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They are heavy and urgent. Many times during the past twelve months the question has pressed itself upon the Trustees, "Can we continue the work further?"

Every month brought its quota of accounts for salaries and wages of staff, bills of butcher, milkman, eggs, groceries, heavy coal bills—a serious item—and other uncontrollable expenses so long as the doors were kept open.



Ref. Hospital for Consumptives

These had to be paid somehow. Contributions—especially after the turn of the year when the financial depression was felt at its keenest—fell off to such an extent, that each month the burden became heavier.

During all this period there was only one thing to do, and that was to lean on our banker—swelling the bank overdraft.

The trial was the severest in the history of these Muskoka Homes, in which nearly 3,000 persons, stricken by the dread white plague, have been cared for.



Snack Life at Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives

But never for a single hour did the doors of the Free Hospital fail to swing open, and give a welcome to suffering ones without money and without price.

The good news has gone forth of a rich harvest the wide Dominion over.

"Friends, we come to you at this time, when the clouds of depression are being lifted, asking that you now—in the direness of our extremity—help to lift the burden being carried—not for any personal gain, but solely, alone, only on behalf of suffering sisters and brothers.

Our plea is on behalf of the sick ones.

What will you give? Do not say nay. Help generously. Help all you can. Help some. Help now.

Contributions may be sent to W. J. GAGE, Esq., Chairman Executive Committee, 84 Spadina Avenue, Toronto; or J. S. ROBERTSON, Sec.-Treasurer National Sanitarium Association, 347 King Street West, Toronto, Canada.

Davidson has installed a \$4,000 fire fighting outfit.

CREELMAN'S FIRST FIRE

The Post Office, Forrest's Store and Residence of S. R. Carrothers Totally Destroyed—Explosion of Coal Oil the Cause.

At about 10.45 while Postmaster Carrothers was writing at his desk, the coal oil lamp in his office began to flicker and act queerly. He at once attempted to blow it out, but being unable to do so started for the door to fling it outside. While about to go to the outer office the explosion occurred and probably would have proved fatal but for the reflector on the lamp, which protected Mr. Carrothers. The alarm was at once given and everything done to save the building without avail. Finally a dozen fire extinguishers were emptied upon the flames and all the water available was used. As soon as all hope of saving the building was given up all hands assisted in saving the contents. Out of a heavy stock of general merchandise only a small quantity was saved. The stock was very full for the holiday trade and the store draped most artistically.

Soon after the fire started the safe in the office was noticed to be opening by a scintillation closed the door. Not, however, until the fire had done considerable damage to the interior of the safe and its contents. A large package of money belonging to the Lake of the Woods Milling Company was totally destroyed save a few portions of bills found afterwards in the debris. The registered mail was badly charred, but not seriously damaged. Of the contents of the office nothing was saved. The building, which was insured in the Occidental for \$1800, was valued at \$3,000. Office supplies were insured for \$300, and household effects for \$400. The stock of merchandise owned by J. I. Forrest was insured in the following companies: London Mutual, \$2,000; Anglo American, \$2,000; Brandon Fire Insurance Co., \$2,000. Loss probably \$12,000.

It was only by heroic work that the adjoining building, the new hall, was saved. At first there was little hope of saving this building and had it caught fire the whole street would have went up in smoke. There was another feature which saved the situation that being the building which was on fire was metal clad and many a bystander vowed never again to build a bare frame building. The matter of fire protection is a live matter in the village now and no doubt the council will act with decision. With any kind of facilities at all the recent blaze could have been subdued in a few minutes. Let us have fire protection and have it quick. Much sympathy is expressed for the looters in this our first fire, especially for Mr. J. L. Forrest who has proved during the past seven months that he is a thorough and capable business man. The fire has crippled him for business. Fire protection is what we must have.—The Gazette, Creelman.

CASSELLS AFTER SPAIN

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home, no one being present, the money was in the actual bills he received in Victoria, having put them in an envelope.

Commander Spain was then excused for a while, and Mr. Wm. Pindall, the treasurer of the Poison Iron Works was called. From his evidence it appeared that the payment was made to Commander Spain on August 18, 1904, and that the cheque was signed by himself. He had made out the cheque and arranged for the money to be wired to Victoria in response to a message from Mr. Polson's office at the works. The payment was a firm payment. It was not charged to Mr. Polson's account; it was not charged to Mr. J. B. Miller, Mr. Polson's partner, and there was no entry showing any repayment.

Mr. J. B. Miller, who was present volunteered the information that the payment was divided up between himself and Mr. Polson at the end of the year.

It was treated as a firm disbursement at the end of the year," observed Mr. Justice Cassels.

"Mr. Polson was an honorable business man?" "Yes," said Mr. Tindall.

"Have you any reason to believe that Mr. Polson pocketed that money?" asked Mr. Justice Cassels.

Mr. Tindall did not think he would do such a thing.

Leaving that aside, Mr. Watson brought up a cheque dated Oct. 17th 1904, for \$4,000, to F. B. Polson or order, which was not accounted for in Mr. Polson's personal account. There was no entry to show what was done with the proceeds of the cheque, and he did not know how they were applied. The same held good of another cheque dated Oct. 18th, 1904 for \$10,000, and Mr. Tindall did not know what Mr. Polson did with these sums, which were handed to him in cash. He had no

knowledge of any other payments to Commander Spain.

Mr. Watson mentioned the circumstances that at this time the Vigilant was being built, at a price of \$124,000 no tender having been put in, while the Bertram Engine Co., put in an offer to build a similar boat for \$86,000. Of the latter fact, he (the witness) knew nothing.

A. H. Jeffrey, secretary of the Poison Co., was next called, and Mr. Watson took him over a number of entries of "cash" in the special account, similar to those on which Mr. Tindall had been examined.

He knew nothing of the payment of \$500 to Commander Spain, and knew of no repayment. Mr. Polson was a secretive man.

Mr. J. B. Miller, of Parry Sound, a partner in the Poison firm, and practically the owner of it, was the next witness. He had never heard of the payment to Commander Spain until a week or so before. He knew nothing of any payment, but thought that Mr. Polson might have taken the money and used it for expenses. That was the way Mr. Polson used to do. This set Mr. Watson investigating the expense account of the firm, and this proving somewhat tedious an adjournment was taken at 12.40 p.m. to the afternoon.

PUBLIC LIBRARY NOTES

The reading room was opened for the full time—10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Monday, 14th inst. and has since been largely patronized. The average daily attendance has been between 50 and 60 and on Saturday week rose to nearly 80 including a large number of ladies.

A small consignment of books arrived last week and another of about 600 volumes was delivered on Saturday. Still another shipment is expected to arrive in a day or two. These books are being prepared for the shelves and catalogued as fast as possible and it is hoped that sufficient books will be on hand to open the circulation department early in the new year. Among books now on the shelves are complete sets of Dickens, Thackeray, Hugo, Dumas, Ruskin and Carlyle.

Up to Saturday at noon 38 applications for borrowers tickets had been dealt with while a large number of application cards have been given out.

The undersigned is still asked the question, "What is there to pay?" The answer is, absolutely nothing so long as the regulations are observed.

The stock of periodicals in the reading room is gradually increasing; among the recent additions may be mentioned the Christmas numbers of Country Life in America, the Pays Own Paper and the Girls' Own Paper. These are beautifully illustrated.

The librarian will be pleased to lend assistance to members of debating clubs in the way of getting information from the resources of the library with regard to subjects for debate.

It should be noted that entrance to the building can be obtained in the evenings and on Sundays by the Hamilton street door only.

J. R. C. HONEYMAN, Librarian.

Beautiful the Farm

How much more homelike the farm looks that has its windbreak of trees and its rows of fruit bushes, and how much each little bunch of trees adds to the beauty of the prairie. How many of us are doing our duty to the country, ourselves and posterity in this respect? It is not a very difficult matter either, with the government supplying young trees and instructions as to their care, and we would remind those who wish to plant next spring that this is the month to send in applications for trees to the Experimental Farm.

Crossed the Sands

There dwelt last night in the land of Foz a goodly number of local Arabs and many Arabs from many neighboring oases. For several hours the bricks and mortar of a prehistoric building on Portage avenue, known as Khartum Temple, of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Arabs with flashing scimitars dressed in all the wealth of Oriental style and fancy and adorned with gold, silver and precious stones, stole about the precincts of the temple, like true sons of the desert.

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The occasion was the semi-annual meeting of candidates, and it was mentioned that the Mystic Shrine has obtained the 32nd degree and to Knights Templar. Last night 36 candidates gazed with wonder and undimmed before them and they followed the proceedings with a sharpened expectancy. All the bewildering phantasmagoria of the Arabian Nights, combined with much Oriental cunning and subtlety, were brought to bear upon the initiation ceremony. Weird and unearthly sounds proceeded at times from the temple; illustrious Potentate W. G. Bell, commanded the carriage and lesser commands were in the hands of Victor Horwood, S. T. Handscombe, Robert Magnus, Dr. W. Taylor, A. W. Chapman and others.

After the ceremony a sumptuous banquet was partaken of by nearly 300 shinglers. Among the visitors were: H. C. Brown, Cleveland, Ohio; F. S. Hay, Toronto; R. G. Murray, Toronto; Dr. Sutherland, Toronto; F. S. Charpe, Toronto; D. N. Campbell, Toronto; H. A. Guild, Little Rock, Ark.; S. B. Powers, Cedar Rapids, Ia.; Jas. A. Payne, W. J. Briden, Regina; Jas. Findlay, Marquette, Mich.; O. F. Carnegie, Toronto; E. E. Hall, Minneapolis; E. R. Spencer, Lincoln, Neb.; L. A. Johnson, Duluth; E. B. Lyday, Minneapolis; and W. S. Thomson, Minneapolis.

Those initiated came from a wide circuit. Among the places represented were: Regina, Saskatoon, Estevan, Halbrite, Brandon, Neepawa, Portage la Prairie, Kenora and Fort William—Winnipeg Free Press.

Assembly Adjourns To Meet January 5th

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bill of last session it was provided that upon petition of twenty-five residents the municipal commissioner should consider and decide whether the provisions of the law should be put into effect.

Under the present bill this number is increased to fifty per cent of the inhabitants. The governing bodies of the municipalities shall consist of a reeve, elected by yearly vote of the whole municipality, and a council of six, who shall be elected at the representative of six divisions, each division consisting of a township and a half. Both reeve and councillors shall be elected for one year.

All powers now enjoyed by local improvement districts are delegated to the new municipalities and in addition certain other powers, including that of borrowing money within certain limitations, of destroying noxious weeds and animals, providing for assessment in school districts, providing for the preservation of public health, providing for the reservation of public highways, and so forth.

THURSDAY, DEC. 17

Only routine business was done today.

Mr. Bradshaw (Prince Albert) asked the following questions:

1. Does the province of Saskatchewan own or control any portion of the townsite of Lloydminster in the said province.
2. If so, what disposition has been made of the whole or any portion of said townsite?
3. To whom sold or given, and under what conditions?
4. When acquired, from whom, and under what arrangements?
5. The name of the local township agent in charge of said townsite.
6. The conditions under which said townsite agent was engaged, and the remuneration given.

Mr. Scott replied that the province of Saskatchewan does not own and never has owned or controlled any lands within the townsite of Lloydminster, except a road allowance and certain streets. None of these streets or road allowance has been disposed of to anyone.

Mr. Bradshaw also asked if the government purposes introducing a workmen's compensation act this session, and Mr. Turgeon in reply said No. This he added, was a question of very considerable importance to a very large section of the people of the province, and he explained that the question of introducing such a measure was discussed last session, but it was pointed out that in Chapter 13 of the statutes of 1900, the province possessed a law providing for the payment of compensation which was even better than the acts of other provinces and the English acts as well. He said this view was also taken by Mr. Haultain, and the government saw no necessity for a new act.

Mr. Gillis moved for information regarding registrars, deputy registrars and voters' lists. Mr. Elliott moved for a return respecting agricultural societies, and another for correspondence respecting a road between Wolseley and Summerberry.

Mr. Totzke gave notice of questions regarding the action of the government in the forfeiture of lands for non-payment of taxes.

It was decided that when the house adjourned on Friday it should stand adjourned until Jan. 5th.

FRIDAY, DEC. 18

Mr. Totzke asked the following questions in the house today:

1. What recent action has the De-

partment of the Municipal Commissioner taken in connection with forfeiture proceedings for the recovery of arrears of taxes.

2. What foundation is there for a Winnipeg Dispatch which appears in the Regina Morning Leader of December 17th, to the effect that loan and financial companies in that city are alarmed at what has been termed "drastic measures" taken by the government in connection with the sale of lands for non-payment of taxes?

3. Does the government at any time sell lands for non-payment of taxes without giving due notice thereof?

4. When will the next court for confirmation of returns of arrears be held, and what steps are being taken to warn delinquents of the action to be taken?

5. What opportunities are given to interested parties to appear against property which forfeiture proceedings have been commenced?

Premier Scott's Reply

Premier Scott replied as follows:

1. Forfeiture proceedings for the recovery of arrears of taxes in local improvement and rural school districts within the Regina Judicial District were instituted on the 15th inst., although preparations of the same have been carried on for several

months. Our purpose was for the sole object of benefiting the districts concerned. The court for the confirmation of the returns of arrears will be held in Regina on April 24th, 1905.

2. No unusual measures have been taken for the recovery of arrears of taxes and there is no cause for alarm on the part of any loan company dealing in Saskatchewan lands. The routine required by the Local Improvement Act, which is the same as that under the Local Improvement Ordinance of the North West Territories, is being followed. Registered notices of warning, showing amount of taxes due and to whom they are payable, are mailed more than sixty days before the holding of the court to every party who is shown by the Land Titles office or the return of the arrears to be interested in the property affected.

3. No. Besides the notices mentioned above, interested parties are further regularly notified before application is made to the judge for the final vesting in the crown of the title to any forfeited property.

4. April 8, 1905. Notices of warning are sent by registered mail to all parties shown to have any interest whatever in the property, and

all the said notices will be issued before Feb. 5, 1905. For eight weeks previous to the holding of the court, full notice is given in the newspapers within or near the areas affected.

5. Every possible chance is given for redemption. Until April 8, 1905, the lands may be released by paying of arrears of taxes due and initial costs, which in no case exceeds 52 per cent of the value of the property, plus the cost of postage and advertising. For one year subsequent to the date just mentioned, they may still be released from forfeiture by paying of arrears of taxes, costs of court, (fixed by the judge), advertising and redemption fees, provided for by the statute.

Mr. Turgeon introduced a bill to amend the statute law which was read a first time.

Mr. Elliott moved for a return respecting seed grain.

In committee of the whole on the Rural Municipalities Bill, Mr. Tate moved to have "open voting" instead of by ballot in order to lessen the expense. This idea, however, was not supported. The polls for elections are to be open between 9 o'clock and four o'clock. Only resident electors are qualified to vote for reeve and councillors.

The house adjourned about five o'clock to meet again on Tuesday, January 5th, 1905.

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CANADA'S POOR CONSUMPTIVES.

A Story more Touching than from the Pen of the greatest of Authors.

In the current issue of the Home, published by the National Sanitarium Association, 347 King Street West, Toronto, a most interesting letter received from the many from all parts of the Dominion admiring the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives. Seldom have we read anything so pathetic. Here, for example, from a physician in Ontario, asking for the admission of by the name of Morrison, "I would like to urge strongly the great value of all the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives. I have no home—mother dead, working as a farm laborer. I am living with an unkindly no housekeeper—work, cooking being done by the uncle. I absolutely no place to go and he can get none where I am. Another case is from Johnston Weldon writes:—"I am a young married man, three years of age. For six I have been sick, but always kept my feet. Now I have the time when I cannot get medicine without my lungs are affected, and I now to see if you can get me Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives. My young wife is her parents have kindly offered to let her go to the hospital. Just one more of the many quotes. This is from a patient, Campbellford, Ont. He writes:—"I have a patient with pulmonary tuberculosis, who laid off work for about this time—was in bed for the latter both his pulse and he have kept down and his young brother, but his condition to raise a small money to help him."

We have sometimes that Ian MacLaren, who has given character of Dr. McClure, today that in letters such would find material for a touching and pathetic in than his Bonnie Briar Bush. It is on behalf of cases I which there are scores of Secretary of the Sanitarium week, that the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives market-to-day for funds. This institution has not since its doors were first April 1902, refused a because of the applicant to pay Contributions may be sent to J. GAGE, 84 Spadina Ave., the Executive Committee, Robertson, Secretary-Treasurer, National Sanitarium Association, 347 King Street West, Toronto.

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- Corn, 3 tins 25c
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- Raisins, 10c per pound
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