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AN APPEAL for the RUSSIAN REFUGEE FUND

In Poland more than 20,000 villages have been leveled to the ground. More than 2,000 towns have completely disappeared. On the road from Warsaw to Pinsk, a distance of 150 miles, the ground was simply littered with civilian garments and cradles; probably 400,000 human beings have died along this road. There was no time for burial. Beasts of prey had cleaned the bones dry of the marrow. So much for Poland. But Poland presents only one angle of the world's drama. Everywhere abroad, winter has set in and in addition to daily starvation, thousands will freeze to death, as thousands have frozen during the preceding years.

Think of the mothers and children cooped up in Serbian huts without proper clothing. Lend an ear to the bitter cry of the little ones as they ask: "MOTHER, WILL EVER THE TIME COME WHEN I CAN EAT AS MUCH AS I LIKE?"

Children below seven never reached Siberia, and yet there must have been thousands of these babes when our people started for their march out of Lithuania and Poland.

These conditions make it imperative for us to appeal to the generosity of the people for help. The Russian Refugee Fund since inception of war has forwarded \$2,400 to Montreal. We are now going out to collect donations for that cause under the auspices of Mayor Hayes, and trust that everyone will respond generously as they did last year. Collecting will begin next Monday by committee of ladies.

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THEIR FIRST EXPERIENCE OF A CANADIAN WINTER

Dr. H. A. Tenpenny of the imperial government agricultural department, who has been in the British West Indies for the last fourteen years, arrived in the city a few days ago on route to England. He spent practically all the fourteen years in the northern islands where the chief industry is raising sugar. His work was in improving agricultural methods along with scientific farming.

In speaking of the sugar industry, he said that the annual production of sugar in the islands averaged between 22,000 to 35,000 tons and that nearly all the trade is carried on with Canada. The next industry is cotton. In these islands was grown the best cotton in the world—Sea Island cotton. Canada and the United States were the chief markets for this. Lime juice was also an important industry in the West Indies, as were cocoa and fruit. Dr. Tenpenny said that the outlook in the islands was very bright and offered great opportunities for capitalists.

Dr. Tenpenny was accompanied here by his wife. This was the first time that he had witnessed a Canadian winter and, naturally, after spending fourteen years in the tropics, they more than felt the blast of last week. On the day on which the trees were coated with ice, they had the unique experience also of seeing New Brunswick in summer time for a special showing of New Brunswick agricultural products in the Imperial, arranged by James Gilchrist, superintendent of the provincial immigration bureau.

HOCKEY PRACTICE BEGUN

The Field Ambulance held their first hockey practice on Saturday night and, judging by the showing made, a snappy team will be developed by this unit. Forsythe of Fredericton they have one of the best net defenders in the league. For defence, Harrison of last year's Gibson team, showed considerable ability in breaking up rushes and he has a shot like a 47. Of the forwards, Currie, a former Chatham player, and McPherson of the Gibson team, showed up well. As this team has several other first-class men who were not present at the practice they should give the 11th a run for their money when the two teams cross sticks in the opening game.

LOCAL NEWS

REPAIRS TO SEWER
Repairs are being made today to a defective sewer at the Marsh bridge.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
Chief Engineer Blake wishes to acknowledge the receipt of a check for \$200 from A. & I. Isaacs for the Firemen's Relief Association.

GOOD ROADS MEETINGS
Mayor Hayes has received an invitation to be present in Boston next month when the good roads congress, the national good roads show and the convention of American Road Building Association will be held from February 5 to 9. He will refer the invitation to the Commissioner of Public Works.

JURY EMPANELLED
Coroner W. F. Roberts has empaneled the following jury: Fred Lynch, G. Dwyer, L. H. Belyea, (foreman), Robert Finnigan, A. P. Belding, J. Perley Lunney and A. J. Machum to officiate at an inquest to be held in the Court House on Thursday evening at eight o'clock into the circumstances surrounding the death of Fred Lee, who passed away in the General Public Hospital on Saturday as a result of an injury sustained in McHardy's Foundry. The jury viewed the body at noon today in Powers' Undertaking Parlors.

THE LATE J. H. CRIPPS
The funeral of James H. Cripps took place from his late residence at Randolph on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Services were conducted by Rev. P. R. Hayward. The funeral procession was large. The pall-bearers were immediate relatives. There were many floral tributes, including a wreath, family wreath, Randolph & Baker, Ltd., broken wheel, employees of Randolph & Baker, Ltd.; crescent, F. W. Daniel and staff; wreath, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Baille and Mr. and Mrs. C. Atkinson; pillow, H. W. Long; bouquets from W. P. Bonhill, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Donahue, B. F. Baker, Mrs. A. Long and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Harder, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Britney, Mrs. A. Reed, Mrs. W. Scott, Mrs. Burton, Miss McManus and Miss Hatfield.

IN SAME TOWN WITH OTHER ST. JOHN MEN AND DID NOT KNOW IT

Letter From Q. M. S. Jennings—Was Expecting Leave Trip to England

Q. M. S. Frank X. Jennings, writing to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Jennings, East St. John, under date of December 23, says in part:—

"I met Maurice Mullany, Eddie Cronin and Roy Murdoch the other day. We were all billeted in the same town, and I did not know it for a whole week. All are looking well and are apparently enjoying life, such as it is. I did not learn of Bapat Cronin's death until I read it in The Times. I had seen him once or twice in England. We used to go to the same little Garrison church together in Shorncliffe on Sundays. I had rather hoped to see him in France, but although his battalion was near us at times I never saw him.

"Another St. John officer I met recently was Norman P. MacLeod, of the West Side. He is with Major Magee's battery. I saw him only once last week, but at a distance. I am expecting a few days in England soon, and am living in a delight of anticipation which can be exceeded only by the actual realization.

Quarter Master Jennings also mentions that he received his Christmas boxes two days before the 25th. He is in the best of health and spirits, and sends best regards to all.

W. FENWICK DEAD

For Nearly Twenty Years a Familiar Figure in Country Market

Many friends in St. John, in Kings and other counties will learn with regret of the death of Wilfred Fenwick, who for nearly twenty years had been a familiar figure in the country market, where he had a stall, selling country produce. Mr. Fenwick was taken ill on Saturday and died this morning. He was seventy-five years old, but looked much younger, and was unusually active for his years.

He was a son of the late and Mrs. Fenwick of Millstream, and after some years on the farm he came as a young man to St. John, about 1870. After the great fire he returned to the country, but came back again nearly or quite twenty years ago, and had since done business in the market. Mr. Fenwick was twice married. His children by the first marriage are Mrs. Duncan Mayes of Queenstown and E. R. Fenwick of this city. There is no issue by the second marriage, but his wife pronounced a regular decrease. The rate per 100,000 has fallen from 186 to a little over 127, for all forms of the disease, and from 170.91 to 107.06 for the pulmonary form.

While the latter figure is a very moderate one, we have every reason to suppose that it is capable of still further reduction.

Infantile Mortality.
"It is again satisfactory to report a decided decrease under this important heading. In no other phase of sanitary work is the opportunity greater to conserve life and reduce the general death-rate than with regard to infants under one year of age." The number of deaths of infants under one year was 118 as compared with 137 in 1915 and 173 in 1914.

Death from All Causes.
"It is satisfactory to note that the death-rate is reduced almost a point and a half as compared with last year, the figures being 17.89 per 1,000 for 1915, and 16.41 per 1,000 for 1916. This can not be called an exceptionally low death-rate, figures go in the Western World during the last ten or fifteen years, but it is a very moderate one, and will be found higher, perhaps, than the average urban community."

The total number of deaths was 985, being 495 males and 490 females. It is of interest that forty-six were eighty-six years of age and upwards; 121 were between seventy-five and eighty-five years, and 108 between sixty-five and seventy-five years.

The report also deals with the efficient work of the inspectors, general sanitary work, closing of houses, public drainage, schools, vaccination, food, milk, legal proceedings and general business.

DR. G. G. MELVIN REPORTS ON THE HEALTH OF CITY

Review of 1916 Shows Improvement in Almost Every Department Under Record

The sixth annual report of Dr. George G. Melvin, M.D., D.P.H., chief health officer for St. John, covering the year of 1916, is published this year in neat pamphlet form. The report is admirably compiled and gives in concise form a comprehensive view of health conditions in the city. A gratifying feature of the report is the improvement shown in almost every department of the records. In addition to the health officer, those to whom credit is due for the satisfactory condition of affairs in the city are the members of the Board of Health, Hon. J. W. Daniel, M.D., acting chairman, Dr. G. G. Melvin, M.D., D.P.H., and George Blake, and the staff which is as follows:—T. M. Burns, secretary; S. McConnell, chief inspector; James Howard, plumbing inspector; Haynes, assistant inspector; Dr. T. Fred Johnston, dairy inspector; George E. Mosher, inspector; St. Mary's, Miss Brophy, tuberculosis nurse; Mrs. Frank Murphy, matron of Isolation Hospital; Frank Murphy, ambulance driver; Dr. J. Roy Campbell, solicitor.

Regarding the number of notifiable diseases, the report says:—"It will be noted that there is, again, a very pronounced and satisfactory decline in the number of acute notifiable diseases, except measles, over last year; last year, itself, being distinctly less than 1914, while the figures for 1914 were not excessive. As remarked last year, it is very probable that a much further reduction in the absolute number of these diseases, yearly, is practicable, as their continued importation into the city constantly sets up fresh centres of infection. As it is, the city is in a most favorable condition, as respects these diseases, compared with other considerable communities. The diseases reported were:—Measles, 223; tuberculosis, 139; others, 103.

Concerning the deaths from notifiable diseases, of which there were seventy-six, the report says:—"Perhaps the most gratifying feature of the figures for the typhoid mortality. Though never high for the last six years, it has steadily declined, the first three years showing an average mortality in absolute numbers of 7.06, and the last three years an average of 5.87.

Deaths from Tuberculosis.
There were sixty-three deaths from tuberculosis and the comment on this is:—"It is very satisfactory to note the pronounced and regular decrease. The rate per 100,000 has fallen from 186 to a little over 127, for all forms of the disease, and from 170.91 to 107.06 for the pulmonary form.

While the latter figure is a very moderate one, we have every reason to suppose that it is capable of still further reduction.

DUMPING MAKES MARSH CREEK TOO NARROW

Extensive repairs to the flood gates in the abutment at the Marsh bridge have been undertaken by the water and sewerage department. It is expected that it will be necessary to build two new gates and repair the two old ones. The gates, which are of wood with iron frames, will be taken out one at a time. The body of the amount of material which has been dumped in the creek below the bridge, towards the bay, the channel has been greatly narrowed. Commissioner Wigmore said this morning that the encroachment of the land caused by dumping operations was so great that the channel had been reduced to a smaller size than was safe. The creek at one place was now only a few feet wide and this did not give the tide an opportunity to escape from the creek at low water rapidly enough to empty the creek.

Formerly the mouth of the creek was wide enough to allow the free passage of the water, and the commissioner said today that the present condition would have to be improved.

GOOD YEAR FOR ST. DAVID'S CHURCH IN FINANCES

Receipts \$1,384 Greater than in 1915—A Detailed Statement

The financial statement of St. David's Presbyterian church, prepared by the treasurer, William J. Fraser, was distributed in the pews yesterday. The report shows the church to be in a strong financial position, the receipts for the year being \$1,384.99 greater than in 1915, and the year ending with a balance of \$1,264.28 in the bank. An interesting feature of the report is the large proportion of the funds disbursed for other than congregational purposes. The comparative summary is as follows:

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| Receipts | 1915 | 1916 |
| Balance | \$ 2,052.28 | \$ 2,222.01 |
| For Congregational Purposes | 7,209.27 | 7,611.34 |
| For Debt Fund | 737.80 | 772.10 |
| For Missions and Benevolent | 2,634.31 | 2,646.09 |
| For Missions Special | | 419.99 |
| For Other Religious Purposes | 384.54 | 305.69 |
| For Organ Fund | | 694.69 |
| | \$11,065.92 | \$12,449.87 |
| Disbursed | \$13,118.30 | \$14,771.88 |
| Congregational Purposes | 8,608.82 | 8,709.46 |
| Debt Account | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Missions and Benevolent | 2,102.83 | 2,347.45 |
| Other Religious Purposes | 476.90 | 548.25 |
| Repairs and Improvements | 532.74 | 532.22 |
| | \$10,796.29 | \$13,407.20 |
| Balance in Bank | \$ 2,322.01 | \$ 1,364.68 |
| | \$13,118.30 | \$14,771.88 |

CASE SETTLED

Matter in Dispute Over Insurance on Steamer Victoria

Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 15.—The case of the Victoria Steamship Company vs. the Northern Insurance Company, set down for trial here this week before Judge Barry and a special jury, has been satisfactorily settled and withdrawn from the record. The plaintiff company was seeking to recover a policy for \$5,000 held on the steamer Victoria, burned at Indiantown a year ago. McLean and Hughes with M. G. Teed, acted for the plaintiffs and Shipp and Hanson, with Hon. J. E. M. Baxter for the defendants. Relatives of Walter Baxter, son of the late George Baxter of this city, have been notified that he is in hospital suffering from gunshot wound in the hand. He left here with the 140th Battalion.

Brigadier-General McLean completed his inspection of the 26th Battalion here yesterday and returned to St. John this morning.

A January thaw was experienced here yesterday. It rained steadily all day but in the evening the weather turned cold.

NEW W. AND S. MOTOR TRUCK

The new two-ton motor truck which has been provided for the water and sewerage department made its first appearance in the street this morning. It is a General Motors Company chassis, fitted with a body built in the city by William Akery. Its brilliant coat of red paint led some observers to mistake it for a new pipe of fire apparatus. It is expected that the use of the car will effect a considerable economy in the trucking operations of the department.

TRAIN SLATE

The Montreal train was one hour and thirty-five minutes late in arriving in the city today.

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| Men's .85 Gloves | Reduced to .63 |
| Men's 2.25 Pyjamas | Reduced to 1.89 |
| Women's \$18.00 Winter Coats | Reduced to 9.85 |
| Women's 20.00 Tailored Suits | Reduced to 13.35 |
| Girls' \$1.25 Middy Blouses | Reduced to .83 |
| Boys' 6.50 Mackinaws | Reduced to 5.55 |
| Boys' 8.00 Overcoats | Reduced to 6.80 |
| Boys' 6.00 Suits | Reduced to 5.10 |

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| One only Black Fox Set—Round Muff, \$45.00; Scarf, \$50.00 formerly, Both Now \$76.00. | One only Natural Muskrat Coat, Fox Back; Size 38; was \$65.00, Now \$50.00. |
| One only Natural Wolf Set—Melon Muff, \$22.50; Straight Scarf, \$22.50, Both for \$36.00 Now. | One only Mink Coat, Box Back, was \$200; an exceptionally good bargain at \$160.00. |
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