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NEW EVIDENCE FROM SEVERAL WITNESSES ON HOSPITAL MATTERS.

The Leprosy Case Recalled-Mr. Wasson and the Mice--"Physician" Writes the Chairman of Commission -Incidents of the Inquiry.

The third session of the Royal Commis-sion to enquire into matters connected with the General Public Hospital began at 2.30 Friday aftrnoon, having been adjourned from 11 a. m. There was a Burgers there are in the second of the second seco

large gathering of citizens, but, as on a previous occasion, many were obliged to stand outside the admiralty room. With each sesison the enquiry grows

more interesting and that of yesterday from various stand points was much in advance of preceding ones. There was a general air of business about it that was exhilarating to say the least, and from the time the first witness was called there

was not a moment lost. Every effort was made to get evidence from the witnesses with the least possible delay, and yet ample time was given those who had any-thing to say to tell it in their own way. The chairman wasn't quite as sunny and charming in his manner as at Tuesday's inquiry, and displayed marked impatience upon several occasions, which led one of the bystanders to remark that it was one of the chairman's bad days.

issioner Lee was duly impressed with Commissioner Lee was duly impressed with the dignity of his position, and propound-ed several questions to witnesses. It was the first occasion on which he has taken much of a hand in the proceedings. Com-missioner Knowlton was genial and smilling and showed an admirable disposition to give everybody, all around a fair show. The hospital was well represented, a larger number of commissioners than usual man-aging to spend some time at the session. Commissioner Walker carried a little note

Commissioner Walker carried a little note book and a decidedly severe countenance.

With a dazed look the witness drawled out, "Nawthin." Upon one occasion C. J. Coster pressed for the name of the person who had in-spired a certain witness to come forward, and at first Chairman Tuck showed a disposition to support Mr. Coster. Mr. True man objected to names being given in this connection and his objection was sup-ported by Commissioner Knowlton. Before the session opened the chairman

read the following letter:

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St. John, N. B., 27th February, 1902.
His Honor, the Chief Justice of New Bruns, wick, Chairman Hospital Investigation Commission.
Sir,-In the course of your investigation, I would most respectfully suggest that you

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are admitted into the General Public Hospi-tal. The prevailing rule is that patients, before being received as such into the institution, must present to the person in charge, gener-ally the house physician or his assistant, a written order of admission signed by one of the hospital commissioners. The absundity and inconventence of such a rule will easily appear to you. Many, the greater number 1 think, of those commis-sioners are laymen, and are, therefore, of course utterly incapable of determining and pronouncing upon the physical condition of the applicant. They are, moreover, gentie-men actively engaged in the affairs of life, and consequently very often absent from their places of residence or business. The latter fact also applies to the medical men on the commission. The following incident will illustrate the point I am trying to make:

crease in live stock. An element that tends to increase in-terest in the sessions is the uncertainty of the chairman's disposition. March came in mild and springlike on Saturday and so did the chairman. Though nothing really new was elicited the session was pleasant, and agreeable, with no jarring incidents. or four.
Hair in the Bread.
Miss Georgia O'Donnell, testified—I am in employ of J. E. White, Was in the matter, but sided with the fing from trouble with ankle. Found vegetables sometimes not cooked enoughing to gets angles of food but for a strength. Heard some one say it seemed as if was boiled over for beef tea baford before a nure came; the latter of nit. Eat salt on my bread. Complained of the resting before a nure came; the latter of nits of a sheet once in a bet in the rame to k my clothes and had hair, bits of sitc, etc. in it. Eat salt on my bread. Complained for a week lever the redsh was been dirated and had hair, bits of sitc, etc. in it. Eat salt on my bread. Complained for a meet came it hat the rame by opening and the there in mise down as a bet b. Lever and but there arm in helping herseling was bale of a sheet once in a bet in the rame took my clothes and had hair to my see a bet b. Lever and bala the the patient was. When a mine took my clothes are and but there arm in helping herseling was bale of the transient patient was. When a transient patient was the there are mined to a strength. Heard some one say it seemed and had hair, bits of sitc, etc. in it. Eat salt on my bread. Complained for maxing before a nure came; the latter of maxing before a nure came; the latter of my break are oblem. The the arm by opening and the bread method in the transient patient was there of the maxing the view that one should start.
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Muses were often impatient and shoe of the transient patient was the took may opening and the th on the edge of a sheet once in a bed in which a transient patient was. When I went in, a nurse took my clothes and gave me a bath. I got my clothes and gave me a bath. I got my clothes and the abarket of carbolic acid. I had two baths while there; the second one I asked for. Bedbugs kept me awas at hight. I spoke to Miss Mitchell and she said she would see it wouldn't happen again. I saw a mouse in a patient's be wait is aw a mouse in a patient's be wait is aw a mouse in a patient's be down. This was in April. Necessary medi-time was refused. Dr. Emery. He said must get medicine given and things straightened before the doctor comes, "Heard patients complain of medicine not being administered regularly. I cleansed a automore before the doctor comes," of the mark and the mark was gave and the mass excond operation, though it was in-tended. Dr. Emery ordered my wite home. during the night because they became stained from the patient's wound. He had gangrene of the feet. Dr. Lunner came in through the night and was ready and anxious to do anything in his powe Witness did not know of any money being Mrs. Campbell. Mrs. Wun. M. Campbell, wife of the man who gave evidence on Friday, said she was a patient from April 15 to May 10 last year, to undergo an operation for a lump on her arm. She had a private room. The room was dirty when she entered it, there were dirty clothes in the commode, the walls looked as if bugs had been killed on them, while there were no evidences of the place having been cleaned or dusted. The wattress was dirty and she have second operation, though it was in tended. Dr. Emery ordered my wife home rive me a sponge bath. The inquiry adjourned until Saturday. eing administered regularly. I cleansed a unceran before I left. Milk had been In view of the state of things in the hos or dusted. The nattress was dirty and she did not consider it fit for use. The pil-lows also were dirty. She found a bed bug on the counterpane the first day. The food sometimes was good and sometimes Very Respectfully, (Sgd.) PHYSICIAN. saucepan before I left. Milk had been in view of the state of things in the hosp boiled in it, and the milk was burned and crusted upon it. Fever patients often wanted water, but there was no night nurse around to give it. The patients ask-ed repeatedly but did not get water for hours. Saturday's Session. The royal commission in connection with hospital matters met at 11 o'clock Saturday morning to hear evidence; out-He commented upon the unfairness of an anonymous correspondence and thought it would be much fairer if any one had anything of importance to say, to come poor. The porridge was frequently lumpy the bread sour and the butter unfit to eat side two volunteers, only one subpoeaned witness found it convenient to attend. hours. To C. J. Coster-Was at the hospital in November I think. Miss Northrup was the worst nurse. The others were Misses Ellis, Morris, Munroe. Did not come here The evidence started out in favor of the hospital, for Mr. Oakes, who had been debarred from giving testimony on Fri-day, and had left the inquiry to catch a Witness had bread and butter sent to her rom outside. The meat was sometime tough and sometimes nice. It was usually good. Eggs were always stale. She never got a good one. She once asked Miss Flaglor for an egg in preference to one served, but Miss Flaglor told her the lift of my own accord. To Mr. Lee-There was one nurse in pleasant. Several times she asked for arm visited a near relative while in the hos-my ward, Miss Mitchell promised to look chair for comfort of her arm, but the pital, and how pleasantly he was situdid not come up again until noon. She did not think that was true, as the nurses always had a lunch through the morning. Once a bad egg made her vomit. She was once served chicken broth and complained that it was only water and pepper. Dr Emery ordered more chicken in it next Emery ordered more chicken in it lead time. Once she took a bath. The tub did not look very clean. While taking a bath Miss Kellier, a nurse, asked ad-mittance and witness thought she might have gone somewhere else. After that vitness took baths in her room. The od-or from the closets was very offensive. Whooping Cough Miss Byrne, a day nurse, was very short The matron and the other nurses when she first went in were very attentive. The witness complained of inattention on the part of a nurse who did not see that she was properly clothed at night. On several occasions when she had to ring the bell Don't you dread it? There's not a sensible; well-read person in the world who isn't afraid of whooping-cough. It's a most distressing becasions when she had to him the operations when she had to him the she back of the she was crazy, because she complained to Miss Byrne about not answering her disease and a very dangerous one, too. The child is so liable to have convulsions, pneumonia or bronchitis as a complication. bell for three-quarters of an hour or more After that she complained to the matron who seemed to take Miss Byrne's part The cause of the disease is a germ which rests in the back part of the throat and upper On one occasion witness did not get medi-cine for two days, although she had asked for it. She punposed having a second operation, but after Mr. Campbell had tolled with Dr. Bernet the air-passages. How can these germs be destroyed. Certainly not by taking medicine into the stomach. Then why not breathe talked with Dr. Emery it was agreed that she should go out. She did not hear what Dr. Emery had said to her husband, nor something into the throat that will destroy

1899. I was not adapted to nursing. I more threw sour gruel in the sink during my 'stay. I got it from the scullery up stairs near ward A. I gave beef tea in instructions. Matron said in first case that in throwing out the gruel I tok a good deal upon myself. On second occasion the nurse's told me to give the gruel. There were not to during she went in we looked to the owners withen to get up he dotted to mursing. I structions withen to give the gruel. There were not to work with. The same
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answer was invariably that all were entities in a matron's food was better than partient's. It was merely hearsay. Got evidence of doctor's food being better from same source. I decline to give name of informant. (The point of giving name was presed by counsel and commission, and the chairman showed how unfair such the chairman showed how unfair such the chairman showed how unfair such the chairman showed how infair such the chairman showed how infair such the withers.

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and potatoes served Richards were

good witness. Mr. Yeomans, the man who was ex-pelled from the hospital on Friday, made little arrows of the description of the pelled from the hospital on Friday, made a little commotion at the close of the session, just as everybody was hurrying away. Mr. Yeomans isn't very preposses-ing looking, but he had a good natured way about him that sort of squared him with the people who had hitherto been anxious to get away. He was of an ob-liging disposition also, for when the chair-man asked two or three times in suc-cession if he were ill when he entered the hospital, the witness promptly put his neck in evidence. The chairman wasn't anxious to see it though. The witness, Yeomans, said he was ejected from the hospital because didn't think there was any connection between

a patient a piece of toast. Witness didn't think there was any connection between that and the patient's death, which did not take place till some time later, or "about half way of his stay," as Mr. Yeomans put it. Unlike a famous queen who on being told of a famine in her domains, and that her people were dwire It a. m. on Saturday next. The chairman announced that any whose names are pre-sented to the commission would be sum-moned and he said the commissioners had some plans of their own, which need not now be gone into. The hospital doctors, nurses, etc., will be called, he said, in due who on being told of a familie in her domains, and that her people were dying for want of bread, wanted to know why they didn't eat cake, the witness decided on toast, as a lesser evil than just plain hospital bread, and the result didn't seem to be very serious for anybody, but

intress, etc., with be called, he shot, in all time, but not at present. Mr. Oakes, who gave evidence, came for-ward voluntarily, saying he desired to bear testimony to the good work done in the institution.

PREMIER'S PENSION BILL.

Sir Wilfrid Gives Notice of Measure Relative to Northwest Mounted Police.

Ottawa, March 3-(Special)-Sir Wilfrid Laurier gives notice of the following re-

solution:

"Towards making good the said pen-sions, five per cent. to be deducted from the pay of officers. "To an officer, retiring on account of informite or primed to promote efficiency nfirmity, or retired to promote efficiency or economy in the service, a gratuity not exceeding one month's pay for each year's service. If retiring on account of injury received in the discharge of his duties a gratuity not exceeding three months' pay for every two rears service gratuity not exceeding three months' pay for every two years service. "To the widow and children of an officer who had served 20 years and was at the time of his death on full pay or in receipt of pension, the following pension allow-ance: In the case of the commissioner, \$500, to the widow and \$80 to each child; to casitant commissioner a provision of to assistant commissioner, a pension of \$450 to widow and a yearly allowance of \$450 to widow and a yearly allowance of \$80 to each child; a superintendent or surgeon, \$350 to widow and \$70 to each child; an inspector, assistant surgeon, or veterinary surgeon, \$250 to widow and \$65 to each child, it being permissible to double the amount to children if they are motherless and in need; no allowance to be granted to a son aged 18 or a daughter aged 21, and the total amount granted to the family of an officer in one year not to exceed the amount of the one year not to exceed the amount of the pension attached to his rank.

rumber of commissioners than usual man-aging to spend some time at the essain Commissioner Walker carried a little not book and a decidedly severe countenace. In the former he aoted down items for time to time while evidence was being given, and in the latter he depicted every phase of 'human feeling. Commissioner W. C. R. Allan had on his usual happy, go lucky smile, trimment with a knowing wink at intervals, and seemed to have the faculty of seeing what ever was funny in a testimony-just like other people. The other commissioner, W. C. R. Allan had on his usual happy, go lucky smile, trimment with a knowing wink at intervals, and were was funny in a testimony-just like other people. The other commissioner were decidedly funereal, and with grave, impressive faces listened to everything, never even smiling when the witness Aler house surgeout' of the heave in an hour or so, pital, about splints being placed on his to far arctor. When he absolutely decine at retort. When he absolutely decine at retort. When he absolutely decine to blot s0 years to his credit, and is quite at retort. When he absolutely decine at retort. When he absolutely decine at retort. When he absolutely decine to blot s0 years to his credit, and is quite at retory world of the interview, even wing this hospital.'' said the doctry.'' "No, but I'm running my own leg," said Mr. Akerly was over words when he fould Mr. Akerly worldn't have anything to do with splints. 'You are no two ming this hospital.'' said the doctry.'' "No, but I'm running my own leg," said Mr. Akerly, Whereupon the doctry.'' "No, but I'm running my own leg.'' said Mr. Akerly, Whereupon the doctry.'' "No, but I'm running my own leg.'' said Mr. Akerly, Whereupon the doctry.'' "No, but I'm running my own leg.'' said Mr. Akerly, Whereupon the doctry.'' "No, but I'm running my own leg.'' said Mr. Akerly, Whereupon the doctry.'' "No, but I'm running my own leg.'' said Mr. Akerly, Whereupon the doctry.'' "No, but I'm running my own leg.'' said Mr. Akerly was oluba se sered the an

field, and his broken leg. There was a voluntary witness present yesterday afternoon whose name it was afterwards learned was Oakes, an employe on the C. P. R. Towards the last of the session he rose as if to come forward to the witness stand, but was peremptorily ordered by the chairman to wait till he was called for, but the C. P.

R., like time and tide, waits for no ordin-ary man, and so Mr. Oakes departed, say-ing he had no time to waste. In a stage ing he had no time to wate. In a stage whisper the chairman expressed the very confident opinion that the man was crazy, but Commissioner Lee thought otherwise, and was bold enough to tell the chairman so in a dittle aside. Yesterday was Constable Bond's busy

day, and the importance of calling upon so many citizens in an official sense addso many citizens in an official sense add-ed to the solemnity of his position. He considered that the dignity of the court had been assailed when Mr. Oakes on leaving declined to give his name to him, and there, was a decidedly aggrieved air about him when he informed the chair-

about him when he informed the that man of the fact. The longer Miss Duncan thought over all she knew or had heard about the hospital the more firmly convinced she became that the public ought to hear it too. Undeterred by her experience of Tuesday Miss Duncan assumed a puglistic air and once more came to the front. She hadn't much that was new to add, but the was determined to get there. She

but she was determined to get there. She was told by Chairman Tuck that her siswas told by Chairman Tuck that her sis-ter would be given an opportunity to tell the story of her father's stay in the hos-pital and first hand evidence was much better than hearsay. That didn't seem to satisfy the irrepressible Miss Duncan, and she reluctantly went away. Her appear-ances have come to be expected as a mat-ter of course at the sessions of the com-mission.

went after leaving. Mr. Mr. Knowlton-I did not after

as a nurse.

If the iron didn't enter the soul of Miss Georgia O'Donnell while in the hos-Miss Georgia O'Donnell while in the hospital, it was because she got all her system needed through the medium of a salt cellar—only it was iron rust. Miss Georgia at first thought it was eavenne pepper, and she didn't want things any hotter than they were around there—and there was enough to make things rather heated without the cayenne. When she told a nurse that the top of the salt cellar was filled with rust she was given the comforting assurance that iron was good for her. Miss O'Donnell got plenty of it, for during the greater part of her sojour,

during the greater part of her sojourn, she had to sprinkle her bread with salt, or else go without anything on it. Once "quite by accident," as the chairman J. Holly Wasson, examined by Mr. Trueman, said: Was greatly disturbed by mice jumping on my bed. I spoke to Dr. White and he had trap set. To chairman—Yes, I forgot the matter

suggested, she came across a bit of good bread-that is it was sweet and was without acompaniments of hair, bits of stick and other pleasant features. Miss O'Donnell also contributed another find of the mice disturbing me I was well of the mice disturbing me I was well

O'Donnell also contributed another init to the insects in the hospital, but as the chairman said in effect accidents will hap-pen in the best regulated hospitals, and so the latest "accident" didn't create the same futore which other species of the insect world did at previous sessions. Spectators and commissioners have got beyond the stage of being suprised at anything. Persons who have been won-dering why a cat is not kept in the hos-pital will be interested in learning that one patient did see one come in his room one night. The subject under discussion was the one of "Mice" and when the witness told of the feline's nocturnal ap-pearance, there was a hush of expectancy, an exciting episode being expected. W. H. Trueman leaned eagerly forward exto the insects in the hospital, but as the chairman said in effect accidents will hap-

Miss McGourty said, I left the hospital about four years ago last December. I remember the occasion upon which Roberts, the leper, was admitted. Dr. Ellis was the house physician at the time. Roberts was given room 18. The epidemic hospital was built. The leper was under my care about a week or ten days.

forward and say it openly.

Miss Evelyn McGourty.

It was the day after leper's admission when Dr. Emery told me of the nature of the case. Dr. Ellis told me to be very

careful of every thing connected with the patient. I did not know at this time that he was a leper. To chairman—I thought it was a leprous case. He was there about a week or ten days. I understood he was taken to

Tracadie. He was not taken away before I left.

To Mr. Knowlton-I left because of the leprosy case of which I had been given harge

To chairman-I have not been at the pospital since. I understood Roberts came from Bermuda. I don't know how he came to St. John. I thought at the time of admittance the house physician knew it was

leprosy case. To Mr. Trueman-A physician told me

to keep it quiet. To chairman—I left the hospital of my own will. I do not know where Roberts

wards apply for admission to the hospital

Cross-examined Mr. Coster-I think len-

them.

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did she remember ever having heard Dr. Emery complain of conditions in the hos-pital. Miss Byrne, Miss Flaglor and Miss Farris was more than the second sec pital. Miss Byrne, Miss Fragor and hought Ferris were nurses whom witness thought had not treated her properly. Miss Ferris had spoken very unkindly to her. Miss Munro was very nice, also Miss Ganong and Miss Smith, Marion she thought it

and Miss Smith, Marion she thought it was. Miss Byrne was the nurse who did not put a blanket on her and allowed her to get cold, contracting neuralgia. She complained to Miss Mitchell, the matron, but Miss Mitchell said the nurses had a good deal to put up with. Sometimes the bread was so sour it smelled. She told Dr Emery she could not nut up with the

Dr. Emery she could not put up with the food much longer. Dr. Christie, of Wateroo street, saw her when Dr. Emery was

Oliver Yeomans' Story. Oliver H. Yeomans said he entered the ospital on January 31 last and was dishospital on January 31 last and was dis-charged on Friday morning for giving a piece of toast to patient. He was ordered by a nurse to get ft for him. Dr. Bay-field ordered him to get his clothes and get out as quickly as possible. The man he got the toast for was Mr. Richards, who asked him to get it. In the kitchen fi Miss Kellier told him it would be all right to give Richards the toast and said Miss Holder could probably give it to him! Witness said it was eight days after Dr. Ellis ordered him a fly blister for his neck before it was given to him. neck before it was given to him. The chairman asked the witness if he

WEST INDIA EXHIBITS.

Will Be Shown at Toronto in August--Mr Powell Conferring With Tory Leaders.

Ottawa, March 3--(Special)--M. Edgar Tripp, Canada's commercial agent for Trinidad and Tobago, reporting to the department of trade and commerce on February 12th, announces that the Agri-cultural Society in Trinidad will make an exhibit of the island's products at Toronto in August next. The exhibits will be transported free to Canada, and, as other West Indian colonies will probably join, he total exhibit from the West Indies should be an interesting one. H. A. Powell, ex-M. P. of Westmorland,

N. B., is here conferring with the Conservative leaders.

"SELF-MADE MAN,"

From Waterboy, F. H. McGuigan Has Ad-vanced to Manager of Grand Trunk.

Montreal, March 3-(Special)-F. H. McGuigan, who started his railway career as a waterboy, has been appointed man-ager of the Grand Trunk. He was formerly superintendent

Valjean in Real Life Acquitted. Paris, March 2.-While Paris has been glorifying Victor Hugo this week, a char-acter closely resembling his Jean Valjean has appeared before the Paris courts. The modern Valjean's name is Vincent. After a heroic career of living down an early conviction, he was condemned to twenty years' imprisonment, in default, for theft.

for thert. When the case came up for trial he told his life story and swore that he was innocent. A clever lawyer emphasized the resemblance to Hugo's hero and the court acquitted him.

Mother and Child Drowned.

Dunnville, Ont., March 3--(Special)--A double drowning accident occurred at Camboro near here today. A young son of Mrs. George Brooks fell into Oswego Creek and the mother went to the rescue, but both were swert away by the current but both were swept away by the current and drowned.

Shepard's Hotel Burned.

Halifax, N. S., March. 3-(Special)--Richard Shepard's new hotel, on the St-Margaret's Bay road, was destroyed by lire tonight.

Smallpox in Lawrence, Mass. Lawrence, Mass., March 3-Two cases of smallpox were discovered here today, Miss Hariet Tarbell, 77 years old, and Miss Grace Hinman. It is expected that the Tarbell woman cannot survive.

