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TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL.

The question of the hospital for advanced cases of tuberculosis is again before the municipal council. It appears that to erect an institution which would be of a permanent character and would provide suitable accommodation for fifty patients would cost a large amount of money. There is a feeling that such an institution should be of a permanent character, since it will be many years before we are rid of the disease which makes such institutions necessary. So long as the disease exists in other places and immigrants come this way the disease will continue to exist, although it will be possible greatly to reduce its ravages. Whatever the necessary cost of such an institution as that needed it should be provided with as little delay as possible. There are repeated instances of persons suffering from tuberculosis who cannot be accommodated in any existing institution, and if they have not a home of their own in which they may be cared for, even at the risk of other members of the family contracting the disease, there is practically no door open to them. Such a condition of affairs is a disgrace to any so-called Christian community. It is imperative, therefore, that a public institution be provided, and there has already been entirely too much delay. Surely the combined wisdom of the members of the society for the prevention of tuberculosis, and the members of the municipal council can solve this problem and do it speedily.

DELINQUENT GIRLS

The Maritime Home for Delinquent Girls will, it is announced, be ready for opening in about a month. Under the amendments to the New Brunswick Children's Protection Act, adopted at the last session of the legislature, the courts of this province will be able to deal with delinquent girls more satisfactorily than heretofore. The amendment provides that delinquent girls in this province may be sent to the Maritime Home at Truro, N. S., or the Home of the Good Shepherd at St. John. The act further provides:

"Upon the application of the Superintendent of the Maritime Home for Girls or of the Mother Superior of the Home of the Good Shepherd, the Judge shall make an order for the payment to said Superintendent or Mother Superior, by the municipality to which the child so committed belongs, of a sum at the rate of \$75 per annum, payable half yearly, for the period during which the child is ordered to be confined in either of said institutions; and the treasurer of said municipality shall pay the same as directed, out of any moneys in his possession belonging to the said municipality, to be used for the maintenance and education of said child."

In addition the lieutenant-governor-in-council is "authorized to pay semi-annually to the Superintendent of the said Maritime Home for Girls, or to the Mother Superior of the Home of the Good Shepherd, a sum of not less than \$75 per annum for each child from the province of New Brunswick maintained in either of said homes, which said sum shall be paid by warrant, as in the case of other public services, out of the ordinary revenues of the province." The whole amount, however, to be paid out of the provincial revenue in any one year for this purpose shall not exceed the sum of \$750.

With the necessary institutions and the necessary legal authority it should hereafter be much easier for the courts to deal with delinquent girls.

THE FARMERS' BANK

Mr. W. F. Nickle, who is a Conservative, protested very strongly in parliament yesterday against the bill to reimburse the depositors in the Farmers' Bank. Mr. Nickle represents an Ontario constituency, and he knows very well that the pledges given, to restore their money to these depositors were given for the purpose of getting votes, as there were a large number of depositors in some Ontario constituencies. Mr. Nickle himself was a shareholder in the Farmers' Bank, but he protests against establishing such "an obnoxious and pernicious precedent."

Hon. Mr. Lemaire named three banks in the province of Quebec that had failed, and asked if it were the intention of the finance minister to reimburse their depositors. The minister replied in the negative.

Mr. Nickle is quite right in saying that the government is establishing a very bad precedent. There is no more reason for paying the depositors in the Farmers' Bank than there is in any other bank that has failed. Financial journals all over the country have protested against the government's course, but Mr. Borden and Mr. White pay no attention to the protests. Promises are not always kept by this government, but it evidently intends to reward the shareholders in the Farmers' Bank who voted Tory on the assurance that the government would see that they were reimbursed. This is a flagrant case of the misuse of public funds for partisan purposes.

THE ARMAMENT TRUSTS

Sensational charges were made in the German parliament last night by Dr. Liebknecht, a Socialist member, in regard to the armament trusts. Under ordinary circumstances such a charge by a member of the Socialist party might not receive serious consideration from those in authority, but Dr. Liebknecht made certain charges last year and they were shown to be true. He charged that officials of the Prussian war office had accepted bribes from the Krupp Company, and as a result of an inquiry several officers and others were convicted. Last night Dr. Liebknecht went further, and charged that there was an international armament trust and that high state and army and navy officials were directly interested in the Krupp Company and other armament firms.

The assertions so boldly made by the Socialist deputy in his place in parliament have long been current rumor, not only in Germany and in relation to German affairs, but in Great Britain and other countries. There has arisen a very general suspicion that war scares are not without a direct relationship to the state of the armament industry.

If a parliamentary inquiry in Germany should bring out definite proof of the charges made by Dr. Liebknecht, the result would undoubtedly be a great gain for the friends of the peace movement. If it were made perfectly clear that appeals to patriotism were made for the purpose of ensuring larger profits for the armament makers, the people at large would take a hand in the game, and intimate in no uncertain way to their representatives in parliament that the burden of armament must be reduced instead of increased.

In a singularly able address before the Canadian Club last evening Mr. Charles W. Bishop, National Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., impressed upon his hearers the need in Canada of greater and more intelligent effort for the development and conservation of the human element in our national resources. He pointed out that there is a pressing and a growing demand for the most highly developed type of manhood, and therefore more attention should be paid to its development. In an age when so much attention is given to our material resources, and we are prone to boast of their greatness, it is well that there are voices which direct attention with earnestness and force to the value of our human resources, and the need of such a policy, educational and otherwise, as will develop the highest type of citizenship.

Congratulations to the St. John young ladies, Miss Fritz and Miss Waterman, who are pursuing such a brilliant course and winning such high honors at McGill University.

The St. John delegation will arrive in Ottawa today, and the citizens will await with the deepest interest a report of the conference with the government touching the matters of such vital importance to the future of St. John, which will be the subject of discussion. Whether Mr. Hazen will regard himself as a member of the St. John delegation remains to be seen.

The appointment of an inspector for the board of health to visit all farms supplying dairy products to the city is worthy of the most hearty commendation, and when the regulations relating to the distribution of milk have been revised the citizens will have a much better guarantee of purity of the dairy products supplied, and this is a matter which is very closely related to the public health.

An honest chauffeur has been discovered in New York city. He was given what his law supposed to be a one dollar bill and was told to keep the change. He later discovered it to be a bill worth \$10 and took the change to the police station to be returned to the owner.

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Also born today—Hon. Wilfrid Mercier, puisne judge of the Supreme Court of Quebec, born at St. Esprit, P. Q., 1860.

LIGHTER VEIN.

Two survivors of the Mexican War of 1846-7 are living in Maine. Andrew Baker of Limington and Capt. David Webster of Boothbay Harbor. The former is 88 and the latter 91.

Bait Provided
First caddy—What you doin' Jimmie?
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—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Don't They?
"Punny, ain't it?"
"What now?"
"People raise their voices usually to employ the lowest terms."

"Beg pardon, sir," said the steward, "but may I bring you some dinner, sir?"
"O, I guess so," replied the passenger, "but as he gazed out across the bounding deep, I guess you can bring me one on approval."

"Beg your pardon, sir," repeated the steward, "did you say 'on approval, sir?'"
"Yes," growled the passenger weakly. "You see, I may not want to keep it."—Lippincott's.

AUSTRIAN RAILWAYS DROP USE OF OIL FOR FIRING

(The Engineering and Mining Journal.)
Owing to the steady rise of petroleum in price the management of the Austrian government railways has decided to abolish the firing of locomotives on its lines with this kind of fuel and return to coal. About 300 locomotives have already been changed over to coal firing and the balance of 800 in all will be so changed as rapidly as possible. This arrangement also involves the stoppage of the government oil refinery at Drohobycz, Galicia, which has cost millions of crowns. The object of the latter was to deprive the petroleum of its benzine previous to using it as a fuel oil. The engineers and firemen are said to be glad of the abolishment of oil firing on account of the labor in keeping the burners from clogging and of other details.

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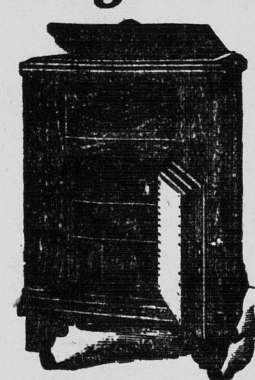
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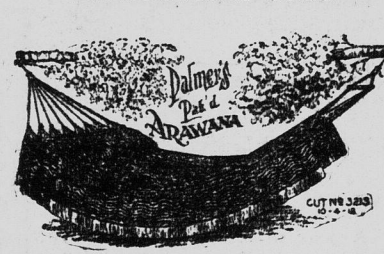
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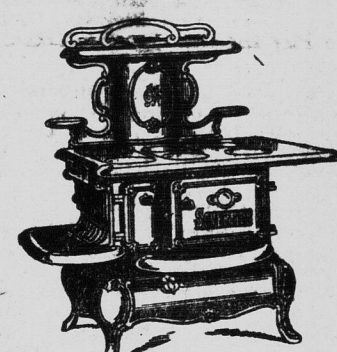
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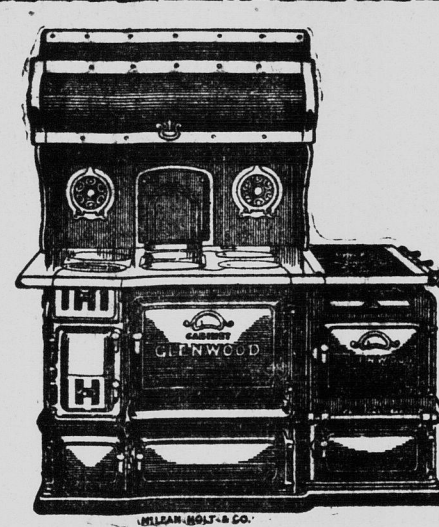


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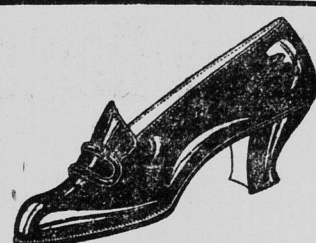
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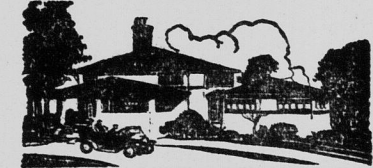
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