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PROVINCIAL HOSPITALS

Very rapid progress has been made in the administration of the Municipal Hospitals Act passed at the last session of the legislature. Already eight hospital districts have taken the preliminary steps toward organization, and plans for various models of hospitals have been prepared by officials of the department. This is excellent progress within six months of the passing of the bill.

But this progress has revealed some serious difficulties in administration which demand the attention of the government immediately. These difficulties are chiefly due to the awkward organization of departments and the placing in different departments of various officials charged with the execution of certain details. For instance, the minister of municipal affairs is directly responsible for the administration of the act and has charge of the laying out of districts, organization of boards and the provision of plans, information, etc. But in order to provide suitable plans, this department must call in the services of the provincial architect and the sanitary engineer from the public works department, and the medical health officer from the department of the provincial secretary.

In the further development of the hospital system, the provincial medical health department should and will have an important directing influence; but this has previously been under the minister of agriculture. As recently as last week a reorganization was effected whereby this was transferred to the provincial secretary, but the provincial secretary has no more concern with the hospital act than the minister of agriculture.

If the hospital system devised in the Municipal Hospitals Act is to be a successful and important instrument in safeguarding public health, it must be closely co-ordinated with every other agency for the conservation of health, under provincial control. Hospitals must be directed as a part of the general health machinery of the province and have a logical place in a broad, carefully constructed policy of health conservation. Public health is the biggest responsibility of this province for the next twenty years, and it is ridiculous to have the public health machinery scattered through all the departments of the government.

One minister must be made responsible for this policy and for the administration of all health legislation and the control of all officials in any way serving this end. The board of health must be either abolished or brought under the direction of this minister; the provincial medical health officer and his staff must be transferred likewise; the sanitary engineer belongs here rather than in the department of public works; there should be an office of superintendent of hospitals, newly created to take over the work now being done as a part of the many duties of the deputy minister of municipalities. Medical inspection in public schools, the care of the feeble-minded, and even the treatment of neglected children properly belong to such a department. Consequently, the provincial veterinary department belongs here rather than in the department of agriculture. Certainly the first-aid trains for mining districts belong here rather than in the department of public works.

Given such organization, the development of hospitals will be immeasurably assisted and much more intelligently directed. Given such organization the plan of action necessary is clear. The organization of hospital districts will become not merely the work of a surveyor, but the joint work of the surveyor, the municipal authority and a medical health officer with a comprehensive knowledge of conditions of health throughout the province, and a clear understanding of the different requirements of farming communities, mining communities, urban communities, etc. There follows the necessity of carefully studying the needs of each individual district to determine the kind of hospital. For instance, a hospital to serve a mining district obviously requires special surgical equipment, rapid ambulance transit, close connection with first-aid stations at points of vantage, special equipment for the treatment of certain occupational diseases; while a farming community probably requires a more general institution with special attention to maternity welfare. Careful and detailed investigation must be made by competent medical authority to determine all this. It is not enough that an architect shall design a sanitary cottage to cost a specified number of dollars for a certain land area.

Again, careful investigation must be made to ascertain general health conditions, and the need for specialized institutions in larger centers, the best methods of medical inspection of school children and others to prevent disease, the need of cheaper and greater facilities for dental and ocular treatment. These facts may be obtained comparatively quickly by co-operation with the university, by an intelligently directed inquiry from medical men in both rural and urban practice, and by inquiry of municipal authorities and local boards of health. When a general policy has been laid down, based on this information, the hospitals must be planned not only to meet immediate need for accommodation of distressing cases, but to provide facilities for care of school children, dental, ocular and other special service, and all such preventive measures as are devised.

All this must be begun at once before thousands of dollars are wasted on institutions chaotically devised. The cabinet minister who undertakes this will have the biggest responsibility of any member of this or any other provincial government.

SOME SAFEGUARDS

The action of the government in letting down the bars to oleomargarine is not exactly surprising, when one considers the skillful campaign that was put up to influence public opinion and the government.

In justice to the government, however, it must be admitted that proper safeguards have been placed about the sale of it, to prevent fraudulent sales. Coloring is prohibited, and licenses are given for the manufacture of it.

In public places the fact that the stuff is being used, is noted conspicuously by signs.

If a man wants oleomargarine he can get it, but precautions are taken so that if he wants butter, he is not to be supplied with a substitute. The Albertan cannot understand how the manufacture of oleomargarine will in any way conserve food.

It is doubtful if the change will very greatly injure the dairying interests. Good butter will still be in demand at very good prices. Poor butter may be chased off the market, which would be no serious misfortune.

The serious matter is that a product has been introduced which will in no way conserve food, will not reduce the cost of living to any great extent, and will reduce the standard of food.

The only union the Edmonton Bulletin favors is a union depot, remarks the Lethbridge Herald.

The fuel dealers say there is not a fortune in the sale of black diamonds. The fuel controller endorses this statement by an order-in-council fixing the margin of profits.

The Italian defeat, doubtless much exaggerated by the German reports, is bad enough. The Italians have fought a hard, strong battle, and were on the verge of final and decisive success.

With Pugsley and Macdonald getting behind the unionist government, except for Quebec, the only illustrious Liberals in Canada are Frank Oliver, C. W. Cross and John A. Irvine.

The information coming from Quebec, that large numbers of influential Liberals of that province are declaring for the union government and a win-the-war policy, while surprising, is most gratifying.

The frequent accidents upon the one-man cars should be thoroughly investigated by the city council. The somewhat remarkable interviews of the superintendent might also at the same time be investigated.

After Superintendent McCauley's numerous interviews with the victim of a one-man car accident, one cannot place great faith in the figures submitted by the superintendent during the one-man car controversy.

The Who's Who on Tax Certificates is a volume of great worth. Several persons mentioned, who have not been credited with wealth during the last few years, are at least credited with being in a position to owe considerable wealth.



THE SHOE PINCHES

Winnipeg, Oct. 26.—The wholesale grocers of Manitoba and Saskatchewan have pledged themselves to loyally support Food Controller Hanna and to co-operate in any movement eliminating waste, and for the conservation and economical distribution of food. A committee representing the wholesale grocery trade of the west will in all probability visit Ottawa next week to confer with the food controller. The wholesalers, however, do not see eye to eye with Mr. Hanna in the recent sale of it, to prevent fraudulent sales. Coloring is prohibited, and licenses are given for the manufacture of it.

FELL FROM GRACE

Winnipeg, Oct. 26.—Harry G. Gardner, a former Toronto clergyman, whose wedding was suddenly interrupted Monday by a city detective, pleaded guilty to obtaining goods under false pretences. "I was at first in the ministry," he told the magistrate in explaining how he came to go wrong, "but the amount of money received was not enough to keep me out of debt. I tried teaching and that was but little better, and I yielded to temptation after coming to this city." He was remanded for sentence till Saturday.

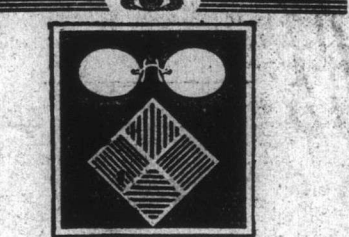
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WAR VETERANS AND CONSERVATIVES ARE FOR UNION GOV'T

Agree on Three Vancouver Federal Seats; Veterans Will Have Representative in the Field

Vancouver, Oct. 26.—As the result of several conferences yesterday between representatives of the "win-the-war" league and the Conservative association of the three ridings comprising greater Vancouver, it was announced late last night that an agreement had been reached in regard to the support to be accorded the union candidates and also as to which ridings these candidates would run in. In order to reach an agreement, the Conservatives were forced to sacrifice one of their prospective candidates for the Vancouver south seat, L. J. Ladner, who announced his withdrawal in order to give Conservative support to a candidate to be named by the Great War Veterans' association. As matters now stand, H. H. Stevens, former for Vancouver has been promised the support of these parties in Vancouver Center. The Great War Veterans' association will nominate a candidate for Vancouver South, the choice to be made by the veterans themselves by a contest between Major Cooper and D. Laughman, provincial president of the association. The candidate of the "win-the-war" league for the Burrard constituency is to be chosen at a convention which has been called for next Wednesday.

EASTERN NOMINATIONS
Tara, Ont., Oct. 26.—Col. Hugh Clark was unanimously nominated as the win-the-war candidate for North Bruce at a non-partisan convention.

Sudbury, Ont., Oct. 26.—At the union convention at Massey yesterday, and attended by 150 Conservatives and Liberals from every section of the riding, George B. Nicholson of Chapleau, was unanimously chosen as the unionist candidate for the riding of Chapleau.

Dunsmuir, Ont., Oct. 26.—At a union government convention held here yesterday, F. R. Lator, who as a Conservative has represented Haldimand in the Dominion parliament for the past 14 years, was the unanimous choice as standard-bearer for the union government in the coming election. The convention was representative of prominent members of both the former Liberal and Conservative organizations.

GERMAN PRESS IS PREPARING WAY FOR A GENERAL RETREAT

Military Experts Explain How Huns Will Make Victorious Advance to the Rear; Are Bolstering Up Hopes

Copenhagen, Oct. 26.—The possibility of a German retreat from the Aisne front is mentioned by Lieut.-Gen. von Ardenne, military expert of the Tageblatt of Berlin, in discussing the French victory there. He says the attack of the French undoubtedly will be repeated and that although their chances of ultimate success are slight, it is well to remember that the German plan of defense does not forbid voluntary abandonment under proper circumstances, of territory not essential to the great tactical plan, so that losses may be reduced.

"Even the loss of Laon—although this is in no wise impending—would not alter the strategic situation of the Germans," he writes.
He draws attention to the fact that Laon is still 12 kilometers from the battlefield and is protected by new field fortifications which the French will find it difficult to overcome.

REBATE DONATIONS
Ottawa, Oct. 26.—Sir Robert Ames headed a delegation from the Canadian Patriotic Fund, which waited on the prime minister and the minister of finance today. The principal suggestion made by the delegation, it was stated afterward, was that where a contribution has been made to the patriotic fund in 1917, it should be rebated as income tax.

CAPITAL OFFENSE
Fort Snelling, Minn., Oct. 26.—Several deserters from the United States army faced court martial at a general hearing here this afternoon. Because of the fact that desertion is regarded as a capital offense there is wide interest in the outcome of the cases.

BIG LAND DEAL
Lethbridge, Oct. 26.—The Mendonhall ranch, south of here, comprising 10,000 acres was sold yesterday to a local purchaser for a quarter-million dollars.

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FRENCH NEWSPAPER SCANDAL CREATES CONSIDERABLE STIR

Paris, Oct. 26.—The arrest yesterday of Pierre Lenoir and William Desouches, charged with trading with the enemy, has again brought scandal to the fore in the French newspapers. L'Action Francaise, the newspaper of Leon Daudet, who recently obtained

much prominence because of the charges made in the Bolo Pasha case, asserts that the case of Lenoir and Desouches is more important than that of Bolo Pasha. The newspaper connects the man with Prince Hohenlohe-Seehring, chief of the German espionage system in Switzerland.

The Matin, although it only prints two pages on Thursday, devotes five columns to the case, exclusive of the 150 lines that had been excluded by the censor.

According to other newspapers, the money received by the men amounted to 10,000,000 francs, and that it came from Switzerland and in such a manner that the customs authorities could not examine it.

The newspapers also say that Lenoir

held a position in the censor's department dealing with foreign telegrams, enabling him to communicate with Switzerland without restriction.

GIVEN LIGHT SENTENCE
Mankato, Minn., Oct. 26.—A. L. Sugarman, 35, Paul, Sodalist, was convicted today of making seditious remarks tending to cause treason in military service and disobedience of military orders, and was sentenced to three years in federal prison, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. The jury was out 40 minutes.

KILLED IN FUN
Fredericton, N.B., Oct. 26.—Early today at McLeod Hill, five miles from here, Grace McVaughan, 3 years old, was shot and instantly killed by her brother, two years younger. He snatched the trigger of a loaded gun in fun.

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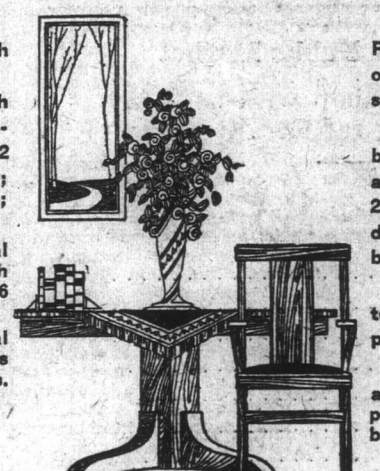
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