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EPIDEMICS AND THEIR PREVENTION

For years the province of New Brunswick has never been entirely free from the ravages of Smallpox. After each outbreak is supposed to be stamped out infection has been allowed to linger in some out of the way corner and suddenly the disease crops out again as virulent as ever.

It seems strange that Smallpox cannot be driven out of the country. The trouble must lie in the lax manner in which the Government and the Board of Health authorities deal with the matter.

It would seem prevention would be better than cure. If vaccination is, as is generally admitted, a good thing, why not make it absolutely compulsory upon every soul in the country? Why not have every child vaccinated within so many days after its birth and regularly re-vaccinated as often as medical experts deem necessary, with an effective penalty provided for all parents, guardians or officials who should neglect to perform their duties as the law would require? What is the use of vaccinating everyone in a limited district during an outbreak and then neglecting this precaution until another outbreak occurs? What is the sense of requiring all school children to be vaccinated while, through non-enforcement of the compulsory education law, unvaccinated children who do not attend school are allowed to run around as freely as they please?

It is time the country grappled in earnest with such diseases as Smallpox and took really determined steps to destroy them. Many diseases can be wiped out of existence, and the effect of the others reduced to a minimum, by proper action on the part of the Government, backed, of course, by the intelligent co-operation of the majority of the people.

As we have pointed out before, our system of paying physicians, is exactly opposite to what it should be. We now pay the doctor, not for preventing disease but for curing it. When we are well we do not call in the doctor nor do we pay him. But when we are sick we send for him at once. The system is bad. It would be better to engage the doctor at a fixed salary to keep us well, giving the best salaries to those who kept their charges in the best health and allowed the least disease to break out.

THE PROGRESSIVE WEST.

The popular vote taken this month in California has resulted in a verdict of three to one in favor of incorporating into the State's Constitution the Initiative and Referendum and Recall; and, by a narrow majority, Women Suffrage was endorsed.

Women Suffrage was several years ago adopted by the sparsely settled Rocky Mountain States of Wyoming, Idaho, Colorado and Utah, and this year, by Washington. But the adding of the populous and influential State of California to the adult suffrage column is the most notable victory yet for Women's rights in the U. S. A.

Direct Legislation by the Initiative and Referendum is a long step forward in Democracy. By the Referendum all measures passed by the Legislature are subject to a direct popular vote if called for by a certain percentage of the electors within a certain specified time. This is the rock upon which the late government of Canada split and went to pieces. Had they submitted the Navy and Reciprocity questions to the people as demanded by F. D. Monk and R. L. Borden they

could, while satisfying the people on these two important questions, have postponed the day of their own defeat. By the Initiative, a bill drawn up by a certain number of the electors themselves, must be submitted to a Referendum, and, if carried, becomes law, just the same as if it had been prepared by the Legislature.

The Recall empowers a certain percentage of the electors to have a vote taken upon whether or not an official, who does not, in the opinion of the petitioners, keep his pledges or perform his duties satisfactorily, shall be retired to private life. This will be a check upon the memory of officials and will keep them always sensitive to public opinion. Whether it will work out for good or evil remains to be seen.

One thing is certain, if the people of California will not now (in so far as federal laws allow them) control their own destiny it will be the fault of their ignorance and prejudices, not of their political machinery.

Six states of the Union now, with Finland and Norway in Europe, allow equal civil and political rights to men and women; while New Zealand and Australia, which do not permit women to sit in parliament, give them equal voting rights.

California's vote is a stern rebuke to President Taft, who lately vetoed Arizona's admission as a State because her proposed constitution provided for Recall of unpopular officials.

DANCE

A dance in Opera House tomorrow (Thursday) night. Tickets \$1.00.

SOCIALISM FINDS MANY FRIENDS

Among Eminent Clergymen Attending the Ecumenical Methodist Conference.

(By Rev. Dr. Crews.)

Toronto, Oct. 11.—The subject of Socialism was before the Ecumenical Conference this morning, and its attitude was by no means antagonistic. A distinction was made between Socialism that is anti-Christian and that which is in harmony with the teaching of Jesus.

One delegate pointed out that anti-Christian Socialism which prevails may have arisen in protest against indifference of the church to the social welfare of the people. It was stated that many Socialists of the larger influence today are members of Christian churches.

Rev. Mr. Rattenbury of London, pleaded for sympathy with Socialism and other movements outside the church that look toward the betterment of the people.

ONTARIO ELECTIONS EARLY IN DECEMBER

Toronto, Oct. 11.—The provincial legislature will be dissolved very soon, and a general election will be held the first or second week in December.

RICHIBUCTO PARISH GOES DRY

Richibucto October 17, (Special).—In local opinion contest today Richibucto Parish voted No-liquor 410 to 525. This makes all Kent County dry.

GREATEST ON RECORD

N. B. Territorial Revenue Will This Year Exceed \$500,000.

Fredericton, Oct. 12.—The official estimate of the Territorial revenue for 1911 is \$520,000, the largest on record. In 1907, last year under late government, it was \$311,550.49.

The substantial increase is accounted for largely in the improved collection of stampage under efficient and honest administration of crown lands by Hon. Mr. Grimmer, who assumed the office of Surveyor General in 1908.

The total scale of 1907 showed collections on 149,513,000 superficial feet, last year it was 280,000,000 feet and this year the total will reach about 320,000,000 superficial feet. The receipts from game licenses this year are exceeding expectations, already amounting to over \$25,000.

CATHOLICS TO REORGANIZE IN ENGLAND

An important reorganization of the Catholic church in England has been decided upon, and a papal bull will shortly be issued dividing England into three ecclesiastical provinces, with Archbishoprics at Liverpool, Birmingham and Westminster. Two new dioceses will also be formed, one out of a portion of Liverpool and the other out of the actual diocese of Northampton, with its see in Cambridge.

A TALK ON RHEUMATISM

Telling How to Cure This Painful Malady.

This article is for the man or woman who suffers from rheumatism who wants to be cured, not merely relieved—but actually cured. The most a rheumatic sufferer can hope for in rubbing something on the tender, aching joint, is a little relief. No lotion or liniment ever did or ever can make a cure. The rheumatic poison is rooted in the blood. Therefore rheumatism can only be cured when this poisonous acid is driven out of the blood. That's why rubbing and liniments and outward applications are no good they can't reach the cause in the blood. Any doctor will tell you this is true. If you want something that will go right to the root of the trouble in the blood every time take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. They make new, rich blood which drives out the poisonous acid and cures rheumatism to stay cured. This is a solemn truth which has been proved in thousands of cases, and the following is a striking instance. Mrs. W. H. Elmer, Sarria, Ont., says: "I feel it my duty to recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills as they completely cured me of rheumatism after I had been almost an invalid for three years. I doctored with two skilled doctors and took electric treatment, but without benefit. On going to a third doctor he recommended mineral baths as the only thing that would help me. After taking this treatment for some time I felt that I was really growing worse instead of better, and I began to think there was no cure for me and that I was doomed to be a helpless sufferer. For some months I discontinued all treatment and then I was advised to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. After taking a few boxes I could notice a distinct improvement, and I continued taking the Pills for several months when the cure was complete. That is some two years ago, and I have ever since been perfectly free from the trouble. I would therefore advise anyone afflicted with rheumatism to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, as they certainly made a remarkable cure in my case."

These pills are sold by all medicine dealers or may be had by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

WEDDING BELLS

RYAN BAYLE

In St. Mary's church at nuptial mass at 9 o'clock, yesterday morning, Mr. Francis D. Ryan of Newcastle and Miss Annie Genevieve Bayle of Chaplin Island Road, were married by Rev. P. W. Dixon. The couple were attended by Edward Keating and Miss Agnes Ryan, sister of the groom.

WHALEN-DUNN

At nuptial mass in St. Mary's church at 8 o'clock yesterday morning, Rev. Joseph G. Cornier united in marriage, Mr. Maurice Whalen and Miss Annie Dunn both of Newcastle. Time of McGinnis was best man and Miss Helen Herbert attended the bride.

CROCKER-CROCKER

A very interesting event took place at 8 p. m. October 10th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Crocker, Millerton, when their daughter, Miss Mabelle Margaret, was united in marriage to Mr. Randolph Crocker, son of the late David Crocker. Rev. Mr. Harrison performed the ceremony in the presence of only the near relatives of the contracting parties. The bride was given away by her father. The couple were unattended. The wedding march was beautifully rendered by Miss Annie Crocker, sister of the bride. The bride was becomingly gowned in a dress of catwalk satin with pearl trimmings and carried a bouquet of bride's roses and maiden hair fern. After the ceremony the party partook of a sumptuous wedding supper. The bride received a large number of very costly presents, mostly cut glass and silver, and a substantial cheque from the groom.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE MEET AT RICHIBUCTO

The twenty-fourth quarterly session of the Kent and Northumberland District Division of the Sons of Temperance met in the Temperance Hall, Richibucto, on the afternoon of Oct. 10th. Rev. R. H. Staver in the chair. Officers and delegates present were:

Harcourt No. 438—Rev. R. H. Staver, D. W. P.
Rexton No. 419—H. W. Ferguson, D. C., George Jardine, Rev. A. D. Archibald.

Caledonia No. 126, Douglastown—H. C. Stothart, D. W. A.
Richibucto No. 42—R. W. Beers, D. C.; Rev. F. W. M. Bacon, Newcastle, No. 45—W. C. Day, Chatham, No. 37—George Stothart, Miss Ethel Dower.

The D. W. P. reported progress within the bounds of the district. The majority of the Divisions had held their own during the quarter, and some had increased their membership. Local option was working well in the parish of Harcourt. Those who had attempted to violate the law had been justly dealt with. The attention of the District Division would be given principally to the local option campaign work now being carried on in the parish of Richibucto.

The membership of the District Division is as follows: Newcastle 42, Chatham 55, Burnt Church 27, Douglastown 43, Richibucto 74, Rexton 42, Harcourt 52, Grangeville 41; total 376.

The committee on the Good of the Order recommended a system of fraternal visitation. The following were appointed to establish such a system, viz Geo. Stothart, Chatham; Harold C. Stothart, Douglastown and Mrs. H. Ingram, Newcastle, for Northumberland; and R. W. Beers, Richibucto; H. M. Ferguson, Rexton, and R. H. Staver, Harcourt for Kent.

The next session of the District Division will be held at Harcourt on the last Friday in January. The meeting adjourned.

In the evening a public meeting was held. Addresses were given by Rev. R. H. Staver, D. W. P., Mr. George Stothart, Rev. F. W. M. Bacon, Mr. George Jardine, Rev. W. R. Robinson, Rev. Geo. Farquhar and Rev. A. D. Archibald. Collection amounted to \$6.88.

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OBITUARY

JOHN RUSSELL

The death of John Russell, of Ferryville, occurred Friday night after a brief illness. He was a much respected farmer, a Presbyterian, and seventy years old. He was twice married. By his first wife, who was Miss Annie Norman, of Lower Newcastle, one daughter survives, Miss Janet, a nurse in Gardiner, Me. His second wife, formerly Miss Elizabeth Noble, of Bay Du Vin, and the following children, all at home also, survive: Howard, Clifford and Miss Mabel and Rachael. The funeral took place at 2.30 Monday afternoon, Rev. F. C. Simpson of Douglastown officiating. A large number attended, as the deceased was much liked by all who knew him. Interment was in St. James cemetery, Newcastle.

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TO MINE IN N. B.

In Wednesday's issue the Royal Gazette notice is given of E. A. Reilly, solicitor, of Moncton, of the application for a charter incorporating the Vernon Consolidated Mines, Ltd., with a capital of \$1,500,000, divided into shares of \$100 each. The objects of the company are to carry on mining operations. The incorporators are Frank A. O'Neil, James Pennington, Hugh R. Lyons, Howard R. Richey, all of Montreal, and Geo. H. Trueman, of Moncton.

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