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—ENGAGEMENT—Mr. and Mrs. W. Peters announce the engagement of their daughter, Helen Winifred, to Mr. Amos Henry Arsley, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Arsley, of Belfast, P. E. I. Marriage to take place in March. L-20.

—ADDRESSES PUPILS—Rev. A. McDiarmid, of the Christian Church, Summerside, addressed the Summerside High School Academy on Friday, giving them a very good illustration of life in Australia. The address was both interesting and instructive. S

—SMALL, medium, large and extra large galvanized pails and tubs sold at Brace's. L-3412-2-14-2i.

—BIRTHDAY GREETINGS—Many friends called on Mrs. C. Howard Strong last week to extend congratulations on the occasion of her birthday. Mrs. Strong is much improved in health, and dispensed hospitality in her usual delightful manner. S

—Mr. Denzil MacNeill left Summerside Monday morning for Kentville, N. S. where he will be employed by Selrite Store in that town. At the home of Mr. Snodgrin, the staff of Summerside store presented Mr. MacNeill with an appropriate remembrance and showers of good wishes from the staff and his friends accompany him for future success. S

—FUNERAL OF MRS. WILLIAM MALLETT—The fimeral services of Mrs. William Mallett were held on Saturday afternoon from her late residence to the People's cemetery. Rev. L. E. G. Davies officiated at the home and grave. The pallbearers were Mayor John Campbell, Patrick Daley, Archie Sharp, Harry Sudsbury, Thomas Hogg and John Harkness.—S.

—FARM FOR SALE at Tryon on the late Chesley W. Howatt, containing one hundred acres, 70 acres cleared and the rest in timber and wood. Buildings in good repair; the barn is large with underground stables. Water in buildings. Conveniently situated for school, churches, stores and mills. Apply to A. R. Toombs or Heath Howatt, Executors, Alberry, R. R. 1. L-19-2-15-2i.

—QUIET WEDDING—A quiet wedding was solemnized on Saturday afternoon at St. Mary's rectory, Summerside, when Miss Marion Claire Gregoire, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Gregoire of Tignish, N. S., became the bride of Mr. H. Bertram Leonard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Leonard of Cody, Queens County, N. B. The bride and groom were unattended. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard will make their home in Summerside. Mr. Leonard is assistant accountant at the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Summerside and his many friends extend heartiest congratulations.—S.

—W. M. S. AT KENSINGTON—The February meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church was held at the home of Mrs. B. C. Salter, the hostess, on Wednesday afternoon, with a large attendance, the president, Mrs. Wm. Cotton, occupying the chair. The hymn, "O'er the Trackless Ocean Guided by Thy Hand Our Fathers Came" was sung in memory of pioneer service rendered. The opening prayer was given by the president. The theme for meeting was "Purpose," Mrs. W. George Simpson reading the scripture selections. A short season of prayer was led by Mrs. Wallace Waite. A brief summary from the Study Book, the "Ministry of Healing" was most interesting as given by Mrs. D. MacKenzie, with short contributions read by Mrs. C. F. Taylor and Mrs. George Lockhart, all serving to give a more clear and comprehensive idea of the wonderful work as carried on often under great difficulties and in crude surroundings, by the medical missionaries of our own church, in our own land. The president read a message from "Supply" Secretary, Mrs. Fallis, suggesting ways and means for meeting the supply work. The ideal should be higher and the aim broader and what was achieved last year. The members were asked to assist with the tea and entertainment to be given the Mission Band children on Feb. 14th. The following comprise the program committee for March: Mrs. B. C. Salter, Mrs. MacNutt, Miss Edna MacMurdo, Mrs. Condon and Mrs. Leigh Foland. Mention was made of two members who were unable to be present on account of illness, Mrs. F. Profitt and in particular, Mrs. F. P. Hardy. Meeting closed with singing "From Ocean Unto Ocean Let Land Shall Own Thee Lord", and the Mizpah Benediction. Conducting, a pleasant social hour was spent while the lady of the Manse served graciously served a delightful tea. B

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—THE LADIES of Trinity United Church will hold their annual Valentine Tea on Thursday, Feb. 17th., in Epworth Hall. Tea on tables at 4.30. Adults 50c, children under fourteen 35c. L-18

—IN MEMORY—The flowers on the altar in St. Mary's Church on Sunday were the gift of the Senior W. A. as an affectionate memorial to the late Archdeacon C. deW. White, rector of the parish, who passed away on January 8th.—S.

—BRACE'S unbeatable cash prices on best quality boneless horse meat are now FOB Summerside, or Charlottetown L-10-2-15-2i.

—TRINITY CHURCH — Special music was rendered by the choir of Trinity United Church on Sunday evening. Mr. Roland Philipson gave a rendition of Anton Dvorak, negro spiritual "Goin Home". Miss Coffin was the soloist for the anthem and Miss Effie MacKay played during the offertory. Miss MacKay is one of Professor Emslie's most promising pupils. S

—FAREWELL PARTY — The staff of the Selrite Company, Summerside, gathered at the home of the manager, Mr. Snogren, on Friday evening to honour Mr. Denzil MacNeill, one of the staff, who leaves this week for Kentville, N. S., where he has been given promotion. And the evening was pleasantly spent, and at the close Mr. Snogren on behalf of the staff made a short speech accompanied by a gift from the staff, wishing Mr. MacNeill every success in his new position. S

—L. A. ANNUAL MEETING—The annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian Church at Kensington was held on Tuesday evening, Feb. 8th, at the home of Mrs. William Champion, with a good attendance. The officers for the year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. James Jardine; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Carrie Kennedy; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Robert Bowness; treasurer, Mrs. Vera Bearisto; secretary, Mrs. William Champion. A splendid program was given and a grab-bag afforded much amusement. Plans were made for an afternoon tea, to be held in the near future. The next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. William Delaney. B

Personals

—Mrs. Douglas Gordon has returned to her home in Summerside from St. John, N. B., where she has been visiting her son, Mr. Robert Gordon and Mrs. Gordon. —S.

—Friends will regret to learn that Mrs. Louis Dystant of Summerside is a patient in the Prince County Hospital seriously ill with rheumatic fever.—S.

Mr. J. David Stewart, Charlottetown, leave this morning on a business trip to Montreal. He will visit his mother, Mrs. J. D. Stewart, before returning home.

Kensington Scouts Win From S'side

Staging a snappy comeback from their defeat on Feb. 5th., on their own rink, the Kensington Scouts playing the Summerside Scouts at Summerside on Saturday came off victorious after a close game with a score of 6 to 5.

It was touch and go all through the game. Bernard was the star player for Summerside making four on his own count to bring the score up to five. Kensington goals were fairly evenly divided.

The first period opened fast with Kennedy scoring for Kensington and followed in quick succession by three goals for Summerside by Bernard, Ellis and Bernard.

Kensington came back strong in the second period, Kennedy, Ramsay and MacLean, bringing the score up to four for Kensington. Bernard in a brilliant play evened things up but just before the gong Ramsay notched another marker for Kensington and the period ended 5 to 4 in favor of the visitors.

In the third period Bearisto put up one more for Kensington but towards the end of the play, Bernard shot his fourth goal making the score 5 to 6 in favor of the Kensington Scouts.

SUMMARY

First Period

Kensington, Kennedy.
S'Side, Bernard.
S'Side, Ellis.
S'Side, Bernard.

Second Period

Kensington, Kennedy.
Kensington, Ramsay.
Kensington, MacLean.
S'Side, Bernard.
Kensington, Ramsay.

Third Period

Kensington, Bearisto.
S'Side, Bernard.

Lineup:—

S'Side: Goal, LeBlanc; defence, M. Willett, H. Mollison; forwards, H. Ellis, B. Willett, L. Moore, C. Llewellyn, G. Bernard, R. Boates.

Kensington: Goal, Cameron; defense, E. Jardine, M. Salter; forwards, K. Kennedy, D. MacLean, A. Mills, Clark, H. Ramsay, B. Bearisto. —S.

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CIVIC RELIEF

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Committee. The letter explained that the picture would be shown principally to service clubs and other organizations and would not be self sustaining.

The upkeep and maintenance of public squares in the city was placed under control of the public property committee in place of the street committee as formerly.

The resolution moved by Coun. Dougan and seconded by Coun. Holman, appointing M. W. Reardon, former city councillor, to the position of sanitary officer resulted in considerable discussion before its adoption.

Mayor Foster said he had not expected such an appointment would be made so soon after the new council took office. He considered it an irregularity, too, that the resolution should not come from the police committee.

Coun. Dougan, mover of the resolution, reminded the council that re-appointment of the late Officer Bradley at the January meeting had been moved by himself and seconded by Coun. McLeod, both members of the finance committee. If the appointment was not made now it would have to wait another month and a man was needed, he said, telling the council that Dr. Keeping had referred to the fact no sanitary report was available this month.

The appointment of Officer Bradley had been merely an automatic re-appointment and it was immaterial who moved the resolution. Coun. Dr. Heath McIntyre chairman of the police committee said. A new appointment was a different matter. He believed it was a mistake to go ahead and make the appointment at last night's meeting as there were other applications read at the meeting and no committee of the council had given the matter any consideration. He was saying nothing against the merits of the case, he pointed out, but believed it was the wrong way of doing it. The appointment should be considered by the committee under whose jurisdiction the matter came and a recommendation made to the council, which would then take what action it decided.

Questioned as to what committee had jurisdiction over the Sanitary Officer the Recorder ruled it came under the Police Committee.

Coun. B. R. Holman, as seconder of the resolution, declared he could not agree with everything said. If there had been a technical error he was sorry but still believed the appointment would be a popular one. In seconding the resolution he had not thought that anything out of the ordinary was being done. He believed the position should be filled immediately.

Coun. McIntyre failed to see the urgency of the appointment at this particular time of the year. He didn't want to establish the precedent that any man could canvas members of the council board and have a snap resolution brought in and passed. He moved an amendment to the resolution appointing Reardon to the effect that the matter be left over until the next meeting. In the meantime the applicant in question would have time to put in a formal application.

Coun. Henry Lapthorn seconded the amendment. On the vote being taken Councillors, McIntyre, Lapthorn and Chandler voted for the amendment and Councillors, Dougan, Holman, McKee, Blanchard and Hennessey against. The main resolution carried.

A resolution was passed extending the sympathy of the Council to the family of the late James E. Bradley, sanitary office for the City of Charlottetown for many years whose death took place unexpectedly last month.

The council extended its appreciation to the family of the late John McKenna, Mayor of Charlottetown from 1924-26 for the gift of a portrait of the former Mayor to hang in the Council Chamber.

A letter from C. A. Beer, provincial fire marshal, was referred to the Fire and Light Committee, under chairmanship of James T. McKee, to look into and report at the next meeting. The same committee was asked also to take up the matter of sending Fire Chief Angus McEachern to the Maritime Fire Chiefs Association annual convention to be held at Sydney, Nova Scotia, during the coming summer.

Coun. Holman brought up the question of the recent purchase of the truck and snowplow by the city. There had never been, to his mind, a satisfactory explanation as to the purchase, the Councillor said.

He had been informed that a Dodge truck, made by the same people as made the Fargo, the machine purchased, could be bought for $2367.82, as against the $3270 paid by the City for the Fargo. An International truck could be purchased for $2131. Prices quoted for both trucks were with plow attached, the same make and style as furnished in the outfit bought. The trucks mentioned were all three ton trucks.

A dealer had informed him, Coun. Holman said, that he had been unable to obtain data as to the type machine the city wanted. Citizens wanted to know why the difference in price between the truck mentioned and the one bought and why the necessity for the truck and plow, and if it was doing a satisfactory job.

Coun. Dougan, as chairman of the tender committee through whose hands the tenders for the trucks passed, explained in reply that the machine purchased had been equipped with haudraulic hoist, and special tires, frame, springs and rear end. Then there was the matter of wheelbase to be taken into consideration, a factor not mentioned in the figures quoted by Coun. Holman. All this special equipment items would soon increase the price of any truck to make the difference between the one purchased and others mentioned.

Coun. Holman said he would personally like to know why, at a time when finances were in so difficult a condition, an expenditure for an expensive truck and plow was considered necessary. The purchase had been made in the dying hours of the previous council and the present council would have to pay for it.

The truck was satisfactory and was doing good work but its value would be seen to greater advantage later in the season, Coun. Hennessey said. The truck would take the place of the City watering cart in case the latter broke down during summer months, the speaker continued. As to the need for the truck and plow Coun. Hennessey said he had asked Hon. J. P. McIntyre, Minister of Public Works, earlier in the season concerning the availability of the Government snow plows. The Minister replied that the City should not depend on government plows as they might be busy on highway work.

The move to purchase the truck and plow had been made a year and a half ago, Coun. McIntyre said. One reason for accepting the tender for the Fargo was that full specifications had been given with the total price of the machine delivered on the street, information that had not been included in all the tenders.

Coun. Holman referred to a statement made at Rotary yesterday that 61 per cent of total relief bill had been paid by the City of Charlottetown. In the past the City paid only one third, the Councillor said. The report at Rotary also said the City was not receiving the same per capita for relief as other Canadian cities. The council should get busy and get after more money, he thought.

Coun. Hennessey said the statement referred to by the previous speaker had been quoted by the speaker at Rotary as a statement made before the Rowell Commission during its hearing in Charlottetown.

Coun. Chandler said no one could have been more diligent in pressing the City's claims before the Government than was ex-mayor Turner. Any set of figures could be taken and different results arrived at. In the case of the relief the government claimed that direct relief was inseparably tied up with unemployment relief projects and by taking the two figures the amount received by the City in the past year was a good deal more than the two-thirds previously given, was the claim made.

POLICE REPORT

Twenty-eight arrests were made in the City of Charlottetown in the month of January, the report prepared by Chief of Police Birtwistle and read by Coun. Dr. Heath McIntyre, chairman of the police committee, said.

Arrests were classified as follows:

Attempt to steal, 1; drunk in charge of motor vehicle, 1; drunk and disorderly, 4; drunk and incapable, 13; theft of auto wraps, 2; vagrancy, 6; insanity, 1.

Total—28.

There were six prosecutions under the Prohibition Act for the unlawful sale or possession of intoxicating liquor, resulting in five convictions and one dismissal. There was also one conviction under the Excise Act for unlawful possession of spirits.

On January 12th the Force collected thirty three samples of milk and one of cream from licensed vendors, delivering same to the City Analyst for test. Two of the samples contained sediment and the offenders were summoned and appeared before His Honor the Stipendiary Magistrate, charged under the by-law respecting milk and milk vendors when a fine of five dollars and costs was imposed in each case.

The following amounts were collected in fines and costs: Prohibition fines, $275.00; excise, $100.00; miscellaneous, $137.00; total amount collected, $512.00.

Other duties performed by the Force during the month include the following:

Prisoners escorted to County Jail, 20; prisoners escorted from jail to police court for trial, 10; escorted to Falconwood, 1; summonses servd, 8; subpoenas served, 5; ticket-of-leave reports, 1; transients in Station overnight, 7; dwelling houses quarantined, 2.

FOOD INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Thirty-two portions of carcasses were condemned as unfit for food and destroyed during the month of January, Dr. I. E. Croken, food inspector told in his report at the monthly meeting of the City Council last night.

The milk report follows:

Alex Rhynes	4.4
Sydney Enman	4.3
Roderick McDonald	4.0
Wendle Mutch	3.9
E. H. Douglas	3.8
Everett Bovyer	3.8
Lester Beaton	3.6
Lorne Kelly	4.0
C. J. Wood	4.4
William Smallwood	4.8
Joseph Driscoll	4.4
A. R. McKay	3.7
W. H. Smith	4.4
Frank Roper	4.0
Roper Bros.	4.0
E. Cullen	4.0
Alex Agnew	3.8
George Munn	4.4
Health Past. Milk Co.	4.0
Lincoln Wood & Son	3.7
John Aylward	4.3
A. A. Holmes	3.8
A. McRae & Sons	4.4
Wallace Wheatley	4.0
Cecil Wood	3.6
G. & G. Milk Co.	4.0
J. S. Walker	4.0
Pure Milk Co.	4.0
Sunshine Milk Co.	4.4
Harold Stead	5.3
(All clear of sediment).	
Victor McWilliams	4.4
John Walsh	4.2
(Slight sediment).	

Cream

F. I. Andrew	30.5

32 samples milk; 1 sample cream; 2 milk with sediment.

NEW COUNCIL BOARD HOLDS FIRST MEETING

Financial Situation Reviewed — Major Campbell Gives Address.

The financial situation of the town of Summerside was thoroughly gone into by the new council board at their first meeting since their election which was held last night. Mayor John E. Campbell, for the fifth time Mayor of Summerside, presided over a full council board.

His Worship appointed the committees as follows:

Finance: R. L. Mollison; A. S. MacKay; D. F. MacNeill.

Streets: John Y. Phillips; Theron Morrison; Henry Wedge.

Police and Abattoir: Wedge, Morrison and Mollison.

Electric Light: Morrison; Mollison; Phillips.

Property and Fire: MacNeill; MacKay and Wedge.

Assessments, Schools and Parks: MacKay, MacNeill and Phillips.

Auditors: D. F. Archibald, C. A. and W. W. Muttart, L. A. Moore and Joseph Wood were re-appointed as assessors. The appointment of town employees was confirmed and is the same as last year.

Councillor Mollison, as chairman of the finance committee, asked that arrangements be made for an overdraft at the Bank of Nova Scotia. He also asked the Mayor for a statement as to the condition of the finances of the town at the present time. The clerk replied that the total debt of the town was $748,348.27 and the net debt was $531,342.89. Bills contracted for capital account and not paid in December 1937 were:—For electric light plant $7,956.91. For town purposes $1,209.44, a total of $9,166.35. Assets available to liquidate net debt, were valued at $494,830.13 and included Electric Light Plant, water and sewerage system, real estate, town current assets over current liabilities and electric light current assets over current liabilities. The proportion of net debt which applied to electric light plant was $78,220.61.

To the question as to what was the estimated necessary tax rate for 1938 to cover debentures, sinking fund and current expenditure for 1938 the Clerk replied that the last Council had estimated that the assessment rate would not go over 18 per cent. Councillor MacNeill in answer to questions from the Mayor about the purchase of the air port gave the following figures: Mrs. Amada Wells 17.1 acres at $190 per acre, $3,249.00; Judge Saunders and Norman McLeod 15.1 acres at $190, $2,869. Mrs. Archie Murray 2.4 acres at $190, $450. Peter G. Clark 4.9 acres at $190, $931. Making a total of $7,499. In addition an agreement to purchase from Peter G. Clark 24.5 acres for $4,655. $655 being paid, the balance to be paid before December 1938. The total acreage including the additional land was approximately 100 acres.

Mayor Campbell's address:—

Mayor Campbell addressed the Council Board and citizens present after the regular business had been conducted. He regretted the absence of familiar faces since he last presided as Mayor, and especially the late Hugh Massey, for many years town clerk. Speaking of the heavy indebtedness of the town Mayor Campbell said that a time of retrenchment had come. That the indebtedness incurred during the last four years could not go on indefinitely. He emphasized the fact that if Summerside wanted to encourage young men to make their homes here and settle down, we must keep before us a rate of taxation as far as possible within the capacity of those who are to pay the taxes.

His Worship stated that these projects that have been started would be completed and he promised the working man every possible employment. He complimented the laboring man on the establishment of a credit union which encouraged thrift and was a means whereby the laboring man could build up a reserve for the winter. He promised the support of the Council in this worthy project.

Returning to the unemployment question, Mayor Campbell said, that the public works as an unemployment relief project was about at an end, but that he had another project which he hoped would give work to the men and at the right time of year. He had been investigating the possibilities of oyster fishing in Summerside harbor. The growth of oysters in the bay has been remarkable of late and that the only thing that was spoiling the marketing of these oysters was the town sewerage which has contaminated the waters and made the oysters unfit for sale. He proposed to that if he could get the Government to guarantee that these bays would not be leased to private owners but kept for unemployment relief purposes that the expense of building septic tanks at the east and west of the town would not be a great expense and the material gain from the oyster industry would more than justify the outlay. This new source of wealth with the smelt fishing following right after would help out the unemployment situation to a large extent.

In closing Mayor Campbell promised the citizens the whole hearted support of the Council at all times.

Councillor MacKay replied to Mayor Campbell's speech and congratulated him on his return to the Mayor's seat. Councillor MacNeill supported the motion. Mayor Campbell moved a resolution of condolence to the widow of the late Judge Stewart who was a former resident of Summerside, the motion was seconded by Councillor MacKay and passed unanimously.

Bills were passed as follows: Town paid bills $2412.57, unpaid bills $3149.86. Electric light paid bills $1185.87, unpaid $2182.11. Police report showed that total fines collected for the past month were $31.50. The police gave warning that any slot machines found in operation would be confiscated.—S.

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Brief Outlines Responsibility For Health Services

Comprehensive Submission Prepared By P.E.I. Medical Society For Rowell Commission.

The following brief was prepared by a committee of the P.E.I. Medical Association and sent to the Executive of the Canadian Medical Association. The briefs from the nine Provinces were digested and a final brief made up, and presented to the Rowell Commission, containing the best points of the provincial brief:

The invitation of the Rowell Commission to the Canadian Medical Association to present a brief for the consideration of the Commission is duly appreciated by the medical profession of Canada, as it affords an opportunity for the medical profession to give expression to their views upon matters of health which we consider vital to the welfare of the Canadian people, and of paramount importance in the development of a great nation.

It is quite possible that a solution of health problems in this country may entail some revision or amendment of The British North America Act in so far as it refers to ultimate responsibility in dealing with said problems.

Granted that The British North America Act says "Health and health matters are a provincial responsibility," still the whole situation must be viewed from a standpoint very different in 1937 to what it was in 1867. The past seventy years has seen tremendous changes in the field of medicine—greater development has taken place in the realm of scientific and practical medicine than in most professions. Seventy years ago, preventive medicine was practically unknown. Public health measures and disease control were not thought of. Great discoveries in medicine in that same period have been perfected in their practical application to disease and saving of lives. Those discoveries have long since passed the experimental stage, and are now acknowledged the world over as absolutely necessary to the everyday life and to national development of any nation.

X-Ray Treatment

Thousands of souls today in Canada are living witnesses to the efficacy of the X-ray and Deep Therapy machines, of radium, of toxiod treatment in diphtheria, of specific drug treatment in venereal disease, and among the great discoveries of recent years was that of insulin by our own great Canadian, Sir Frederick Banting. The falling death rate in tuberculosis in this, as well as other countries is ample proof of the value of sanatorium treatment.

We do not deem it necessary to labour the point that at no time in the world's history has medical science been able to save human life as it can in the present day.

Canada, priding itself as one of the great nations of the world, insists on being in the van of this great health development in its salvaging and saving of human life. Accordingly, the provisions of The British North America Act might well be reviewed, and, if necessary revised or amended to give the Federal Government of Canada more power, if necessary, in regard to health matters of national importance to the whole Canadian people.

Public utilities such as the aeroplane and radio were not thought of in 1867, yet the Federal Government takes control of the air and exercises nationwide control of those modern developments, and this is true in respect to many matters unheard of or unthought of in 1867.

Federal Obligations

Although the British North America Act says problems of health are provincial responsibilities, yet the Federal Government, as occasion demanded or national responsibility required, has assumed to itself certain obligations in regard to health, such as medical care and treatment of Indians, of lepers, of sick mariners, of quarantine and examination of immigrants, examination of polluted waters—especially where fishing areas are involved—and their quarantine. Also, the Federal Government legislated re pure foods, drugs, proprietary medicines, narcotics, health of animals and many other matters.

Thus, it is the opinion of the Canadian Medical Association that the Federal Government might well increase the extent of its powers and, through a properly organized Federal Department of Public Health, deal with many other health problems of vital national importance.

Fully disclaiming any idea of outlining or suggesting, much less dictating a policy in health matters for a Federal Department of Public Health, we respectfully suggest that the following matters be carefully investigated by the Rowell Commission, and perhaps a solution may be reached which will be beneficial to the whole Canadian people.

We consider that all matters of health now being dealt with by different departments of the Federal Government could be co-related and placed under the direct control of a Federal Department of Health, which we feel in this day of rapid medical advance should be a separate and distinct department of the Federal Government. Uniformity of legislation on all health matters in Canada is desirable rather than different statutes and regulations in the individual provinces.

Major Health Problem

The major health problem facing Canada today—as indeed the whole world—is the question of cancer and its control. The Canadian Medical Association is now launching a campaign, both lay and medical, and establishing within itself a Department of Cancer Control, but with the fearful and ever increasing death rate from this, the greatest scourge of the human race, a Federal Government Department of Health might well lend its aid and direction in this vital conflict.

The field of mental hygiene is a comparatively new one and one which offers as much opportunity as any other in preventive medicine, and its importance is truly national in character. Much needed development in this field could be fostered and developed by a Federal Department of Health. When we consider that many mental institutions in this country have as their major percentage of inmates those of central or southern Europe who were brought into Canada under federal immigration policies, and that the cost of caring for those mental cases is a very serious burden upon provinces already deeply financially embarrassed, the Federal Government through a Department of Health might render assistance in this problem, or endeavour to prevent a further increase in admissions to mental hospitals, which we believe a properly-advised mental hygiene program could do.

It is our opinion that more direct federal control would be invaluable in other diseases such as tuberculosis because, while it is comforting to know that the death rate in Canada is dropping annually, yet every year lives are sacrificed because there is not enough intensive work in some parts of Canada and not nearly enough sanatorium beds.

The foregoing remarks apply as well to venereal disease which for want of more intensive treatment is yearly taking too high a toll among our people, and in like manner to maternal and infant welfare.

The aeroplane and the auto, with the newest development the trailer, are not at all innocent and might well be made subject to federal regulations.

Physical Training Urged

Canada as a nation had a most unpleasant experience during the world war, when statistics revealed the alarming fact that many of Canada's young men were not fit for enlistment on account of physical defects. Germany had given the world a lesson in the last few years along the line of physical development of young people as an orderly part of educational and military training. England has done the same and is making a real success of it. May we suggest that a Federal Department of Health might do a real service to Canada by instituting a supervised physical training course along the lines found so beneficial in the mother land?

We understand that the Rowell Commission will investigate the relationship between the Federal Government and the various Provincial Governments as to social services, and in this connection we wish to point out that the medical profession is vitally interested as the medical care and treatment of the unemployed and indigent is a most serious problem in all provinces, but especially in the West and the fact that nearly half of the population of the Province of Saskatchewan is on relief shows how necessary it is that some equitable financial arrangement be reached in order that many in the medical profession may exist.

May we respectfully request that the whole question of the medical care of indigents and the unemployed be carefully considered with a view of placing their medical care on the same footing as provision for food, clothing, fuel and shelter?

As the Canadian Medical Association has already gone on record as favouring the appointment of a Royal Commission to study the question of a Federal Health Insurance scheme, and as some of the provinces have either attempted or are seriously considering health insurance, we respectfully request that the Rowell Commission explore fully the question of a federal scheme of health insurance so that a body of information may be obtained that would be of value to any Government in Canada that might intend to enact legislation on health insurance.

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Must Strengthen Red Army, Claim

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MOSCOW, Feb. 14—Joseph Stalin, leader of the Communist Party, urged today that the Soviet Union bolster its defence program by organizing the working classes of other countries to give Russia political aid "in case of military attack."

The "final victory of Socialism" will not be complete, he said, until such aid is added to Russia's efforts to strengthen her army and navy.

Stalin's declarations were made in a letter in the newspaper Pravda, the party organ, written in response to a question of a young Communist League agitator Ivan Ivanoff, who asked him whether the final victory of Socialism could be considered now.

"The aid of the international proletariat appears to be a force without which the final victory of Socialism in one country is not to be decided," he declared.

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