

ANNUAL SESSION MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

(Continued from last week)

REPORT OF MEDICAL HEALTH OFFICER

To W. G. Clarke, Esq.,
Warden of Municipality of Annapolis County:

SIR:—I beg to submit herewith a brief report of matters pertaining to the Public Health of the Municipality for the past year.

In the first months of the year Epidemic Influenza was prevalent in nearly every part of the Co. Churches and Schools were closed as suggested by Provincial Board of Health, but it is doubtful if it made any difference in the spread of the disease.

The deaths from it were largely in those below middle life, therefore that much more serious from an economic standpoint. Our mortality was not heavy compared with many countries.

During the year we have had slight outbreaks of Smallpox in several different localities. In all cases these were recognized early and with strict quarantine very little inconvenience was caused to the community.

From our experience with this disease in the Municipality for the past eighteen years, we have learned or rather have confirmed the value of vaccination.

In all cases occurring the past year none had been previously vaccinated. We have found also that those in the house with a case of the disease, or caring for the sick are early vaccinated, after the discovery of the disease, they rarely contract it, unless their exposure has been for a week or more.

Now while the mild form of Smallpox that is now prevalent in the province is not of a serious nature, it is still a rule leaves little or nothing or disturbance of the system, yet at best it is a loathsome and repulsive malady, that no person in their right senses, if they know anything of the disease would want for beside the disagreeable features of the disease there is the inconvenience of being isolated for four to six weeks on account of quarantine which is also very serious matter for the breadwinner of the family in these times.

In spite of all this we occasionally hear of some one saying that they would sooner have the disease than be vaccinated. If it were not for the danger to others, these people should be taken at their word; certainly they do not speak seriously or else they know nothing of this troublesome malady even in its mildest forms. I am reminded here of a circumstance the past year that very well illustrates what I have just said.

A case of Smallpox developed in a family in the County in 1919 and when suggested vaccination to the man of the house for the members of his household, he was opposed to it and only acceded later when compelled or for fear of compulsion. However the vaccination came too late and the disease appeared before the vaccine had time to take effect and the entire family contracted it, the man of the house showing it more markedly than the others, especially on his face. While visiting him he remarked, with more emphasis than elegance that he had made a blunder of a mistake in opposing vaccination, he not only felt it but he showed it.

In connection with this part of my

report I should refer to the general vaccination of all school children during the past season. I believe this order has been very generally obeyed throughout the County and if hereafter vaccination certificates are required of all children entering school for the first time we will soon have a fully vaccinated community.

In consultation with the School Inspector and some of the Councilors and at their suggestion I visited a number of schools in distant parts of the County and vaccinated the pupils at a nominal fee as it would have been a great hardship for many of them to have reached a physician. In these outlying sections the children were very generally vaccinated but in some sections less remote, some parents took advantage of the conscientious clause of the Statute and refused this protection for their children.

This is a mistake not only for the reasons already mentioned but because in a very few years as these young people enter the activities of life, in almost every avenue of pursuit, vaccination is a prerequisite. We all too well know the inconvenience occasioned the last year or two in travelling without a vaccination certificate and it has often meant to submit to this ordeal at a landing place or return home. Further it is now required by all Life Insurance Companies if protection is desired from death, from this disease. It is certainly a much more favourable time to have it done in childhood than when older when our time is so much more valuable. Of the several thousand children vaccinated the past year I have not learned of one that was seriously ill thereafter as a result of it and in most cases they were able to continue at school without interruption. There were times in the long ago when serious objection might have been made regarding the modus operandi of vaccination but the same objections do not pertain to our age.

Diphtheria has occurred again, this year, but to a less extent than for several years. I have still supplied Antitoxine, at the expense of the Municipality that there might be no hesitancy in using it, even in suspected cases, by the attending physician, on account of the heavy expense to the family involved. Used early the death rate in this disease, has been reduced to one per cent; used at the end of a week the death rate is 12 to 15 per cent.

Typhoid fever has practically disappeared from the Municipality. This is largely due to the improved knowledge of this disease and modes of prevention that our people have learned to apply and a considerable death rate as well as a great amount of loss through sickness and disability has been saved.

A new clause added to the Health Act in 1919 requires as follows: "No person shall establish, conduct or maintain a camp or boarding house for the accommodation of his employees without a permit in writing from the Medical Health Officer of the District in which such camp or boarding house is situated setting forth that the sanitary conditions thereof are satisfactory and such permit may be revoked at any time by the Medical Health Officer if he deems the sanitary conditions to be unsatisfactory or if he believes that any occupant of such camp or boarding house not immune to vaccination against smallpox has not within five years been successfully vaccinated."

So far no action has been taken in this County regarding this section. During the last few years the domain of Public Health has developed to such an extent that its horizon now embraces almost every feature of social and industrial life that touches the whole community and so far in advance of what was covered 20 years ago that our responsibility has become many times greater. Today when a death occurs from a preventable disease, or the disease is discovered and for months its victim is incapacitated, we have a right to ask or demand how far the Municipality is responsible for social conditions, for physical unfitness for unsanitary surroundings or for the infectivity that may have caused to a greater or less degree this disability and loss.

In a rural district such as we have in the Municipality of Annapolis County we do not suffer from many of the preventable diseases and conditions found in larger centres where people are crowded together and there is bad housing facilities and much poverty, at the same time great deal more might be done in even rural fields and villages as in this

County could more time be given to the work. The new legislation which provides for a District Health Officer whose field will cover several counties and who will give his whole time in this work, and also the employment of District Nurses who will work in a smaller territory promises a new day in preventative medicine. These officers will have an oversight of our schools and school children, look after the sanitary conditions of the homes of the poorer people, watch more closely the efforts to control the spread of Tuberculosis and numerous other things in an educative way that now come under the purview of the Municipal Government and the Public Health Department. All of which a recent writer has well said will assist to increase the Span of Life, and give us a people of vigor of body, alertness of mind and firmness of character, which in the last analysis is the real wealth of a country and help hasten the ideal foretold by the Prophet Isaiah, who foresaw a time when—"There shall be no more then, an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days, for a child shall die an hundred years old."

M. E. ARMSTRONG,
Medical Health Officer

REPORT OF MRS. STAIRS AGENT NEGLECTED CHILDREN

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen: In this my first Annual Report I will mention the cases of the children that were committed to the Society's care, but will not take up all that have been reported to me. The first case was a family, which no doubt some of you remember. It was during the month of January that Mrs. Egan and I visited a home from which we took the mother and seven children. We brought them to Annapolis and through the kindness of ladies of the Committee, they were bathed, clothed and fed. The youngest, suffering from rickets one year and a half old, was given into the care of the Society. I brought her to our Children's Home in Wolfville, and she was there until May 28th. Then I took her to the Children's Hospital where she is still under treatment.

The next two were cases in Middleton, Girls of 15 and 13 years of age. One was placed in the Girls' Home, Halifax until September, the other in Truro. Following these cases was that of a little boy I took at Bridgetown. He was in our Home in Wolfville until his father returned from overseas. I took another boy from Middleton in September and he has been placed in a good home.

Next four children were taken from Bridgetown in very destitute circumstances. One is now at the Industrial School, the other adopted and two are at our Children's Home in Wolfville.

Have travelled by Rail 2,043 miles
Auto 146
Horse and Carriage 146
Letters Received 65
Letters Despatched 65
Children in our care 14
Cares Investigated 14

REPORT OF THE ANNAPOULIS CO. FARMERS' ASSOCIATION FOR 1919

To the Warden and Councilors of the Municipality of Annapolis. The work of this association for the past year has been fairly successful centred at the County Demonstration Building, Lawrenceton. The first item was the renewal of the insurance policy, which is now \$3000. During the year the south room has been completed and a cement floor put down costing about \$140.00 most of which was paid by volunteer work or contribution by those within three miles. By the efforts of the members of the Ladies' Institute and guaranteed by members of the executive, a piano was purchased and nearly paid for. In March the Agricultural Short Course was held under the direction of Dr. Cumming, assisted by members of the College Staff, Prof. Trueman, Britain, Langley; also Prof. Sanders, S. J. Moore and others, the Ladies' Institute conducted by Miss Frazer and MacDugal. Large audiences were in attendance at all the sessions.

On the 19th of August the Farmers' Rally or Picnic was held on the Island Park. Speakers were: Dr. Cumming, G. H. Vroom and others. An address of congratulation was presented to Dr. Cumming by the Secretary on his receiving from Dalhousie College the degree of L. L. D. Six members of the Association entered the Field Crop Competition, five of whom received prizes. In future only plots sown to Registered seed will be allowed to com-

pete Clover Fields will be added for 1920. A large number have saved Clover for seed and so are anxiously awaiting the coming of the Hailer, which is expected before the end of the month.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts for year 1919 92.63
Expenditures 105.18
L. W. ELLIOTT, Treasurer
A. C. F. A.

N. S. TEMPERANCE ACCOUNTS AND INSPECTOR'S REPORT

To the Warden and Councilors of the Municipality of Annapolis County. GENTLEMEN:—In presenting to you today my third Annual Report I recognize the fact that you are fresh from the people and your opinions concerning my work of the last three years will be largely the popular estimate throughout the County. No complaint reached me until the semi-annual session of Council in April last. Since then it has been the busiest year of the three and the most fruitful in results of the kind for which I am appointed namely, the stoppage of fines or the imprisonment of offenders.

After obtaining information again at two long time offenders they promised to go out of business if I would refrain from prosecution and their promises. A suspended sentence hangs over another; still another has left his country for his country's good. I have found this year a very wholesome fear of a \$200.00 fine not before met with. I have travelled over 700 miles visiting Springfield, Margaretville, Port George, Bridgetown, Inglewood, Belleisle, Tupperville, Round Hill, Annapolis, Lower Granville and Guinea. I have visited and made searches in about 25 different places some times making three visits to one place, without using a search warrant in any case. I have had 6 trials of offenders and 29 obtained 5 convictions but none of those convicted have paid the fine. The penalty for a first offence being now \$200 no poor defendant is able to pay this amount, and as our proceedings have been wholly against persons of small means, we have secured no income this year to offset disbursements. However, the total disbursements this year have been \$37.52 less than last year.

I extend my thanks to the Inspectors of the towns of Annapolis Royal and Bridgetown for assistance rendered in certain prosecutions. My general account, with itemized accounts attached, is herewith presented for your inspection. January 10th, 1920.

CHARLES F. ARMSTRONG,
Inspector N. S. T. A.
Municipality of Annapolis County in account with Charles F. Armstrong, Inspector for enforcing The Nova Scotia Temperance Act.

In cases investigated and tried before Stipendiary MacKay	15.85
In cases investigated and tried before Stipendiary Messenger	15.10
In cases investigated and tried before Stipendiary Legg	5.90
In cases investigated and tried before Stipendiary Phinney	4.35
Bill of Solicitor W. G. Parsons as per his account annexed for services and disbursements	83.25
Team Hire and Stabling	21.35
Postage and Telephones	1.74
Repair of Wagon, Constable Gill	3.00
Assistants in making searches	4.00
Special services	7.00
5 analysis of Beer & expressage	11.00
Fees paid Frank J. Miller	2.00
Railway fares	10.95
Hotel bills	5.00
Harry Marshall taking P. Simms to jail	3.50
Interest on money hired from Bank	3.70
Total	\$197.72

Charles F. Armstrong, Inspector for enforcing The Nova Scotia Temperance Act in account with Samuel Legg, Stipendiary Magistrate. The King vs S. Stanley. A case of seizure of liquors at Tupperville. July 3, Magistrate's fees 1.25 Constable's fees 2.30 3.55 (Liquor destroyed) Oct 20, The King vs Alonzo Balcom Magistrate's fees 1.00 Constable's fees 1.35 2.35

Charles F. Armstrong, Inspector for enforcing The Nova Scotia Temperance Act in account with Hiram R. MacKay, Stipendiary Magistrate. 1919 The King vs Percy Jackson April 23rd, Magistrate's, Constable's and witness fees 8.75 The King vs James Talbot Sept 10, Magistrate's fees 2.55 Constable's fees 1.90 Witness fees 1.90 6.35 \$15.10

Charles F. Armstrong, Inspector for enforcing The Nova Scotia Temperance Act in account with A. W. Phinney, Stipendiary Magistrate. 1919 The King vs Euphemia Thompson Magistrate's, Constable's, and witness fees 5.95 Dec 27, The King vs George Walker Magistrate's fees 2.95 Constable's fees 3.65 Witness fees 3.20 9.90 Amount 15.85

Charles F. Armstrong, Inspector for enforcing The Nova Scotia Temperance Act in account with W. C. G. Parsons, 1919. April 17, To letter to Stipendiary E. Messenger. 50 April 23, To conducting Percy Jackson case, Bridgetown 10.00 April 23, To Railway fare, 80 Board at Bridgetown 2.15 2.95 April 25, To letter Elias Messenger re Percy Jackson 50 April 25, To preparing bills of costs 50 June 21, To letter (regr) to McIntyre Montreal 58 June 21, To notice and demand & copy sent McIntyre 1.00 June 21, To preparing affidavit Nora K. Smith (Stanley case) 1.50 June 21, To letter of Instructions to Nora K. Smith 50 June 21, To cash to Nora K. Smith (affidavit) 50 June 21, preparing warrant of commitment Percy Jackson 1.00 June 24, To letter Elias Messenger with warrant 50 July 3, To affidavit myself in "G Stanley" case 1.00 July 3, To attendance on hearing "G Stanley" case 5.00 July 22, To attending case Euphemia Thompson, Annapolis 10.00 July 22, Ry fare 1.55, hotel bill 1.50 3.35 July 22, To paid witness John MacKay 85 July 22, To paid John MacKay Truckage of Beer 25 July 23, To letter to Stipendiary H. R. MacKay 50 July 23, To letter to J. A. Knight Inspector in chief 50 July 31, To letter to MacKay re Thompson case 50 Sept 10, To attending case James Talbot, Bridgetown 10.00 Sept 10, Ry fare .80, hotel 1.35 2.15 Sept 22, To preparing information & Summons 2nd offence Amos Kaizer 2.00 Sept 22, To attending case papers 50 Oct 2, To letter with papers vs Amos Kaizer 5.00 Dec 17, To Tel F. J. Miller Letter McKay with papers 50 30

Fletcher's Castoria is strictly a remedy for Infants and Children. Foods are specially prepared for babies. A baby's medicine is even more essential for Baby. Remedies primarily prepared for grown-ups are not interchangeable. It was the need of a remedy for the common ailments of Infants and Children that brought Castoria before the public after years of research, and no claim has been made for it that its use for over 30 years has not proven.

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HIS SERVICES APPRECIATED

The Hotel Men of Nova Scotia Should Make Him a Similar Presentation

The Boston Boot and Shoe Club, at its annual observance of "Ladies' Night" at the Copley Plaza theatre last week, presented a check for \$4200 to Thomas F. Anderson in recognition of his services as secretary of the organization for the past 19 years. The presentation was a reception, banquet and entertainment, followed by dancing. Mr. Anderson has done more for Nova Scotia as a summer resort than any other person and his services should be recognized by those engaged in the tourist business.

OTHER TABLETS NOT ASPIRIN AT ALL

Only Tablets with "Bayer Cross" are Genuine Aspirin

REFUNDS OF BAD RATES

Road Tax	Co Tax	Total
A. Hudgins \$ 9.32	\$ 25.31	\$ 34.63
A. A. Mosher 7.00	14.00	21.00
N. B. Haley 19.41	23.13	42.54
E. Messenger 13.90	27.85	41.75
I. F. Longley 4.00	4.00	
J. L. Amberman 153.25	181.76	335.01
Roy Casey 16.29	16.30	32.59
C. I. Stronach 15.87	15.88	31.75
J. H. Robinson 34.33	27.49	61.82
W. C. L. Dargie 18.20	18.20	36.40
A. F. Beals 5.00	25.50	30.50
E. J. Whitman 13.00	18.26	31.26
A. Wentand 4.44	4.44	8.88
Grey Gillis 5.25	5.25	10.50
W. J. Spinney 22.79	22.80	45.59
\$350.56	\$454.67	\$805.23

The following to be recorded against the property. Ward 7, T. F. McWilliams \$3.13 Ward 9, Payette Tupper 12.88 Ward 9, Edward Sanford (Dec) 3.25 Ward 1, Bert Loomer 5.25

Respectfully submitted, W. A. MARSHALL J. C. GRIMM FRANK A. BALSOR A TRIP TO FLORIDA (Middleton Outlook) Mr. O. P. Goucher is leaving today for Toronto to attend the annual meeting of the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Co to be held on Feb 5th. The company has had the best year in its history having written \$40,000,000 of new business and taking first rank among Canadian Insurance Companies. After the annual meeting the agents go to Cocoa, Florida, to attend a convention. Mrs. Goucher is accompanying Mr. Goucher to Toronto and Cocoa. They expect to return the last of February.

MEMORIAL TABLET On Thursday of last week a memorial tablet was unveiled by Hon. E. H. Armstrong at the Agricultural College Truro, to the memory of the 22 students of that institution who fell in the war. Two of these heroes, J. C. Shefton, Moschelle, and Lloyd Longley of Paradise were from Annapolis County.

IT'S UNWISE to put off to-day's duty until to-morrow. If your stomach is acid-disturbed take KI-MOIDS the new aid to digestion comfort today. A pleasant relief from the discomfort of acid-dyspepsia. MADE BY SCOTT & BOWNE MAKERS OF SCOTT'S EMULSION