

IT IS HARD TO AROUSE INTEREST

The Anti-Tuberculosis Society Fights Valiantly Under Difficulties—Dr. Fagan Points Out Expectoratory Dangers

The fact that only six members of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society were present at the monthly meeting, was pointed to yesterday as an example of the extreme difficulty of arousing interest in this most laudable work here.

The meeting was held in the city hall with the following members present: Mrs. Barnard, president; Mrs. Munn, treasurer; Mrs. Carmichael, Mrs. Coles, Mrs. Tye and Dr. C. J. Fagan.

The following letter, which is self-explanatory, was read by the treasurer, Mrs. Munn:

Dear Madam: I have the pleasure to acknowledge receipt of cheques for the sums of \$100 and \$500 respectively, the former being the contribution of Mr. Price Ellison, M. P. F., and the latter the proceeds of the recent rummage sale held in the city hall under the auspices of our society.

I beg to enclose herewith formal receipts for the above sums, showing the accounts to which they have been placed and I am instructed to request you to convey to yourself and to the ladies of your society, to whose activity and devotion in a deserving cause we are indebted for this help, our sincere appreciation of the enthusiasm and self-sacrifice which has marked the course of the society in so conspicuous a manner.

C. J. FAGAN,
Secretary.

The Rummage Sale
In discussing the recent rummage sale the president stated that congratulations had been showered upon the members from every side, and the affair was generally voted an immense success. A further big effort to raise funds for the society will be made during the Agricultural society's show in September, and Mayor Hall has given his assurance that arrangements can be satisfactorily made for a tuberculosis day when collections will be taken up on the grounds.

The president read a letter from a resident of Mount Tolmie asking if the society has any set of rules with relation to discrimination against people in houses. A member of her family, the writer stated, was addicted to the habit, and there had been several deaths from tuberculosis in the house. The letter was referred to Dr. Fagan, who will reply enclosing a copy of rules which the society has been endeavoring to impress on the public for some time past.

This matter of indiscriminate expectation and the vital part which it played in the spread of tuberculosis drew some strong remarks from Dr. Fagan. The letter, which was illustrated a condition of affairs which prevailed in Victoria, and it seemed to be impossible to arouse the people to the dangers which it entailed. If every person possessed the spirit evidenced by the writer of the letter under consideration at this time, it would be a great help to the cause of good could be achieved. The fact that the meeting which was being held could attract only six people in a city where there are eight or ten churches, did not, Dr. Fagan stated, redound to the credit of the church-goers to come to the help of the society. The members were working under a natural law which in his opinion was every bit as sacred as a spiritual law. Some people, he said, were of opinion that tuberculosis was a visitation specially sent by God. A woman had come into his office not long ago and had fallen on her knees and cursed the Almighty for the consumption blight in her family. But it was mankind which was responsible for the scourge. This question of expectation is a very serious one and some strong measures were necessary.

Most Reprehensible
Mrs. Barnard drew attention to the fact that the habit of smoking in street cars, and suggested that the delinquents should be fined. It was necessary, she said, to make an example of some one.

Dr. Fagan reported a sad case of a youth who had recently arrived in Victoria from Edinburgh, Scotland, in an advanced stage of consumption. His case was hopeless, and owing to his frail condition he had been unable to get work. Doctors in Edinburgh knew of his hopeless state before he left and yet they had permitted him to emigrate. The matter had been brought to the attention of the immigration authorities with a view to his being returned home, and if they failed to act it was likely that the local government would take some steps.

Prior to the next monthly meeting, which will be held on the 17th prox, a strong effort will be made to arouse interest among the members and to secure a large attendance. All the members will be circulated and it is hoped that by this method a considerable number will be induced to attend as matters of great importance will be discussed.

The meeting adjourned after passing a resolution to send a letter of sympathy to Mrs. Fulton, who recently lost her son.

TORN TEN DOLLAR BILL WAS THE CLUE

Montreal Man Who Stole the Money Arrested by Give-Away Note

Montreal, April 20.—Charged with highway robbery, George Cooke, of 33 Cathedral street, was taken before Judge Basin in the arraignment court. He was arrested by Detective McCall on the charge of having robbed Mr. William Buckhardt of \$10.

The circumstances that led up to the arrest were said to be that the accused went to Molson's Bank and tried to change a note of \$100 into two pieces. Mr. Pratt, manager of Mol-

son's Bank, had been given the other half of the ten dollar bill by Mr. Buckhardt who said he had been robbed. The half of the note brought to the bank by Cooke matched the half Mr. Buckhardt had left there. The arrest followed.

"Queen of China" Is Dead
Chicago, April 20.—Moy Tong Hoy, wife of one of the richest Chinese merchants in Chicago, and well known as the "Queen of China," is dead from pulmonary trouble. Moy (Gueung, her son, 16 years old, is a student in Notre Dame University. The Chinese funeral rites for the dead woman will be held next Sunday. Her body will be taken back to China for burial.

BRITAIN'S CAPACITY TO BUILD WARSHIPS

Interesting Compilation As To Ability to Construct Dreadnoughts

In connection with the letter written by Mr. J. K. Rebbeck and published in another column, the following facts from the issue of the Overseas Mail of October 20, will prove interesting reading:

British Dockyards.
On Wednesday the journal telegraphed to the leading shipbuilding firms the following inquiry:

"May we ask how many ships you have on which Dreadnoughts could be built, and how many you could build simultaneously, and how quickly you could build them?"

In some cases information was refused, but in others answers were given, which we print below, as they are made suitable. We could build two Dreadnoughts simultaneously, and complete the first in about two years, the others following at intervals of about six months.

Messrs. Beardmore, Glasgow.
We have six slips in the yard, of which three are suitable for Dreadnoughts. Two more could be added by the addition of two more slips.

Cammell, Laird & Co., Birkenhead.
We have one slip constructed, ready to lay down a Dreadnought, and four other slips prepared ready for piling and concreting.

Scott's Shipbuilding Co., Greenock.
We have one slip available for a Dreadnought, and two slips for cruisers.

Other Yards.
The accommodation for Dreadnoughts at other yards may be placed approximately as follows:

Slip.
Messrs. Palmer, Jarrow, 1 at least.
Messrs. J. Brown, Fairfield, 1 at least.
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Thus the number of slips of the existing type which we have positive information as to the number of Dreadnoughts which could be completed. The difference between our figure, 14, and Mr. McKenna's of 17, given in the House of Commons debate, is explained by the fact that other slips have recently been completed by firms who have not been included in our list. It may be taken as certain that there is accommodation in the yards for building sixteen Dreadnoughts annually.

German Dockyards.
There is no very recent information as to the exact capacity of the German yards for the rapid construction of Dreadnoughts. It is, however, known to have been made in the last two years, while the gun and armor yards have Krupp's assistance, very greatly increased. The number of German slips capable of building Dreadnoughts was stated by Mr. McKenna in the House of Commons on Tuesday at seventeen, ready or constructing, while there is yet another slip capable of building a cruiser of the Invincible class.

On these figures there is nothing to prevent Germany from laying down seventeen Dreadnoughts in any one year, but her gun-makers and armor works would not be at the present moment able to equip so many ships rapidly.

The best test of what could practically be done given in the returns made to Count Reventlow by the great German shipbuilding firms. They show the extreme limit attainable in Germany in 1907:

Vulkan Co., Stettin: 2 Dreadnoughts and 2 large cruisers could be laid down each year and completed in two and a half to three years.

Vulkan Co., Hamburg: 1 Dreadnought each year completed in two and a half years.

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The total works out at about fifteen Dreadnoughts which could be laid down annually and completed in two to three years. The figures are not absolutely modern and there may have been some advance on them. Possibly Germany has not exerted herself to the utmost and made due preparations beforehand, could for a short time of years turn out Dreadnoughts at the rate of ten per annum, thirty months after giving the order.

JOSEPH WANTS TO SHOW THEM THINGS

Three-Cornered Fight Precludes Possibility of Victory, But That Does Not Phase Mr. Martin, K. C.

London, April 20.—Conservatives in the Stratford-on-Avon by-election are making use of a letter from J. D. Layton, M. P., to the effect that while Joseph Martin, in his declaration, said Canada did not want preference, yet he was desirous of giving it to Mr. Martin to impress electors.

Just to Show Fight
Montreal, April 19.—A special cable from London says: Joe Martin begins his campaign in Stratford-on-Avon. He high hopes not of winning, as the three-cornered fight precludes this, but of showing English politicians that he means business and can fight. The Minister of the Interior, Mr. Joseph Martin, will not move for the writ until April 28. The earliest possible date for election is the end of the first week in May. Mr. Martin is going deep against preference, contending that Canada does not want it, and that all protection is "basely corrupting. Much will be said in the campaign as to the Canadian reciprocity with the United States. A hot fight is certain, but the Ontario Conservatives assert that it is foregone conclusion that victory will be with their man Foster, who is a strong local candidate and a former member.

Great White Chief
Roosevelt Cables That He Will Not Spend Any Time
Montreal, April 20.—A cablegram has been received here from Theodore Roosevelt, stating that he will not spend any time in Montreal, but will proceed at once to the range of Mr. Alfred Pease, who has invited him to dinner, and accept the invitation to dinner, before going up country. The new house on St. James street, which has been completed, will be occupied by the Roosevelt family. The superintendent of the house is here, and both of the Roosevelt family are here. The Roosevelt family are here. The Roosevelt family are here.

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