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# THE A.P.G. ANNUAL

# The Governor Presides. **Doctor Keegan Predicts** an Epidemic.

ect of the gathering, the unsanitary condition of the town, its heavy sick rate, and its excessive death-rate, a small gathering of citizens met at the annual meeting of the Association for the Prevention of Consumption, in the British Hall last night. Outside of the attendance of clergy, physicians, government and civic officials, and pressmen the attendance was not encour-

Among those present were His Excellency the Governor, Lady Williams the Private Secretary and the A. D C., the Chief Justice, the Attorney General, the Colonial Secretary, Hon. M. P. Gibbs, Hon. J. Harvey, President A. P. C., the Public Health Officer the Superintendent of the General Hospital, Supt. Blackall, Supt. Burke. Rev. G. R. Godden, Rev. F. Matthews. Rev. James Bell, Dr. Tait, Dr. Macjherson, the Secretary of the Munici-pal, the Editors of the Royal Gazette Trade Review, Evening Telegram, and Mr. Foran, of the Daily News, Mr. R. B. Job, Mr. Gosling, Mr. H. Outer

His Excellency expressed his regret that the attendance was small, as it showed a lack of public interest in the work being done by the Associa-tion. Pulmonary disease here was far in excess on the basis of popula-tion of any English speaking country in the world, and this excess showed itself particularly in St. John's, which nature had so bountifully provided with the auxiliaries of good health. The air was healthy, the climate good, taken of it by many men who had been broken down by the climates of and had benefited by a stay here under i

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In view of the importance of the ob- fering from tuberculosis, other than ulmonary. Something should be one to arouse public opinion in the matter and break up the general apathy. Much could be done in imroving the sanitary condition of chools. Two schools stood out in is mind as pre-eminent in sanitation it. Bonaventure's College of this city and the Methodst School, of Carbon ear. In some schools the unsanitary conditions were alarming. A physician had taken a bottle of air from ne of our school-rooms and found it contained treble the impurities of ormal air. Many schools were stuffy nd unfit for the accommodation o children. In the outports a healthier was growing up the city. He hoped that greater interest would be taken in the work to which Mr. Harvey was devoting so much attention and care.

The President Speaks.

Hon. John Harvey reviewed the work of the Society, which was now the fifth year of its existence. had worked both in the city and the outports, and some reduction in pul-monary diseases had been made. In 1906, 933 had died of this disease, while in 1910, the number of deaths had been reduced to 692. In addition to the work of the lecturer, the Society had three nurses who were making from 250 visits a month. The Convention of Teachers had resulted in the granting of \$100,000 for bettering natural drainage excellent. Here school buildings. Mr. Harvey paid a were all the accessories of a natural tribute to the work of teachers, who senatorium, and advantage had been as a class were so inadequately remunerated. In his opinion St. John's should have compulsory education, as West Africa and British Guiana and the education of children, now withelsewhere to seek recuperation here out school, would tend to raise the ideals of living of their parents. Much favourable conditions. The men, wo-men and children in the city should were not fit for habitation. The houstuberculosis was due to houses which be a healthy and stalwart race, but ing problem was a difficult one. It owing to the conditions under which was not easy to build suitable houses many were living a puny, pinched, at a rental low enough for the tenant pale class of children were growing up and high enough to provide some in in many of our streets, and when he terest for the landlord. He thought visited the General Hospital he found some experiment should be made to every fourth or fifth patient was suf- see if the City Council could finance

such a measure. These unsanitary habitations were largely the cause of the disease and of a death-rate higher the disease and of a death-rate higher than in any English speaking community. Dr. Whitefield, an emiment associate of Dr. Grenfell, at St. Anthony, had become interested in the fight against Consumption and had volunteered to serve the Association. They had also secured the services of some ten medical men to study the surroundings of the people in their districts, to work with the school teachers and to report to the Society. In St. John's the Signal Hill Hospital was being fitted for advanced cases, and when the preparations were complete there would be accommodaomplete there would be accommoda-ion for 35 sufferers, who could be emoved from crowded houses where hey are now centres of infection. In closing Mr. Harvey paid a tribute to

he effort of the Daughters of the Em-ire to secure funds to establish a ottage Hospital for Consumptives. Mr. G. C. Fearn then addressed the situation, and the need for a continuation of the work of the Asso-

DR. KEEGAN'S SPEECH. Dr. L. E. Keegan then contributed an enlightening and practical address. He explained that Tuberculosis was a germ disease. In that respect it was like typhus, typhoid, small-pox, and diphtheria. In the case of this group, an attempt was made to fight the germs. In the matter of Consumption, no attempt was of Consumption, no attempt was made to isolate cases. Let a case of small-pox arise in the city and im-mediately a panic arises, isolation is called for, and the germs are fought and conquered. In the case of conumption nothing is done to con-uer them, but on the contrary, ough ignorance, everything is done facilitate the spread of the disease s did not occur from any infre-ncy of the disease, or from any dif-

ficulty in stamping out the germ. Go to Rawlins' Cross and watch the mournful processions that wend their way past that spot. Ask what the dear one died of. The answer will rarely be, diphtheria, typhoid or small-pox, but in most cases it will be consumption and you will often be told that other members of the same family had died from the same disease, and yet it is most difficult to get people to understand that this germ disease is the most easy to fight of all the germ diseases. These germs are small, infinitely small, far too minute to be seen with the naked eye, they are miscroscopic in size, and can only be seen by the aid of the powerful lenses of a microscope. On one occasion he took a man into his surgery with an intention of convincing him of the reality of the microbe He produced his polished mahogany box and took out the bright brass instrument which it contained. The man enquired what the brass article was, and on being told it was a mi-croscope, remarked, "I thought you had the germs in that box," and left he surgery. There are many men as lifficult to enlighten as the one referred to. It was this appalling norance that had to -be dispelled. These consumptive germs need suitable soil in which to thrive. Darkness, bad air, dirt, all offered it a suitable home. It was often said consumption was hereditary. consumptive parents, it

was not so. A child was born of weakly and bodily unable to make a fight against the germs which sur-rounded it in its home and from its parents, and like its parents, it succumbed to the surroundings to which the consumption germs thrived. Not only were many habitations insanithe city itself was a disgrace its citizens. Filth and dirt were llowed to, accumulate throughou the winter, sometimes the dirt was swept into heaps, and in most cases left on the streets. The refuse dries, rumbles into dust, impregnated with all sorts of noxious germs. A puff of wind comes along, dust clouds arises, and there was every element present for the spread of the disease. things go on as they are going in the city, a crisis must arise. Last winter we had more infectious diseases in the city than ever before, and he feared gravely that this summer might be marked by a severe epidemic. Dr. Keegan closed a most illuminating,

not to say disquieting, address by a solemn plea to citizens to awaken to the gravity of the situation. After a vote of thanks proposed b Hon. D: Morison had been carried and His Excellency had replied, the mee

### **News From Mayor Ellis**

Mr. Arthur Hiscock had a letter from his son, Mr. Fred Hiscock, yesterday stating that calls to see Mayor Ellis daily and that he is rapidly improving. Mr. George Coughlan had a word from the Mayor to-day stating that he was feeling very well and could partake of solid food, but that

### Fell Through Shute.

Yesterday afternoon a coal shute ear a residence just east of Springdale Street, on New Gower Street, was left open and a little girl passing by fell through it. She brought up when halfway down, was pretty severely hurt, and one of Mr. Lester's truckmen extricated her. It shows great carelessness to leave these

### CAPE REPORT.

Special Evening Telegram. CAPE RACE, To-Day west, blowing strong, weath-The s.s. Virginian passed west 'yesterday afternoon; s.s. Beothic passed in at 4.45 a.m. to-day Several schooners also passed this a.m. Bar. 29.68, ther. 35.

ACCIDENT ON KITE. Thursda had his hand caught in the winch. I was badly lacerated, one of the fingers were broken, and on arrival to lay he had to go to a doctor for treat Capt. Carrol attended to th

### The "Pilot" Raised.

at daylight to-morrow for Halifax and Philadelphia. Her passengers for Halifax are: Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Gollishaw, Miss Gollishaw, Mr. Carrel, Messrs. Locke, Knopt, Cowles, Muirhead, Mrs. Jordan and H. Tapper, 3 steerage. For Philadelphia: B. and Mrs. Munroe, Mr. Carter, Mr. Crane, Mrs. Flynn, Mr.Soerey and 11 steerage.

### Here and There.

The Portia left Belleoram at 7.30 cm. to-day and is due here Monday.

The Prospero left Wesleyville where she was all night, at daylight.

FIRST SIGN OF COD .- Lark H to-day reports herring very plentiful and that the first codfish for the season had been taken on trawls.

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HERRING PLENTIFUL. - The were about 200 dozen herring taken i nets at Portugal Cove yesterday. Picott had 50 doz. in one net. Greel nad 35 dozen and Earle 25 dozen.

EMIGRANTS VISIT CHURCHES. he Corinthan to-day visited the two athedrals and other city churches and were highly pleased with the archetecture and interior decorations of the edifices.

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boat made a hard fight to do so. She

was brought as close inshore as pos-

sible to get into smooth water, but

several heavy squalls off the high

land struck her, drove her gradual-

ly in, and as she struck at Green

Gulch, pounded heavily after she

took the rocks. The pilot boat hit

the rocks on the starboard side, and

though the crew on board did all they

could do avert the accident, they saw

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Ills are transient, woes are flirting, soon they'll all be with the past. It's

fuss and flurry, viewing daily with alarm; not a minute do

potatoes, boneless beans and things like those: I am sowing

I worry; I am busy on my farm. I am planting boiled

by tending to his knitting that a man wins out at last. Statesmen kick up

stewed tomatoes and I haven't time for woes. I am working, striving

daily, treating fair my fellow man, and the old world treats me gaily, for

I do the best I can. Let the statesmen paw and thunder, in their ancient,

colish way, till the welkin's torn asunder-I will do my chores to-day. If

you think that you are toting burdens that you should not hear, you won't

get relief by yoting-that won't lessen your despair. Read the story of the

ages, written through the grinding years, and you'll find the statesman's

rages always wet with toilers' tears. When have noisy statesmen aided in

the drying of men's eyes? All they've ever done is faded save their prom-

ses and lies. He who looks to legislation for a solace when distressed,

ing E. M. Jackman's and Geo. Neal's. therefrom, was released after finish- by train day to go off for the s.s. Nancy Lee, and proceeded to George's Ledge. A ing his term. His accomplice, who was released early in March after dostrong W.S.W. gale blew with quite a sea running, and about 1 p.m., af- ing 12 months, stowed out to the sealter putting pilot Lisle Lewis on fisehry in the Beothic, but since comboard the Nancy Lee, she was head- ing back has been afflicted with a ed in the Narrows, but she could not sore neck and is now in Hospital unpropel herself against the heavy gale dergoing treatment. and sea prevailing though the little

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### Death of Mr. Benning.

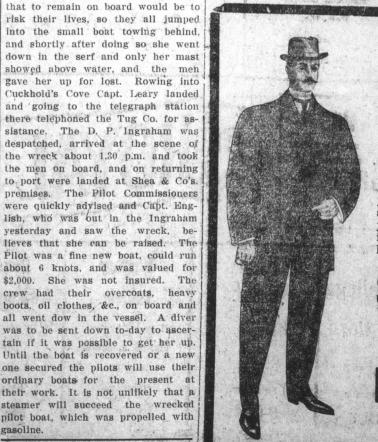
Benning will regret to hear of his death which occurred this morning at his late residence, Cochrane Street He had been ill eight weeks of a severe illness. Mr. Benning, who was in his 36th year, was born in Lawn and was a son of Magistrate Benning of Lawn, and was married to Miss McGrath, of Oderin, sister of Magistrate McGrath, who is left to mourn him with four little children the eldest not being more than years of age. Mr. Benning was of a genial disposition and was beloved by all his friends for his many excellent qualities. His health had been failing for some years past, but he ken up his usual good spirits and was hopeful and cheerful. He carried on ousiness at Oderin for several years. later was assistant manager with the Singer Sewing Machine Co. Last year he took a position as purser on the s.s. Liome and was on board when she ran ashore near Flat Islands. P.B. He leaves a mother, two bro-Finished Term. thers, Clement and James, in the United States: three sisters, Mrs. I A few days ago a boy who did 15 er of St. Pierre, Mrs. White and Miss months in the Penitentiary for enter- Benning of Lawn, to mourn their great loss. His father, Magistrate stores and taking a quantity of goods Benning, is expected here to-morrow

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