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Evening Telegram

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Thursday, Dec. 15, 1910.

Dr. Brehm's Report.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Watson, acted wisely in directing an investigation into the origin of the severe outbreak of diphtheria in the Molloy family at Trepassy, particularly as a suspicion existed among some of the neighbours of Molloy that it originated with the deceased girl Haggerty, who had returned from the General Hospital just before the outbreak occurred.

The investigation has indeed unfortunately only too well established the fact that there was a grave outbreak of diphtheria, fortunately limited to one family. Of this Dr. Brehm reports: "I found that the outbreak was limited to the house of James Molloy—no less than ten cases having occurred in this family. The cases were of a severe type and the only member of the family has escaped infection. Up to the time of my visit three deaths had occurred, and a fourth child was then in a critical condition. I have since been informed by Dr. Giovannetti that this child died on the 11th, but that all the others are doing well."

As to the suspicion that the outbreak might have been brought from the General Hospital, it will be remembered that the Staff Superintendent and the medical staff of that institution reported on December 7th that the suspicion was "absolutely without foundation" and that there had been no outbreak in the General Hospital since early in July last. This testimony, we pointed out at the time, went far to dispel doubt and suspicion. But it was desirable in the interests of the public to trace the outbreak in the Molloy family, and to see whether the evidence elicited on the spot corroborated or rebutted the testimony of the General Hospital staff. Unfortunately Dr. Brehm was not able to trace the origin. In commenting on this failure to trace the original cause he says:—"This is not surprising in view of the fact that more than two weeks had elapsed since the first case occurred—and further, that it is now a matter of common knowledge that the slightest form of sore throat, which causes no illness and very little inconvenience, may be diphtheritic in nature, though not recognizable as diphtheria without a bacteriological examination. These mild and unrecognized cases are, nevertheless, capable of giving rise to the disease in a severe form in other persons who are more susceptible. It will thus be seen that an outbreak of diphtheria may easily occur, even in a comparatively isolated place like Trepassy which is not traceable to any well-marked or recognizable case."

Through the failure to reach a definite cause for the outbreak, it becomes all the more necessary to investigate the symptoms which afflicted Mary Haggerty, and this Dr. Brehm did. He found that the Molloy child first attacked was said to have been in contact with Mary Haggerty, but so were many others from all parts of the settlement, but the only outbreak was in the Molloy family. He found also that the suspicion that Mary Haggerty had diphtheria arose two days after Mary Haggerty's burial, when the outbreak occurred in the Molloy house. As to the suspicion, he "could only

elicit some vague and conflicting statements by neighbours to the effect that some swelling of the neck or face was noticeable after death, and that they believed the girl had had sore throat. Dr. Brehm reports that Mary Haggerty was not seen by a doctor after leaving the Hospital, and that it was, "therefore, impossible to obtain an accurate description of her symptoms or conditions"; but against the vague and conflicting statements of neighbours he obtained the testimony of the girl's mother and sister, who were in constant attendance upon her. This testimony is far more convincing than that of the neighbours, as unlike that of the latter, it is non-conflicting and definite. The girl's mother and sister "state positively that she did not complain of sore throat at any time after her return home, and that she was able to swallow solid food without discomfort up to an hour or two before her death."

With such evidence before him, the only conclusion open to Dr. Brehm was what he gives, viz.:—"While it is, of course, now impossible to obtain absolute proof, there is, in my opinion, no reason whatever to believe that the deceased girl suffered from diphtheria or that the outbreak in the Molloy family originated from Mary Haggerty."

Taking this opinion as the only reasonable one under the circumstances, and an expert one at that, formed by the Medical Officer of Health, it breaks the chain of suspicion against the General Hospital. If Mary Haggerty had no diphtheria she did not convey diphtheria from the General Hospital to the Molloy family. In conclusion, this expert opinion of Dr. Brehm formed at Trepassy after an investigation of the facts available for examination corroborates the opinion of Dr. Keegan and his medical colleagues that the diphtheria outbreak at Trepassy did not originate in the General Hospital.

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A Slight Error.

Editor Evening Telegram. Dear Sir—On preparing the list that I submitted to the Committee on the "Regulus-Golden Arrow Fund" on Tuesday, I find there is one slight error, which although it does not affect the total amount received, is of sufficient importance to have corrected. In the early part of the collection I received from your office a cheque for £25.00 from Hon. Geo. Knowling and \$4.00 in cash. The latter amount came from Capt. Linklater; but on investigation I find that it should have been \$3.00 from Capt. Linklater and \$1.00 from A. Cooper. This is as you acknowledged it, but it was my mistake in crediting the full amount to Capt. Linklater, and publishing as I have done, other papers. Yours faithfully, JOHN R. BENNETT, Acting Treasurer, Regulus-Golden Arrow Fund. St. John's, Dec. 15th, 1910.

McMurdo's Store News

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Unable to Obtain Bail.

When Mr. Justice Emerson took his seat at 2:30 yesterday afternoon, Mr. Howley, on behalf of the accused, in King vs. Dunlop, stated that he was not in a position to go on with the bonds, and asked that his application be considered this morning. At 11 a.m. to-day Mr. Howley stated he had been unable to obtain the amount of the bail required by the Crown, and asked that the Crown proceed immediately with the trial of Dunlop instead of waiting till the Criminal term in February. His motion for an order to this effect was not acceded to. The bail required is \$1000 from the prisoner and two sureties of the same amount each.

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Enquiry Concluded.

The preliminary inquiry into the stabbing affray on the S. S. Benedick came to a conclusion yesterday afternoon in the District Court, eight witnesses all told having been examined including several of the crew of the steamer and a seaman of the barque Cordelia who was guest of the injured man on board the Benedick. Two sailors of the ship have been kept ashore to give evidence when the trial of Diaz takes place. Statements on board will be filed as well as that of the victim of the affray will be filed by local men.

TESTING THE BELLS.

Yesterday and to-day the chiming in the towers of the R. C. Cathedral were being tested for the Christmas festival. Several hymns including the Adeste Fideles were rendered and the musical sounds could be heard over the better part of the city.

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Woolen Blankets! At the following Prices for this week: Was \$3.30 pair. Now \$2.70. You save 50c. Was \$3.70 pair. Now \$3.15. You save 55c. Was \$4.30 pair. Now \$3.60. You save 70c. Was \$4.80 pair. Now \$4.10. You save 70c. Was \$5.40 pair. Now \$4.60. You save 80c. Was \$5.90 pair. Now \$5.00. You save 90c. Was \$6.40 pair. Now \$5.50. You save 90c. COTTON BLANKETS! Was 90c. pair. Now 80c. You save 10c. Was \$1.00 pair. Now 90c. You save 10c. Was \$1.20 pair. Now \$1.00. You save 20c. P. F. COLLINS, The Mail Order Man, 340, 342 and 344 Water St.

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