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PATIENTS REITERATE CHARGES
AGAINST SMALLPOX HOSPITALSay Board of Health Is
Deliberately Smother-
ing Investigation.MR. McFAYDEN
STATES CASEMr. J. A. Nelles and Mr. Wm
Mills Also Answer Remarks
Made Yesterday.

The attempt of the board of health to smother the demand for an investigation into the conditions prevailing at the smallpox hospital will not succeed, judging from the attitude of the people.

The men who made the charges against the management of the place, and the patients who were there, still insist that what they stated is absolutely true, and they demand an investigation before any unbiased board or jury.

The report that the board had completely closed the incident, or rather attempted to do so, was the cause of a great deal of discussion on the streets today, and the effort was roundly condemned.

A Patient Speaks.

One of the most illuminating interviews on the condition of the hospital was given to The Advertiser by Mr. H. A. McFayden, who formerly taught school at Pottersburg, but who is at present attending the Medical College. He was a patient there, and should know whereof he speaks.

"It is an attempt to smother all investigations," he stated. "It is not a hard matter to improve conditions at the hospital. In fact, it is not difficult to clean any barn, especially after attention is called to its filth. I say that it would not be hard to clean up the smallpox hospital, so that it would be clean to look at weeks after the charges were made. I do not doubt that the members of the board of health found it so."

"But we are not talking of conditions as they are now. We speak of conditions as they were when we were there, and we know what it was like, and the members of the board of health do not. What I stated then, I repeat: The place was not in a sanitary condition. It was not kept clean, and the bedding and the rest of the things complained of were not kept properly. We know this."

Five Patients Then.

"It must be remembered that there are only two patients there now, and there were five when we were incarcerated in the place. Two women could be looked after fairly well in that building, but not the number of men. In it when we were there. I still insist that what we stated before is absolutely correct, no matter what the board says."

"There are three questions that the board of health did not answer yesterday: Is it right, is it healthy, is it sanitary, is it wise to cook food in the same room where women who are suffering with such a disease as smallpox are quarantined? I did not hear the board answer that question. But that was what was done. We would not allow it in our homes, where healthy people are, let alone where sick people are. That is what we claimed, and we insist (Continued on Page Nine.)"

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—MUCH COLDER.
FORECASTS.

Toronto, Feb. 10—8 a.m. Today—Strong north wind, with light snow; becoming colder. Thursday—Strong northwest winds and much colder.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	Today.	Yesterday.
London	2	13
Calgary	-2	-24
Winnipeg	-18	-20
Port Arthur	6	16
Ferry Sound	25	-10
Toronto	24	8
Ottawa	14	-19
Montreal	8	-16
Quebec	4	-16
Father Point	-10	-
Dawson	-	-44
Atlin	-	-24
Victoria	-	28
Vancouver	-	34
Kamloops	-	14
Edmonton	-	-24
Battleford	-	-34
Prince Albert	-	-36
Moos Jaw	-	-24
Qu'Appelle	-	-32
St. John	-	-2
Halifax	-	6

WEATHER NOTES.

The storm is now centered in Michigan, with subsidiary disturbances forming over the middle Atlantic States. Snow and sleet have fallen in Ontario and Western Quebec.

The temperature continues low in the Western Provinces.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Toronto, Sept. 8—3 p.m.—Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, 13-29; Dawson, 44 below-34 below; Atlin, 34 below-16 below; Victoria, 28-44; Vancouver, 34-42; Kamloops, 14-28; Edmonton, 24 below-4 below; Battleford, 34 below-10 below; Prince Albert, 36 below-6 below; Calgary, 24 below-28; Moos Jaw, 24 below-3 below; Qu'Appelle, 22 below-4 below; Winnipeg, 20 below-4 below; Port Arthur, 16 below-20; Ferry Sound, 10 below-16; Toronto, 8-28; Ottawa, 10 below-16; Quebec, 28 below-zero; St. John, 2 below-12; Halifax, 6-24.

COLD WEATHER
IS ON THE WAYWeather Man Says the Mercury
Will Drop Today and
Tomorrow.

February has apparently come into her own at last, judging by the weather conditions today.

The river has a good coating of ice. The ice men fully realize the benefit of the cold snap, and are losing no time in taking advantage of it.

Owing to last night's rain, which froze as it fell, the roads and sidewalks are in a very dangerous condition, both for pedestrians and horses.

People were falling very frequently this morning in all quarters of the city. Many residents have sprinkled the icy sidewalks with ashes, which is an excellent idea.

The registrations at the local observatory were as follows: Coldest this morning, 19 above; highest, 26.5 above.

The pros say colder weather for today and tomorrow, and a real snap of winter may be looked for.

TOY LOCOMOTIVES
WILL BE MADEIn the Shop Which Will Be
Operated by Labor
Men.

The proposed toy shop which the local council of labor are projecting is well under way, and in the course of a few days twenty men at least will be employed. Several machines arrived today, they being principally designed for the tinmith trade. The benches are all ready now, together with the necessary stock for each allotted task. It is expected that a lot of work will be put to work about Friday.

Already applications have been received in overwhelming numbers, so it has been decided to give all a fair chance by working the men in relays of two or three days apiece.

A Santa Claus Shop.

The product will consist chiefly of juvenile toys, such as miniature stoves, etc.

The men will commence first on a model toy locomotive and tender, which, it is claimed, there is a good demand for. It is a very large toy, being about twenty inches long over all, and is a very handsome piece of work.

The locomotive is a very substantial toy, and can be sold for a reasonable price, at the same time leaving sufficient profit to afford the workers a fair day's wage.

As to Wages.

After the work has been fairly launched the secretary will be more able to quote the wages. Now this is a difficult problem. The shop will be worked on the co-operative system, and if it proves successful it will mean a reduction for many idle men. The only reduction of the profits will be a small percentage for the profits of the building, as it is intended to make this enterprise a permanent help to unemployed men, who, through its establishment, will be enabled to make a fair day's wage.

DROVE A HORSE
WITH BROKEN LEGParty of Fingal Young Men Have a
Strange Adventure.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

St. Thomas, Feb. 10.—Four young men drove to this city from Fingal, a local option village, with a borrowed horse to take home some kegs of all were intoxicated. It is alleged. About half a mile out of town they stopped at the farm of Geo. King and asked him to come out and see what ailed their horse. King found the animal's leg broken and hanging by the skin. How it could have been broken is a mystery, as the roads were good. King loaned the party a gun to kill the horse, but they failed to kill it, and King put the animal out of its misery during the night. The party came back and removed the harness and wagon. As they have not offered to pay for the horse, an action will probably be entered by the owner. The young men concerned are said to be well connected.

WATERWAYS TREATY

U. S. Senate Committee Once More
Postpones Action in Matter.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The Canadian boundary waters treaty was taken up in executive session of the Senate today.

After a long debate members of the foreign relations committee suggested that they be permitted to again consider the treaty and to hear statements in regard to the objections raised against it. The treaty was not re-committed, but consideration was postponed until next Monday, and in the meantime a hearing will probably be granted by the committee.



A WOLF HUNT IN OLD ONTARIO, NEAR GLENCOE.

The names of the men in the picture from right to left are Robert W. McKellar, Mack McKellar (who fired the fatal shot), Mr. Tait, Alex. Dewar, P. McNeill. They succeeded in ending the career of a wolf, which had killed many sheep. The carcass, not stretched out to its full length, appears in the picture. It will be stuffed and mounted in the postoffice, the village of Glencoe having purchased it as a curiosity.

May Clear Up the Telegram Mystery

Victoria, Feb. 9.—A story is going the rounds here to the effect that a signed confession, pleading guilty to having forged the notorious Borden telegram, has been handed to Right Rev. W. W. Rennie, Bishop of British Columbia, completely exonerating all responsible persons on the Colonist staff. The story is spread assiduously by those connected with the Colonist, who hint mysteriously that the confession has been forwarded to Mr. Borden, who will disclose its contents in Parliament. The paper is, however, silent on the matter.

CHARGES SAID
TO BE UNTRUEBoard of Health Passes Resolu-
tion to Drop the Matter.Mrs. Vatcher Quoted as Saying That
the Boys Were Very Bad.

At the meeting of the board of health yesterday afternoon it was decided that in view of the report of the two members of the board who visited the smallpox hospital, and the letters from the patients in the hospital, and also in view of the letter from Victoria Hospital, that the board report to the council that nothing further be done regarding the charges made against the management of the hospital. The motion was carried unanimously. Ald. Stevenson was unavailably detained, and could not be present at the meeting.

It was also decided to place in their estimates a sum to install a telephone in the hospital, put in a bathroom, another bedroom, a kitchen built, and the closets fixed up.

Counter-Charges Made.

Counter-charges were also made by the board against several of the patients, especially the young men, who acted in a boisterous manner at the hospital. Mrs. Vatcher, the matron, claimed.

Mr. Harry Clarke and Mr. J. H. McMechan, who were present to attend the meeting of the council on Monday night, and explain their visit to the hospital.

The subject of the smallpox hospital was introduced, when a resolution of the grand jury was presented, calling attention to the inadequate provision for the patients at the hospital, and requesting that conditions be improved there.

Chairman Niven.

Dr. Niven explained that the grand jury obtained their information by hearsay only, and the only thing to do was to acknowledge the communication. Then he read a motion in which the grand jury was thanked for its interest in the hospital, and attention was drawn to the insanitary condition of the courthouse and jail, where a very primitive system of heating and ventilation prevailed.

Dr. Hutchinson reported that he had made an inspection of the courthouse and jail, and had found conditions there most insanitary, and that he was preparing a lengthy report to be sent to the provincial board of health regarding it.

This motion passed, and later the members of the board launched into a criticism of the charges made against the management of the hospital.

Regarding the Charges.

Dr. Niven said that the letters written in the newspapers badly misjudged the conditions at the hospital, and did the writers no credit. The board of health was not under a cloud, as he was convinced they had done the best possible with limited resources.

Mr. Clarke explained that he and Mr. J. H. McMechan had visited the smallpox hospital on Saturday. No person knew they were going down. They thoroughly inspected the building, and found everything in first-class condition. The floor was clean enough to eat off, and the towel supply was ample and in good order. The bedding was clean and the food wholesome and well cooked. The building was bright and airy, and was such as any reasonable person would not find fault with. The closets, he admitted, was not private enough, and a bathroom might be installed. Mr. Clarke said that he had a conversation with the woman patients in the hospital, and they declared that everything was satisfactory, and that they had no complaints.

Mrs. Vatcher's Charges.

Mr. Clarke then took up the conduct of the boys, and he said that Mrs. Vatcher declared that their actions were disgraceful. One day they went down under the building and kindled a fire with some shavings, firing the hospital with smoke, and causing much discomfort to the patients. She also alleged that they had stolen property.

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ULTIMATUM OF
GLOBE CASKET CO.Amend the Bylaw As Proposed
and They Will Leave City.FIRM IRRITATED
BY THE COUNCILMr. C. H. Ivey, Solicitor, Speaks
Plainly and Conditions Are
Critical.

The Globe Casket Company will refuse to accept the bylaw giving them a fixed assessment of \$17,000, if there is any amendment made to it whatever. That was the statement made to The Advertiser by Mr. C. H. Ivey, solicitor of the company, today.

"We will not accept any amendment," said Mr. Ivey. "We are doing nothing until the meeting of the council on Monday night. If it is amended as proposed, we will just accept it, but we will accept one of the many offers made to us by other cities, most of which are decidedly better than anything London can offer."

Situation Is Critical.

If that is the case, London will lose one of its best industries, and there is a danger if the company does go, that there will be others to follow. It is known that Mr. John Ferguson, one of the heavy stockholders, is anxious to dispose of his share in the company to several parties, who are willing to take his place, and then the firm will remove from the city. If the company remains here, of course, he will continue to be a member of the firm.

The Negotiations.

Negotiations between the company and the city have been going on for some time. After the fire that destroyed their premises, they were doled with proposals from other cities. Several deputations called on them, and offered them equivalent to an exemption of all taxes save school and local improvement rates.

It looked at one time as if the company would accept one of the proposals, which was a decidedly good one, but Mayor Stevely succeeded in bringing the company and the manufacturers' committee together.

What Was Done.

At this meeting it was decided to give the company exemption from all taxes, except school taxes, and local improvements, for twenty years. This agreement was signed by the city solicitor, Meredith, and the company's committee.

The company agreed to this, but in the council last night, a vote was put in that practically nullified the bylaw, and the company now state that they will refuse to accept the terms.

FOUND GUILTY OF
WIFE MURDERThe Sectionman Who Beat Wife
With Poker Fails With
Insanity Plea.

Toronto, Feb. 10.—A verdict of guilty of murder was returned by the assize jury under Mr. Justice Riddell at 9:30 last night in the case of Walter Blythe, the C. P. R. sectionman who beat his wife to death with a poker at Agincourt on Jan. 3. The jury was out 56 minutes. Sentence was deferred until Thursday.

Blythe took the verdict quietly though with evident emotion.

The sentence was deferred because the prisoner's counsel, T. C. Robinson, had to leave when the jury retired.

The defence was epileptic insanity, and an attempt was made to delay the trial in order that further evidence might be obtained from England in this connection. Blythe and his wife having come from Yorkshire. The crown refused the request, however.

The majority of the crown's witnesses examined testified as to the confession made by the prisoner immediately after the murder had been committed and subsequently.

Dr. Clarke, of the Toronto asylum, and Dr. Bruce Smith, inspector of prisons, gave it as their opinion that Blythe was not insane and not subject to fits of insanity. The whole trend of the evidence against the prisoner was that his crime was due to hard drinking.

MOUNTAIN TRAINS
IN PERIL OF SLIDESColorado State Experiences the Worst
Blizzard in Its History.

Denver, Col., Feb. 10.—The storm that raged through Colorado for the past twenty-four hours was one of the worst experienced in the state. Never before have the railroads been so blocked by snow and slides. The passes through the Rocky Mountains are nearly all blocked, and the traffic over the Denver and Rio Grande and the Georgetown loop line of the Colorado and Southern is closed. Rio Grande eastbound train No. 8, which is sixty hours late, and which narrowly missed a rockslide at the Utah line two days ago, is again block at Shoshone, the slide there descending but two minutes before the arrival of the train.

CHICAGO CORNED BEEF
FOR JOHN BULL'S ARMYA Million Pounds to be Delivered by
July Next.

London, Feb. 10.—A Chicago firm has been awarded a contract to supply the British army with corned beef for a period of three years. The delivery, between 500,000 and 1,000,000 pounds, will be made next July, and further deliveries will be in accordance with the requirements of the army. The meat will be packed in Chicago under the supervision of British army officers.



HON. R. F. SUTHERLAND.

Mr. R. F. Sutherland, who will address the London Convention of the Hyman Hall on Friday Night, Feb. 12.

APPIN BOY MAY
NOT RECOVERJohn Jeffrey, Shot in Foot, Is in
Critical Condition.ACCIDENT OF A
RABBIT HUNTHad Put a Ferret in a Hole, When the
Gun He Carried Was
Discharged.

John Jeffrey, the 14-year-old boy who last Thursday afternoon shot himself through the foot while hunting rabbits on his grandfather's farm, four miles north of Appin, is in such a critical condition at Victoria Hospital that his death is expected at any time.

Dr. Hytneraugh, of Appin, who attended young Jeffrey, stated to The Advertiser this afternoon that the boy's father and mother are both dead.

Hunting Rabbits.

He had been living with his grandfather, and on Thursday, after dinner, went out with his ferrets and a gun to hunt rabbits. He had placed one of the ferrets in a rabbit hole, and in trying to get it out, stooped down. The trigger of the gun caught in a twig of a bush and discharged, the bullet entering young Jeffrey's foot at the instep and lodged near the toes.

Lost Much Blood.

Before he could get home the boy had lost a large quantity of blood, and was very weak. He was brought to Victoria Hospital last Friday, and was operated on by Dr. Hadley Williams, who removed the bullet. Young Jeffrey was apparently doing well, although blood-poisoning was feared from the first. Yesterday it developed, and he sank rapidly during the night.

Condition Is Critical.

It is not expected that he will live through the day. The form of blood poisoning which developed is one of the most painful, and ever since it developed young Jeffrey has been suffering the most intense pain.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon Jeffrey's condition showed no change, but no hopes are held out for his recovery.

BRILLIANT ORATOR
IN HYMAN HALLThe Hon. R. F. Sutherland Will
Speak on Friday
Night.

Hon. R. F. Sutherland, M. P. for North Essex, and formerly speaker in the House of Commons, will address the Liberals of this city in Hyman Hall on Friday night.

Mr. Sutherland is one of the best informed men in Canada, and as a public speaker he is one of the first rank.

Great interest is being taken in his visit to the city, and there is no doubt that Hyman Hall will be filled to capacity on Friday evening. All Liberals are invited to be present.

Keep Friday open for Hyman Hall.

AMPLE FUNDS TO
DRILL ALL CAMPSNo Curtailment of the Number
of Men to Take Part
in Drill.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Feb. 10.—The fear expressed in some quarters that the cutting down of the militia estimates this year by \$240,000 on the item for annual drill, as compared with expenditure for the same purpose last year, means a curtailment of the number of men to be drilled in annual camps next summer is not borne out by the facts. The decrease in the item is due to the fact that this year there will not be the expense of the militia display involved in the Quebec tercentenary last year.

For 1907-7, the whole militia force was drilled for \$850,000, and in 1905-6 for \$600,000. This year the appropriation is \$860,000, which will be ample for all requirements.

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And what a scene of despair must the halls have witnessed and dread day after Flodden Field, when Scotland's chivalry was humbled in the dust.

Queen Mary.

But the real romance of Holyrood began in 1542, when James V. was laid to rest, and little Queen Mary began her checkered reign. For Holyrood has always and will always speak of the tragic story of the gay young queen.

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SOME SCENES ON
TRIP TO EUROPEThe Romances and Tragedies of
Holyrood Palace.TO BE VISITED BY
ADVERTISER GUESTSTomb of the Scottish Kings and Home
of Beautiful Queen
Mary.

There seems still to be a little misapprehension in the minds of some people regarding the conditions of the Trip-to-Europe Contest, and every mail brings its letters of inquiry.

Of course, The Advertiser is pleased to make clear any matters that may be in doubt.

A correspondent asks, "May anyone living outside the district for which she was nominated at the time of such nomination, be a candidate?"

No. The lines dividing the districts were drawn with some care, and it is necessary that those be strictly maintained. It would not be difficult in such a case for the contestant to be nominated in the district to which she rightfully belongs.

"May I send votes for a candidate to the office and have them credited?"

Yes, provided the ballot coupons are not too old, and that they have been properly filled in.

Am I entitled to more votes than the one that appears daily in the paper?"

Yes. If you pay any amount on your subscription and ask for the votes at the time such payment is made, they will be credited to you.

Something About Edinburgh.

In a city where memories seem to crowd and jostle one another at every turn of the street, Holyrood stands out pre-eminent in the glimmer of romance.

At the end of the long, lonely street of the Canongate, it suddenly bursts upon the traveller, with its Norman colonnades and Gothic arches, and flying buttresses, where the ivy runs riot in the sunshine. Once an extensive mediaeval monastery, with its great church and spacious cloister, and far-stretching cluster of ecclesiastical buildings, there now remains only the ruins of the Abbey Church. From the gloom of the Canongate it is only a step into the rich, deep shadows of the Middle Ages, where the sombre tones of the ruined arches is relieved by the soft green of the ivy leaves.

King David's Adventure.

One day as the young King, David I. of Scotland, was hunting in the tangled forests that once covered the site of Edinburgh, he strayed from his party, and weapons and alone, as he was, an enraged stag turned upon him. In answer to its frenzied prayer, suddenly a fiery cross shone in his hand, and the angry animal turned and fled. That night in his dreams he was told that he should build a church in memory of his deliverance, and so in 1128 the charter was granted for the establishment of the little church under the guidance of the monks of St. Augustine. This church soon grew to be the most powerful and famous in the kingdom. The king, in his hunting expeditions, often stayed in its royal apartments were furnished, which gradually grew in size and splendour till when it was rebuilt after its burning by Richard II. of England in 1357, it came to rival the royal palace at Linlithgow, and so became the seat of the house of Stewart.

A Royal Tomb.

From that time on, with scarcely a break, the palace and abbey of Holyrood has watched the changing pageantry of the kings of Scotland. Richard III. and James I. passed much of their troubled reigns within its precincts. James II. was born within its walls. Here he married Mary of Guelders, and here in 1460 all that was mortal of the great king was laid at rest within the quiet of the royal chapel, where since then all Scotland's kings have lain.

It was to Holyrood, that Margaret Tudor, the sister of Henry VIII. of England, came to wed James IV., and the royal lover must tear down his ancient palace to build a fitting place for his bride. But long before the new palace was finished, Flodden Field had stifled the master builder's hand, and it was left for James V. to bring to completion in 1561 the palace as it now stands.

Around it, for century after century, circled the court life of Scotland. It was a strange life—a life of semi-barbaric splendour. Pierce passions found often their vent here in bloody murders in the king's halls; and often the rafters rang with the wild revelry of the courtiers, while now and then its grey walls answered to the whisper of conspiracy and intrigue.

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