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The Registrar General's Report.

In the Table of Vital Statistics which appears in the next column are several features which show by comparison with the figures given for previous years a marked improvement in the general health of St. John's and particularly among young children. Such figures, however, must be placed side by side with the records of other communities in order to indicate whether they can be considered satisfactory, and with that idea in view we have quoted below the statistics recorded in several seaport towns in England.

A Table of Statistics such as the above is apt to be passed over by many readers as an official compilation of no particular importance and of little interest, but the very reverse is the case. Month by month it indicates the growth of the population of the city; month by month it shows as only figures can show the toll taken by the various diseases used by the Grim Reaper in gathering his harvest. Many of the diseases mentioned are to some extent preventable, or the spread of them can be checked if proper care is exercised. Many of them too would never reach the dangerous stage if medical aid were summoned promptly on the first appearance of the symptoms of the complaint. Others that appear in the list, and one in particular which has accounted for many lives in the city, have so far baffled medical science, but even in such cases it is able to do much to alleviate the suffering, and even to prolong the life of the victim.

It would appear from the number of deaths recorded in the city from Tuberculosis that the great campaign inaugurated some years ago against the dread disease, and the measures taken since that time to instruct the citizens how best to combat and guard against it have had a most beneficial effect. Not only is the death rate per thousand of the population the lowest on record, but it is so much less than that of 1918 as to attract attention. The decrease has not been regular, but the trend of the curve is downward throughout the period of six years.

In 1921 the death rate from general causes was 16.06 per 1,000; in 1922, 17.22; and in 1923, it was 16.51. (These figures do not appear in the table, but they are official.) In order that they may convey some definite idea regarding the mortality in St. John's, a comparison with the rates which obtain in other cities is necessary. In London in 1921 the death rate was 12.6; in Dover, a seaport town with a population of about 39,000, it was 11.47; in Worthing (pop. 35,000) 19.5; in Grimsby (pop. 83,000) 11.90. While the figures for St. John's are higher than those in most of the English towns mentioned, the difference on the whole is not very great, and might be attributed to the extremes of climate or other local influences to which we are subject. It is as well to remember, however, that with improved sanitary and housing arrangements an appreciable difference would probably be no-

VITAL STATISTICS.

Table with columns for 'CITY OF ST. JOHN'S—WITHIN THE LIMITS.' and 'CAUSE'. Rows include Total number of births for month of December, 1923 (100), Total number of deaths for month of December, 1923 (75), Deaths under one month (3), Convulsions (1), Broncho-Pneumonia (1), Infantile Debility (1), etc.

Table with columns for 'COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.' and 'YEARS'. Rows include Total number of births for month of Dec (106, 100, 112, 94, 100), Total number of deaths for month of Dec (61, 51, 44, 50, 75), Deaths under one month (5, 4, 4, 3, 3), etc.

Table with columns for 'PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS.' and 'YEARS'. Rows include Total deaths (101, 58, 64, 42, 53, 42), Rates per 1,000 population (2.96, 1.67, 1.81, 1.13, 1.30, 1.09).

Table with columns for 'INFANTILE MORTALITY.' and 'YEARS'. Rows include Total Deaths (137, 141, 180, 160, 167, 151), Rates per 1,000 Births (152.05, 114.07, 146.34, 121.57, 136.88, 102.82).

icable in the death rate. The section of the table which is perhaps of the greatest importance, and which chiefly concerns every member of the community is that which deals with the Infant Mortality, and the comment made by the Registrar should be taken to heart: "Out of every ten children born alive, one is doomed to a shroud before completing the twelfth month of life." It is gratifying to notice that a considerable decrease has taken place during the period of six years, and that instead of a death rate of 152.05, it has been reduced by definite, practical measures to 102.82 out of every 1,000 births.

The question is, can we consider this rate satisfactory? A comparison will again help us to decide. Unfortunately figures applying to different cities are not available, but the death rate among infants in England during the past year will suffice. In that country 70,250 deaths of children under twelve months were registered, which represented 15.3 per cent. of the mortality, or 83 per thousand of the births. It is safe to say that if the birth rate throughout this country could be quoted, it would be considerably higher than it is in St. John's, where better medical facilities are available. The difference of 19.82 in the figures quoted is considerable, and adds emphasis to the Registrar's remark that more intensive efforts are needed in this branch of the public service.

From Cape Race Special to Evening Telegram. CAPE RACE, to-day. Wind North-west. Blowing a gale; weather dull, preceded by a snow storm changing to rain last night. The steamer Sable I passed west at 5 p.m. yesterday. Nothing in sight to-day. Bar. 29.49; Ther. 25.

PEPYS BEHIND THE SCENES.

Jan. 3rd.—Abroad betimes, and to my tailor, who measured me for the new top coat which I have promised myself this long time, and sorely need, but have been compelled to forego by the shortness of my purse. As soon to the office, but find it cold there so that I went to the Board of Trade where there is always a good heat. Meeting Downing, he tells me how he was to see the Silvia dock, and Mr. Walker on-her and his wife with him. Downing says he is a man of about sixty years, and has a mighty severe look. Mr. Walker will set about the quick despatch of his business, but will not do it under a month, I think, since there are like to be many more performances, one to snow at night, but being much troubled in my mind about divers matters, to walk and discourse of them with Povey. Meeting Mr. McKay, and Mr. Goaling, I did talk with them awhile, and made answer to their enquiries of my wife. Povey tells me how he was in talk with a Frenchman last evening, who did inform him of the derivation of the name Martin which they give to a cocktail. In France, says Povey, they call it Martinique, which comes, I believe, from the island of that name. This mighty interesting news for I did not know of it before. Home and to smoke a pipe of a new tobacco which one did give me to make trial of. So to bed.

"Prince of Pilsen"

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Allardice, attended last night's performance of the Prince of Pilsen at the Casino. The performers are now quite at home in their parts and the show was a great improvement upon previous nights. Bouquets were presented during the evening to several of their excellent work. There will be only two more performances, one to-night, and a matinee to-morrow afternoon. Tickets are going very rapidly and a full house is assured for both shows.

In making doughnuts Crisco is invaluable. For cookies and pastry there is no cooking fat gives such marvelous results. Children love cakes and pastry made with this easily digested cooking-fat. Crisco goes farther than butter and is more wholesome.

Star Ladies' Sale

The sale of work under the auspices of the Star of the Sea Ladies' Association, was conducted very successfully yesterday. A large number of people patronized the affair, both afternoon and night, a brisk business being the outcome. The proceedings were greatly enhanced by the presence of the C.C.C. Orchestra, which rendered a programme of pleasing numbers. The children's party takes place this afternoon, followed by a dance at night. The annual "At Home" will take place on Monday night.

Make the most of your opportunities—Godness knows when you will see another musical comedy.—Jan.4.11

Express Passengers.

S.S. Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques at 11 a.m. yesterday, bringing the following passengers, who are on the incoming express, due to-morrow forenoon:—R. Andrews, Miss C. Andrews, W. Andrews, W. Thorne, T. Legge, Miss Strickland, M. Cossette, E. J. Carey, Mrs. W. B. Penman, H. Hickman, J. P. Lake, A. White, J. C. Driscoll, A. and Mrs. Kennedy, J. Cormier.

"PERSONAL"

If the young man with the blue serge suit and the gray fedora hat, who quarrelled with his sweetheart in front of the Dominion Restaurant last night, will bring the young lady to the Nickel Theatre he will learn "What's Wrong with the Women."—Jan.4.11

Leeming Lodge, L. O. A.

OFFICERS INSTALLED. The installation of the officers of Leeming Lodge, L.O.A., took place in Victoria Hall last evening. Deputy Grand Master, Bro. E. A. Crowther, assisted by P.M.'s, Bro. Simmons, Noseworthy and Wheeler, officiating. After the ceremony a social hour was spent, during which interesting addresses were delivered by several members.

High Grade Turkish Cigarettes at the Blue Puttee. Murad 40c. for 10. Melachino No. 9 "The world's finest Turkish Cigarette"; cork tipped, 50c. for 10. This is an especially fine cigarette for ladies.—Jan.4.11

St. Bon's Alumni Dinner

St. Bonaventure's College was en fête last night when the Alumni met in happy reunion at their annual dinner. A large number of the old college boys attended. In the absence of the President, Mr. W. R. Howley, K.C., the Vice-President, Mr. J. G. Higgins, presided. Ardent enthusiasm reigned throughout the evening, and hearty applause rewarded the different speakers. Amongst the guests, besides the Christian Brothers, were Mr. Justice Kent, and Rev. Fr. O'Reilly of Australia, who replied to the toast of "Our Guests." The banquet hall was tastefully decorated in the college colors and the repast was handled satisfactorily by the West End Restaurant Management. The entertainment section of the programme was augmented by vocal and instrumental selections from Messrs. Canning, Skinner, Kearney and Rev. Bro. McAleer, whilst the St. Bon's Orchestra rendered several classical numbers. The reunion terminated at an early hour this morning with the singing of the National Anthem. The following is the host list: THE KING. Prop. ... The Chairman. Resp. ... God Save the King. ARCHBISHOP AND CLERGY. Prop. ... G. J. Cahill. Resp. ... R. Rev. Mgrs. McDermott, ... THE COLLEGE. Prop. ... John P. Scott. Resp. ... J. O'N. Conroy. CHRISTIAN BROTHERS. Prop. ... L. E. Emerson. Resp. ... Rev. Bro. J. E. Ryan. NEWFOUNDLAND. Prop. ... George Whiteley. Resp. ... P. J. Cashin, M. H. A. COLLEGE ATHLETICS. Prop. ... J. A. Barron. Resp. ... Rev. J. Pippy, P. F. OUR GUESTS. Prop. ... Dr. J. Murphy, M.D. Resp. ... Rev. Fr. O'Reilly. THE CHAIRMAN. Prop. ... J. F. Meehan. Resp. ... J. G. Higgins.

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St. Patrick's Pupils Given Pleasing Entertainment

The pupils of St. Patrick's Convent, Riverhead, entertained a large audience at a very pleasing playlet in the Old Convent schoolroom last night. The singing of the little performers was greatly enjoyed and brought forth much applause. The concert will be repeated to-night and to-morrow afternoon.

Evening Footwear! Ladies we are now showing the Creighton line in many different colors of Suede Leathers, at SMALLWOOD'S.—dec24.11

McMurdo's Store News.

HOT WATER BOTTLE ACCIDENTS. Don't take the risk—Use the Ever-Hot Bag. It requires no hot water. You simply pour in two or three teapoonfuls of COLD water and inside a minute this wonderful hot bag radiates genial heat. Each Ever-Hot Bag of stout red-rubber is supplied with an inner canvas bag which generates 100 hours of heat—for half an hour or twenty-four hours at a time—just as you wish.

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On Friday and Saturday we have our usual fresh supply of delicious Chocolates and Candies at special prices. Dipped Strawberries, the real thing. Choc. Cherries, Pineapple & Peach. Dipped Raisins, Chocolate Brazils & Almonds. Vanilla Opera, XXX Assorted. Scotch and Klondyke Nougats. O.K. Chocolate Creams & Italian Mixture.

The Prince has been requested to stay a little longer, but finds it impossible. He leaves to-morrow.—Jan.4.11

Installation at St. John's Lodge

This evening the St. John's Lodge will hold a meeting for the purpose of installing in office Worshipful Master Black, and the various officers for the ensuing year. The Worshipful Master Elect is Bro. T. Soper, and the ceremony will be performed by the Rt. Rev. the District Grand Master, J. R. Bennett.

DANGEROUS WARNING.—with last night's light fall of snow over the city covered streets, walking proved very dangerous to the many citizens who were about. Although several pedestrians received bad falls, no serious injuries resulted.

PICKED UP.—In Furness Withy Office, a Sam of Money, Owner may have same upon proving property and paying cost of advt. apply on premises.—Jan.4.11

A Gruesome Find

BODY OF INFANT FOUND IN ESCOTT'S LANE.

Yesterday evening at about 4 o'clock the police were informed that the body of an infant was lying on a snow bank in Escott's Lane, which leads into Central Street. Sergeant Bennett proceeded to the scene and found the body of a well nourished baby girl lying on the snow and close to a picket fence. The body was naked and was frozen through. Sergeant Bennett removed the little corpse to the lockup and this morning Dr. Anderson attended and held a post mortem. The infant was only a few hours old and there were no marks of violence on the body. Some children who were playing were the first to discover the body; they drew the attention of Mr. Fred Piercy, of Flower Hill to the matter and he at once sent for the police. The place where the discovery was made, is not much frequented, and it is believed that the body was placed there during the previous night. The police are working on the case, and are in possession of certain information which may lead to an arrest. Following the post mortem the body was taken in charge by Undertaker Connolly and interred.

A Marine Tragedy Feared

"Wreckage and part cargo of herring drifted ashore at Fishers in St. George's Bay. Schooner unknown. One body picked up." In the above brief message which was received this morning by the Deputy Minister of Customs from the Sub-Collector at the Robinsons there is told, it is to be feared the story of another marine tragedy. The southern coast of Bay St. George affords no shelter until Sandy Point is reached and in the event of being caught on that shore by the N.W. gale that raged on Wednesday night she would be in a precarious position. As the local captains are fully aware of the conditions that exist, the chances are that the victim was one of the Bay of Island herring fleet either from Nova Scotia or from Gloucester.

Oil Delivery Truck Capsizes

OUTFIT BADLY DAMAGED. One of the heavy Imperial Oil tanks drawn on a stoven and used as a delivery truck, capsized while proceeding down Prescott Street at 10.30 this morning and turned over on the sidewalk, doing damage to the truck and other apparatus. The tank at the time was filled with oil but no wastage occurred. The obstruction still remains blocked up but will be removed immediately away for repairs.

Enquiry Opens Monday

It is understood that arrangements in connection with the opening of the investigation were made this forenoon at a meeting held in the Prime Minister's office. Amongst those present were Messrs. T. Hollis Walker, K.C., C. E. Hunt, H. A. Winter and E. R. Watson. The enquiry will open on Monday at 11 a.m. Sessions will be held both morning and afternoon.

Traffic Held Up

CART LOAD DRUMS UPSET. At noon hour while a truck load of fish drums was being drawn along Water Street to a waterside premises, the vehicle turned over near T. McMurdo & Co., and sent the empty drums flying in all directions. The street cars and other traffic moving in that direction were held up for some time as a result. The truck was soon reloaded and continued on its way without any damage having been done.

Here and There.

Note the ad.—Positively the last performances.—Jan.4.11

Sir Arthur Choke is afraid of nothing in "Lighthouse Nan," St. Mary's Hall.—Jan.4.11

Ladies' Black Hockey Boots \$6.00 at SMALLWOOD'S.—dec24.11

When does the Kyle's mail close? Before the Travellers Dance, January 10th.—Jan.4.11

For Coughs and Colds STAFF-FORD'S Phoratox, 35c. bottle.—Jan.2.11

How far are you going? To the Travellers Dance, January 10th.—Jan.4.11

We only have 100 reserve seats for "Lighthouse Nan." Get yours now.—Jan.4.11

S.A. SERENADING.—On behalf of the No. 1 S.A. Band, we regret that owing to unfavorable weather we were unable to continue our usual serenading on New Year's Day. Will the friends on Topsail, Waterford Bridge and South Side Roads kindly note that we shall visit them on Old Xmas Night, Jan. 7th. If weather permits. We also hope that you will remember the cause of our working to save sinners and save the world, knowing that there is no respect of persons with God. G. DRISCOLL, Band Master; T. URQUHART, Com.—Jan.4.11

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St. John's Municipal Council. NOTICE.

All persons having claims against the St. John's Municipal Council to December 31st last, are requested to furnish same on or before the 15th instant. J. J. MAHONY, City Clerk. City Hall, Duckworth St., January 2nd, 1924. Jan.2.21

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