

THE SEMI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, ST. JOHN, N. B., NOVEMBER 23, 1901.

BOSTON DOES IT

Jolory Vaccination With
the Aid of Police.

WORK AMONG TRAMPS.

Effort to Stamp Out Smallpox by
Vaccinating Inmates of Five and
Ten Cent Lodging Houses—Police
Hold Down Struggling Victim
While Doctor Operates.

Boston, Nov. 18.—Boston's board of health, as a result of the outbreak of smallpox, has organized a compulsory vaccination squad, which has been in commission the past two nights, and which is experiencing about as much excitement and insight into the life that is really serious as its members ever before had.

The duty of the physicians on the squad is to visit the cheap lodging houses and vaccinate all the men they find there, whether the lodgers are yearning for free vaccination or not, and their experience has convinced the doctors that there are not only some very dirty but some very tough men to be found in certain sections of the city.

As a precautionary measure, and as a very timely one, too, it appears, the board of health made a requisition on the police department for some strapping patrolmen to go around with the surgeons on their nocturnal vaccinating tours; each of the squads of physicians had four strong-armed patrolmen detailed to go with them.

Their first venture was made Thursday night at 10 o'clock the two squads taking assigned territory, one in the North End and the other in the South End. Their directive points were the 5 and 10-cent lodging houses, where tramps and other homeless men who can raise the price of rent in large numbers on cold nights for a night.

The four patrolmen, like the doctors they had under their care, had not previously had experience in the compulsory vaccination of hoboes, but the patrolmen knew the tramps, and the doctors didn't, so the officers went out prepared for trouble, and they got quite a lot of it.

How They Worked It.

The general plan of the campaign was that one policeman should stand guard at the outer door of the lodging house after the vaccination party had entered, prepared to bar the egress of any tramp who wanted to get away, while the three other policemen were to go with the doctor from cot to cot, and where resistance was offered, hold down the objecter until he had been operated upon.

This plan worked all right, but it could have worked better if there had been half a dozen patrolmen to hold the subjects instead of the three that were at liberty for that duty, for a good many of the men kicked and clawed and also fought with teeth and claws against what some of them declared was an assault upon their rights as otherwise free and independent American citizens, but none of the men that the doctors and policemen tackled escaped unscathed.

A formidable threat from civil suits and blood-murder when they got the opportunity to commit it, was met by the writhing, cursing, struggling tramps who were operated upon, and a lot of them had to be held down in their cots, one big policeman sitting on their legs and another on their heads, while the third held the arms, bared for the doctors.

In one 10-cent lodging house in the North End a bumpy tramp who had gone to bed drunk, swore he would die rather than submit to what he termed the outrage that was contemplated, and when two of the policemen jumped on him to hold him in bed he rolled off on to the floor with them, eluded the grasp of both and getting hold of a bed post, backed up in the corner and defied all the policemen in the world and all the doctors this side of Chicago to vaccinate him.

Police Drew Their Clubs.

Seeing the danger of a general uprising the policemen drew their clubs and advanced on the tramp with the bed fast determined to put him to bed, and before it got any worse. The tramp made a vicious swing at one of the policemen as they advanced shoulder to shoulder, but being backed up in the corner and not having a first-class chance to swing his improvised club, he couldn't bring it down quick enough to split the head of the policeman he was aiming at, and as that officer jumped back out of range, his companions leaped in and brought his night stick down on the head of the fighting tramp.

The tramp went down in a heap on the floor, and then the policeman jumped on him and the vigor with which the doctor who had been waiting with his vaccine point in hand, jumped forward and jabbed the virus into his arm made the tramp shout.

After he had vaccinated the tramp the doctor sewed up his head, and then they let him go back to bed, cursing the entire medical profession and uttering bloody threats against all policemen, of whatever name, nature or locality.

The doctors in both squads had a large number of similarly exciting experiences during the night, and they were well tired out, as were the policemen, when they left their work at 4 o'clock in the morning.

Some of them found in the cheap lodging houses accepted the situation philosophically and allowed the doctors to vaccinate them without raising any row at all, but for the most part they struggled and kicked and complained about the way they were treated, even if they did not put up an out-and-out fight.

It is said to be the intention of the board of health to keep the compulsory vaccination squads out every night until there is an abatement in the present run of smallpox. The population of the lodging houses of the 5 and 10-cent class, they are the only ones which have as yet been tackled, changes completely almost nightly, and to make the work really effective it will be necessary to go over the ground night after night.

DOGS AND POULTRY.

Exhibition Under Auspices of New Brunswick Association a Successful Show—Some Prizes Awarded.

A good patronage was extended the exhibit of the New Brunswick Poultry, Kennel and Pet Stock Association at St. Andrew's rink Wednesday. Dogs, from the imposing and somewhat troubled St. Bernard, down to the diminutive puppy, are exhibited in neat stalls, wherein every evidence of peaceful resignation to the chain around their necks, or else in open mouth-displeasure they proclaim their grievance to those who come to gaze and comment.

A poultry exhibit extends down the centre of the rink and although not so extensive as the canine display, they call well claim the favorable attention of the most critical fancier.

The exhibit of dogs and the prizes awarded are as follows:

Best Dane—3rd prize, Mary Merritt, Marquette.

St. Bernard—1st, E. K. McKay; 2nd, Mr. Welch; 3rd, J. H. Poole.

St. Bernard, bitch—1st, W. G. Caron; 2nd, Jas. Leach; 3rd, A. Cunningham.

Newfoundland, bitch—1st, Robt. Black; 2nd, Thos. Colborn.

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Pointer dogs—2nd, Jas. Pullen.

Pointer pups—1st, P. Holman; 2nd, Keith Barbour.

English setters—1st, Dr. W. W. White; 2nd, Jas. McQuay; 3rd, Fred. Doig.

English setters, bitch—1st, K. A. Barbour.

Dog pups—1st, Wm. Cunningham.

Bitch pups—1st, Walter Welford.

Irish setters—1st, Geo. Quinn; 2nd, Left Thompson; 3rd, J. R. Wood.

Gordon setters—1st, A. P. Poole.

Irish setters, bitch pups—1st, F. McGurk.

Field spaniel dogs—2nd, A. J. Jackson; 3rd, Jas. McCarty.

Field spaniel, bitch—1st, Chas. Conway; 2nd, R. Black.

English pointer—1st, Wm. Cunningham; 2nd, 2nd, S. Golding.

Cocker spaniel, bitch—1st, Kate McCall; 2nd, C. W. DeForest; 3rd, Thos. Short.

Cocker spaniel, dog pups—1st, Chas. Thompson.

Greyhound dogs—1st, M. Harley; 3rd, D. A. Patton.

Greyhound bitches—1st, Lewis King; 2nd, J. B. Magee.

Greyhound dog pup—1st, Henry Fineman.

Podspaniel bitch pup—1st, W. F. T. Harrison.

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Smooth Fox Terrier dogs—3rd, J. J. Wood; 1st and 2nd prizes withheld.

Smooth Fox Terrier, bitch—2nd, Mrs. R. L. Johnston; 1st and 2nd prizes withheld.

START THE COTTON MILLS.

A Greater Need Than a New Y. M. C. A. Building, Says Clergyman Speaking of Distress in Infected District.

Wednesday a clergyman actively interested in charitable work in this city called on The Telegraph regarding the condition of the working people in Wellington and Prince wards. He stated that, owing to the prevalence of smallpox in that part of the city, many of the people were practically quarantined and as a result distress was manifest. There were many cases of great hardship which were calling for immediate relief. In many instances whole families were thrown out of employment. No person would engage them for fear of infection because they came from the smallpox district. He stated that if matters did not improve the distress in that portion of the city during the coming winter would be much greater than last and more efforts would be required to be put forth to assist the needy.

This gentleman suggested that all the charitable societies should meet and appoint a representative committee to supervise the distribution of any charity which they could do more good than at present. He suggested that the state of affairs, and that was the starting of the cotton mills which would give the necessary employment to those in need of it, and that the people could do more for themselves if they were not so dependent on the charity of others.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

James Stewart, who was injured on the I. C. R. at Rouses Point on Saturday, is making rapid progress towards recovery.

The Springfield will continue her regular trips at her regular hour till Saturday, after which she will be laid up for winter.

The Quiddy came down river Thursday with a load of hardware, which sold at the North End for \$8 a cord.

The annual meeting of the St. John County W. C. T. U. will be held in Orange Hall, German street, on Friday afternoon, Nov. 29.

The railway construction crew at work on the New Brunswick Coal and Railway Company's road is at present grading in Newcastle.

A message from Lady Somerset, the World's W. C. T. U. president, has been received stating that the next convention, to be held in 1902, has been given to Ottawa.

Hillboro is to have a new hotel, in which several St. John men have taken stock. The need of more adequate accommodation has been felt for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. William Tyrrell, of Milltown, N. B., lost their twin children last week. One of them was buried Friday and the day following the other died, the funeral occurring Sunday.

A. B. Saunders, of Sunset, Me., raised the prize carrot of Hancock county, if not of the state. Its length over all was

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