

HE SUGGESTS A NEW ISOLATION HOSPITAL

Medical Health Officer Whitehead Has More Faith in Separation Than in Disinfection—He Discusses Scarlet Fever Epidemic of Last Summer.

At the monthly meeting of the Central Alberta Medical Association, on Wednesday night, Dr. Whitehead, medical health officer, read an interesting paper dealing with the epidemic of scarlet fever which prevailed in the city last summer.

The course followed by the health department was to encourage the prompt removal of cases to the isolation hospital, and to disinfect the premises affected, but owing to want of compulsory powers it was not possible to remove a number of cases where home conditions were not all favorable for the protection of susceptible members of the family.

It was not thought necessary to close the schools, as the epidemic reached its height in the latter part of the school term. Moreover, it was thought there was greater danger of infection at play than in school, where stricter supervision could be carried out.

On account, however, of the closer contact afforded by attendance at Sabbath schools, and the absence of any medical supervision there, it was thought advisable to close up the Sabbath schools in June, and the proprietors of picture shows or other places where a large number of children were present, were requested to exclude all children under the age of 15.

The difficulties met with in controlling the epidemic were: First, the existence of mild cases, and secondly, the existence of a more or less mild but persistent type, which a desire to avoid the inconvenience of quarantine or the expense of medical treatment caused parents or guardians to conceal the disease.

Another source of difficulty in coping with an epidemic is the isolation of the patients in the hands of the public with regard to isolation hospitals, and there is also reason to suspect that quarantine as applied to private residences was sometimes broken by householders, who cannot or will not see the necessity for such precautions.

The remedy for this, according to Dr. Whitehead, is to equip and maintain an efficient isolation hospital, which in course of time will gain the public confidence. A law of forced hospitalization would, he thinks, be in the interests of public health, but would be extremely unpopular in the community at present.

Close observation of the series of 280 cases indicated that the chief source of infection was the secretions, no material evidence being to hand that desquamation played a very important part, or that infection was transferred by third party, or by any inanimate object.

DIRECTORS WERE EVENLY DIVIDED ON APPOINTMENT

W. McC. Moore, Secretary-Treasurer of the Exhibition Association, Gave W. J. Stark a Stiff Run for Office of Manager, to Which Latter Was Unanimously Recommended by Committee.

Something of a surprise was sprung at the meeting of the Edmonton Exhibition Association directors Wednesday night, when it developed that the board was evenly divided on the question of selecting a successor to former manager A. G. Harrison, who resigned to become one of the city commissioners.

It had been freely predicted that the gathering of directors would be in the nature of a ratification of the action taken by the special committee, which recommended the appointment of W. J. Stark, of Toronto, as the new manager.

The first surprise came shortly after the special committee had submitted its report. The committee was composed of Messrs. Campbell, McGee, West, Colley, Grier, and McManis, and their report recommending Mr. Stark was not accepted.

The second and probably the greatest surprise followed the taking of a ballot on manager. The vote showed that Mr. Stark and eight for whom removal of the initial case to the hospital was effected.

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President Campbell therefore voted twice for Mr. Stark, which he had a perfect right to do under the rules, and the Toronto man won. Upon motion, Mr. Stark was thereupon declared to be the unanimous choice of the board.

The directors selected Secretary Moore to succeed himself, and also made him assistant manager. D. R. Stewart, superintendent of the exhibition grounds, was elected a director at a meeting held in Regina soon, for the purpose of arranging a circuit for the larger fairs of Saskatchewan and Alberta the coming season.

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REQUIRE \$45,000 FOR DIOCESE ENDOWMENT

Edmonton Diocese Will be Constituted as Soon as This Amount is Forthcoming—Meeting of the Rural Priesthood Held in All Saints' Schoolroom.

A separate diocese for the northern part of the diocese of Calgary, and to be known as the Edmonton diocese, will be constituted as soon as an endowment of \$45,000 is forthcoming.

The amount required for the endowment was given by Archbishop Gray at the meeting of the rural deanery, which was held in All Saints' Schoolroom on Tuesday evening, at which all of the Anglican clergymen of the city and district were present.

Two questions were discussed by the meeting. The first in importance was that relating to the proposed diocese of Edmonton. The boundaries of this new diocese will extend from Ponoka to within a few miles of Athabasca Landing. The other question which was discussed was the Mission of Help, which will be inaugurated next October, mission centers from England and Eastern Canada, coming here for the purpose of conducting it.

A meeting of the chapter of the rural deanery was held in the Mission House, Kensington, on Tuesday afternoon. Rev. W. D. Boyd, rural dean, was in the chair, the meeting dealt only with routine matters.

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GRAND PRAIRIE SETTLERS IN CITY FOR THEIR SUPPLIES

Annual Incursion of Men who are Pioneering in Grande Prairie and Peace River Countries—Majority Have Come in Over Edison Trail.

The annual exodus of settlers from the Peace River and Grand Prairie countries as well as the Athabasca district has opened and before the end of the month will be at its height.

The majority of the settlers from Grande Prairie, who have arrived in the city, have used the government trail into Edmonton. This route is 250 miles shorter than by way of Athabasca Landing, the river and lake route to Grouard and from thence across country to Sturgeon Lake and on into Grande Prairie.

Among the Grand Prairie and Peace River settlers who have come into the city during the last few days are Mr. W. P. Bredin, of Bear Lake, who are among the old timers of the north country; Peter Kelly, Wm. Klein, Jos. Pringle, Leo Sheehan and Thos. Sheehan, of Twin Lakes, which is in the eastern part of the prairie and is east of Bear Lake; Lee and Sam Hodgins, of Horn Lake, which is south of Bear Lake; and is about the center of the prairie; Robert Beamer, of Patterson's Creek; Chas. Poppin, of Grand Lake; John Wilson, of Bear Creek; John Buek, of Beaver Lodge; Alfred Hughes, of Dry Lake; Herbert Whitlam, of Big Lake; John Clark, of Patterson's Creek; John Buek, of Dry Lake; A. Patterson, of Bear Creek; and John Campbell, of Grand Lake.

One man who has returned in the life of the Dominion by which the Y.M.C.A.'s future must be influenced and guided.

The change is the most radical ever contemplated by the Y.M.C.A. of America. Among those present at the meeting were: John R. Mott, of New York; Richard C. Morse, general secretary of the International Committee of the Y.M.C.A.; J. M. Dudley, railway secretary for Canada; E. H. Wood, H. Wood, Harry Ryrie, G. A. Warburton, President Falconer, and others of Toronto. Messrs. Wm. and Gerald Birks, of Montreal, and other officers from one side of the Dominion to the other.

More Instructors Needed. Campbellford, Ont., Jan. 4.—The Dairyman's Association of Eastern Ontario opened its annual convention at Campbellford, Ontario, on Tuesday afternoon. The convention was held in the Grand Hotel, and was attended by a large number of dairy farmers and instructors.

Montreal Hospital's Sensational Case. Young Girl Sixteen Years Old, a Victim of a Strange Disease. She is Dying—Story She Tells Leads to Arrest of Physician.

Montreal, Jan. 4.—Asking for a magistrate to whom she could tell her story, a patient in the Western hospital, who has been in the hospital for several weeks, has told a sensational story.

REDORGANIZE CANADIAN Y.M.C.A.'S ON NEW LINES

Sweeping Movement Started by a Meeting of Leaders of Work Held in Toronto—Headquarters to be Removed from New York.

Toronto, Jan. 4.—The whole course of Y.M.C.A. life in Canada will be gravely affected by a meeting held in Toronto, the object of the meeting was to re-organize the entire Canadian Y.M.C.A., making the organization national in character rather than international, but without sacrificing any of the fraternal spirit or benefits which come from a close affiliation with the United States and world-wide bodies.

It is planned to make a Canadian plan the Y.M.C.A.'s headquarters, with an executive and organization composed of Canadians, and all operations of a self-governing institution carried on by Canadians.

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THE COST OF LIVING STILL ON INCREASE

Labor Department's Index of Prices for November—Meat and Fuel Slightly Lower—Breadstuffs and Dairy Produce Going Up.

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—The cost of living throughout the Dominion, as indicated by wholesale and retail prices, has taken a considerable rise during the past year. This interesting fact to the consumers of Canada is indicated by statistics just gathered by the labor department.

The department's index number of wholesale prices stood at 130.8 for November, as compared with 130.8 in the preceding month, and 122 in the corresponding month of last year. These numbers, it will be understood, are percentages in each case of the average price level prevailing during the decade 1890-1899, the period selected by the department as the standard of comparison throughout its investigation into wholesale prices.

Over 200 articles carefully selected by the department so as to represent Canadian production and consumption were included in the index. The calculation. It will be seen that wholesale prices as a whole are on practically the same level as in the preceding month, but are considerably higher than at the same period in 1910. The chief increases during the past year contributing to this result occurred in grains and foodstuffs, miscellaneous foods and meats, there having been a decrease in animals and meats, while other groups for the most part have remained steady. A rise in grain prices and a fall in meats were also features of the past month.

As compared with November of last year eight groups of commodities show a decrease, while ten groups show an increase. The groups which show a decrease, as based on the standard, are as follows: Animals and meats, from 157.8 to 137.8; fish, from 154 to 152.3; textiles, from 118.5 to 113.3; fuel and lighting, from 100 to 98.3; miscellaneous lumber materials, from 106.2 to 98.3; paints, oils, etc., from 102.3 to 101.7; drugs and chemicals, from 108.5 to 107.7; fur, from 285.9 to 255.2. It will be noticed that only two groups have during recent years dropped below the standard, while one group, furs, has gone far above it.

The groups which show an increase for November of this year as compared with November of last year are as follows: Grains and feedstuffs, from 148.7 to 149.7; miscellaneous foods, from 112.1 to 125.5; hides, leathers and boots, from 124 to 141.9; metals, from 106.7 to 118.7; implements, from 105.1 to 106.1; lumber, from 101.8 to 104.2; furniture, from 101.8 to 110.8; sundries, from 108.8 to 110.8; sugar, from 130.5 to 130.5; November of last year, 122.

The problem of the steady increase in the cost of living during the past few years, which has borne most heavily on the laboring and salary-earning classes, is one of the vital problems which must enter into the deliberations of the tariff commission to be established during the present session of parliament. In view of the higher prices for nearly all the general commodities entering into the cost of living, it is safe to say that any attempt to increase the protective tariff will not prove popular with the great majority of the consuming classes in Canada.

Commissioner's Finding. Board Appointed by Roblin Government Submit Report—Judge Myers Minority Report.

Winnipeg, Jan. 4.—The commission which inquired into the surrender of the St. Peter's Indian reserve, issued its findings today, which include a majority report by Judge Locke, chairman of the commission, and a minority report by Judge Myers. The former holds the surrender to be legal, while the latter declares that all the necessary statutory formalities and requirements for the carrying out of the surrender were complied with.

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GREAT JEWEL ROBBERY SOLVED. Three-Year-Old Search Ends in Arrest of Thief in London.

London, Jan. 4.—Scotland Yard detectives tonight made an arrest in connection with the robbery of a jewelry, which has baffled the police for three years. The stolen jewels, which included a necklace, insured in London for \$50,000, disappeared from the room of a German steamer on which they were destined for Queen Victoria, wife of the late King of Siam.

The jewels had been carefully packed in a box in London, conveyed with every precaution on board the steamer, and deposited in its strong room, but when the box was opened at Bangkok it was empty. That was in the summer of 1909, and from that time on the smallest clue was obtained until, four months ago, when the police of Singapore learned that an attempt had been made to dispose of some of the missing gems there. A man was traced from the Straits Settlement to London, and was arrested tonight. The prisoner will be brought up at the Bow street Police Court tomorrow morning.

C. N. R. Grants Through Grain Rate. Regina, Sask., Jan. 4.—The C. N. R. has agreed to grant a through rate on Western Canada wheat to Salt Lake. General Freight Agent Stephenson has agreed to grant the rate on wheat to Duluth as now pertains to Port Arthur. This will be eighteen cents from Regina. The rate has only four million bushels capacity left at Port Arthur, which will be shipped in the course of the next week or two. Once this is filed C. N. R. cars will be sent to Mexico City, the southern route of Mexico will be open, and the volume of business will be increased.

Wires for Arrest of Boyce. St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 4.—W. H. Attwell, attorney at Dallas, Texas, today wired Governor A. O. Eberhart to order the arrest of G. G. Boyce, an alleged gambler who has been arrested in Dallas by Sheriff B. Sneed, and await the forwarding of requisition papers. It was informed that Boyce is held in Winnipeg and Sneed has left for Texas with his wife.

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Conservative Senators United States to Intervene in Mexico, and to Washington, March 6.—The ultimate destiny of the United States in Mexico, which is inevitable, is the subject of many conservative-statement foresees the next few weeks of the intervention.

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Bond Issues of Calgary and Vancouver Both Cities Have Received Prices For Recent Debentures CALGARY, March 6.—The issue of bonds, as regards price, has been made by the City of this year was consummated a special meeting of the committee that body accepted the issue on the grounds of the five per cent. local improvement of the city at accrued interest. This means that the City sells the entire bond issue not to city. Vancouver, March 6.—The Vancouver City Council has issued instructions to Brown & Shipley of London to deal with the purchase of two million dollars at a price has been received for the issue. The latest is even higher than the figure which is believed to be the issue price. The matter is expected to be settled by next Monday. NOTE.—Edmonton's 20 per cent. debentures, issued in 1909, are still being offered by the administration, for the city, with accrued interest.