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A Children's Hospital IS AN URGENT NECESSITY.

During the past week the tragic story has been told in figures that do not lie of the havoc wrought among our babies by the dread diseases with which the community is scourged during the warm summer months. Daily the toll is being added to, and since September came in not less than eight additional families have had to mourn the loss of a little child.

Matters have passed beyond the stage of press criticism and it is now high time for the Municipal and Health authorities to bestir themselves into action. It is futile to say that their hands are tied because of lack of funds. What of the thousands of dollars in city taxes that have never been collected chiefly because no City Council has been courageous enough to demand payment and to enforce their demands by legal action? Surely they know that they will have the fullest support from the great majority of the taxpayers in whatever course they adopt to make the delinquents pay.

The health of the city is the first claim on the Council, but yet in pursuing the report of their weekly meeting we have searched in vain for any reference to the startling mortality record issued by the Registrar General and fully commented upon by the city press. If they are unaware of the dreadful conditions which exist in the back streets and in some of the tenements even on such thoroughfares as Water Street, we shall be glad to conduct them through these places. There are houses in which the floors hold puddles of water after every rain, and in these hovels women and children of tender years are battling with death. What chances have they? and even if they manage with the help of the Child Welfare workers to win out in the struggle, think of them attempting to regain health and strength amid such surroundings! Has it altogether been forgotten that our child life is our most precious treasure?

The situation as presented during the past week stresses most forcibly the need for a Children's Hospital in St. John's. Tentative efforts have been made from time to time to provide such an institution, but for one reason or another the project has fallen through. Not long ago Waterford Hall was generously offered by its owner, the Hon. Sir Edgar Bowring, for such a purpose, but because it was suggested that it was not centrally situated, and for other inconsequential reasons, the offer was not accepted. It is difficult to understand why such objections should ever have influenced those who were interested in the movement, as the advantages offered by its situation far outweigh any of the drawbacks that were suggested. We understand from Sir Edgar Bowring that no other plans have been finalized in connection with Waterford Hall, and that he would be very glad to have it used as a children's hospital. With a view to converting it into a school for the blind, the Government recently expended

considerable money in renovations and in installing a new heating plant, but apparently the project was abandoned. Consequently it is practically ready for occupation, and we would strongly urge upon the authorities and those who are directly interested in the vital question of Child Welfare the advisability of taking advantage of this generous offer.

Wide interest has been stirred by the publicity given to the conditions under which the poorer children are waging their fight with death. Now let us be up and doing. A week from now the whole city will be interested in a Baby Week which is being arranged, and no time would be more opportune to start a campaign which would have as one of its objects a thoroughly equipped hospital, in which the children would be given every opportunity to fight their battles with disease successfully and to regain in the pure air of the country the robust health which, whatever their stations in this life, belongs to them as a direct gift from God.

Formal Visits Exchanged

This morning at 10 o'clock Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Field landed from his barge at the Topsail pier and in company with his staff officers was conveyed by motor to the city to make a formal call upon His Excellency the Governor. The visit was returned by the Governor at noon.

A Morning Visit to the Squadron

The ships anchored in the Bay presented this morning at 10 o'clock a very animated scene. Boats and steam pinnaces dotted the surface of the water, engaged in various manoeuvres, which to the mere landsman were too mysterious to explain. From stem to stern of the "Hood" the decks swarmed with sailors clad in "fatigues" who promptly responded to the shrill boatswain's whistle or a bugle call, followed by orders which to the uninitiated were quite unintelligible. Once on the deck, however, it was plain to see that all this bustle was being carried out with clock-like precision and that each and every man was fully aware of what he was intended to do and what was his particular station. Then came a call which even the layman recognized "Stand easy!" and from various parts of the men's persons appeared, before the call had died away, the packet of "tags" and a box of matches.

A Display of Bunting Suggested

The Citizens' Reception Committee suggest that all firms and private citizens wherever possible should have their flags flying on the occasion of the March Past of the Naval contingent on Wednesday next. Moving off from the railway station, the force will pass down Water Street, up Cochrane Street and thence by way of Military Road to the C.L.B. Armoury.

Grand Free and Easy AT CASINO WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

The Citizens' Reception Committee to the Imperial Service Squadron have arranged with a company of glee makers to give an entertainment to the visiting fleet.

Owing to the fact that members of the fleet could not attend in the afternoon, the committee has decided to hold the entertainment at night, and devote the proceeds to Child Welfare.

The company is made up of the best male talent in the city, and the enjoyable entertainments held in St. John's for some time. Smoking will be permitted during the entertainment.

Inadvertently Omitted

In giving the names of those who gave prizes for the Postal Telegraphers' Outing at Bay Roberts the name of Hon. J. R. Bennett, who donated a pipe, was inadvertently omitted.

Five Schooners Reported Well Fished.

A message to Messrs. Bowring Brothers from Capt. E. Bishop, of Westville, was received this morning, stating that the schooner Strathcona, Ben Hur, Kassaga, Pretoria and Harold B. are on their way home from the Labrador, well fished.

THE TRAINS—The West bound express left Bishop's Falls at 4.32 a.m. The incoming express left Glenwood at 8.4 a.m. Due at 6 p.m.

Citizens' Reception Committee

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME ARRANGED FOR IMPERIAL SERVICE SQUADRON.

(Weather permitting.)
 Monday, Sept. 8th.—St. George's Field, 6.30 p.m. Soccer Match, H.M.S. Hood vs. St. John's.

Tuesday, Sept. 9th.—Official Lunch Government House. The Damsant, Golf Club 4 to 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 10th.—Route March, 500 officers and men, 10.30; A.A.A. Sports, St. George's Field, 2.30; Officers' Lunch, Golf Club; Official Luncheon, H.M.S. Hood.

Thursday, Sept. 11th.—The Damsant, Golf Club, 4 to 6 p.m.; Ball, Government House.

Friday, Sept. 12th.—Soccer Match, St. George's Field, H.M.S. Repulse or Squadron vs. City, 6.30; Motor drives for Sailors, 3 to 6 p.m.; Official Dinner and Reception, Government House.

Saturday, Sept. 13th.—Official Reception H.M.S. Hood, 3 to 5 p.m.; Golf Tournament, Squadron vs. City, 2.30; Monday, Sept. 15th.—Vice-Admiral opens Baby Week, Child Welfare Assoc.

Tuesday, Sept. 16th.—Prime Minister's Official Lunch; The Damsant, 4 to 6 p.m.; Soccer Match, 6.30; Citizens' Ball, 9 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 17th.—Motor Drives for Sailors, 3 to 6 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 18th.—The Damsant, Golf Club, 4 to 6 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 19th.—Nothing arranged.

Saturday, Sept. 20th.—Nothing arranged.

Ships are open to visitors daily from 2.30 to 5 p.m., with the exception of H.M.S. Adelaide on Sept. 13th, 14th and 15th. Visitors will kindly make their own arrangements for transportation to and from the ships.

Magistrates Court

Nine drunks were each fined \$1.00. One drunk was discharged upon payment of a fine.

Two men charged with being loose and disorderly were given a caution and allowed to go.

A resident of Colliers, charged with Forgery was remanded for eight days.

A labourer belonging to Gambo charged with attempting to set on fire his boarding masters shop was also held on remand.

A man for deserting a fishing vessel will be tried this afternoon at 3.30.

Three motorists for a breach of the street traffic regulations, that is driving motor cars without tail lights, were convicted and each fined \$2.00 and costs.

Motor Collision On Topsail Road.

Yesterday morning, about 10 o'clock, a motor collision occurred on Topsail Road near Glendinning's farm, between two cars driven by A. J. Worrell and Thos. Smyth. Both cars were driven into the ditch and damaged, though the occupants who received a bad fright, escaped uninjured. As far as can be learned, the accident occurred just as Mr. Worrell was proceeding from his bungalow off a narrow road into the main road, and Smyth's car which was proceeding west at the time crashed into the rear of the car, throwing both to the roadside. The rear wheels of Mr. Worrell's car were badly smashed, while the mud guards of Mr. Smyth's car and one of the head lights were twisted and broken.

Government Boats

Argyle left Burin 5.15 p.m. Saturday, inward.

Clyde arrived Lewisporte 9 p.m. yesterday.

Kyle arrived Port aux Basques 8.35 a.m. yesterday, awaiting arrival Sunday's express.

Malakoff arrived Port Blandford 3.20 p.m. yesterday.

Meigle left Indian Hr. 11.30 a.m. Sunday.

Portia leaving Argentina this morning.

Prospero left Fortuna Hr. 6.30 p.m. Saturday, coming south, due 6 o'clock this evening.

Sagana left Bonne Bay 12.20 p.m. Saturday, going north.

Sebastopol arrived St. Mary's 5.30 p.m. yesterday, inward.

Staff Given Notice

On Saturday afternoon last the employees of the Daily Mail Publishing Company were given notice that their services would not be required after Saturday next, the 13th inst. Whether the Daily Mail is closing down or not, we are not in a position to say.

GRAND DANCE C.C.C. HALL

Follow the crowd to the C.C.C. Hall on Wednesday night, and enjoy what will prove to be one of the BEST DANCES for the year. Latest music by Mount Cashel Band.—Sept 8, 21

Premier and Party Return From Humber

The Prime Minister and party who left here on Wednesday last for a visit to the Humber, returned to the city Sunday morning much impressed with all they saw. At Deer Lake the party was met by Mr. Alexander, the General Manager, and conducted over the workings. They then proceeded to Corner Brook, where a day was spent in visiting the town site, paper mills, storage houses, etc. The party were greatly impressed with the immensity of the undertaking and were particularly pleased with the town site. The latter, which is a private investment of the Armstrong Co., is not expected to make dividends, but is provided solely with a view to having their employees comfortable. Mr. Alexander informed the party that the Company has paid out over \$1,000,000 in Newfoundland 9 million dollars since June twelve months past. This sum almost equals the value of the entire codfish exports for a year. About 6000 are now on the pay roll, but within the next couple of months a large number of men will be laid off construction work. The company is greatly concerned about obtaining sufficient men for the lumber woods. Probably about 3000 will be required. It is proposed to cut about 100,000 cords. A large number of those now employed at construction are loathe to sign up for the woods, and consequently it sufficient men cannot be obtained they will have to be brought in from outside the Colony. The work is on a contract basis, and there is an opportunity to make good wages.

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