

HEALTH CENTRE OFFICERS CHOSEN

Preparations for Getting Institution Into Service Well Advanced—Hon. H. A. McKeown President.

The board of governors for the new Health Centre held their first meeting yesterday afternoon in their building, formerly Caverhill Hall, Sydney street. In the absence of Hon. H. A. McKeown, who was elected president of the board, Judge H. O. McInerney presided. Efforts were set forth for a speedy opening of the centre and the entry of the various clinics into the building.

Those present at the meeting besides Judge McInerney were Mrs. R. O'Brien, Mrs. M. B. Edwards, Mrs. H. B. Peck, Mrs. G. E. Harbour, Mrs. T. Vincent, Mrs. J. H. Doody, Mrs. C. Isaacs, Miss M. McCloskey, Mrs. H. Fisher Miller, Miss H. T. Meiklejohn, Hon. J. G. Forbes, E. J. Henneberry, E. C. Rising, J. S. Gregory, A. C. Skelton and Dr. William Warwick.

The nominating committee appointed included E. L. Rising, J. S. Gregory, Hon. Dr. W. F. Roberts, Mrs. T. N. Vincent and Mrs. R. O'Brien.

The New Project.

Miss H. T. Meiklejohn, director of public health nursing service, gave a sketch of the steps which had brought about the opening of the health centre. She explained that it was hoped to coordinate all public health work in St. John under the roof of the health centre, as a great economic benefit and the only solution for the furthering of every branch of health work according to its needs. She believed every one would be proud of the centre when it was in use and pointed out how advantageously situated and eminently suitable was the building secured. She considered it a great credit to the success of the centre that it had the interest of the citizens generally. Referring particularly to the nursing service, she thought the centre would be a great help towards providing adequate public health nursing service and hoped it might be the means of inaugurating a pupil nursing service also. As regards finances, she did not believe the centre would be a burden after the first year.

It was hoped that the clinic of the Society of the Prevention of Tuberculosis would be moved to the health centre in the beginning of next month and that other organizations would take up their quarters in the centre as soon as the rooms allotted to them were ready.

There are eighteen rooms in all in the building and Miss Meiklejohn said it was planned to have all the ambulatory clinics on the ground floor, so as



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to save unnecessary stair-climbing. On the second floor it was proposed to have the board room, offices and school children's clinics, while the top story would at first be used only as lavatory quarters. The former billiard room would be used as a lecture hall and it was suggested that one or more of the rooms might be rented to various organizations for holding monthly meetings.

Miss Meiklejohn went into detail regarding the repairs which the owner had undertaken and the minor repairs which the organization would have to see to. She understood the present amount of the funds of the organization was \$2,500. Miss Meiklejohn suggested that, with the assistance of a committee of women, she might be able to secure as gifts small pieces of linoleum, ash cans, door mats and other incidental articles which would be required.

In reply to a question, Miss Meiklejohn explained that the various clinics to be opened in the building would have entirely separate quarters.

The Officers.

The nominating committee returned at this point and presented a report

which was adopted, recommending the election of officers as follows: President, Hon. H. A. McKeown; first vice-president, Judge H. O. McInerney; second vice-president, Hon. J. G. Forbes; honorary secretary, E. J. Henneberry; assistant secretary, Dr. William Warwick; honorary treasurer, A. C. Skelton; additional members of the executive, Mrs. R. J. Hooper, E. L. Rising, Mrs. D. P. Chisholm and R. T. Hayes. The nominating committee also suggested a committee on ways and means as follows: J. S. Gregory, John Kelly, Mrs. J. H. Doody, Mrs. T. N. Vincent, Mrs. L. Isaacs, Thomas Bell, Thomas Nagle, Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, Miss M. McCloskey, Mrs. G. E. Harbour, Mrs. H. B. Peck, Mrs. W. Allison, Ronald A. McAvity, Mrs. M. B. Edwards and E. J. Henneberry. This suggestion was adopted.

The meeting appointed Dr. William Warwick as the head of the scientific services of the centre and Miss Meiklejohn as head of the nursing services and authorized them, as members of a committee on administration, to get in touch with the various organizations which will have clinics in the building, asking each organization to appoint a representative on the committee of administration. The committee of administration was authorized to take all steps necessary for the speedy opening of the centre.

Dr. Roberts explained that letters were being sent to between thirty and forty organizations which are interested in public health and allied matters, explaining the aims and ideals of the centre, making clear that the centre is not controlled by any government, federal, provincial, municipal or civic, but belongs to the citizens entirely, and urging the various organizations to make annual donations towards its upkeep. It was hoped that the support received from interested organizations would aid materially in maintaining the health centre.

Dr. Roberts spoke of the opening of the centre as an event of historical moment and said he felt that if the individuals and organizations obtained the full view of what the health centre might accomplish in the interests of humanity there would be a splendid enthusiasm which could only result in complete success. He recommended that there be a formal opening of the centre and this was agreed to, the com-

mittee on ways and means being appointed to make all arrangements in this regard.

Mrs. T. N. Vincent paid a tribute to the work of Miss Meiklejohn in caring for cases of typhoid near Kouchibouguac and specially mentioned the men who gave a working day to construct a temporary hospital for the patients. She also brought forward the matter of the Women's Institute wishing to rent a room in the health centre for its monthly meetings.

The matter of the renting of rooms to organizations was left with the executive to deal with.

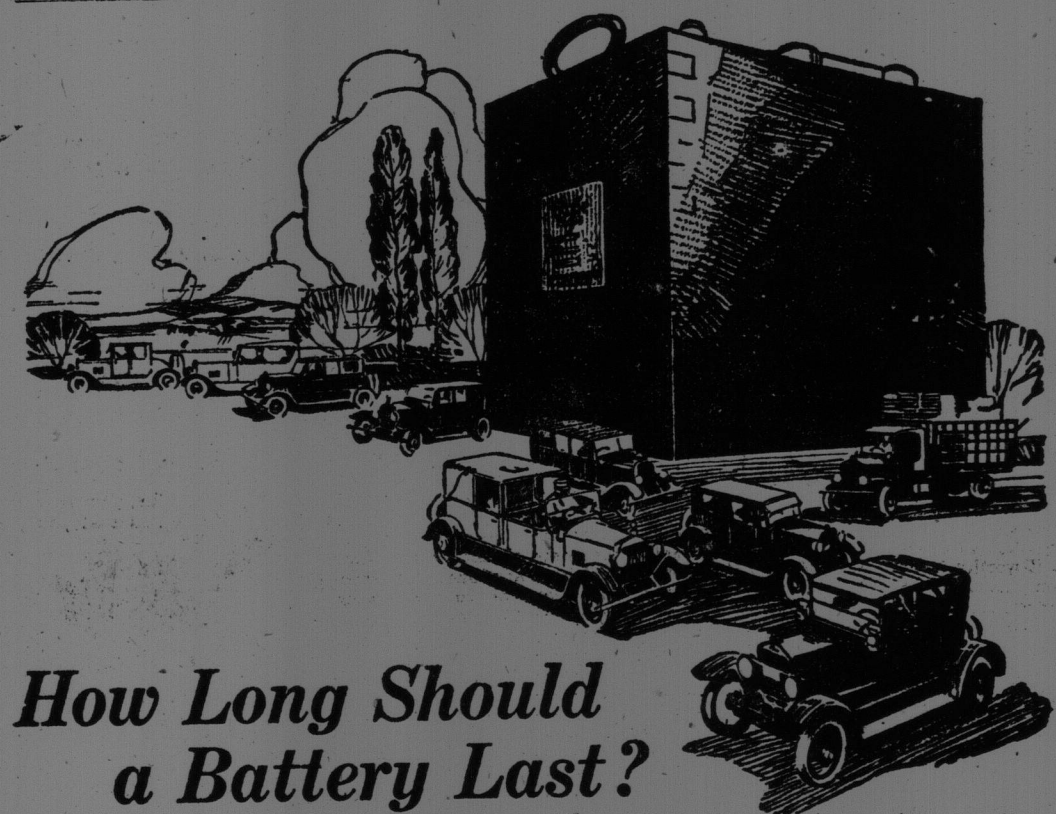
Some Features of the Work.

Hon. Dr. W. F. Roberts paid a tribute to the work of the Women's Institute along public health lines and also praised Miss Meiklejohn for the work which she had done at Kouchibouguac. That work at Kouchibouguac, he said, was but one of the many activities of the department of health and had been organized by Dr. G. G. Melvin, chief health officer, in co-operation with Dr. Desmond, the district medical health officer. Unfortunately it was not the first case of its kind which the department had been called upon to care for, but he believed it had had a salutary effect in bringing to the attention of the county authorities the grave need for public health work. Dr. Roberts also spoke of the assistance which the Victorian Order of Nurses and the Red Cross had contributed to the relief work for the typhoid patients.

Judge McInerney expressed his appreciation of the honor conferred on him in his election as vice-president. He believed that not enough had been said concerning the efforts of Dr. Roberts, Dr. Warwick and Judge McKeown in bringing about the health centre project. The idea of centralizing the health work appealed to him greatly. From his personal experience, he knew what it meant to have children dangerously ill and he was able to appreciate what preventative measures would mean. (He hoped that the organization would be so representative that a committee representing it could speak with authority and bring great influence to bear. He considered that some matters of public health were not receiving enough attention and referred in particular to the purity of the water supply in the city. If the health centre organization were powerful enough to see to it that the city had its water supply purified, regardless of cost, then the organization would have justified its existence. He felt that the large number of typhoid patients in the hospital was a matter for concern.)

Dr. Roberts, in replying, said that Dr. G. G. Melvin had been foremost in urging this measure on the city authorities, but they had always felt that money considerations stood in the way. As local medical health officer, Dr. Warwick was striving to secure purification of milk and purification of water for the city of St. John. The health centre organization might give great assistance in supporting the endeavors of the department of health along these lines.

Regarding the number of typhoid patients, Dr. Roberts said that the



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number was not unusually large at the present time but he agreed there should not be any typhoid cases.

The meeting adjourned and the members took the opportunity to inspect the building.

Building Well Sited.

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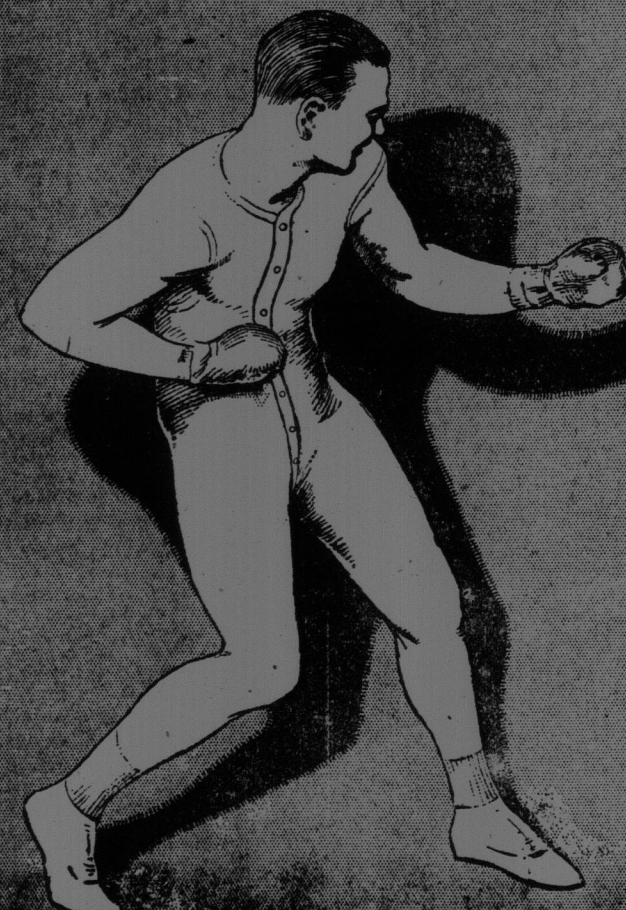
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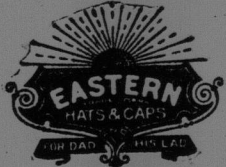
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