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Medical Services Expenditure

The expenditure incurred by the authorities in 1923-24 in connection with medical services has been characterized as extravagant. We have also said that discrimination was shown in the distribution of the amounts. To-day a statement of the expenditure in the various districts appears in another column, and we leave it to our readers to decide whether or not our previous comments may in any way be considered exaggerations.

How many, we wonder, will regret the passing of a system, whereby the minimum of assistance was given to the sick and afflicted at a maximum of cost—a system which relegated to the background the officials directly responsible for the expenditure, and in fact compelled them to confine their efforts, regardless of their judgment, to the manipulation of a rubber stamp?

Everyone in the community is only too fully aware of the prostitution of the public service and the squandering of public funds, which took place not so long ago under the sacred name of charity, to require his memory to be refreshed by a recapitulation of the facts. Everyone knows that the revelations resulted in a public uprising, in a sweeping out of the old regime and the placing in power of the present Government. They in their turn are continuing the sweeping process begun by the electorate, and in a short time it is hoped that order will be restored out of chaos, and a system introduced in the Public Service which will enable a complete check to be kept on expenditure.

Who is Responsible?

The letter written by Rev. H. J. Read of Channel, which is published in this issue calls for a prompt explanation, if the facts are as stated in the communication, and astounding as they are, we cannot do otherwise than accept them as correct. In our accounts of the South West Coast disaster, reference was made to the search undertaken by the Kyle, and it is inconceivable that with the ship in the immediate vicinity she could not be dispatched without a moment's loss of time.

Congregationalists Hold Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the parishioners of Queen's Road Congregational Church was held last night, the Rev. D. Nichol presiding. The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were received and adopted. Both were satisfactory and foreshadowed prosperity in the years ahead. The reports of the various societies and organizations were full of encouragement and spoke of the good work already done. The Committee discussed plans for the fitting observance of the 120th anniversary of the Church which falls in the present year. The office bearers were appointed for the ensuing term after which the meeting closed.

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Medical Services Expenditure by Districts

Examination of the consolidated statement of payments made to doctors in 1924 by the Department of Charities, for medical services to the so-called helpless poor, shows the following interesting facts:—

(a) St. John's	\$12,963
(b) Conception Bay	14,578
(c) Bell Island	4,356
(d) Trinity Bay	2,280
(e) Bonavista Bay	6,293
(f) Bay de Verde	2,138
(g) Fogo	1,265
(h) Twillingate	1,341
(i) St. George's	2,452
(j) Burgeo	35
(k) Fortune	181
(l) Harin	1,500
(m) Placentia & St. Mary's ..	8,738
(n) Ferryland	437
(o) St. Barbe	215

Of the expenditure in St. John's, much was for out-patients, but the amount stated includes nothing for the salaries to public hospital staffs, or to private hospitals, and it is true that St. John's people made full use of these, at public expense. An amount of \$6,394 paid to Dr. Chisholm out of the total of nearly \$70,000 paid to doctors, was largely for parts of Trinity Bay, to which he was often sent at great expense. Twillingate district had the aid of hospitals at Grand Falls and St. Anthony, so its creditable total is partly explained. The places of honor in the list are held by Fortune Bay and Burgeo and LaPoile. Further from hospitals than any others, their doctors' bills at public expense were smallest.

An objectionable feature about this matter was, that whereas in the out-patients the sick poor could only usually obtain the services of a doctor upon the order of a Relieving Officer, it became the custom to authorize the treatment at public cost of all applicants from St. John's or its suburbs who brought letters from Clergymen or other reputable citizens, and even from politicians. No attention seems to have been paid of recent years to the ability of patients to pay for their own care, all the cost of treating those who were willing to accept charity was thrown on the public treasury. Institutions other than the General and Subsidy Hospitals have been patronized in this way, often for minor cases, and certain boarding houses have practically sprung into being to entertain persons on the waiting list for treatment. One year ago, over one hundred patients were in these boarding houses, waiting their turn, but now there are only four, so effective have recent regulations proved. The General Hospital is now able to treat all applicants, whereas last year all available space in all local hospitals are full and boarding houses were crammed with those on the waiting list.

In the analysis of expenditure for the care of persons with infectious diseases, certain facts of grave importance have appeared. For instance, upon the occurrence of a case of diphtheria or such like disease, the practice has grown up of quarantining all the members of the family, immediately, including the bread winner; and, as a consequence, of throwing upon the public the cost of feeding all the household, without enquiry into the ability of the head of the family to pay for their necessities. In other words, not alone has the care of the necessitous been paid for, but also of the well-to-do. One case, at least, is on record of paying a storekeeper for food supplied out of his store for the food of himself and his family. Our Magistrate at least has gone on record as saying: "I did not enquire into their means, it was sufficient for me to know that the head of the family could not go to his daily work", while quarantined, because his own family was sick. Of course, where a case of infectious disease is discovered in a family at an early stage, the bread winner should be sent out to board, and should not be quarantined. Help should be given to those who need it, but those able to pay for the keep of their own families should do so, for they have no right to throw upon the public the care of their families.

Magistrate's Court

DRUNKS BLACKLISTED UNDER NEW ACT.
 Two drunks appeared before Judge Morris this morning. When they were called to the bar they had nothing to say to the charge. The police who made the arrests were called, after which Superintendent O'Neill moved that a conviction against both be recorded. He then put in evidence a copy of the Royal Gazette, dated Feb. 3rd, containing the proclamation bringing the new Alcoholic Liquor Act into force. Under this Act no alcoholic liquor shall be sold to any person convicted of drunkenness. The Superintendent asked for a certificate of conviction against both men, which was accorded to by the magistrate. These will be forwarded to the Board of Control so that effect will be given to the Act and no liquor supplied to the convicted parties for at least six months. Besides having the privilege taken from them the men were each fined \$1.

Bell Island Trouble Reaches Acute Stage

Government Consider Company's Action Breach of Agreement.

The trouble at Bell Island which resulted from the introduction of the clock system in the mines and brought about a cessation of work, has reached an acute stage. Apart from work at the forge, machine shop and pier, operations are at a standstill since yesterday, and although the Government is leaving nothing undone to adjust the grievance, no satisfactory solution appears yet in sight. The following messages exchanged yesterday and to-day show the seriousness of the situation:—

From Prime Minister to Mines Manager.
 February 5th, 1925.
 A. MacDonald
 Manager Besco,
 Bell Island.
 Consider making any drastic change such as reported without consultation with either men or Government is an entire breach of agreement and appears the last straw to break the camel's back. Before telegraphing Wolvin would like particulars of men's objection and explanation of reason for departure from practice which has prevailed for years.
 W. S. MONROE.

East Wabana, Feb. 5th.
 Hon. W. S. Monroe,
 Prime Minister,
 St. John's, Nfld.
 Replying your wire. Men's objection to punching time clocks going and returning from mines which have been lately installed is that new system requires them work full time whilst under old system loaders could return to surface after loading twenty cars per pair. Also drillers after drilling from 72 to 120 feet of ground this being accomplished in from seven to eight hours and consider day's work. Chief reason for this change is to get better hoisting days as mine outputs fell away after 4.30 p.m. Loaders are paid bonus on all cars filled over 20 and drillers on all ground drilled over 72 feet. This new system was installed on instructions from Sydney.
 A. McDONALD.

Sydney, N.S., Feb. 6th.
 W. Monroe, Prime Minister,
 St. John's, Nfld.
 Your message McDonald repeated here in reply advice regulations to which some of workmen object have been in effect at number three mine for years. Company is requiring all employees to pass through clock house when going or coming off shift. This is a regulation enforced by law in practically all mines in America. Our mines are becoming deeper and it is essential to safety and order that the officials know at any time what men are in mines. A small number of our workmen employed underground were in habit of leaving work before finish of shift and objection to clock system apparently coming from these. No change has been made in rates of pay and none is contemplated.
 H. B. GILLIS.
 Bell Island, Feb. 6th.
 Hon. W. J. Higgins, K.C.,
 Minister of Justice.
 Company introduced clock system for miners. Miners want clock system abolished and work on old system of clock system and eight hour shift, same pay for eight as now getting for ten. Old system has been working for past sixteen years. Company wants men to load one and drill ground for ten hours. If men load twenty cars and come up before ten hours they will be cut. Would suggest that men go to work under old system while negotiations are being taken up between Government, Company and men. Men determined to stand by this arrangement. Following is Company's reply to men:—"If men do not return to work under clock system on or before 9th arrange pay off whole force."
 EDWARD C. HIGHMORE.
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 Roy Wolvin, Besco,
 Montreal.
 You gave us understand men's conditions certainly would be no worse than before. Putting these new regulations into force without even consulting us or men appears to be a breach of agreement and is the last straw with the already dissatisfied miners. Seems to us just as well to be without this industry if better cannot be done. Unless conditions made satisfactory to miners Government do not feel bound to confirm agreement.
 W. S. MONROE.
 Up to 2 p.m. the Prime Minister had not received a reply to the above message.

An Appeal

ROSE BLANCHE DISASTER—ESTIMATED DAMAGE \$30,000.

The terrible gale that swept off this coast on Friday, Jan. 23rd, has left sorrow and disaster in its wake. Fifteen men are still missing and we fear that they are lost. About a dozen skiffs were sunk and nearly two dozen dories were cut loose when the boats made for land—these are a total loss. Every skiff that was out in the gale had all its sails torn to ribbons and the damage to the gear was considerable. We estimate that damage was done to the extent of \$30,000. As the men on this western shore rely mainly on the winter fishery for their livelihood the outlook for this winter is black.
 We make this appeal in the confident hope that it will meet with a hearty response, and so gladden the hearts of these fishermen who have been through incredible hardships, and have done real acts of heroism in rescuing their fellow fishermen when their skiffs were sinking under them.
 T. GREAVETT, Rector.

F. VATCHER, J.P.
P. WHEATMAN, J.P.
 Nurse.

Note.—The above was received by Mr. W. McK. Chambers, M.H.A., this morning from Rose Blanche, and the Committee already appointed has requested Mr. Chambers to act as Treasurer of the Fund at St. John's.

Sable I. Arrives

S.S. Sable I arrived in port yesterday evening from Halifax via St. Pierre. At the latter port the ship took on board Mr. J. Ingraham, one of the survivors of the recent South Coast disaster. The following passengers arrived.—W. J. Moore, B. Allen, O. Larsen, J. T. Power, H. Bird, V. O'Reilly, J. De Champlain, S. Sheppard, Capt. G. Whiteley, L. Moore, H. Rumsey, Peggy Logan, Agnes Stutz, M. Phillips, Mrs. Phillips, Susie McDonald, Myrtle Scott, Arlie Marks, L. Ferris, J. Daley, P. Brady, R. Wassman, A. P. Mottah, M. Kane, J. Ingraham.
MINARD'S LINIMENT, THE ATHLETIC'S REMEDY.

Survivor of Storm Arrives for Hospital

John Ingram, one of the survivors of the catastrophe on the West Coast, arrived by S.S. Sable I, at 4 p.m. yesterday, to enter the General Hospital for treatment. Ingram was one of the crew of the Gertrude M., which met her fate at Pointe Platte, Little Miquelon, on the night of Jan. 26th, and being exposed to the weather for several hours, had both hands and feet badly frozen. Ingram, an unmarried man, belonging to Burgeo, and shipped with Walter Blazon, of Rose Blanche, for the winter fishing. It was while they were on the grounds on Friday, Jan. 23rd, that the violent storm came on and in a few minutes the little craft was left helpless at the mercy of the seas. An attempt was made to reach land, but the main-sail and jumbo were torn away and carried with them the raft and booms. Nothing was left to do but run before the wind, and to make matters worse a heavy sea came over, flooding the forecastle, smashed the compass, and doing damage about the decks. Ingram was swept overboard by the sea, but fortunately was swept back on the board again. The crew stuck to their posts and did everything possible to clear the forecastle of water. They suffered greatly from exposure and it was utterly impossible to light a fire. For two days and two nights the water-logged skiff drifted on, until it grounded on Pointe Platte, and the crew succeeded in making a landing. The men, frozen stiff from the cold, hungry and exhausted, then walked to the station. They had only ten hours. If men load twenty cars and come up before ten hours they will be cut. Would suggest that men go to work under old system while negotiations are being taken up between Government, Company and men. Men determined to stand by this arrangement. Following is Company's reply to men:—"If men do not return to work under clock system on or before 9th arrange pay off whole force."
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Llewellyn Club
HOLDS INTERESTING MEETING.
 The weekly meeting of Llewellyn Club was held in Canon Wood Hall last night, and was well attended. The President, Rev. J. B. Elliott, continued his Bible Conference address, speaking on the subject—"John Wesley, 'The Power of Christ to quicken'." and gave an interesting discourse. Following this an informal debate was held on inter-denominational education, and the following spoke on the occasion, viz.—Messrs. H. Y. Mott, L. Colley, Geo. Tucker, R. R. Wood, J. G. Hodder, H. J. Burnell, E. Wood, K. Payne. None of the speakers had prepared anything for the occasion, and the subject was debated merely from an informal standpoint, but some interesting facts were brought out, for and against the matter and the hope was expressed that should the occasion arise when the subject would be seriously taken in hand, that all would be prepared to express their views as freely as they did last night. Next week the club will be addressed by Dr. Wm. Roberts, on an interesting subject and an enjoyable night is being looked forward to.
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TO-NIGHT'S DANCE
"GAIETY" HALL.
 In Aid of Reduction of Debt on C.C.C. "Gaiety" Hall.
 To-night's Dance at the "Gaiety" Hall promises to eclipse last Thursday's Dance, which proved such a splendid success.
 The dates have been somewhat conflicting, as first it was advertised to take place on the 11th, then it was changed to the 9th, then put back to the 11th, now it takes place to-night. This was due to the fact that the "Silvia" on which the Coloured Artists had booked passage, sails on the afternoon of the 11th, and to-night, Friday, will be the last chance to dance to this wonderful Dance Orchestra. Therefore get your tickets at Huton's or G. Byrne's Bookstore to-day as they are limited to 200. Prices: Gent's, \$1.00; Ladies, 75c. The Dance starts at 9 p.m. to the music of a special Orchestra from the Mount Cashel Band, and they will play extras until the arrival of the Coloured Orchestra at 10 p.m., when there will be a full programme of Dances and Extras. Don't miss this one. The Arlie Marks Troupe, now playing at the "Casino," will be the guests at the dance to-night.
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Government Boats
 Argyle arrived at Argenta 8 p.m. yesterday. She sails for West at noon today.
 Glencoe left Coomb's Cove 4.45 p.m. yesterday, coming east.
 Kyle left Louisburg at 2 p.m. Wednesday for Port aux Basques.
 Fortia left Argenta for West at 7 o'clock this morning.
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TO-DAYS MESSAGES.

MRS. SNOWDEN'S LECTURE TOUR.
 ST. JOHN, N.B., Feb. 6.

Mrs. Philip Snowden, the wife of a former chancellor of the exchequer, gave the last address of her Canadian tour here to-night on Bolshevik Russia. She is to sail to-morrow on the Montclair for England. She commented on the fact that she had been asked to speak chiefly about Russia throughout her tour of the Dominion. The choice of a subject had been a surprise to her, as she had come to Canada with the idea of promoting closer relationship between this country and the Motherland. She had thought her Canadian audiences would have wished to know of the new Labor Government in England. That she believed was something of more moment than the episode in Russian history of which she had personal knowledge.

QUEBEC FARMERS TO HAVE PROGRESSIVE CANDIDATES.

Montreal, Feb. 6.
 Progressive candidates in the next Federal and Provincial elections nominated by the farmers of the Province of Quebec will probably be seen as the result of a decision made at a secret caucus held to-day of the United Farmers of Quebec, says the Montreal Gazette in its news columns this morning.

MINE WORKERS OFFER SUGGESTION.

SYDNEY, N.S., Feb. 5.
 A suggestion that the District Executive of U. M. W. District 25 be empowered to enter into a new contract with the British Empire Steel Corporation under which the Cape Breton miners shall receive the same wages that prevailed in 1924 for a period of four months, pending the result of a full and unprejudiced investigation of the wage controversy, was the result of to-day's deliberations of the United Mine Workers here. This was the outcome of a resolution adopted at this afternoon's session of the Conference and was thrown out as offering the best opportunity of reaching a permanent agreement without breaking the present truce or interrupting operations. Should this suggestion not find favor with the operations it was stated that the Executive has another, which was contained in a second resolution adopted this afternoon, but the nature of which has not been divulged. The resolution mentioned above also stipulates that during the four months the men will be guaranteed a fixed minimum of work. To-morrow the convention will deal with the report brought back from International Headquarters by board member William Hayes.

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 At St. Clare's Mercy Hospital, this morning, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Armstrong.
 At the Grace Maternity Hospital, on the 4th inst., a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Morry.

DIED.

On the 5th inst. at Kilbride, after a short illness, Ida, the beloved wife of Richard Walsh, leaving a husband, 1 brother and 2 sisters to mourn their sad loss. Funeral on to-morrow (Saturday) at 3 p.m. from her late residence, Glenview Farm, Kilbride, R.I. P.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mr. Bertram Hutchings and family wish to express their heartfelt thanks to the following for their kindness and sympathy during the illness and death of a dear wife and mother, especially Comd. Urquhart, Capt. Butler for their comforting words; Matron Fugner and the nursing staff of the Grace Hospital; Dr. Fallon, Mr. and Mrs. George Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. W. Squires, Mr. and Mrs. W. French, Mrs. R. Barnes for wreaths to adorn her casket; The Grace Hospital, the employees of the Nfld. Govt. Railway and dock shops; Mr. and Mrs. B. Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Purcell, Mr. and Mrs. M. Sheppard, Miss Gladys Gosse, Miss L. Greeley, Mental Hospital. Notes of sympathy:—Lodge Dudley, No. 227 S.O.E., Mr. George Brown and family, Bell Island; Miss F. Griffin, Mental Hospital; Mr. and Mrs. W. James, Mr. and Mrs. T. Kerrigan, Miss F. Freddie; also Mrs. Nathan Osborne for use of phone, and all other friends who in any way sympathized with us during our sad bereavement.

TO-NIGHT.

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TO-NIGHT.

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