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TUBERCULOSIS

Dr. A. F. Miller, Superintendent of the Provincial sanatorium at Kentville, contributes to the Halifax Chronicle a page with striking illustrations upon the fight against tuberculosis in the province of Nova Scotia. Dr. Miller points out in the first place that there were 800 deaths from the disease in Nova Scotia in 1912, and that there are more than 1,000 deaths each year from all forms of tuberculosis. He adds that there are at least 5,000 consumptive uncurd for in the province, and that as yet there is no accommodation provided for the care of advanced cases, nor any systematic attempt to check the spread of the disease from person to person. There has been, moreover, very little decline in the number of deaths from the disease during the past ten years.

The conditions are to be improved, for the government has introduced a measure to provide five hospitals in different parts of the province for the care of advanced cases, enlargement of the sanatorium at Kentville for incipient cases, free clinics in the largest towns of each county, district nurses, medical examiners, compulsory notification and registration, compulsory disinfection, and educational measures to be begun in the schools and carried among the people by various means.

Dr. Miller submits the following table showing the number of deaths per 100,000 of population in the older provinces of Canada:

Manitoba	149
British Columbia	160
Ontario	162
New Brunswick	163
Nova Scotia	168
Quebec	205
Prince Edward	217

He points out that there has been a notable decline in the death rate from tuberculosis in those countries where institutional care has been provided. Special mention is made of England, Scotland and Prussia. The reduction in the death rate has occurred "in almost exact proportion to the use of hospitals which have taken the consumptive away from his home and thereby reduced the amount of infection which he communicates to his family and neighbors." Dealing with cities Dr. Miller says:

"New York city, notwithstanding its favorable climatic conditions and dense population, has reduced its death rate from tuberculosis under its admirable system of tuberculosis dispensaries, sanatoria and hospitals, over 30 per cent in the last twelve years. Edinburgh, in spite of its many one-roomed tenements, has, under Phillips and his tuberculosis dispensaries, reduced its death rate 42 per cent in ten years. In Berlin the tuberculosis death rate has declined 45 per cent, and even London, with its teeming millions, shows a fall of 30 per cent during the years 1881-1908."

A very striking part of the article by Dr. Miller is that which sets out the loss to the province as a result of its failure to check the ravages of tuberculosis. There is, he says, in the case of each patient who dies of the disease, a partial disability of one and a half years followed by an equal period of complete disability preceding death. The loss of earnings during the first period he places at \$500, and during the second \$1,000, with cost of medicine, nursing and care \$500, making a total loss to the province of \$2,000. As there are over 1,000 deaths the loss would total about \$2,000,000; but he points out further that death from tuberculosis cuts life short on the average by twenty-four years, of which seventeen would be in the working period. Adding the earning capacity for those years he estimates that the total loss to the province as a result of 1,000 deaths from tuberculosis would be \$8,000,000.

And yet treated in its early stages the disease is curable. Ninety-two per cent of all the cases discharged from the Kentville sanatorium were apparently cured, greatly improved or arrested, and only eight per cent failed to respond to the treatment.

The appeal which Dr. Miller makes in favor of legislation in Nova Scotia and for a universal effort to lessen the ravages of this disease comes with equal force to the people of New Brunswick. There is now a sanatorium for incipient cases in this province, and St. John will doubtless soon have a hospital for advanced cases, but much more than this is necessary before there will be a material reduction in the death rate. The legislators of this province would do well to study carefully the measures before the Nova Scotia legislature, with a view to the adoption of one as comprehensive or more so at the next session at Fredericton.

BABES AND BACHELORS

The bachelor editor of the Chatham World has discovered a subject which can discuss with sympathy and an almost heart-rending appeal to the emotions. He has heard that the spinsters of Baltimore are discarding their pet dogs and adopting babies. The editor of the World endorses this great movement with a fine enthusiasm. He says:

"It will give the women an object in life. It will give them interesting occupation for their leisure. It will satisfy the mother hunger of the heart. It is a long wait for most of them between the last doll and the first baby, and this wait may

be robbed of its unrest by adoption. And why shouldn't the bachelors follow suit? Why not, to be sure? Why should not the bachelor editor of the World gather several babies to his bosom and make life for them one ceaseless round of joy? Better still, why not take one of the afore-said spinsters to his heart and home and let the baby problem take care of itself?

GETTING FARM HELP

Mr. H. C. Duff, who represents the Ontario department of agriculture in Grey county, has been sent to Scotland to make a direct appeal to farmers to become settlers in that country, and also to secure skilled farm laborers. In an interview published in "Canada" he says that he is one of thirty graduates of Guelph Agricultural College who are located in different countries for the purpose of taking the college to the farmer, or in other words to give him the benefit of the knowledge which they have acquired concerning scientific methods of farming. When a member of the Ontario government, who represents Grey County, was in England last year he was struck with the desirability of giving the English farmer or farm laborer detailed information regarding particular districts. Mr. Duff has been sent over from Grey County for that purpose, and will bring out laborers for whom employment will be provided in advance, through the Farmers' Associations in the country. So eager are these associations to get help that some of them supplement the grant made by the Ontario government by an additional twenty dollars per head, so that the laborer gets an absolutely free passage from his home to the farm in Ontario.

This is the most systematic method that has yet been adopted to secure farm help. It is made necessary in Ontario because of the movement on the one hand toward the west, and on the other hand toward the cities, leaving the rural districts with out sufficient help to carry on farm operations with the success that is desired.

Canada's trade last year aggregated about \$1,000,000,000. The revenue of the country continues to expand. This growth and prosperity is the result of a long period of progressive Liberal policy, under the leadership of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

In 1909 the Conservatives were very vehement in their denunciation of anything that might seem to suggest the adoption of closure. They wanted free speech and plenty of it. If now they attempt closure they must act on their own words.

In the city of the ancient Caesars a modern Caesar of finance has passed out of life, and there is scarcely a ripple upon the surface of the public affairs in which for so many years he was a directing force. J. Pierpont Morgan was one of the most remarkable figures in the financial world of his time, and no other American was so well known in the money centres of the world. He was a Napoleon of finance, who marshalled his forces with unerring sagacity, and no other man had so dominated the business world in the United States.

Mr. M. G. Siddall has told the Conservative club of Montreal that the board of management of the Intercolonial Railway will be dissolved, and a new man placed in charge of the government railway. An effort to get some information out of the minister of railways in the house of commons yesterday was not very successful. Hon. Mr. Cochrane was not anxious to go into particulars. Hon. Mr. Emmerson, however, directed attention to several matters, including large contracts for building rolling stock which should be constructed at Montreal.

The Montreal Herald says—"Fault is being found with the Liberals for an alleged wasting of time in discussing the appointment of a Conservative, who happened to be in jail at the time of his appointment, to a government position the salary attached to which was only seventeen dollars a year. The size of the salary the man got has nothing to do with the case. If his services could have been secured for seventeen cents a year he should not, under the circumstances, have been appointed. To try to belittle the issue by laying stress on the size of the salary given is sheer business."

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Hollow Horn Bear, a Sioux chief, had returned to him a rifle which he surrendered to the United States government twenty-five years ago.

BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

TUESDAY, APRIL ONE.

David Creighton, assistant received-general in Toronto, was born on April 1, 1843 in Glasgow, Scotland. He was for years engaged in journalism, was the founder of the Toronto Empire in 1887, and was editor of it and the Mail and Empire until 1895.

J. Castell Hopkins, Canadian historian and editor of the Canadian Annual Review, was born on April 1, 1884. He was for several years in the service of the Imperial Bank and was later associate editor of the Toronto Empire. Since 1895 he has devoted himself to literary work.

The Right Hon. J. W. Lowther, speaker of the British House of Commons, was born on this date in the year 1834. He is a lawyer by profession and was called to the bar in 1879.

Lighter vein. Hobbs—So you've struck it rich and are now able to keep several servants? Dobbs—Alas, no—only to hire them. —The Boston Transcript.

INSULT TO INJURY. A barber has nerve to cut you one day and ask you the next day if you don't shave yourself. —The Pittsburgh Post.

NO ANSWER. "Does your husband ever tell you you have poor taste?" "Frequently." "And what reply do you make to him?" "I think of what I married and say nothing." —Houston Post.

DEFINED. "What is strict economy, Pa?" "Strict economy, my boy, is the kind your quoniam makes me practice." —The Boston Transcript.

UP TO DATE. "I've got a new idea for your performance of Hamlet," said the farce-comedy manager who has ventured into the legit. "What is it?" asked Mr. Stornington Barnes. "Every time anybody drops dead in the act let the man in the orchestra hit the bass drum." —Chicago News.

POOR OLD WISE ONES. This is worth passing around: Some one has dug up the following from the Chicago Inter-Ocean of December 31, 1892: "George M. Pullman, of the firm of Pullman & Moore, house raisers, is experimenting with what he calls 'a palace sleeping car.' The 'wise ones' predict it will be a failure." —Cleveland Plain Dealer.

NOT LIKE MOST OTHERS. "I wonder if she really loves her son?" "Why do you doubt it?" "I went over there today to complain about his breaking our window and she actually asked that he might have done such a thing."

CLASSIFIED. In answer to the lady's advertisement for the laundress, Ellen, a darty, black with the ace of spades, applied for work with her was a group of small darkies, some black, some brown and some yellow. Her employer asked all these children were Ellen's. The latter replied: "Yes, they're all mine." "But, Ellen," said the lady, "they are all different colors." "Yes, you are, it's like this: My first husband was black like me, my second was brown and the one I got now he belongs to the fair sex."

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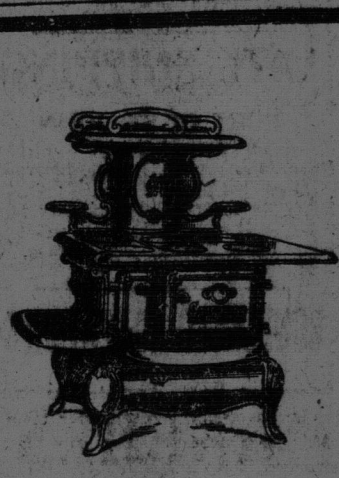
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