

The ice cutting harvest is now in full swing.

The Knights of Columbus Charity ball last night in Prince of Wales Hall was largely attended and was a most enjoyable success in every particular. Quite a number were present from out of town.

Dr. Comfort has received word that his sister, Nancy, who lived at his home for many years, had died at Logan, Iowa, where she had gone on a visit to relatives. This leaves Dr. Comfort the last survivor of the family of ten of the late Francis Comfort of Clinton Township.

Hospital for Sick Children TORONTO

Upkeep of Big Charity Requires Fifty Cents a Minute.

Dear Mr. Editor:

The 44th annual report of the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, shows a notable advance in every department of its service to the suffering and crippled youngsters of this province. The ward accommodation has been taxed to its capacity, and the summer annex, the Lakeside Home, was opened for the first time since the outbreak of war.

The daily average of out-patients has increased during the year from 192 to 223, including children from practically every county in Ontario. Even had the cost of supplies and labor remained stationary, the substantial increase in the number of patients would alone account for the addition to the charity's debt, which at the close of the fiscal year was \$109,000. This debt has become an embarrassing burden. Further increase must threaten impairment of an enviable efficiency.

The Hospital is in the forefront of all institutions upon this continent devoted to the care of sick children. It cost \$235,299 to maintain last year. This great sum not only puts at the service of the children of Ontario all the resources of medical science, but, in addition, provides for a training school for 120 nurses and for unsurpassed clinical facilities for the University students who are preparing to engage in their profession throughout the province.

The income which must be forthcoming to finance this absolutely essential work figures out at seven hundred dollars a day; and, as there is no endowment fund, all but a fraction of that amount has to be derived from individual benevolence. Therefore the Trustees are making a Christmas appeal to every lover of children to foot the bills for some period of time, no matter how short it may be. A minute of mercy costs fifty cents.

For churches, societies, lodges, etc., who have more ample funds, we wish to assist the youngsters to a fair start in life, the naming of cotas is suggested. A number of memorial cotas have been thus dedicated in honor of the overseas service of fellow-members. This privilege is extended in recognition of gifts of \$2,000 to the Main Hospital or \$500 to the Lakeside Home, which can be paid in annual installments if so desired.

Literature, illustrative of all branches of the past year's work, together with any other information desired, will be gladly furnished on application to the Secretary, the Hospital for Sick Children, College Street, Toronto. Contributions should also be addressed to the secretary.

IRVING E. ROBERTSON,
Chairman of Appeal Committee.

No Cause Was Found for the Odor in Rooms

The Collegiate Board held a special meeting last night with Chairman McBride and Trustees Stewart, Killmer, Dwyer, Petrie, Burgoyne and Robertson present.

Trustee Petrie reported verbally that the floor in two rooms at the Collegiate had been taken up and investigation made to try and ascertain the source of an odor which existed. Nothing could be found, however.

Chairman McBride expressed the opinion that the odor complained of came from the oil on the floor which in his opinion was more injurious than beneficial.

Chairman McBride reported that owing to illness Trustee Trappell had been unable to attend the Urban School Convention in Ottawa.

The Board adjourned until January 21st.

FIRST AID TO THE INJURED

At the regular meeting of the St. John Ambulance Brigade members on Friday night in their class room in the basement of the Public Library at seven thirty. Every member is asked to be present so they can attach their signatures to the annual report of the Division, before sending to England.

The Friday classes from now on, until the annual re-examination takes place, will be given up to practical test work, and advanced study on First Aid Ambulance Officer J. N. Bland, will now be in a position to give his time to the work of the Division, which since his appointment to the position, following the retirement of Ambulance Officer, H. Lewis owing to health condition, he has not been in a position to give that he had hoped to do. All men holding first aid certificates, wishing to advance themselves in this work, are invited to join with us.

Nova Scotia School Inspectors and other educationists are pressing for better salaries for teachers.

NOTICE!

A Court of Inquiry will assemble at the Armouries at St. Catharines, Ontario, at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 13th, to inquire into certain financial affairs of the 19th Regiment, Canadian Militia, during the time it formed part of the Welland Canal Guard.

Those persons having any knowledge of the same are invited to attend and to report to the President, Brig. General E. A. Cruikshank, with a view to giving evidence.

EUGENE FISET,
Major General,
Deputy Minister, Militia and Defense,
Ottawa, Jan. 5th, 1920.

WEEK OF PRAYER MEETINGS ARE BEING LARGELY ATTENDED

The Week of Prayer meetings at Knox Church are being well attended. Last night the theme was "The Church Awakened by the Call for Workers," the speaker being Rev. F. W. Stewart, Pastor of Queen Street Baptist Church. Rev. Dr. Ratcliffe was the chairman.

Tonight "The Church Awakened by a Revival of Family Religion," will be spoken on by Rev. H. L. A. Almon of Merrifield.

Tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 Mrs. Johnson Clench will address a meeting of women.

The Week of Prayer will conclude tomorrow night with the subject, "The Church Awakened by a Rediscovery of the Reality and Power of Prayer." The speaker being Rev. M. N. Bethune and the leader Rev. Geo. Honey.

Mrs. J. M. Elson and children returned yesterday from near St. Thomas.

Some \$4.00 to \$5.00 of glass windows are being put in the new public school on the Western Hill. The school on Welland Avenue is also progressing favorably.

The remains of Mrs. Charles Anderson of McNab who died at Galt arrived in the city today and the burial will take place on Saturday afternoon.

COMFORT—On January 6th, at Logan, Iowa, Nancy J. daughter of the late Francis Comfort of Clinton and sister of Dr. Comfort of Port Dalhousie. Interment at Logan, from her sister's residence.

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Mr. W. A. Black, who since the death of his father, the late J. K. Black, has been conducting the flour and feed store on James street, has bought out the premises and business from the estate.

The temperature took a decided turn toward mildness last night and today snow was thawing. Old January never seems to forget its habit of warming things up after freezing them stiff.

The Men's and Women's Canadian Clubs have been fortunate in securing a speaker next Tuesday night the Rev. Dr. Johnston, pastor of the American Presbyterian Church, Montreal, who will give an illustrated lecture on "Legends of the St. Lawrence."

The Canadian Club and the Women's Canadian Club will hold a combined meeting in the Collegiate Gymnasium on Tuesday, January 13th at 8 p.m. Speaker, Rev. Robert Johnston D.D., Montreal. Subject, "Legends of the St. Lawrence." Illustrated with lantern slides. Jan. 9-10-12-13.

It is proposed, in order to get extra revenue for the city this year, that the fee for licenses of various kinds, be increased. Owing to the change, however, in the personnel of the City Council, some days have elapsed since the 1st of January and several hundreds of dollars have already been collected in licenses.

The "Salada" Tea Co. of Canada, Ltd., has been incorporated with a capital of Two Million dollars, to carry on the tea business hitherto conducted under the style of P. C. Larkin and Co., the object being to insure the continuity of the business, no new capital or interests coming into the concern. Mr. P. C. Larkin will be President, Gerald Ross Larkin, Vice President, and Phillip J. Thomas, Secretary, thus the personnel and management of the Company rests in the same hands as for the past thirty years. j 8

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ENRICHING THE SOIL

Some Hints Upon the Wise Use of Artificial Fertilizers.

Fuller Use of These Fertilizers Likely—Their Application Must Be Handled Intelligently—Study Your Own Soil Closely—General Farm Hints.

(Contributed by Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)

THE use of artificial fertilizers in this country is bound to increase. These materials are, however, expensive and those intending to make use of them should make an effort to inform themselves regarding the conditions under which they will give the best results. Too many people are using fertilizers without fully realizing that they carry plants food and that the real object in applying them is to supply needed available food for the plant.

To intelligently make use of these materials there are three points to be considered. First the needs of the soil, second, the needs of the plant, and, third, the nature of the materials to be applied.

It should always be kept in mind that the soil carries immense amounts of plant food, but that only a small quantity of this is rendered available during the growing season. The acids formed by the decay of the organic matter in the soil is the chief natural agency operating to bring the big store of mineral matter into a form that may be taken up by the plant. The organic matter is also the source of nitrogen of the plant, and it increases the water holding capacity of the soil as well as improves its physical condition. Consequently every effort ought to be made to maintain or increase the amount of decaying organic matter.

Otherwise the crop will be grown largely from the added fertilizers and not from the plant food of the soil. It is for this reason that it is sometimes stated that if you combine the use of fertilizers you must continue their use.

However, no matter how much we try to render available the immense stores of food in the soil, we cannot bring it out fast enough to supply the needs, especially of heavy feeding crops, such as the mangels, turnips and garden crops. Hence the need of manure. Stable manure cannot always be got in sufficient quantities to fulfill requirements, nor does it always furnish the needed plant food in the right proportions to develop the plant properly. To supplement the manure is the place of fertilizers.

Stable manure is essentially a nitrogenous fertilizer. Hence if used in large quantities it will force leaf and stem growth and retard maturity. Consequently, a plentiful supply of stable manure would help the growth of lettuce, spinach, mangels, etc., but it would not be so satisfactory for tomatoes, sugar beets, or other crops that must be brought to maturity. What these plants need is some stable manure and some mineral fertilizers to force early maturity.

On the other hand, plants like lettuce, spinach, etc., are grown for their leaf and stem and maturity is not a necessary point, hence a soluble form of nitrogenous fertilizers may even be added after heavy applications of manure with good results.

The manufacturer of mixed fertilizers seeks to prepare special mixtures that will be suitable for different crops, but the farmer or gardener should strive to inform himself regarding his soil and crop needs that he may be able to select the form of fertilizer that will bring about the growth desired, and he should study the fertilizer materials available that he may buy intelligently and economically.—R. Harcourt, O. A. College, Guelph.

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