

BATTLING WITH SNOW

The Railway Blockade in Prince Co.

THE DRIFTS ARE DEEP

Guardian Man Went Out With Yesterday's Special Train.

ALBERTON, March 17—(Special).—Owing to the many reports in circulation in regard to the opening of the western section of the P.E.I. Railway a GUARDIAN representative is at present in Alberton ascertaining the exact condition of the snow blockade.

In conversation with a gentleman who was a passenger he stated: We left Monday and got as far as Summerside that evening.

On Tuesday morning we left Summerside and got within half a mile of O'Leary at 7 o'clock in the evening.

On Wednesday morning we left O'Leary and got west of Mill River when the snow plough and engine left the track disabling both.

On Thursday morning a wrecking train arrived and cleared the road at 1 p. m.

During the afternoon we started and reached Bloomfield. At 8 a. m. on Friday we left Bloomfield and got as far as Piusville. On Saturday morning we left again, getting about a mile west of Elmsdale at 7 Saturday evening.

Yesterday morning a start was again made and Alberton was reached at the time before mentioned.

In going over the line between Charlottetown and Summerside the writer found a large number of cuttings which by actual measurement showed that the snow was six feet deep in many places and level with the car windows.

The cuttings in some places are upwards of a mile in length. West of Summerside the road resembles in many places a huge canal. The snow between Piusville and Elmsdale is within 8 feet of the top of the telegraph posts.

Between Coleman and O'Leary there are eight cuttings, some of which are on the curves.

Between O'Leary and Howlan there are 8 cuttings and between Howlan and Bloomfield there are 10 more.

At Bloomfield a section-man was talked with and he stated that all the men

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KANSAS RELIEVED

Of Imputed Loyalty By King's Apology

HARRISON'S FUNERAL

Took Place Yesterday—Count Castellane Wounded His Opponent.

GENERAL HARRISON'S FUNERAL. INDIANAPOLIS, March 16.—(Special).—The City is crowded with thousands to view the remains of ex-President Harrison lying in state in the Capital Building and to attend the funeral on Sunday afternoon.

CASTELLANE PINKED HIS MAN. PARIS, March 16.—(Special).—Count De Castellane in the duel today wounded M. Derodais in the thigh. The wound is not serious.

THE KING'S SECRETS FOR KANSAS. LONDON, March 16.—(Special).—King Edward through Ambassador Choate has expressed his deep regret that his acknowledgement of the resolution of the Kansas Legislature on the death of the Queen expressed thanks for the loyalty of the Kansans.

HIS MAJESTY WAS MUCH PAINED. Mr. Choate says the King was much pained over the blunder which occurred through following the form used in writing to the colonies.

It was purely a clerical blunder. that could be secured were employed to clear the road. The line could only be cleared with the train and the use of spades and picks.

After leaving Bloomfield it was a continuous wall of snow, and in many instances the view of the surrounding country was shut off by the snow thereon. This state of affairs continued for about a mile and a quarter west of Elmsdale, and from there to Alberton the drifts were not so heavy, but more ice and heavy side drifts had to be contended with.

In conversation with Mr. Houle, Trackmaster, he stated that 85 men followed the train; 125 were employed to-day in all.

In many cases there is 8 to 10 inches of ice in the cuttings. The blockade is the worst since the opening of the road. He had done all that could be done with the men and power.

The snow is being cut out in blocks two feet thick by three feet long and men are detailed to carry the blocks away.

Conductor Kelly states that the present interruption is the worst in the history of the road. In his 25 years of railroading he has not encountered its equal. All the men that could be handled were engaged and everything that men and engines could do has been done. Everything has gone on without a hitch.

Engineers Craswell and Hunter also stated that they had never struck the like of it. Conductor Kelly will open the Tignish Branch to-day. Residents in the eastern section of the Province have no conception of the amount of snow in this western part.

Trains clearing the Cape Traverse Branch are having similar trouble. One train only got about 250 yards and the other about a mile yesterday. It is expected that this part of the line will be open between Emerald and Kinkora tomorrow.

March Magazines. New Books.

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HASZARD & MOORE

A VISIT TO THE ASYLUM THE IMPROVEMENTS MADE

There Are Now 188 Inmates, 90 Females and 98 Males.

THE NUMBER OF DEATHS AND CURES.

The Food Inspected and Found to be Good—Excellent Staff of Nurses Throughout the House—Case and Clinical Books Kept—An Electric Light Plant, Steam Laundry and Fire Escapes Badly Needed—The Heating Apparatus Still Defective.

It will be remembered that when the investigation into the management of the Insane Asylum, conducted by a Commission appointed by the Provincial Government was made, THE GUARDIAN published a full report of the evidence taken, which was of intense interest. Revelations of unfortunate conditions were made and the Government have since taken steps to remedy the same.

At that time it was found that the staff of nurses were not trained and the care of 200 of God's creatures was committed to the inexperienced attendants in charge. It was also found that the heating system was defective and in many instances the care in securing supplies for the institution was not thorough and after being admitted the supplies were submitted to certain conditions which elicited the condemnation of all who read the evidence.

The windows of the building were also found to be in a poor condition and as a consequence, snow drifted in, cold was suffered from, and this with the inferior heating added much to the discomfort of the patients. It also came to light that no correct records of the last hours of the deceased practically did not have confidence in the institution.

At the time of the investigation THE GUARDIAN dwelt strongly on the defects, and contended that a resident physician was necessary, coupled with an efficient staff of trained nurses. That the heating system should be improved and that the occasional glimmer of the lantern in the hands of the attendant should be supplanted by the rays of the electric light. It also maintained that fire escapes should be furnished in order to facilitate the saving of the lives of inmates in case of a conflagration.

On Saturday last a GUARDIAN representative visited the institution in order to see what improvements had really been made. He found the population of the institution consisted of 90 females and 98 males; that the oldest inmate had been 45 years in the institution; the oldest male was 84 years of age and the youngest 13; the oldest female 81, the youngest 17.

The wards were visited; it was inspected and found to be of fair quality but the carving of the meat did not appear to have been done by an experienced person. The patients are not allowed to have a feast to-day and a family to-morrow, but each day has its regular allowance. For instance the men receive each daily three quarters of a lb. of meat, and the women one half lb. but in the allowance of bread the women need as much as the men and are each allowed daily one lb. and of sugar 1 oz., butter 1 oz. In the last two items the user is benefited by the abstainer, the residue being divided between the remaining consumers. At meal hours an inspection of the food is made by a man appointed for the purpose. He tastes the food and reports the result. The food is also inspected regularly by the Physician and by Mr. McPhail. It is apparent to the writer that inspection of meats which enter the institution is now more rigid than it was, and on the day the institution was visited meat was returned to the contractor. Dr. Goodwill also informed the writer that some time ago he personally inspected a consignment of butter, a portion of which he rejected.

The heating system has not been improved. The person in charge stated that the drafts were poor and with the present heating apparatus, perfect satisfaction cannot be looked for. It appears absolutely necessary that during the coming summer a new system of heating the main building must be introduced. It was gratifying to learn, however, that the annex which will be opened in June next will have a modern heating and ventilation system. In order to overcome the difficulty of low temperature double windows on the north side and a portion of the west side of the house have been provided.

In visiting the institution the writer commenced at the foundation and found that great care is exercised in keeping everything perfectly clean. The walls have been treated to a coat of whitewash. The first place visited was a room in which some 20 patients were at work picking oakum. The supervisor stated that this form of employment is beneficial to the patients and also profitable to the institution, the finished product being sold. The brush factory and carpenter shop was not in operation at the time of visiting, but the carpenter in charge stated that many hours are spent by the patients following the pursuits learned when they were in full possession of their mental faculties. For instance, an old gentleman a wheel-wright in earlier days, when complimented upon the work he had turned out of the lathe expressed himself as much pleased with the flattering reference to his ability and said "we have quite a business down here." The Supervisor stated that the pride displayed by this old gentleman voiced the sentiment of many others similarly employed. The brushes manufactured evidenced not only interest in the work but a directed skill, and the carpenter seems to take a delight in developing the limited ability of those in his charge. A room containing a number of settees, tables and chairs manufactured for the institution shows that the days of usefulness of many in the institution have not entirely passed away.

In passing along the hall it was observed that the walls have been prettily dadoed and kalsomined in blue, this work being done by the men in connection with the institution, aided by some of the patients. The chapel has been remodelled, a new stage has been erected and in the Xmas decorations—which by the way have not been removed—is bright and attractive. While in the chapel Mr. McPhail took occasion to refer to the many excellent entertainments given by local talent, and the impromptu concerts given by the nurses.

In many of the wards new floors have been placed. Male ward 1 contains 22 patients. Owing to the overcrowded state of the institution two have to sleep on the floor. In male ward II are 21 patients, five sleeping on the floor. Male ward III has 24 patients, eight sleeping on the floor. Male ward IV has 31 patients. This ward was formerly the attic and hospital. In the ward was a little boy 15 years of age, who the writer was told was reduced to his present condition by being over anxious to excel in his studies. His association with 30 other patients who represent defective minds in many stages, impresses one with the fact that his surroundings were not conducive to his recovery.

In female ward I are 20 patients with two on the floor. In female ward II are 21 patients two on the floor, female ward III 20 patients three on the floor, female ward IV, formerly attendants' quarters, has 13 patients; female ward V, has 11 patients. In passing through the wards inquiry was made with regard to restraints and it was learned that covered beds, straps, and all other kinds of restraints have been eliminated and out of the 188 patients enrolled only two have their freedom limited.

At the office Dr. Goodwill was talked with and it was learned that the year was ended with four patients less than when it began—beginning with 188 and closing with 184. The per cent of cures for year was 41.3; per cent of deaths 9.0; admission of patients 34—males 12 females 22. In the year there were 10 cases of typhoid fever and 47 per cent of the death rate was due to consumption. The consumptive patients are isolated. One or two cases

of erysipelas developed but prompt attention prevented contagion.

Since Dr. Goodwill's residence in the institution Miss Jamie Allen a graduate of McLean Hospital, Waverly, Mass., has been placed at the head of the staff of nurses and in connection with her position delivers courses of lectures to the nurses during the two years course of training required by them before receiving diplomas. Of course Dr. Goodwill delivers lectures regularly.

Report books day and night are a valuable acquisition to the institution. In these books is to be found the hourly condition of the patients as reported by the nurses. In two case books is the clinical history, whether hereditary or acquired. The books are large ones and are interesting records. The page shown the writer indicated that the insanity of the patient was due to an unhappy marriage and thus treatment is given to meet the peculiarity of the case.

The immediate establishment of an electric light plant is absolutely necessary. The intricate hallways and extremely narrow and winding staircases, together with the numerous wards require lighting of some kind. Upon inquiry it was learned that the lantern of the nurse on watch is the only light in the institution during the night hours. Should a fire break out a sane person could not escape from the second and third stories without the aid of a light, much less the scores of helpless people confined in the institution.

It is understood that fire escapes were ordered some time ago but as yet have not been placed. In the event of serious conflagration the reader can readily see that death must be the unfortunate end of the many who could not be bodily removed by the small staff of attendants in charge.

The establishing of shower baths in the main building should be looked into at once, rolling baths are also a necessity, many patients being unfit to be conveyed to the bathroom. The radical elimination of the present antiquated bedsteads, settees, benches and in fact all other furniture in the wards should be effected and modern iron beds such as are used in the new P. E. I. Hospital should immediately take their places.

It is to the credit of those in charge of the institution that attractive pictures neatly framed are being hung on the walls giving them a more home-like appearance but a close resemblance to a jail or penitentiary must yet be painfully apparent to those who must remain there, some of them to the end of their days.

It must also be considered that the laundry work of the institution is done by hand. Hours of unnecessary labor could be saved, more prompt delivery of changes could be effected by the connecting of steam washing, and drying machines with the boilers. The saving effected in this respect would be considerable.

In the event of the establishing of a hospital when the new annex is opened the resident physician should be supplied with proper surgical instruments.

The nurses have been provided with a uniform such as is found in a modern institution. In conclusion the writer learns that the entertainments given in the past by the public have been much appreciated and a continuance is looked for with pleasure both by the staff and by the patients.

What Makes You Cough.

Did you ever wonder just what it is that makes you cough? In a general way it is understood to be an involuntary effort of nature to eject something from the breath-pipe. As a matter of fact, merely a slight throat inflammation caused by a cold will cause a cough to start, and the more you cough, the more you want to cough. If you ally the inflammation in the throat your cough will stop.

Can't you see the danger of the throat with medicine containing a narcotic, but give it soothing and healing treatment. This is difficult because the inflamed parts are in the way of the passage of food and drink. The true cough remedy is something that will soothe the throat, break the ill effect of catarrhal discharge, and also from the irritation of swallowing food. Such a remedy is Adam's Botanic Cough Balsam, which for many years has been conquering the most obstinate cough. It is a soothing compound prepared from herbs and gums. Its beneficial effect is quickly felt and the work of healing promptly begun. If you once take Adam's Balsam for cough, you will never be afflicted without some of it at hand for any new cough. A trial size of the Balsam can be secured of any druggist for 10 cents. The regular size is 25 cents. In asking for the Balsam, be sure you get the genuine, which has "F. W. Kinsman & Co. blown in the bottle."

CONFIRMATION AT ANNAPOLIS.

ANNAPOLIS, March 14.—Bishop Courtney held confirmation service in St. Luke's church on Tuesday, when about 75 persons were confirmed. The bishop delivered an address which was listened to with great pleasure.

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TARTE'S PLEA FOR EQUAL RIGHTS.

GUELPH, March 16.—(Special).—Hon. J. L. Tarte speaking at a banquet here made a strong plea for equal rights, declaring that the French are in Canada to stay and the two races must agree. He said there was no reason they should not agree.

LARGE DRUG HOUSE BURNED.

MONTREAL, March 16.—(Special).—The wholesale drug supply house Leeming Mills & Co was burned this morning and Fireman Dumas killed, by the exploding drugs which knocked a portion of the wall on him. DAMAGE WAS \$250,000.

The fire also did great damage to Hudson, Herbert & Co's liquor store. The total damage reaches a quarter of a million dollars.

CREIGHTON HAS MEASLES.

HALIFAX, March 16.—(Special).—Sergeant Creighton of the S. A. Constabulary is ill with measles.

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NEW YORK MARKETS.

Table with 2 columns: Closing prices, March 16. Items include American Sugar, American Steel and Wire, American Tobacco, Brooklyn Transit, Burlington, Federal Steel, Federal Steel Prod, Louis and Nashville, New York Central, Rock Island, St. Paul, Tennessee Coal and Iron, Union Pac Prod.

CHICAGO, March 16.—(Special).—The following are the closing rates: May, Wheat, 77; Corn, 41; Pork, \$15.70.

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