be given to the financial condition of the dispensary.

Due to the decreased earning power of the citizens the annual subscriptions have noticeably declined. In 1935 the receipts were: \$2,285.71; 1934, \$2,023.19; 1933, \$1,143.46, and for the year ending April 30, 1935 \$1,570.30.

The dispensary sources of revenue are as follows: Provincial Government ... \$ 200.00 City Grant ... 150.00 Contributions by citizens ... 1,220.30 Cash and kind for year ending April 30, 1935 ... 1230.97 Total ... 1680.97

Principal Function

The principal function of the Dispensary at the present time is giving medicine to the poor and, when public relief is suspended food is provided for those who are incapacitated through sickness and other causes and are incapable of providing their own sustenance.

The "Coal Fund" which was started many years ago by the late Dr. J. T. Jenkins and continued since by his descendants is for the special purpose of providing coal, and can be used for no other purpose.

The Dispensary Committee have carefully examined the financial affairs of the institution; have reached the conclusion that the revenue is not sufficient to permit the Dispensary to function in a reasonable degree of efficiency.

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Nothing definite has been decided by the Provincial Government and I would strongly recommend that a delegation be appointed to wait on the Government and press our request for an increase of the Government Grant.

The dispensary would take into consideration that the City comprises one seventh of the population of the Province and on a per capita basis are contributing to the Provincial Exchequer one seventh of the subsidy paid by the Federal Government.

Should the Dispensary be compelled to close its doors the City and Provincial Government would be obliged to include in its relief work the functions of the Dispensary and it is reasonably certain that the Dispensary could perform the duty of distributing more economically and satisfactorily than any political organization.

Annual Collection

The annual collection will take place this week. Envelopes will be distributed on Saturday, May 18, and the collection of the same will take place on Monday, May 20.

I respectfully urge our citizens to make a special effort to increase their subscription so that the Dispensary may continue to carry on efficiently its valuable community work.

It would be ungrateful and inconsiderate for me to close this Annual report without reference to the passing of the late Mrs. Gertrude Hodgson whose departure removed from the Dispensary Committee one of its most active and sympathetic members, ready at all times to render service and advice.

Respectfully submitted, W. F. Tidmarsh, President, Charlottetown, P. E. I., May 16, 1935.

MISS EARLE'S REPORT

Ladies and Gentlemen:—As loyal Canadians we have rejoiced this month with the rest of the Empire, in the Silver Jubilee celebrations on very little, and, as loyal supporters of the Free Dispensary, I ask you to rejoice in this its Silver Jubilee year. Twenty-five years ago this work was begun, and no one can estimate the comfort and help it has been, through your simple medicines, to hundreds of needy ones.

Once more I bring to you "the short and simple annals of the poor" in this city in my Annual Report. There is nothing very new made—no great advances have been discovered that will cure poverty or end unemployment, it is just the story of daily, quiet, steady attempts to help the aged and the needy, to give at least some additional food to undernourished children, to supply some of the simple medicines called for in cases of sickness, and thus to spend in as careful and economical a way as possible, the funds your generosity places at the Dispensary's disposal.

The Free Dispensary Christmas Fund was established over twenty years ago. Year by year, because of the generous support it has received from our citizens it has brought

sunshine into shadowy places and helped to drive the gloom from discouraged lives. By supplying Xmas dinners to families and toys and clothing to children, it shows the true Christmas spirit in the hearts of our people and leaves it a story of Yuletide joy. The shouts of happy children yearly fill the air as old Santa arrives to distribute the many good things from the tree.

The Rotarians sent their usual handsome cheque this year and the Male Chorus also helped materially by giving the proceeds of a delightful Christmas Concert to the Fund. These gifts were much appreciated and we are deeply grateful.

A group of Boy Scouts supplied one quart of milk a day for four months to a needy family.

The Dispensary furnished the Y's Men with the names of twelve needy families with children, and told what was required by them in the line of clothing. Their wants were many but all were supplied; to the great joy of all concerned.

Many stories were told me of the kindness of the good people of Charlottetown, as I made my rounds after Christmas, and I wish I could bring you a sense of the real gratitude that filled many humble hearts. One little girl I was told, was sitting sadly at the window of her home, when a lady who had left a Christmas parcel nearby noticed her and asked if the child was looking for Santa.

The poor little one shook her head and said she was afraid he wasn't coming this year. The kind stranger drove away and returned shortly with all the things that a child dreams Santa Claus will bring—perhaps even yet she has no idea what she and her visit brought to that home and that little child.

We gave out 403 orders for drugs, filled numerous doctors' prescriptions, gave medicines when our funds made it possible to do so, but to stretch the amount of money at our disposal to meet all the demands was impossible. The following story will illustrate what we are trying all the time to accomplish.

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ADDRESS BY DR. KEEPING

Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen: On being asked by Mr. McNutt to come here this evening and speak to you, I at once set to work to prepare a few lines.

First, there is the city relief which is supposed to supply food to those in need in sufficient quantity and of such a quality as to produce what is known as a balanced ration.

Second, there is the church organizations who through their "poor fund" supply a number of needy families in their respective congregations with food and clothing, etc.

Third, there is the Free Dispensary which makes their contributions to the needy regardless of creed. The Dispensary is the only organization, I believe, who caters to the sick with medicines in addition to their other needs.

The three hospitals, Prince Edward Island, City and the Sanatorium, provide care for a number of the indigent, but with all these organizations functioning yet anyone who even makes a hurried survey of the situation will not be long in being convinced that there is still considerable destitution and want.

In a number of cases no doubt there is overlapping of the services and probably some are getting more than their fair proportion whilst others are either receiving less or perhaps none at all.

However, personally I know of none of these categories. Yet I feel that these categories, if they could be done more economically and satisfactorily if it could be administered under one head.

Much good work has been accomplished under the present system and let us hope that ere long conditions will improve, that work may be provided for those unable to find employment at the present time. Those who have made a study of the conditions are of the opinion that we are slowly emerging from the depression and that better times are just over the horizon.

Still, till that time arrives we must untidily strive to give every organization already existing that support within our power to the extent of our means, and I know full well you met with lack of sympathy and sometimes almost opposition on many occasions, but like the early Christians who flourished most when they were persecuted the more the organization seemed to thrive on adversity and what might easily have discouraged many in similar circumstances only seemed to increase your appetite for further efforts on behalf of the health of the citizens of the city.

ORGANIZED FREE DISPENSARY

In 1908 your Society organized a free dispensary and to tell of the achievements of that branch of your work would be a long story, but it "carries on year in and year out, and is still doing so, supplying the poor and needy with food and clothing, with medicines and fuel, and not only dispensing these necessities but giving a word of comfort and a little moral support to those who are perhaps almost completely shattered. Surely this work has been worthwhile.

The work done by the dispensary cannot be measured by the yardstick of dollars and cents, a measure unfortunately used all too frequently in this age to determine values.

The work done by the dispensary has been of sufficient importance to receive recognition by our well beloved Sovereign, King George V, and the sure we are all pleased that Miss Earle's labors in this field have been rewarded in such a fitting manner.

Now if I may return to some of the other efforts of the Anti-tuberculosis Society, namely the Sanatorium for mental inspection for the city. The aggressiveness, may I say, that you showed in this field deserves honorable mention, and though often rebuffed, yet you never gave up till the victory was won, and due to your untiring and ceaseless efforts meat and milk inspection became a reality in 1921.

Again your Society time and again stressed the need of proper sanatorium accommodation and again you raised sufficient public opinion that a sanatorium was erected in 1915 and opened. In this connection the tuberculosis literature your Society circulated was of great value in enlightening the general public in regard to this major communicable disease.

LIVER OIL, and a large number of children were benefited, by its use during the past winter.

Would it be amiss just here to ask for empty medicine bottles. We could make excellent use of them, especially the 6 oz size, as most of those who come to us for medicine, have no bottles in which to put it.

I cannot close without paying my tribute to the memory of two who were always generous friends of the Dispensary, who have passed away during the year. Mrs. George Hodgson was a staunch supporter of the institution, a member of the Executive and gave much of her time to its work.

Her Christmas gifts will be sorely missed, selected and wrapped as they were, as carefully and beautifully, for the poorest homes, as if they had been in luxury for those of wealth and honor.

Dr. V. L. Goodwill was beloved by the poor and the many prescriptions sent by him to the Dispensary show his interest in those who could not afford to pay for medical attention. He, too, will be sorely missed.

Our Annual Drive is now about to be made. The need is very great—so great that we want every possible contribution none is too small and none too large—we can use them all. We ask your cooperation in this Annual effort.

Thanks are due the press, to the Doctors, and Clergy, to the British and Irish Societies and many kind friends who have helped us in any way.

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IMPROVED HEALTH CONDITIONS

The Society amongst other things also agitated for a civic abattoir and an incineration plant so one can clearly see that this Society though perhaps small in numbers, yet has done much for the betterment of health conditions in the city and in the province.

Now that your aims have been reached in respect to milk inspection, meat inspection, and in regard to an up to date institution in which tub. cases are being taken care of, yet there is much that the Society can do in respect to other

Along The Waterfront

The C. G. S. Brant in command of Captain Basil Kelly, arriving in port Tuesday after plaving four buoys at Emmet Island and lighting the gas light there.

On account of ice conditions around the east end of the Island, the Captain stated, it would not be advisable to place any buoys until conditions improved.

A field of ice was also sighted as far as Wood Islands. Buoys were placed in Pictou Harbor. The Brant is expected to sail today and will go as far as Miramichi placing buoys enroute.

The government tug Frederickton in command of Captain Dickie left Pictou Monday morning for a port on the east coast of Cape Breton but was forced to return to Pictou on account of ice conditions.

The S. S. Hochelaga was expected to leave Halifax Tuesday morning for Pictou, N. S., at which port he will again take up his duties in the Pictou to Charlottetown route.

It will be some few weeks yet before the C. G. S. Cartier will be in readiness for her season's operations of survey work. A new mainmast has been placed in the ship.

S. S. Hillsboro making daily trips between Charlottetown and Rocky point.

S. S. Harland, Captain Hughes, in port.

BYRD GREETED IN BOSTON

(A. P. By Guardian's Special Wire) BOSTON, May 16.—Disguised by a false moustache, dark spectacles, civilian garb and a cap, Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd slipped into Boston for a homecoming celebration on Monday night.

The official reception for the Explorer began early today with the docking of his ship.

The second expedition to the South Pole was officially disbanded and Admiral Byrd—greeted with ceremonial, public functions and oratorical speech making—began to lay plans to liquidate the \$60,000 debt of the enterprise, probably through a series of lectures.

ADRESSES Y'S MEN'S CLUB—Mr. J. P. Gordon gave an interesting talk on insurance at the regular weekly meeting of the Y's Men's Club last evening.

Mr. E. W. Clawson was chairman. A committee was appointed to nominate a slate of directors from which three men will be elected to represent the Club on the Y. M. C. A. Board of Directors.

UPWARD SWING ON MONTREAL EXCHANGE

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire) MONTREAL, May 16.—The Montreal Stock Exchange took a decided upward swing today, reflecting the general firmness of the New York market for the past 10 days.

Steadily growing buying interest, carried the list generally higher, with gains ranging from fractions to 11 points.

The opening was quiet, but there was a general tone of steadiness. Prices started to move slightly upwards under the impetus of active trading around the noon hour and a session nearer the close practically the entire list surged upwards.

Dominion Coal Preferred showed the widest gain of the day, opening at 130 1/2, but shooting up to 137 at the close, an advance of 11 points over the previous sale.

Dominion Glass was another strong point, jumping six points at 116. Canada Cement Preferred climbed 60 1/2 for a gain of 5 1/2 points. The Com'n was up 1/4 at 7 1/2.

Consolidated Mining and Smelting was carried actively higher for the third day in succession, rising to 175 for an improvement of 3 1/2 points over yesterday. Interlisted issues were steady but made no sensational gains.

Sales were 31,701 shares; bonds \$7,095.

LIBERAL CONVENTIONS YESTERDAY

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Resolutions supporting the leadership of Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King and Mr. Lea were passed, also the following:

"Since we last met here four years ago, death has claimed a very worthy and honorable opponent, the leader of the Conservative party, J. D. Stewart, Premier of our province at the time of his death. We therefore wish to extend to Mrs. J. D. Stewart and family our sincere sympathy at this, our first meeting since his passing. Moved by Mr. T. J. Inman, seconded by A. R. Toombs."

A resolution was passed expressing "the deep appreciation of the electors" to Mr. Horace Wright for his energy on behalf of the district in the last eight years. Moved by Watson MacNaught and seconded by Mr. Proffitt, Kensington.

THIRD KINGS Mr. John Mustard was nominated as Assemblyman, and Mr. S. S. Hessian, K.C., as Councillor for the Third District of King's at a Liberal convention at Cardigan yesterday.

Mr. Mustard received the unanimous nomination. Mr. M. J. Power was also proposed as Councillor, and in balloting Mr. Hessian had the majority of the vote.

Not Quints, But Quadruplets

On Christmas Day, 1923, Mrs. William Mahaney, Saint John, N. B. presented her husband with quadruplets and ABOVE we see them as they were about to make their first stage appearance at Amherst, N. S., the other day. LEFT TO RIGHT—John Douglas, Edith Mae, Lydia Christine and Edna Louise.



FRASER—At Brudnell on May 14, 1935, to Mr. and Mrs. Milton Fraser a son, John Milton.

MACLEAN—At the Prince Edward Island Hospital on May 16, 1935, to Mr. and Mrs. Will MacLean, City, a daughter.

FITZGERALD—At the Prince Edward Island Hospital on May 16, 1935, to Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Fitzgerald, City, a son.

CURRIE—At the Prince Edward Island Hospital on May 16, 1935, to Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Currie, City, a daughter.

JONES—At the Prince Edward Island Hospital, May 16, 1935, to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Jones, Pownal, a daughter.

FARMER—Suddenly at Kirkcubright, Thursday, May 16, 1935, Michael Farmer, aged 73 years. Funeral Saturday morning at 9 o'clock to St. Malachy's Church, Kirkcubright.

MURPHY—At Emerald, May 16, 1935, Francis P. Murphy, aged 24. Funeral leaves house Saturday morning at 9:30.

MURPHY—At Emerald, May 16, 1935, Francis T. Murphy, aged 31 years. Funeral Saturday morning from St. James Church, Summerside.

MALONE—Suddenly at Detroit, Michigan, May 11, 1935, Mrs. Michael Malone, formerly Miss Sarah Ann McQuaid, in her 65th year. Funeral from her late residence Green Bay, Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. Interment at St. Anne's Church, Lot 65.

MACKINNON—On Thursday, May 16, 1935 at the home of her son, Neil Mackinnon, New Haven, Mrs. John Mackinnon, aged 89. Funeral Saturday service starting at 1 o'clock. Interment Kingston Cemetery.

MACKINNON—In the City Hospital, May 16, 1935, John J. Mackinnon, aged 54 years. The remains were forwarded from M. Hennessey's Parlors yesterday afternoon to his home at Madackill River, and the funeral will take place Saturday morning at 9 o'clock to St. Peter's Church, St. Peter's Bay.

PRIME MINISTER TAKES A HOLIDAY

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DUKE ATTACKED BY MASKED MAN

(C. P. Cable By Guardian's Special Wire) WATERFORD, Ireland, May 16.—Civil guards are investigating a strange incident in which the Duke of Devonshire, former Governor-General of Canada, is reported to have been fired at by a masked man.

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LATE BLIGHT OF CELERY

(Experimental Farms Note) Late blight of celery, which is occasionally wrongly called "rust", is caused by the fungus named Sclerotinia apii Chester. It is present wherever celery is grown, and it causes heavy annual losses. It overwinters on diseased plants or refuse left in the field, and on the seed. Although it is generally abundant only late in summer, infection may take place very early, even in the seed-bed. It causes light green to gray spots, irregular in size and shape, on the leaves. It may also attack the leaf stalk, causing elongated, slightly sunken, rusty brown spots. The fruiting bodies of the fungus soon appear as small black specks in the spots on both leaves and stems. Evidently affected plants are usually of poor quality, and do not keep well. The disease may also increase in storage.

Late blight is controlled by using clean seed, and by spraying with Bordeaux mixture. Seed three or four years old should be used, as any late blight fungus that is present on or in it, has led out by this time, and seed treatment is not necessary. The most important preventive measure is spraying plants with Bordeaux mixture (10 pounds copper sulphate, 5 p hydrated lime, 40 gallons water).

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Prime Minister Ramsey MacDonald, Eastbourne, where they spent a day and his daughters, Edith, at last holiday.

