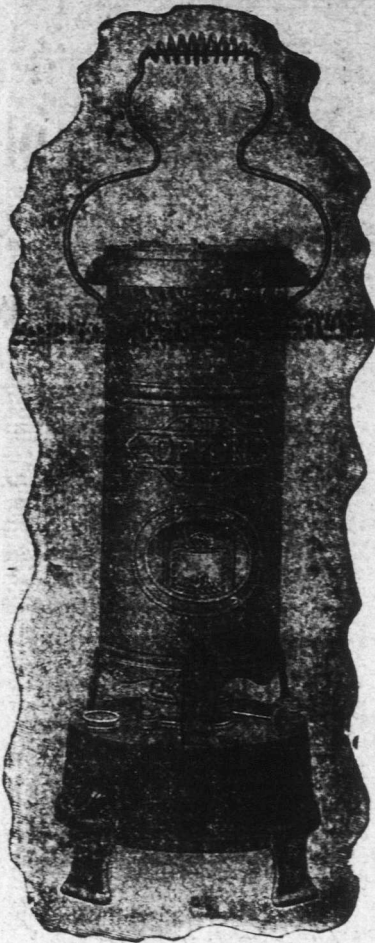


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St. John's, Newfoundland, Jan. 6, 1911.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER

Pronounces Fever Typhus Fever.

We append a letter we received this afternoon from Dr. Brehm in reference to the outbreak of fever in Pope Street and the vicinity. This outbreak took place about a fortnight ago. We heard then the cases were doubtful and that there were being instituted typhoid or typhus fever. To settle the question was a matter of supreme importance, as a medical man informs us the danger of the typhus spreading is a hundredfold greater than in case of typhoid. The latter spreads by contagion, mostly by swallowing food and water which have been tainted with the disease germs.

Typhus is highly infectious and can be carried a few feet from the sufferer and by clothing and thus carried long distances to others living in healthy surroundings. It is thus highly important to isolate all cases of typhus and stop all communication between the outside public and the patient.

We have already stated that we learnt when the outbreak occurred that suspicion was entertained that the disease might be typhus and that it would be known the next day whether the suspicion was justified. On inquiry next day we were informed that the cases were typhoid of a bad nature and not typhus. This was about two weeks ago.

A few days ago we mentioned the matter to Dr. Brehm, and he told us he was of the opinion that the cases were typhoid and not typhus.

From the communication appended it will be seen that now Dr. Brehm is of opinion that the cases are typhus.

As a layman, we should like to know if it should not have been possible to determine within a day or two if the cases were typhus. Further, if a suspicion that the cases might be typhus was entertained, should the houses have been isolated?

Have the houses been placarded? Have persons from the infected houses been going about the city streets and to their business?

Should this have been allowed? Is it a fact that after Mrs. Collins' death a wake was held in her house, at which the people of the neighbourhood attended?

Is it a fact that William McGrath contracted the disease at Mrs. Collins' wake?

We append Dr. Brehm's letter and await further information.

Editor Evening Telegram.
Dear Sir,—As there appears to be a general desire for more definite information as to the nature of the fever cases which have occurred in the vicinity of Pope Street, perhaps you

will permit me to say that, in my opinion, there is no longer any doubt that the disease is typhus fever, and not typhoid. Several of the cases have been reported as typhoid; in all the symptoms have been irregular and ill-defined, and only by watching their development for several days has it been possible to come to a definite conclusion. Most of the cases are of a mild type, the only fatalities, so far, having occurred in persons who were enfeebled by age and destitution and unhealthy surroundings. All the patients, with one exception, have been removed to hospital—this case having been too ill when coming under observation to permit of removal, and all necessary steps have been taken to prevent the spread of the disease. Typhus, though highly infectious to those in actual contact with patients in dirty, unventilated dwellings, such as those on Pope Street, cannot spread in the presence of fresh air and cleanliness.

Yours truly,
R. A. BREHM,
Medical Health Officer,
Public Health Office, Jan. 6th, 1911.

Dr. Newhouse in his manual of Public Health says of Typhus Fever: "This disease was formerly known as spotted or jail-fever, and for many ages has been the scourge of prisons and armies, and all collections of people living in over-crowded and insanitary districts. The history of typhus is the history of human misery. It is essentially associated with filth, over-crowding and destitution; but when once established by these conditions, it can be carried by infection to others who live under healthy surroundings. It generally occurs in winter, when over-crowding is greatest. With free ventilation the disease cannot be carried more than a few feet. It can be transmitted by clothing. The micro-organism causing it has not been discovered. With the clearance of the rookeries of our great towns, it is rapidly decreasing, and appears likely to become extinct. The means of prevention, in addition to the abatement of nuisances, including over-crowding, are isolation and disinfection."

It is a remarkable circumstance that this neighbourhood is the very one which "Reform" was insisting should be cleaned up by the Council.

SEVERED A ARTERY.—Mr. Joseph Taylor, formerly of Ayre & Sons, while at work in the Royal Street, this forenoon fell from a step ladder and crashed through a show case. The glass in it cut his right arm terribly, severing the main artery. He bled profusely and he hurried to a doctor who dressed his wounds.

History of the Typhus Cases.

A man named Rodgers had the disease first and was stricken shortly after coming off a foreign voyage in a vessel. The people of Barter's Hill say that the man had no home to go to when he arrived, and ill though he was he went in the country and cutting down boughs slept under the trees for several days and nights, after which he came to the city and appeared at the Collins residence, into which he was taken and looked after by Mrs. Collins, since deceased. The malady was communicated to the Collins family by him, and Mr. Collins was the first to be taken ill. While nursing her husband Mrs. Collins became infected and died after an illness of five days. Her husband recovered but her three little boys became ill and are now in hospital. Rev. Fr. Goff attended her on several occasions and contracted the disease in her house, as did Mrs. Whalen, her sister, who died not long ago in hospital and who attended Mrs. Collins during her illness. Mrs. Reardon, the mother of both women, died a few days after Mrs. Collins, and the belief is that she also died of the disease. In rapid succession, then, John McManus, a neighbor, became ill; Mr. W. Painling and a boy named Woodfine, after which Mr. McGrath took the disease.

Reciprocity.

We observe that Sir Edward Morris has lost no time in intimating to the people of the United States of America that he is prepared to make a deal with their government on a reasonable basis. He declares that there are three or four concessions to offer to the United States in return for concessions of a reasonable nature. He also expressed the opinion that free trade in fish would go far to solve the problem of the high cost of living in America. There is, no doubt, some force in this contention. We could hope it would convince American tariff men of the desirability of altering their ways, and coming to a more reasonable attitude in regard to trading with Newfoundland.

The decision of the Hague Tribunal has given the Newfoundland Premier an accession of strength that should prove useful in any negotiations in these matters. It will be remembered that the visit of Mr. Pepper to the Premier some months ago was hailed by an organ of the Government as the first-fruits of the Hague Award.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

To-day a man named William Carey, who was recently released from the Penitentiary, was convicted of stealing a pair of rabbits from Mrs. Beams' store, Water Street West, was sentenced to six months.

A drunk and disorderly in his own house was remanded for 8 days.

Two drunks were discharged.

Two young men, the principals in an affiliation case were before court; one was sentenced to 6 months in the Penitentiary; the other agreed to pay the fine imposed in such cases.

Maggie Brennan, a domestic, who resided with Mrs. P. Stewart, summoned her for the recovery of a purse which she left in defendant's house which she quit on Christmas morning, and which she alleged contained two \$2 bills, four 50 cent pieces, two photos, two gold rings, and a 20 cent and 10 cent piece. Plaintiff said the purse was in a bureau drawer. Mrs. Stewart said that the bureau drawer was left open, that she had not seen the purse, that there were other boarders in the house having access to the room, and that she was not responsible for the girl's property. The case was non-suited. Mr. Gibbs, for plaintiff; Mr. W. J. Higgins, for defendant.

Here and There.

NUMIDIAN ARRIVED.—To-day Messrs. Shea & Co. had a messenger from the other side saying that the s.s. Numidian was 18 miles west of Main Head at 1 p.m.

DELAYED SCHOONERS O.K.—The schrs. Ermine, Ethel E. and Dorothy Mett., fish laden from Twillingate, who had been out since St. Stephen's Day for this port, arrived at King's Cove last night on their way here. They had stormy and adverse winds and were for a while harbored at Seldom and Shanley's Cove. They are fish laden for Bowring Bros.

OVERCOAT THIEF AROUND.—A thief is now going the rounds of the city who has taken a new and special departure. He is engaged in going quietly into hallways of residences and stealing overcoats. Four were taken by him last week, two of which were valued at \$20 each and two others at \$10. The owners of the apparel will report the matter to the police.

Mr. J. Cox, the window clerk of the Post Office, is laid up with a heavy cold since New Year's Day. The S. S. Portia left Marystown at 7.35 a.m. to-day, and is due here at noon to-morrow.

Train Notes.

The Bruce express at 6 p.m. yesterday took out about 50 passengers. The local which arrived here at 9.50 last night brought in 20 passengers.

The incoming express left Port aux Basques at 9.10 a.m. to-day. The local via Broad Cove arrived at St. John's at 1.20 p.m. with four cars.

Here and There.

DIED SUDDENLY.—A resident of Maddox Cove named James Walsh, a member of the L. S. P. U., died suddenly at Maddox Cove last evening.

FUNERAL ON SUNDAY.—The funeral of the late Mr. W. Benda, who died at 9 last night, at Water Street West, will take place at 2.15 p.m. on Sunday next.

LOST between Star Hall and Queen Theatre a child's long rubber. Finder will be rewarded on leaving same at this office, or No. 10 Stephen Street.—Jan. 6, 11.

BRUCE PASSENGERS.—The Bruce arrived at Port aux Basques at 8.15 a.m. to-day bringing H. S. Synder, A. M. Rogers, H. S. Crowe, J. A. McFarlane, W. L. Cummings, C. Sutherland, T. Best, J. Hanham, Owen Hughes.

WOMAN BREAKS LEG.—As an old woman named Walsh was proceeding down Barter's Hill last night she fell on the street which was then covered with glitter and broke her left leg above the ankle. She was assisted home and a doctor was called to set the fractured bone.

A magisterial enquiry into the fire which occurred at Knowling's upper premises recently was held yesterday before Judge Conroy, in the Court House, when Mr. Knowling's housekeeper, Supt. John Williams of the department, and Fireman Con. Kavanagh were examined.

There will be an enquiry this evening into the fire which occurred Sunday morning at Mr. Cook's cooperage, Casey Street, when several witnesses will be examined.

The brig, Galatea, Capt. Connors, arrived here from Oporto to-day after a run of 40 days, which Capt. Connors says was the roughest he ever experienced.

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