

## FAIR PRICE COMMITTEE HELD A SECOND SESSION

Investigation of Quality and Price of Milk Was Further  
Gone Into Yesterday—One City Dealer and Three Pro-  
ducers Gave Evidence—Minister of Health Outlined  
Proposal of His Department.

A second session of the fair price committee of the Common Council, who are investigating the price and quality of milk sold in the city, was held yesterday afternoon at City Hall. Evidence was given by W. H. Bell, a city dealer, P. E. Sharp, W. H. Huggard, H. M. Flewelling and H. M. Cochran, producers from Kings County, while Hon. Dr. Roberts, Minister of Health, outlined the proposal of the Health Department in connection with the production and sale of milk.

Commissioner Fisher presided, and Commissioner Bullock, the other member of the committee asked a number of questions. The first witness was W. H. Bell, a city dealer, who said he only sold one grade of milk. He had no knowledge that the producers graded their milk. If a dealer got poor milk from a producer he could stop buying from that particular man. He was selling milk at fourteen cents per quart retail and twelve cents wholesale. It cost seven-

cents per can at the shipping station. He did not buy from the Kings County Association as a body, he dealt with individuals. The government standard for milk was not less than 12.5 per cent. of butter fat, and he doubted if there was any milk coming to the city as low as that in fact. He did not believe any producer or dealer was selling milk that had been put through the separator. His milk was all pasteurized before being delivered. The dealer's profit today was practically nil. He said at the meeting held the dealers had agreed to pay the price asked by the producers, pending the finding of the fair price committee.

A Brookville man who was present said he had been in the milk business, but had sold out as there was no money in it. He had kept five cows and sold the milk at ten cents per quart, retail, but found he was making a loss even at that. Hon. Dr. Roberts then addressed the committee and read a letter setting forth the policy of the Health Department with regard to the supervision of the production and sale of milk. He divided this into the outside and inside service. The outside service dealt with the producer and in this there had to be considered by the

examiner: the barns in which the cows were housed; the disposition of the manure; drainage of the stable; situation and quality of the water supply; the food of the animals; the plant, cans, etc.; facilities for cleaning; facilities for cooling the milk; facilities for transportation, and the question of communicable disease in the producer's family or employees.

For the inside the examiner must take into consideration the condition of the milk depots of the distributors; the distributing vehicles and containers; the milk shops; into the hands of consumers from vehicles, and into the hands of consumers from milk shops.

In regard to quality, milk was subject to four classes of detriment; to dirt, dilution by water, removal of cream, and the addition of preservatives. It was the intention of the Health Department to appoint a food, milk and dairy inspector, who would give his full time to these duties, to arrange for a sample gathering service, and for the testing at the provincial laboratory of the samples thus gathered. This would entail a considerable amount of work and would mean that another man would have to be employed in the laboratory in addition to the staff for the gathering of the samples. He therefore suggested that the city co-operate in this extra expense to the amount of \$1,500 per year.

P. E. Sharp, president of the Kings County Milk and Cream Producers' Association, presented a statement showing the cost of producing one hundred pounds of milk to be \$3.70. This he sold for \$3.50. In explanation he said this looked as if the farmer was selling the milk below cost, but included in the cost was the feed grown on the farm, and for which he found a market in his own barn. In his statement Mr. Sharp placed feed at \$60 per ton; hay at \$15 per

ton; straw at \$5 per ton, and labor at 20 cents per hour. He had not been present at the meeting at which the dealers had agreed to pay seventy cents per can for the milk. The farmers had found they were not getting enough for their milk and decided either to get more or stop producing. To his knowledge there had not been any threat of a strike if the dealers did not pay the advance asked for. He did not grade his milk.

H. M. Cochran said he had never gone into the details of the cost of producing milk, but the best statistics showed that two years ago it cost a little over seven cents per quart and there had been an advance of at least twenty-five per cent. since then. H. M. Flewelling referred to a statement made at the first session of the enquiry by Mrs. Lawlor, that a statement showing the cost of production had been "cooked." He presented the statement mentioned and desired to state that he had never said it was "cooked," on the contrary it was as near an accurate showing of facts as could be obtained.

T. McDade called attention to a statement by Mrs. Lawlor that from personal observation she knew the Kings County producers were careless in their handling of milk, and he asked her what farms she had visited. Mrs. Lawlor said she had not visited any of the farms, the carelessness spoken of she had witnessed at Sussex at the loading warehouse. Mr. Sharp asked if it was the intention of the committee to obtain the prices paid to farmers in the vicinity of other cities for milk. Commissioner Fisher replied that he did not know what the committee would do.

J. L. McEvoy, of Pakenham, wanted to know why the committee was after the farmers. Why did they not get after the middle men?

The meeting then adjourned.

## ANNUAL MEETING HELD YESTERDAY

Reports Received and Addresses Heard by Members of St. John Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis.

The fact that most people have had tuberculosis shows that most persons here also the ability to recover from this disease, was pointed out to an interested audience at the annual meeting of the St. John Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis yesterday afternoon.

J. A. Likely presided. The annual report of the secretary, Miss Helen Smith, was read by Mrs. Simon Jones. It was stated that the dispensary has been opened 184 days. Dr. Townshend, Dr. Carmichael and Dr. Farris hold clinics there weekly. Dr. Townshend, Dr. Logie, and the nurse, Miss Brophy, are in attendance. 459 patients were examined by the doctors, 368 adults and 191 children. 32 were discharged as cured or non-tubercular. The city is paying for patients at River Glade who are unable to afford the expense themselves, but all such applications must come through the dispensary.

We have sent seventeen cases to River Glade this year, 7 of which have paid their own expenses entirely; two whose expenses have been partly paid by themselves and partly by the city; five paid for by the city; one by the county; one by the N. B. R. A. and by the Royal Standard Chapter I. O. D. E. There have been 31 patients sent to the County Hospital, one of which is being paid for by de Monts Chapter, I. O. D. E.

Tuberculosis Sunday was observed by the Roman Catholic and Church of England clergy universally and by some of the non-denominational. It is hoped that every church will take up the subject.

A lady member of the board is in charge of the dispensary committee, who sees about proper outfits for cases recommended for River Glade. The work of Miss Brophy has been invaluable. She has taken to New York for a special course on tuberculosis nursing in June and no doubt the dispensary will be benefited. During the year she made 1,435 visits. We need more members at \$1 each. There is plenty of work for a second nurse if funds were forthcoming.

The running expenses were nearly \$1,400. This is outside the men and which is very low and 9 patients were supplied with milk.

The executive beg to thank the following: The city commissioner for the use of the dispensary rooms; the committee of the General Public Hospital for board of our nurse; the Saint John press for printing reports from time to time, and all those who have contributed during the year to the support of the association.

The financial statement is as follows:

Receipts	\$1,498.21
Expenditures	1,365.76
Balance on hand	\$132.45

In the Emergency Fund—	
Receipts	\$200.61
Expenditures	180.58
Balance	\$20.03

It was moved by Mrs. D. McLellan and seconded by Dr. Farris, that the president, J. A. Likely, continue in office. This was passed. The executive is elected for a three year term so there were no other elections.

Mr. Likely called upon Dr. Abramson who gave a very interesting address upon tuberculosis. He said that he appreciated the work done by the association in the education of people for it is of the greatest benefit to teach people to live properly so that they can resist disease.

He explained that the tuberculosis bacilli is capable of producing changes whenever it is found in the body and that consumption is only the result of germs which have entered the body probably through the mouth. Tuberculosis is primarily a gland disease and it is only when the glands become unable to resist that the lungs are affected if one fails to stop the infection.

Most people have had tuberculosis when children and the disease is lat-

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## 'LONGSHOREMEN'S STRIKE IS OVER

Decided Yesterday Afternoon to Accept Rate of Sixty Cents an Hour, an Increase of Fifteen Cents Over Old Wage.

The 'longshoremen's grievance for the request of a wage schedule of seventy-five cents per hour, reached a settlement yesterday afternoon after a long drawn-out argument of the differences existing between the men and the shipping federation. As was explained in previous issues, the men suspended operations last Wednesday morning, after word from their representatives in Montreal, who conferred with the shipping federation, had wired that the request for a wage schedule of seventy-five cents per hour was turned down by the federation, who offered a raise of five cents only, making the rate fifty-five cents per hour.

The men decided, on receipt of this notice, to suspend operations at the port and await the further decision of the shipping federation. On Thursday afternoon word reached the

Montreal, Nov. 29, 1918.  
R. T. Hayes, St. John, N.B.  
Your telegram received. Agreement extended to December 1st, 1919. Steamship representatives agree to leave settlement of disposal of question in your hands.  
A. H. HARRIS.

The men were called together yesterday morning in the St. Andrew's Rink to decide on the new proposition, as advanced by the shipping federation, and to endeavor to reach a settlement. The men refused to consider this offer until confirmation from Montreal was forthcoming. No decision was arrived at in the morning's session, and the men adjourned to meet again in the afternoon.

At 2:30 o'clock the men gathered together in the rink, and their president, Thomas Sharkey, reviewed the situation, and hoped the men would reach a decision.

A lengthy debate on the question ensued, and finally about five o'clock a motion was passed to accept the rate offered of sixty cents per hour, and a nine-hour day, the men to resume work at the port at once.

Accordingly the night gangs went to their duties last night, and the work in the port has taken on that aspect which characterized its former activities there. It is estimated that fully 17 liners are now in port, and work for a time promises to be above the average. The men in the settlement of the question were somewhat divided, some holding out for the seventy-five cents rate, while others thought sixty-five cents a fair wage. All citizens are glad to learn of the successful outcome of the differences between the men and the shipping authorities, and a sigh of relief escaped from many when they learned that such was the ending of the controversy. The men are granted a nine-hour day, and as formerly will receive extra pay when they work over these hours. The agreement is to remain in effect for one year, dating from today, and double time prevails on holidays or Sundays.

## A LOT OF MONEY NEEDED TO RUN THE ARMY

Washington, D. C., Nov. 29.—It cost \$5,646,000,000 to run the American army during the year ending June 30, last; \$1,363,000,000 for the navy, and \$1,014,000,000 for the civil government proper. The shipping board spent \$862,000,000 and \$151,000,000 was paid in pensions.

These figures are shown today by the annual report of John Burks, treasurer of the United States, to Secretary McAdoo. The report showed the public debt on June 30 was \$12,396,000,000.

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