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To Relieving Officers, Stipendiary Magistrates, and others:

The expenditure of public money upon Hospitals and similar Charitable Institutions, the care of outside patients, and transportations to and fro has grown to alarming proportions. Disregard of instructions as to the sending of Patients to St. John's from the Outports has not only increased the expenditure, but has caused inconvenience to the authorities, and unnecessary suffering for the ailing. Room in the Hospitals has not, at times, been available for Patients arriving here, and it has been found necessary to send to boarding-houses, to await their turn for entering a Hospital, many who would have been better cared for at home during the period of waiting. These and other considerations have made it advisable to state the facts, and to repeat and add to instructions.

It is the policy of the Legislature and Government to limit as closely as possible, the expenditure of public money in the case of the sick in Public Hospitals and their transportation to and fro, to provision for those patients only who are unable to pay for their own care, and whose natural protectors are unable to pay for them. The aid given is a charity for the sick and helpless, and it should only be accepted consistently with self-respect. Those who are able to pay in whole or in part for their own treatment are expected to do so. Parents are expected to pay for the care of children, and children for the care of parents, wholly or partly where they are able to do so.

Only Relieving Officers, or Stipendiary Magistrates, acting in lieu of such Officers, have authority to send Patients, at the expense of the Colony, for treatment in the public wards of Hospitals.

Where a Relieving Officer resides conveniently near, he alone has authority. Where by reason of the remoteness of a Relieving Officer, and the nature of the malady, delay until such Officer could act would seem to a Stipendiary Magistrate to be undesirable, such Magistrate may act in lieu of a Relieving Officer, but Magistrates are requested to observe as far as possible the rule that dealing with the sick at the public expense is specially the province of Relieving Officers.

Clergymen and others whose attention is drawn to persons asking treatment at public expense are requested to refer such Patients to Relieving Officers or Magistrates in their order (wherever such reference can be made without danger to the sick), and to refer to Mr. Bartlett only in instances in which no Relieving Officer or Magistrate is near enough to deal with the matter adequately.

It is desired that the discretion of sending forward Patients shall be exercised wherever convenient by Relieving Officers and Magistrates only, in the order named, except as provided in the next following paragraph hereof.

Except in "Emergency Cases," as herein defined, no Patient may be forwarded by Relieving Officers, Magistrates or others, at public expense, unless permission has been first asked and obtained of Mr. Lewis Bartlett, Public Health Officer, St. John's. Patients suffering from serious accidents, or from appendicitis, or whose condition requires immediate surgical attention, may be forwarded without the prior consent of Mr. Bartlett, but he must be immediately notified by telegram of the coming of the Patient, and of the ailment thereof. Every such instance will be strictly inquired into, and unless the condition of the Patient made the forwarding thereof without prior permission reasonably necessary, the person forwarding will be considered to have acted without discretion, and he held liable to pay the cost incurred.

When application is made to forward a Patient for Hospital treatment, a Relieving Officer, or Stipendiary Magistrate, as the case may be, should, before complying, satisfy himself that the Patient, or the person liable for the care of the Patient, is not able to pay the expense of treatment, and that such expense should be a charge upon the Colony, and if it seems to such Relieving Officer or Magistrate that the financial and physical conditions of the Patient call for treatment at public expense, a Doctor, where one is con-

veniently near, should be asked to examine and report whether Hospital or other treatment is necessary or expedient. The certificate of the Relieving Officer, or Magistrate, as the case may be, that the case is one for treatment at public expense, and the report, if any, of the Doctor upon the Patient's condition, should be forwarded to Mr. Bartlett, with application for permission to forward the patient. When it seems desirable to telegraph for Mr. Bartlett's permission, the telegram should indicate the effect of the doctor's report. If a doctor is not conveniently near, the Relieving Officer or Magistrate, or other person intervening on behalf of the Patient, should state to Mr. Bartlett as fully as possible the nature of the ailment complained of.

These regulations have, of course, nothing whatever to do with transportation or treatment in Hospitals of Patients the charges for whom will be paid by them or their friends. But in respect of such Patients, as the Hospitals are frequently overcrowded, application to Mr. Bartlett to ascertain if a bed can be obtained will be promptly replied to.

**JOHN R. BENNETT,**  
Colonial Secretary.



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Bay Roberts, Friday, Dec. 12, 1924

**The Spirit of Christmas**

In spite of the nearness of the Christmas season here and there we hear the remark, "The spirit of Christmas is lacking!" Taking for granted that that statement is correct, that there is a difference in the lives and actions of people of late years as the wonderful season of gladness approaches. Let us ask ourselves a question, "Why this seeming disinterestedness?" A few days ago two people were discussing this subject and one was heard to say, "The time when the spirit of Christmas was most felt was during war-time." War-time and the Christmas spirit! Nothing could be more opposite. War means Hate and Christmas means infinite Love. Yet, during the stress and strain of the years of the war, how great was the manifestation of brotherhood! Men and women were banded together, regardless of class or creed, with one hope, one aim—to conquer a common foe. There were no divisions in those awful days. Proudly we proclaimed our motto, "United we stand, divided we fall."

Many months before the Christmas season we were busy preparing gifts for the men at the front. The sacrifice of time and money made the gifts all the more appreciated. Early and late the needles of the knitters formed warm woolen comforts which must be done before the gift box was sent overseas.

Last of all we thought of ourselves. The joy of sacrifice and service was very sweet. Little wonder our hearts were aglow with the spirit of Christmas—which is the spirit of Love.

After the war what happened? Men and women began to grow tired of working for others and centered their attentions on themselves, with the result that selfishness has taken

the place of sacrifice. The Spirit of Christmas has left us, and the spirit of greed is creeping in. Let us call a halt in our race for power and let the spirit of peace and goodwill work its way into our hearts and lives. When we bring the following thoughts to our daily duties then the spirit of Christmas will be ours, not only for a season but throughout our whole life.

Let me be a little kinder,  
Let me be a little blinder  
Let me be a little more, around me  
Let me be, when I am weary,  
Just a little bit more cheery,  
Let me serve a little better  
Those that I am striving for,  
Let me be a little braver  
When temptations bid me waver;  
Let me strive a little harder  
To be all that I should be,  
Let me be a little meeker  
With my brother that is weaker;  
Let me think more of my neighbor  
And a little less of me.

**REV. CANON LOCKYER PASSES AWAY.**

To the many who have followed the life of Rev. Canon Lockyer, who was a prominent figure in the Church of England, his passing at the General on Nov. 30th, is a time of deep grief. For thirty-four years he laboured in Nova Scotia and for the greater part of that time was stationed at Port Morien.

He spent his vacations at Trinity—his birthplace and from time to time collected information regarding the early history of Trinity, which was published in the "Evening Telegram."

In 1917 he was made a Canon of All Saints Cathedral, Halifax, but two years later was compelled to relinquish his duties owing to ill health resulting from a sunstroke.

He was predeceased by his wife, who was a sister of His Lordship, Bishop White.

The body was conveyed to Trinity where interment was made.

**TIME FOR GREATER THINGS.**

Jenny Lind is little more than a name to the present generation, but apart entirely from her wonderful voice her life-story is one worth remembering. She first appeared in London in 1847 amid scenes of extraordinary enthusiasm. For two years she proceeded from one triumph to another, until, as a singer of entrancing charm and an incomparable actress, she had the whole world at her feet. Then, suddenly, she gave it all up; renouncing the intoxicating triumph of opera for the humdrum role of the concert singer, and singing not for herself but for charity. All the world wondered at her act. Years afterwards a friend ventured to ask her the reason. "Why did you leave the stage?" she inquired. Jenny Lind was sitting with her Bible on her knee. "Because," she said, touching the Bible, "it left me so little time for this." And then, looking at the sunset, she added, "and none for that." It was a great answer.

**"HOME" HAS PROPELLOR TROUBLE.**

A message received by the Government from Capt. H. Norman, of the S.S. Home, states that the ship is detained at Port Saunders owing to propeller trouble. The weather was stormy but as soon as possible the ship will proceed to Humbermouth. A diver has been sent out to make the necessary repairs.

**SUCCESSFUL SALE.**

The annual Sale of Work and Hot Supper was held in the French's Cove Schoolroom on Wednesday and Thursday nights by the Methodist Ladies' Aid of that place. A substantial amount was realized and the ladies are to be congratulated on the splendid supper served and the choice line of work displayed.

**THINKING AND WINNING**

Thinks smiles, and smiles shall be;  
Think doubt, and hope will flee.  
Think love, and love will grow;  
Think hate, and hate you'll know.  
Think this—"I'm going to win!"  
Think not on what has been.  
Think "victory," "Think I can!"  
Then you're a winning man.

Customer: "I want to try on that suit in the window."  
Salesman: "Sorry, sir, but you'll have to use the dressing room."  
The locomotive of "Success."

**ADMIRAL LORD JELICO RETIRES**

During the years of the Great World War the name of Admiral Sir John Jellicoe, Commander in Chief of the British Grand Fleet in the North Sea, was a very familiar one. Because of his superior ability as an admiral he was called "the man who held the German fleet in check."

He was born on December 5th, 1859, and retired on December 5th, 1924, on attaining the 65th anniversary of his birth.

Lord Jellicoe entered the Navy when but a lad of 13 years. Since that time he has had a steady career upward. His name will always be coupled with the great battles in the North Sea which completely "bottled up" the German fleet. As Governor of New Zealand Admiral Jellicoe gained widespread popularity and the people whom he governed would gladly have welcomed his return to their midst. It is hoped that the wisdom of the "Great Sea Lord" will still be turned into service for the British Empire.

The annual meeting and Election of Officers of Lily of the Valley, Royal Black Preceptory, will be held in Victoria Hall on Wednesday, Dec. 17th, at 8 p.m.

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A letter signed "Taxed 6" from Mr. Grace which appears in the Daily News of Dec. 12th, asks whether a stamp must be affixed on letters sent to the various Departments?

It is dealt with elsewhere in the "News" and the question is answered.

"The privilege," says the News, "has been greatly abused in the past and its possession calls for restriction."

We might go further and use the word abolition. When Government was not in commercial life and official correspondence was confined to official business, franking had its advantages. Now that the Government is running the Liquor business, steamers, trains and telegraphs, the abuses may outstrip the advantages.

Every year the Post Office is robbed of its revenue and those who send mail to the various Departments, unless on official business, unstamped, violates a trust.

The S.S. Agga finished discharging her cargo of coal at the Avalon Coal Company's premises on Tuesday evening. This load of coal is reported to be one of the best received for a long time.

**WEATHER REPORT.**

The beginning of this week was accompanied by frost and a little snow. The balance of the week has been slightly milder. Sleighing is excellent and the bells on many sleighs and slides make pleasant music.

**NAME OMITTED**

In the list of officers elected for Victoria L. O. L. No. for 1925, the name of Mr. Jas. G. Baggs, Director of Ceremonies, was unintentionally omitted.

**ITEMS OF NEWS.**

Mr. Wilfred Turtle, who has spent several years in the United States, arrived home by Thursday night's train.

A meeting will be held in the Pentecostal Mission Hall here on Sunday night at 7.30 p.m. All are welcome.

Miss Bride Fitzpatrick is here from Torbay spending a vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matt. Fitzpatrick.

**If you PAINT this Fall**

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The PAINT of QUALITY.

**Fall and Winter Goods**

Children's Sweaters in Maroon and Red at \$1.45.  
Misses Sweaters in various Shades and prices.  
Ladies' Pullover and Sweater Coats, Fawn Navy, Brown, Saxe and Grey at \$1.70 2.60 3.95 4.60 & 4.90.  
Ladies' Blouses at \$1.40 & 1.95.  
Ladies' Wool Gloves and Gauntlets at 75c, 95 to 1.45.  
Flaid Pleated Skirts \$5.00 each.  
Fancy Bureau Cloths and Centre Pieces in Ecru and white at 90, 1.00 1.40 & 1.65.  
Childrens and Misses Coats at \$4.20 4.50 & 4.80.  
Nelly Kelley Hats at \$2.00 each.  
Sweater Wool in all leading shades.  
Boys and Youths Sweater Coats and Pullovers in various shades at \$1.00 1.35 1.60 & 1.70.  
Mens Sweater Coats and Navy Guernseys at following prices: \$2.40 3.15 4.00 4.20.  
Boys and Youths Tweed Suits from \$6.80 upwards.  
Mens Tweed and Serge Suits \$10.00 12.50 13.90 14.50 16.00 to 25.00.  
Mens, Boys and Youths Overcoats in big variety at attractive prices.

Also please remember our stock of Boots, Rubbers, Gloves, Shirts, Hosiery, and general dry goods as well as Hardware, Groceries, Crockeryware, Rhamelware, etc., etc., are at lowest cash prices, well displayed, will pay you to call and see before making your purchases.

**A. E. MERCER, Bay Roberts W.**

**Trapnell's Xmas Gift Suggestions**

- FRENCH IVORY 75c. to \$45.00.
- DIAMOND RINGS \$25.00 to \$175.00.
- SIGNET RINGS \$6.00 to \$15.00.
- SET RINGS \$5.00 to \$30.00.
- WRIST WATCHES \$20.00 to \$45.00.
- BRACELETS \$8.00 to \$20.00.
- PEARLS \$6.00 to \$15.00.
- ROSARIES \$5.00 to \$6.50.
- MESH BAGS \$4.00 to \$25.00.
- WALKING STICKS \$1.25 to \$15.00.
- WATCH FOBES \$4.00 to \$6.50.
- CUFF LINKS \$4.00 to \$12.00.
- CIGARETTE CASES \$1.00 to \$25.00.
- MILITARY BRUSHES \$6.00 to \$11.00.
- ASH TRAYS \$1.00 to \$4.00.
- TOBACCO POUCHES \$4.00 to \$5.00.
- FOUNTAIN PENS \$2.50 to \$5.50.
- PENCILS \$1.50 to \$5.50.

These are just a few items of many that we offer for Xmas and we will gladly answer any enquiry.

Please remit with order and save delay.  
**R. H. TRAPNELL, Ltd.**  
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**Christmas Poultry and Meats.**

I am now booking orders for CHRISTMAS POULTRY consisting of TURKEYS, GEESE, DUCKS and Milk-fed CHICKEN, prices lower than last year. Our stock of PRIME BEEF from 18c. per lb. upwards. SAUSAGES 28c. per lb. You will save money by placing your order with me for your CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR requirements.

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Butcher.

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- Fat Back Pork.
- Spare Ribs.
- Family Beef.
- Choice Naval Beef.
- Bos Flank Beef.
- Simpsons' Boneless Beef.
- Fray Bentos Tinned Beef.
- Libbys Sliced Bacon.
- Tinned Corn on Cob.
- Lipton's Marmalade and Jams.
- Lipton's Pickles.
- Lipton's Coffee and Coffee Essence.
- Lipton's Cocoa.
- Lipton's Chocolate, Milk Chocolate and Nut Milk Chocolate, and Candies in small bottles.
- Neilsons Chocolates in 8 oz., 16 oz. and 20 oz. boxes, in many varieties.
- Tea in Chests and 1 pound packages.
- Lemon, Citron and Orange Peels loose and in 1lb. and 1/2 lb. cartons.
- Fresh stock of Nuts, Icing Sugar, dried fruits, flavourings, etc., for your Xmas needs.

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