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ON LATEST HOSPITAL REGARDING FREE PATIENTS

Majority, However, Are of the Opinion That Staff of Victoria Should Attend All Patients in the General Wards---It Is Probable That a Big Fight Is in Sight.

The proposed new regulation of the but following are the views of a numbospital trust to provide staff doctors ber of doctors spoken to: for all non-paying patients who go to Victoria Hospital, is the subject of doctors are sure to be all good men the keenest discussion among the med- and it is the general practice in all the keenest discussion among the med-ical men of the city today, and the inclined to think that there has been great majority of the physicians agree a decided tendency in some quarters that the trust is making a wise move to overdo the prescribing of expensive in following the example of all the patent medicines, and it is a move in large hospitals in both the United the right direction to curtail such States and Canada in forbidding non- practice." paying patients to have their own doc-

Result in Saving.

It seems to be the general opinion spoken to most strongly condemn the physician have been making of experimenting with costly proprietary medicines at the expense of the citizens. Several doctors stated that there is and others claim that there are physicians who have been making a general practice of sending in patients, who are really able to pay, and keep-ing them in the hospital at the city's expense, while they are fed on the very choicest viands.

Star Boarders.

called them, it is claimed are far more their own homes, so that they can "star boarders," as one doctor numerous than the average taxpayer has any idea.

Some of the medical men who are against the idea, state that if the present system were strictly carried out and a proper inspection made, it would be impossible for the abuses, it is claimed there are to exist. A very large percentage of the doc-

tors claim that far more than \$3,000 a year will be saved to the city if the new regulation is put into force. The Lodge Doctors.

A very important point brought ou in the questioning of the doctors is the fact that many lodge doctors are us ing the hospital to the limit.

It was stated by some of the forethere are lodge doctors who contract who, under the present regulations, are sending them into the hospital and order all kinds of costly drugs for vate wards, from the lodges for treatment

of a gold mine for the doctor, and runs into a very large expenditure for the taxpayer every large expenditure for the This, it is pointed out, is little short taxpayer every year. That it is most economical management for the citiunfair to the citizens is apparent on the face of it. It is stated that strong opposition may be expected that strong are in many cases period of the citizens is apparent on making a change. The taxpayers now opposition may be expected to the new are in many cases paying out good egulation from all lodge doctors.

The Opposition. that the young doctors will oppose the regulation almost to a man because hospital for the poor man. If the tendency is for the patient to think he is a great man and recommend him to his friends. The result is that the sense that the public library is, and the sense that the public library is, and the city is out large sums every year and is imposed on by people who in many instances are really able to pay, but will not if they can possibly get out sense that the public infrary is, and the hospital trust have no right to dictate what physician shall attend any man.

Dr. John D. Wilson—"The trust is perfectly right. There is no question that the public infrary is, and the hospital trust have no right to dictate.

BILL TO MODIFY CROSSING RULE

Ottawa, March 18 .- A bill to modify the rule compelling trains to slow Lord Lansdowne, However, Sticks down at crossings was introduced in the Commons vesterday by Major Currie. The bill provides that the trains need not slow down unless the railway commission issues an order to the effect. The matter had come to such a pass that the travelling public had

LATE MRS. KINGSMILL

Funeral Was Held This Afternoon-A Much Beloved Lady.

The funeral of the late Mrs. T. F. Kingsmill took place from the residence, 562 Ridout street, this afternoon number of representatives of the do-Though of a strictly minions overseas. private nature there was a large family gathering, all the surviving children being present, and most of the grandchildren, of whom there are said. "I do not think they would be grateful for the amount of represerventiving. Of those Mr. Purvise Gahan, of London, England, and Mr. sentation which, from force of cir-Harold Bray, of the Bank of Montreal, Trenton, were unable to attend. The friends were many and beautiful. The service was conducted by Rev. A. G. church deceased became a member when she came to London 45 years ago. feeling, "Sleep On, Beloved." The pallbearers were the grandsons, Messrs. Tom and Fred Kingsmill and Frank Kingsmill, of Chatham, and Tom Kingsmill, a nephew. Though the deceased lady lived a very retired life. she was much beloved by all who knew her, and her husband and family have the sincere sympathy of many friends.

Automatic Vacuum Cleaner. Automatic vacuum cleaners will be proposed scheme of reform was a demonstrated all day Saturday and mockery. Saturday evening at the store of the

The proposed new regulation of the names be witheld for business reasons

Dr. H. A. Kingsmill .-- "The

Dr. Eccles—It is certainly a move in the right direction, and is the only way to run a hospital with maximum efficiency and economy. Our hospital among medical men also that a great is costing us too much altogether unsaving will result to the city, and der present conditions. In all the best members of the profession hospitals free patients are treated by the staff doctors. It makes a great practice which it is claimed certain deal less work for nurses and hosdeal less work for nurses and hos-pital officers. I have seen 14 doctors KEPT FROM SPREADING see fit. attending 17 patients in the free wards at Victoria. It would be impossible to get enough nurses if everything were little question that this is being done, in proportion. Under a staff visits are made regularly, and the work is done The cry about the systematically. poor man not having his own doctor is all nonsense. The trust, in its own interests, will keep the best men on the

Dr. L. S. Holmes-The tendency will have their own doctors. course, will mean a considerable savng. All the large hospitals have their non-paying patients attended by staff

doctors. Dr. Meek-The idea of having 20 all have staff doctors, and the work is done systematically and economically, and beyond question with great thoroughness. The poor man gets better treatment as a rule than he would from his own physician. Dr. Hadley Williams-If the hospital

this in their own interests, no poor damaged considerably.
man can say with any reason that he A number of sash most medical men in the city that is not getting the very best treatment. In many of the large hospitals it is sick members with free medicine, and customary not only to place the nonpaying patients under the care of staff doctors, but also the patients in pri-A north end physician-From a sel-

patients, and then collect fees fish standpoint, it is in the interests of the doctors to have things conducted money to support a lot of people, who to be brought here. The firemen did not only abuse the privileges they have, excellent work. They went into Several of the older doctors state but are not in the least thankful.

Dr. F. P. Drake-I believe in the young man starting out usually present regulations are carried out. has a large number of poor patients, and the inspector looks after non-payand if he sends them into the hospital ing patients as he should, the abuses and gets them free food and medicine he not only stands a much better inated. I think the \$1,500 the trust chance of getting his own fees, but proposes to save is the best money it

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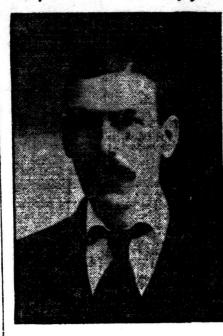
THE LORDS TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR REFORM

to the Hereditary Principle.

London, March 18 .- In the House been seriously inconvenienced as the of Lords yesterday Lord Rosebery's resrailroads were unable to make connec- olution was carried without division. Lord Lansdowne accepted the principle of reform, but refused to surrender entirely the hereditary right of the to a seat. He challenged Mr peer Asquith to let the country decide between the cabinet's plan of veto first and reform later and the Lords' plan of reform first. He disapproved the suggestion that there should be a great

> 'I do not think the colonies would part with their best men to attend celebrations of the kind. regularly your lordships' House,"

The Earl of Crewe was bitingly floral tributes from relatives and dear ironical in reply. He declared the songs, rendered by Misses McLeod, Government favored a bicameral sys- Reid, Violet Lang, Mrs. Stewart and Dann, of St. Paul's Cathedral, of which tem, and pointed out that as the Mr. Haynes. Lords had always participated in the reform of the Commons, the latter APPEAL HEARD IN Mrs. H. A. Kingsmill sang with much the Lords. The object of the peers was to go on exactly as they had done with regard to Liberal measures, but Gahan, of this city; King and Jack with less exposure to criticism. They wanted their victory to be more



ALD. J. H. SAUNDERS. Who Was Yesterday Elected Head Banker of the Canaditn Order of the Woodmen of the World.

\$2,000 BLAZE AT THE ASYLUM

A Stubborn Blaze in the Paint Shop Which Made Much Trouble for Firemen.

tome Staff Did Good Work in This Regard-Large Quantity of Sash Was Destroyed.

hop at the London Asylum for the power. Insane, Dundas street east, last evenbe for more people to be treated in ing. The blaze was confined to the one building, and was extinguished after a stubborn fight.

Smoke was noticed issuing from the paint shop about 6:15 o'clock. An alarm was immediately turned in, and physicians attending 20 patients in a the asylum fire staff were soon on the ward is ridiculous. The big hospitals scene. There was plenty of water, and the asylum fire staff were soon on the many lines of hose were laid. Particular care was taken to prevent a spread of the blaze, and lines were laid to the buildings near at hand.

The fire was extinguished at 8 o'clock. The paint shop interior was staff doctors, and they are sure to do pretty badly scorched, and the roof was

a very great extent. Doctor's Statement.

"Outside the sash and roofing there vas little in the building," said Dr. Robinson, medical superintendent. "The supply of paint and the like was very loss will be about \$2,000, not any more. There were two tons and a half of paint at the Grand Trunk offices ready fire with a will and showed good judg-

Mr. Alex. McFie directed the brigade. There was no alarm among the patients, as there was no danger to other buildings.

W. A. PRING NAMED FOR PARKS COMMISSIONER

Committee Will Recommend He Be Given the Position.

Mr. W. A. Pring, of Princess avenue, will be recommended to the council as parks superintendent. This morning Ald, Tancock, Ald, Morgan and Ald, Pocock visited Mr. Pring's place and inspected his greenhouses.

They were found to be in excellent condition, and will be suitable for the city's purpose for some time to come. When the question arose between Mr. Bilyea and Mr. Pring, the committee decided that, in view of the assistance the greenhouses would be, to recommend Mr. Pring.

This will be sent to the council and will be considered on Monday night.

Y. W. C A CELEBRATE T PATRICK'S DAY

Supper Was Served Last Night-Over Two Hundred Sat Down. St. Patrick's Day was loyally celebrated at the Y. W. C. A. residence vesterday evening, when supper was served from 6 to 8 o'clock to over 200 people. Every one agreed that last

The programme, which followed supper, was also greatly enjoyed. It was arranged by Miss Hannah Little. Dr. Ross acted as the chairman of the cumstances, we should be able to evening, and his appropriate address on St. Patrick was greatly enjoyed by all. The programme consisted of Irish

night's success eclipsed all former

A M'CLARY CASE

Company Objects to Verdict That Was Secured Against Firm.

e sincere sympathy of many friends, thority, as secretary for the colonies, thority, a

READ THE STORY

The Advertiser will start a new story tomorrow, Saturday, entitled "A Life's Devotion," by Frank H. Shaw, an English writer of repute, who has already scored a marked success with his novels, "A Daughter of the Storm" and "First at the Pole." The story has not yet been printed in book form, but The Advertiser has succeeded in securing the serial rights.

HAS THE BIT IN ITS TEETH NOW

Legislation Adopted Which Puts All Electrical Companies Under Canadian Order W. O. W., was taken the Inspection of the Hydro-Electric Commission—A Drastic Move of Which Hon. Adam Beck Is Said To Be the Father.

Has Hon. Adam Beck legislated the the body most interested in this mat-London Electric Company out of busi-That question is being asked both by citizens and the council, and is a

Mr. Beck in the Legislature, and advantage, that they will be compelled which was passed the other day. This bill gives the hydro-electric commission power to inspect the lines, the city to overcome the equipment, etc., of every power company in Ontario, and can make orders for changes or improvements, as they

In other words, the Government has practically declared that electricity is seriously interfere with each other. a public utility, as railways, trolley lines, telephone lines, etc., and that a commission with similar powers practically as the Ontario municipal and railway board has been created to deal Fire did \$2,000 damage in the paint with all matters referring to the development, distribution, and sale

In Hands of Commission. These powers are given not to special commission, as in the case of company," said a citizen today. the other utilities, but are conferred city street lighting poles must ipon the hydro-electric commission.

FIRE IN COTTAGE IN WEST LONDON

\$25 Damage Done to the Home of Mr. W. Boyce, of 52 Argyle.

start in the partition.

Some neighbors saw the fire, and climbed up on the roof, with pails. The fire brigade was called, and extinguished the blaze with a small chemical.

Mrs. Boyce was ill in bed at the time,
with a two-days-old infant. She was with a two-days-old infant. She was on the library of the fire until some of the lort, who was held at the central stasupply of paint and the like was very sengthbre came in and told her. She small, thus minimizing the danger. The was upset by the shock, but no serious results are anticipated.

CHATTERSON MISSING WHEN CALLED IN COURT

Confessed Yesterday to Committing Arson and Thest at Woodstock.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Woodstock, Ont., March 18 .- Louis Chatterson, who yesterday confessed to home in Comber, and would have but firing a house and robbing the firemen's little to say regarding the supposed lockers in their absence, was to appear

STRIKE AT CHATHAM

Twenty-Five Carriage Works Employees Ask For Increased Wages. [Special to The Advertiser.] Chatham, Ont., March 18.—About up here if he is innocent." twenty-five employees of the Gray & Sons Carriage Works went out on strike DRIVER WAS DRAGGED this morning. The men are striking for increased wages on night work. The factory has been running overtime and the men want time and half for the extra work. The strikers are the crate workers and the iron seat workers. The superintendent, when seen this morning, would make no statement.

BI KUNAWAI HUKDE

Little Son of Mr. W. H. Giese is Very an inducement to their patients, that they will put them in the hospital, where they will get free medicine and Mrs. W. H. Giese, of Askin street, where they will get free board. But the physician collects will be superintendent. Wellington Street.

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Wellington Street. increased wages on night work.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—MILD. FORECASTS. Toronto, March 18-8 a.m. Light winds; fine, with a little warmer

emperature.
Saturday—Southerly winds; milder; fine at first, showery by night,
YESTERDAY'S WEATHER. Fine weather prevailed vesterday broughout the greater part of Canada out some light local snowfalls occurred in the Maritime Provinces. Temperatures in the Western Provinces were high and the Western Provinces were high and again exceded 80 in most districts of Sasand Alberta.
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Locally it is considered to mean the death knell of the London Electric, or at least it will mean that the comlirect result of the act fathered by pany will be placed at such unfair disto yield in a short time. It will provide an easy method for now before it, it is said. The Wires Situation,

At the present time, the city and the London Electric Company's wires The company have threatened suit against the city in case of damage. From appearances, one or the other will have to move. Which has the right-of-way? The hydro-electric commission will be the arbiter, and it will devolve upon them to decide.

"It is an easy guess that the commission will not decide in favor of the (Continued on Page Ten.)

BEST RELEASED

Maintains He Knows Nothing of His Wile's Disap-

the 19-year-old tinsmith of Comber. tion in connection with the disappearance of his wife, was released yesterday afternoon by order of Superintendent of Police Downey. The superintendent had been served

with a writ of habeas corpus secured from Judge Rohnert by George CIGAR APPEAL Best, Arthur's father, through his attorneys, McHugh & Gallagher. After a consultation with the officers in the case and with the prosecutor Downey decided it better to release the prisoner, as the consensus of opinbeen obtained against Best to fight the matter in court.

Best left the city at once for his drowning of his wife. He still insists that he does not know of her move-Best attempted to do away with her- on Sunday. self, but relented when she landed Mr. E. W. Scatcherd, acting for Mr. ing.
in the cold water. "We can get him Harrison, urged that as a hotel-keeper Chairman Judd and Trustees Harris easily enough if the officers get addi-Mr. Harrison did not come under the and Screaton voted for the passing of the passi superintendent last night.

BY RUNAWAY HORSE Little Son of Mr. W. H. Giese Is Very

street, figured in a rather sensational three of his little brothers and a sister the doctor," said the mayor. "Howrunaway on Wellington street yester- have died in the last few weeks of the day aftrnoon. The rig, which was disease. driven by Carl Efner, was proceeding down Wellington street, towards the FIRST READING FOR tracks, when the front wheels came loose, frighning the horse. Efner was thrown to the ground, but kept the reins and was dragged some distance. He was also kicked by the horse and suffered some severe bruises, but his injuries were not considered to be serious, and he is able to be at work

FOSTER TO GO SOUTH

Suffering From Nervous Breakdown and May Not Return to Commons. Ottawa, March 18.—Hon. George E. Foster may not be able to again take

Contest Yesterday Was a Keen One-Dr. Harrison of Toronto, Was Named Head Physician-New Head Secretary Is Sovereign Saunders, of Smith's Falls-Salaries for the Positions Are Fixed.

fternoon's sitting of the head camp, up with the election of the remaining

Ald. J. H. Saunders was elected head Toronto. banker on the second ballot, the other candidates being Wm. Gee, Hamilton, and C. C. Hodgins, who would have retired had his supporters allowed him. Sov. Gee dropped out on the first ballot.

Dr. Harrison, of Toronto, was relected head physician, his opponent being Dr. Hyttenrauch, of Appin Head escort-Dr. Wiley, Brantford. lected over J. C. H. Saunders, Lon-Head watchman-R. J. Buckingham, Winnipeg, elected on the fourth ballot. The other candidates were: W. A. Hall, London: John Manning. Wood-

stock; J. W. Plowman, Toronto, and T. C. Allan, Wiarton. Sov. Plowman C. Allan, dropped out on the first ballot, Sov. Allan on the second, and Sov. Maning on the third. Head secretary-Sov. Saunders, Smith's Falls, was elected, the other candidates being: J. Curtis, Aylmer; Wm. Carson, Toronto; B. Curtis, Leamington; Pierce, Brantford; Nich-olson, Wingham; W. C. Colby, Lon-

don, and McGregor, Dutton. The final contest was between Sov. Saunders and Pierce. Delegate to Sovereign Camp—B. W. Zieman, Preston, elected, his opponent. W. H. Bowen, being named alternate.

Members of Board of Managers.—

reactically the whole of yesterday | Sovs. Hoover, Clinton; Rev. Hoogins, Stratford, and Taylor, Brantford. The other aspirants were: Sovs. Curry, Toronto; Campbell, St. Thomas; Connol-Collingwood; Hamilton 2 Manning, Woodstock, and Winchester Committee on Mileage.

> The report of the committee on mileage per diem showed the expenses of head camp meeting to be \$1,944 90 a Adopted. A pleasing incident occurred just

adjournment, when Judge Maxey, of the sovereign court, in a happy speech, and on behalf of the members of head camp, presented the retiring head consul commander, Sov. C. C. Hodgins, with a handsome mission chair and table.

Sov. Hodgins was greeted with "Jolly Good Fellow" on rising to reply, The feeling manifested by the members, he said, was more than compensation to him for anything he had done for the order. He had for nearly a year looked forward to retiring from office, and was glad to be able to retire with the good wishes of his fellow-Woodmen. He was leaving the order in a prosperous condition, and hoped it would continue to prosper even more than it ha din the past. Though retiring he pledged himself to take continued interest in the order and do his best to advance its interests. thanked Judge Maxey for his king Continued on Page Eleven.

PRESBYTERIANS ARE LOOKING TO FUTURE

RETURNS HOME Considering the Buying of a Lot in the North End for Church Purposes.

At a meeting of the Presbyterian A number of sash, costing about \$500, were stored in the building, bein prepared for putting up, and they are practically a total loss. A lot of galvanized roofing was also in the building, but it was not damaged to a very great extent.

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J. G. Inkster, Rev. T. H. Mitchell. Rev. F. Ballantyne, Thomas Alexander. E. Detroit, March 18.—Arthur J. Best, Reid, James Gray, Charles Elliott, be 19-year-old tunsmith of Comber Thomas Bryan and John Marr. This committee was instructed to consider the matter and report at the next meeting of the council. After a brief discussion on the subject the officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Prof. Patterson; vice-president, Rev John Smith; secretary, E. A. Reid; treasurer, Thos. Ryan.

WAS DISMISSED

Case Regarding Sunday Selling in Hotels.

An important decision was handed down by Judge Elliott today in the ings before it becomes law, and two in court this morning, but when his name was called the young man was absent. The police heard of him five avenue and Atwater streets Saturday of the Harrison House, who was apmiles from here and expect to arrest night. Superintendent Downey in- pealing against a decision of the police agreement between the members clines toward the theory that Mrs. magistrate fining him for selling cigars the trust, it was decided to let the

tional evidence against him," said the action of the Lord's Day act, and the regulation, superintendent last night. "There therefore was entitled to sell cigars on Mayor Beatt would be no use to keep him locked Sunday. His honor upheld the decision of the magistrate, and dismissed poor man ought to be allowed to have the appeal.

CONDITION IS CRITICAL

scarlet fever, is again in a very criti- contended that it was decidedly a cal state, having suffered a relapse to- good thing for the physician. A butcher wagon, the property of day. The little fellow is suffering from a most malignant type of the disease. It will be remembered that disease. It will be remembered that

INSURANCE BILL WAY

Consideration Will Be Confined to the Amendments Made by Senate. Amendments Made by Senate.

Ottawa, March 18.—When the House met yesterday, Mr. Fielding introduced the insurance bill, which was given a first reading. In view of the fact that the House has already dealt with this bill, consideration will largely be confined to the amendments which have been made by the Senate. been made by the Senate.

Mr. Beauparulant introduced a measure which aims at making the salaries of civil servants attachable. He argued that men earning large salaries in the service should be made now their debt. service should be made pay their debts. have two dozen eggs and three quarts

HOUSE DOCTORS FOR PATIENTS

Victoria Hospital Trust Seek to Place Old Rule Again in Force.

"Every patient admitted to a general ward of the hospital shall be assigned to one of the members of the attending staff, and shall be

entitled to the services of the at-

tending staff physician free of

charge. This rule shall not apply

to the scarlet fever or diphtheria

The effort of the hospital trust to ntroduce the above-mentioned regulation and make a sweeping change in the present system in force at the hospital, whereby it is claimed fully \$3,-000 a year will be saved to the city, ginning at yesterday afternoon's meeting of the trust, which promises to be the most important hospital fight that has taken place in London since 1901.

The Poor Man Again, The regulation requires three readmatter stand over until another meet-

Mayor Beattle and Trustee Turnbull opposed it on the ground that a

his own physician if he chooses. Mr. Screaton pointed out to the mayor that, under the present system, it is believed, that many doctors, particularly the younger ones, offer as

Hospital Should Get the Money. "If there is any money it should certainly go to the hospital and not ever, I believe thoroughly in the right of the poor man to have his own doctor if he wants him. I think the other. matter might be arranged some other Mr. Screaton said further that Lon-

don is the only place in Canada where 65 doctors are allowed to go into a hospital and attend patients as they are here, and that this makes an im-