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Matters Dealing With Hospital

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Yesterday morning a meeting of the Hospital Committee of the Red Cross was held with Mrs. J. V. Anglin in the chair, Mrs. Frank Fairweather, secretary.

Mrs. George Scott, in a financial report, showed expenditures, \$127.35 with a balance on hand of \$182.08. For the buying committee, Mrs. W. P. Bonnell reported fifty tickets had been bought to entertain the soldiers in the hospital at overseas revenue, and that the management had returned the money, entertained the soldiers free. There are at present fifty-nine patients in the Lancaster Hospital, which is filled to overflowing. On motion, a dozen towels will be sent to the hospital.

Mrs. J. H. Doody reported for the drive committee, and on suggestion of Mrs. Anglin, a patient practically helpless will be taken for a drive.

Mrs. E. R. Taylor reported the piano in the Lancaster Hospital is old and not worth tuning, and one is so little used it was needless to buy a new one.

Mrs. W. D. Forester reported for outside visiting committee, and told of a sad case needing assistance. She was voted fifty dollars.

Mrs. H. A. Powell reported for outside visiting committee through the province.

Letters were read from Major Peat of D.S.C.R. and Dr. J. A. McCarthy, medical superintendent of Lancaster Hospital, thanking ladies for their efforts on behalf of the men.

On motion of Mrs. L. P. D. Tilley, sub-committee of Hospital Committee stand as at present.

Mrs. Harold Lawrence reported a letter from the Frederickton Hospital thanking the ladies for Christmas tree decorations.

Mrs. Anglin said she had suggested to ladies of the Rothery Red Cross that they have a member on the Hospital Committee, as they were so efficient and took such an interest in the hospital work. The matter was promised consideration.

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OBITUARY.

Mrs. A. D. Verinder
The death took place yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Steiper, 26 Paradise Row, of Mrs. Adelaide Verinder. A native of the Channel Islands, Mrs. Verinder, formerly Miss Godfrey, had been for many years a resident of St. John. She was an active member of the Exmouth street Methodist church. She leaves, besides her daughter, two sons, Arthur G. Verinder, of this city, and Herbert Verinder, now in South Africa. Mrs. Verinder had been ill about a month.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

St. John, N. B., Jan. 28th, 1921.

To the Editor of The Standard,
Sir,—Judging from the statements of members of delegations, visiting the City Hall during the past week, and the remarks of some of the city papers, re Vocational Training, it would appear that these citizens and the public generally, are not familiar, otherwise than by rumor, with the nature of the work being carried on, at present in the Vocational Training Classes, and not at all with the plans of the Vocational Board for the future.

When the Vocational Committee appeared before the City Council, on Saturday last, Vocational Training was discussed and carefully explained and the plans for the future were thoroughly outlined, but apparently without effect. With your permission, therefore, I will endeavor to place the facts of the case fairly before the public.

It has been claimed that \$17,000 (an amount much more) was spent on the classes last year and that this money was wasted; that training has not been given to those for whom it is intended; that, in the evening classes the majority of those trained are professional men's wives and daughters, and could pay for it; and that nothing has been done for the boys and girls in the day school who are in need of it.

Re the grant from the City Council last year, I may say that while \$17,000 was assessed for Vocational Training purposes only \$15,000 of this has been received to date and it is with this amount that, not only was the work of 1919-1921 carried on but also the classes of this present winter.

Last year when the classes were organized, Vocational Training, except in a general way, was unknown to the majority of the citizens of this city, and the classes were thrown open to all who wished to attend, in order to demonstrate to the public at large, the principles of Vocational Training and the great value of the instruction which could be obtained in such classes. This is no longer necessary, nor is it the case this year, and in future students entering the classes, will be carefully selected, only those being admitted who have been denied previous education or training and who wish to better their positions in the occupation in which they are employed, or wish to change to some better paid or more highly skilled occupation.

The statements to the effect that "not one per cent of those who attended the classes last year had so far the purpose of better qualifying themselves in their life's work" is incorrect, as is also the one to the effect, that "there is not a single girl of the class of stenographers, shop assistants, school teachers or some occupation or other in business houses, in attendance at the Vocational School to learn cooking, sewing and other household duties."

Polio is an analysis of the students in attendance; in the Domestic Science class, for instance—total enrollment 52, 34 are working girls, such as bookkeepers, cashiers, bank clerks and shop assistants, 4 teachers and 14 engaged in household either in their own or others' homes. None of these are professional men's wives or daughters, nor are any of them in a position to pay for their instruction. Conditions are similar in all the other classes.

With regard to the question of Vocational Training for boys and girls enrolled in the public schools and the opinion expressed by some that Vocational Training should be administered by the Board of School Trustees, I would point out that the Vocational Board now consists of four members of the Board of School Trustees, including the chairman and three other citizens representing capital, home-makers and labor. This committee recognizes all the shortcomings of the present system of Vocational Training and plans are already prepared to remedy the defects. As a matter of fact the sum of \$25,000 now asked from the City Council is for the express purpose of providing instruction for these boys and girls enrolled in the public schools who have chosen their vocations and wish to enter some commercial or industrial occupation.

I will not, at this time, trespass further on your patience, but with your permission will enlarge at a later date, upon the subject, which I believe is of vital interest to the community.

Thanking you for your co-operation, I am, very truly yours,
W. C. LAWSON,
Director Vocational Schools of St. John.

North American Life Has Splendid Year

Policies Issued and Revived
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After pointing out the great strides in business written during the past year by the North American Life, the President, Mr. L. Goldman, at the recent annual meeting of the directors and policyholders referred to the company's assets now amounting to \$20,041,882.64. After liabilities have been fully provided for there was a substantial net surplus of \$2,609,827.21.

Policies issued and revived during the year amounted to \$24,363,971 which sum is over \$2,150,000 in excess of the previous year's business. The total assurance now in force amounts to \$99,600,473, the highest mark reached in the company's history.

During 1920 over \$2,150,000 was paid to policyholders. Of this amount \$424,948.52 represented dividends and at the same time the company announces that the dividends payable in 1921 will be on the same liberal basis. It is to be noted that during the past ten years this company has paid the sum of \$2,565,128 as dividends or surplus to policyholders.

Bacon—"They say when a man's ears are red that somebody is talking about him."

Egbert—"Yes, and he can just bet that somebody is talking about him if his nose is red."—Yonkers Statesman.

When Will Tumbling Prices Strike Bottom?

Prices of commodities are running away down-hill, and the one question that is being asked on all sides, in one form or another, is: how long will the runaway keep up his speed, and how long before it will be checked in its mad career? While it may be difficult to predict the future of prices and business men and financiers are chary of hazarding guesses, everybody is now fully aware that the high cost of living received a fatal blow some time between February and June last year, and that every subsequent bulletin from the bedside reported "sinking."

In the leading article in THE LITERARY DIGEST this week, January 29th, the reductions in retail prices of a wide range of commodities is shown and the course of the price avalanche is forecast. The article is illustrated by graphic charts that show the rise and fall of prices at a glance.

Other important news-features in this number of THE DIGEST are:

Prohibition's First Year
To Curb the Pestiferous Lobbyist
Kentucky's Tobacco Rebellion
Remedies for Unemployment
The Air Mail in Peril
Austria's Collapse
"Germany Must Pay"
Canadian Pleas for Disarmament
Strikes That Hurt Labor
Paper Clothing
Bad Patients Make Bad Doctors

A Trio of Prima-Donna Conductors
Dramatic Critics Unmasked
Southerners Solving the Negro Problem
Making the Movies Safe for the Children
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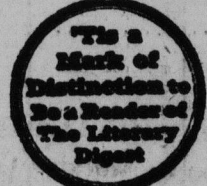
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