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VITAL STATISTICS.

CITY OF ST. JOHN'S—WITHIN THE LIMITS.

Number of Births for month August 1923	Number of Deaths for month August 1923	Deaths from five years and over
112	47	33
under one month	4	
under one year	7	
under five years	3	

CAUSE:

Paratyphoid Fever	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	5
Phthisis Pulmonalis	1
Tuberculous Peritonitis	1
Cancer Liver	1
Cancer Stomach	1
Cancer Breast	2
Apoplexy	1
Paralysis	2
Cerebral Haemorrhage	1
Chronic Mania	1
Acute Mania	1
Senile Dementia	1
Myocarditis	1
Arteriosclerosis	1
Thrombosis Cerebral Artery	1
Pneumonia	1
Pleuro-Pneumonia	1
Acute Nephritis	1
Dysentery	1
Senility	2
Drowning	1

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923
Number of Births for month of August	90	96	106	110	112
Number of Deaths for month of August	40	71	41	71	47
under one month	2	1	5	3	4
under one year	2	2	7	17	7
under five years	3	2	2	4	3
from five years and over	33	35	27	47	33

W. J. MARTIN,
Registrar General.

Newfoundland Methodist College

School re-opens on Tuesday, September 11, at 9 a.m. The Principal may be seen at his residence on Monday, September 10, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Tuition fees are payable at the opening of the School.
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NEWFOUNDLAND GOVERNMENT COASTAL MAIL SERVICE.

The Drug Traffic.

SHAWINGAN FALLS, P.Q. Sept. 1.—Speaking at the 23rd annual convention of the Union of Canada Municipalities in session here, Alex. B. J. Moore, head of the Department of Pharmacy at McGill University, delivered an address on narcotics for which he thought a suitable title would be "Dope and Its Cursee."

To arouse interest in the subject he displayed samples of all the various habit-forming drugs, tracing them to their geographical botanical sources, and giving the therapeutic properties of each. He drew attention to the "great error" in regarding drugs and dope as synonymous terms. Whilst all so-called dopes and narcotics were drugs, all drugs were not narcotics. Cocaine, Heroin and Morphine truly came under the category of habit-forming drugs, but their careful use in the hands of skilful physicians or dentists had proved to be a boon to mankind.

In dealing with the number of addicts the lecturer explained that it was an acknowledged fact that in the United States there are between one and two million people who are under the throes of habit-forming drugs. These addicts are not confined to the so-called Red Light districts but embrace those from professional privileges down to the slums of large cities. In dealing with another article which is increasing very much in use, namely, the well known hashish, Professor Moore displayed a splendid sample of the drug, explaining that it was in use 1400 years B.C. and is used both by smoking or chewing. The growth of the plant from which it is obtained, namely Cannabis Indica, although cultivated in some of the United States is prohibited except for medicinal purposes. Hashish produces a sexual tendency of mind, beautiful dreams and delirium, and it is claimed that some artists of the Cubist school have painted some of the most wonderful pictures while under its influence. As a rule, however, the percentage of Anglo-Saxons who are slaves to its use, is very small indeed. The habitual users are natives of India and neighboring countries. It is only recently that it has come into use in the form of cigarettes, produced in Mexico and smuggled across the border.

Professor Moore gave some statistics relative to the importation into Canada of opium, morphine and cocaine, showing that in 1919 these importations arrived at their pinnacle and since then have materially decreased until they are now about 25 per cent. of what they were in that year. These statistics did not include amounts of the drugs smuggled into the Dominion, a quantity of which would be impossible to estimate.

After praising the efforts of the Dominion government and the Montreal police to control the drug traffic, Professor Moore took up the ways and means which should be adopted for the elimination of illegitimate supplies; the necessity of enforcing more stringent laws relative to the use of narcotics; and the very serious problems involved in the eradication of dope fiends. Many drug addicts are criminally inclined, he said, but statistics proved that these were in a minority. He stated it was a recognized fact that ninety per cent. of addicts were curable, but the question had not been taken up seriously in Canada. In the United States more thorough steps were taken, addicts being specifically treated both physically and spiritually.
To strike at the root of the evil presented great difficulties, the various narcotic producing plants being cultivated all over the earth, and unless something in the nature of a league of nations be formed among countries growing the opium poppy, the coca leaf, and Indian hemp, so as to lead to prevention of their cultivation, the problem will be well nigh insoluble. The present unfortunate condition of affairs will, he concluded, be likely to continue with the enormous pecuniary profit arising from out of cultivation of above plants, exists.

Medals for Money.

Do you want a medal? If so, you may secure one without having to perform any act of heroism, or to possess a record of long army service. All you have to do will be to take out your purse and pay a few shillings.
For times has wrought its changes, and whereas, during the Great War, medals were awarded for glory, they are now obtainable for hard cash, though not, he said, with the new owner's name inscribed on them.

The following are the average prices asked for the various kinds of medals now on offer:

- Allied Victory Medal, 2s.; British Allied Victory Medal, 2s.; ditto, with oak branch for mention, 2s. 9d.; 1914 Star, named, 2s. 6d.; British War and Victory Medals, with ribbons, both to the same recipient, 6s.; French Medal for the Great War, 7s. 6d.; Belgian Reconnaissance, 15s.; Italian Medal for Military Valour, 15s.; Military Medal for bravery in the field, 31s.

Paltry sums, surely, for the honors they covered. The story they tell is significant.

Magistrate's Court.

Two ordinary drunks arrested over Saturday night were liberated upon paying the usual deposits.

A resident of the Battery charged with being drunk and disorderly was fined \$1.00.

A 50 year old drunk received his freedom.

A young girl belonging to Mr. Grace was taken in by the police last night for safe-keeping. She was ordered to secure work and go back to her former lodgings.

A city cabman was fined \$2.00 or 7 days for furiously driving his horse while under the influence of liquor.

Coastal Boats.

GOVERNMENT.

Argyle arrived Agents 8 p.m. yesterday.

Clyde left Lewisporte 6.50 a.m. on Green Bay route.

Gracoe left Argentea 9.30 a.m. Saturday.

Home no report leaving Humbermouth.

Kyle at Port aux Basques awaiting arrival Sunday's express.

Sagons left Grady 5 p.m. Saturday. Malakoff arrived Port Union 10.30 yesterday.

Progreso sails north on Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Watchini is expected to sail for the Labrador at 6 o'clock this evening.

Shipping.

S. S. Rosalind arrived at Halifax this morning at 9.40 o'clock.

S. S. Silvia from New York arrived at Halifax at 7 a.m. to-day.

S. S. Henrikund, Capt. Stefferson, arrived yesterday at Lunenburg from Barry, England to load pit props.

Schr. Phillis L. Westhagen arrived this morning at Twillingate from Sydney with a cargo coal to Ashbourne.

Schr. Annie M. Parker has cleared for Sydney in ballast from Bay Roberts.

Here and There.

C.C.C. Band Concert
Victoria Park to-night.

TRAIN NOTES.—Sunday's West bound express arrived at Bishop's Falls 1 hour and 40 minutes late. The incoming express left Clarendville 2 hours and 50 minutes late and did not reach the city until 3 o'clock.

WELL HOED ENQUIRY.—An enquiry into the drowning of Herbert Pike, which sad event occurred at the Chamberlain's on Wednesday last, will be held during the week.

Good time, good Dance, good Music, eve of last whole holiday, September 4th, C. C. C. Hall. Music by Prince's Orchestra.—sept.21

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Monday for Luck.

WHICH IS THE BEST DAY OF THE WEEK TO START A HOLIDAY?

Assuming that the month in which you will take your holiday has been settled, there remains, if you have liberty of choice, the not-at-all important question as to what week day shall witness your departure.

A good beginning counts for much in a holiday. To arrive at the seaside when the skies are leaden and rain is falling, depresses even the most ardent holiday-maker. A bad beginning! Our spirits droop.

Are there good and bad days for starting a holiday? Yes.

Excluding Sunday, with its obvious disadvantages in the way of restricted train services, and early-closing day at the resort you intend to visit, should any other day be banned as likely to give a bad beginning?

Don't start your holiday on a Saturday. Many people end their holidays on Saturday, and landladies get hustled if they have to take in a fresh lot of visitors within an hour or so of the old ones going out. It gives no time for clearing or cleaning. Landladies are human, and when they are worried or tired they are apt to be cross.

It Suits the Landlady, Too!
There is the further consideration, too, that Sunday follows Saturday, and your first dull day will have to be a quiet one. You would have to wait until Monday to plunge into holiday gaiety.

Monday? Quite a good day. Porters and the like have been spending during the week-end, and thus may give you more attention, with an eye to

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London's Fisherwoman.

At one period of its long history London could boast of quite a large population of fisherfolk, but to think of finding a fisherman or fisherwoman living in modern London sounds rather odd.

Nevertheless, the Blue Book of London, recently issued, revealed the fact that a solitary person, describing herself as a fisherwoman, lives at Wandsworth. In the City itself there is a single fisherman, thus making a total fishing population of two. London also possesses a woman blacksmith, who resides at Shorehithe, two women gasfitters, and a woman brick-

layer. Can any other city best this record?

At the BLUE PUTTEE cleanliness and daintiness are invaluable. It's worth while to know that what you eat is absolutely clean—and to have it served in that appetizing manner which doubles your enjoyment. Come in to-night.—sept.11

STILL INVESTIGATING.—There are no further developments in connection with the alleged robberies at the Post Office. The police are making a thorough investigation and an arrest will probably follow soon.