

Halifax Explosion Led to Many Improvements

HALIFAX, N.S., Dec. 26.—(By Can. Press)—It's an ill wind that blows nobody good. When a steamer, laden with T.M.T. collided with a Belgian steamer in Halifax Harbor on the morning of Dec. 6, 1917, and the resulting explosion razed a large section of the city, and blotted out the lives of 2,000 of its citizens, an opportunity was presented for an experiment in preventive medicine that was not to be repeated upon, and, as results have shown, was as fully justified.

Since the fires following the explosion had been quenched, train loads of doctors, nurses and medical supplies, as well as all manner of medical equipment, the gift of the open-hearted people of Massachusetts, had arrived at the scene of the disaster. The first problem was necessarily that of administering to the victims of the catastrophe; a great majority of whom were eye-witnesses. But when the situation had been reduced to something approaching normal, the opportunity of continuing the work of research along the lines of preventive medicine presented itself and under the auspices of the Massachusetts-Halifax Relief Commission, a somewhat unique experiment was undertaken with the establishments of a health centre in the heart of the devastated district. This was so successfully carried out, under the direction of Dr. B. F. Royer, that when representatives of the Rockefeller Foundation, headed by Dr. George E. Vincent, visited Halifax for the purpose of investigating the Dalhousie University situation, their attention was drawn to the remarkable results being achieved, and catching the vision of a more elaborate experiment along the same lines of embracing the entire city, a plan was drawn up which, in its fruition this month with the inauguration of the Dalhousie Health Centre, places Halifax in the forefront of cities the world over in the realm of preventive medicine.

Contributing to the decision of the Rockefeller Foundation was the fact that Halifax had an alarming mortality rate for a city of its size and situation. Already this mortality rate has been markedly reduced and all evidences point to a further marked reduction within the next decade. In 1918 the infant (under one year) mortality rate in Halifax was 187.5 per thousand. In 1924 it had dropped to 9 per thousand. In 1918 the Halifax mortality rate stood at 20 per thousand. It is now 13.1 per thousand.

During the period above referred to owing chiefly to the munificence of the Rockefeller and Carnegie Foundations, a number of permanent buildings have been erected about the Dalhousie Medical School and the Victoria General Hospital, in such a way as to provide, in the estimation of competent authorities, one of the most effective health plants on the continent. These buildings now include a Maternity Hospital, a Children's Hospital, a Tuberculosis Hospital, a Pathological Laboratory, a Medical Sciences building, and lastly a Public Health Clinic building, fully equipped in the most modern way for the diagnosis and treatment of disease. This building, under the direct administration of Dr. John Stewart, Dean of the Dalhousie Medical School, and his assistant, Dr. W. H. Hattie, besides affording additional practical work for the final year students in medicine at the University, serves as an out-patient institution for the group of hospitals surrounding it.

Already hundreds of Halifaxians have taken advantage of the opportunities afforded and there is every indication that the institution will be working at full capacity in a very short time. Clinics are held regularly in surgery, general medicine, diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, diseases of women, diseases of the skin, chest, orthopaedic, pre-natal conditions, child welfare, and pre-school dental.

Co-operating with the Dalhousie authorities in the work of the public clinic are the Massachusetts-Halifax Health Commission, the Halifax Dispensary, the Halifax Social Welfare Bureau, and it is hoped the Victorian Order of Nurses.

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Women's Marl Hose, assorted, seamless fashioned leg, double heels and toes; assorted ribs, garter tops; sizes 9 and 9 1/2. Reg. 55c. pair. Sale Price 58c.

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Wool Cashmere Hose, shades of Boot Brown, Grey, Champagne, Nigger and Fawn, seamless fashioned leg, high spliced heels and toes, garter tops; sizes 9 and 9 1/2. Reg. 95c. pair. Sale Price 85c.

Women's Cashmere Hose.

All Wool Cashmere Hose, assorted ribs and plain, seamless fashioned leg, double heels and toes, wide garter tops; sizes 9 to 10; shades of Grey, Fawn, Beaver, Boot Brown, Tan and Champagne. Reg. \$1.30 pair. Sale Price \$1.17

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Women's Pure Wool Cashmere Hose, seamless fashioned leg, spliced heels and toes, neatly embroidered leg; sizes 9 to 10. Reg. \$1.80 pair. Sale Price \$1.61

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Silk Jersey Cloth, 32 inches wide; shades of Pink, Heli and White. A beautiful material for making Underwear, Blouses, etc. Only 100 yards in the lot. Regular \$2.35 per yard. Sale Price \$1.94

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Reg. \$12.50 each. Sale Price \$11.50

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Plush Bonnets.

Colored Plush Bonnets for children, shades of Fawn and Beaver, neatly trimmed with Merve ribbon. Reg. \$1.20 yard. Sale Price 99c.

Infants' Caps.

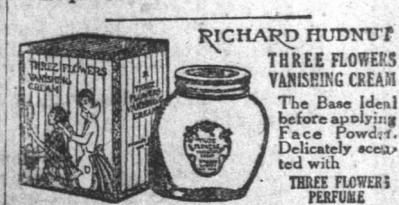
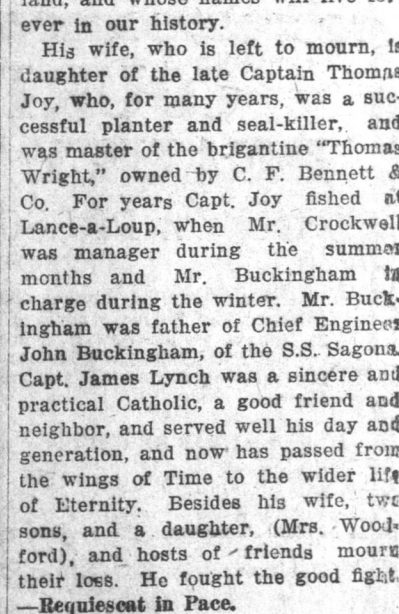
White Angora Wool, nicely trimmed with white silk stitching and Merve ribbon. Reg. \$1.40 each. Sale Price \$1.20

Infants' Dresses.

White Voile Dresses, daintily embroidered and trimmed with Val Lace around neck and sleeves. Reg. \$1.20 each. Sale Price \$1.05

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Fads and Fashions.

Bias scarfs of the material edged with beige chiffon trim a touch of black cloth.

New in the jewelry line are delightful strings of colored mother-of-pearl beads.

Small red feathers placed on the very top emphasize the height of a hat of red felt.

Frings of crystal is a delightful complement to a dance frock of white georgette crepe.

The very popular sweater-blouse ensemble may be made in kasha, flannel or velveteen.

Instead of the usual gardenia one may wear a small chrysanthemum of shaded velvet.

The sweater-blouse ensemble is apt to use pleats at the sides of the skirt for fullness.

Ostrich feather fans are huge, and graceful affairs of rose, green or white, preferably.

The little necktie is appearing again. Squidrel, baum marten, mink, Hudson Bay, sable are all used.

In Memoriam

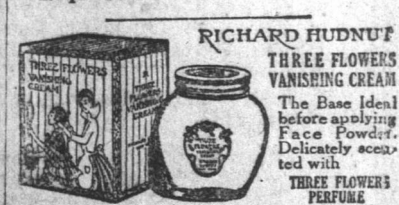
CAPT. JAMES LYNCH.

H. F. SHORTIS.

On Christmas Day, the newly-opened grave in the family plot in Belvedere was closed, over the mortal remains of the octogenarian mariner, Capt. James Lynch, who, full of hope and love, and fortified by all the rites of the Catholic Church, entered that mysterious port, on Tuesday 23rd inst. which opens into eternity.

The deceased mariner was the son of Capt. James Lynch of the South Side, a famous seakiller and master mariner in the fifties and sixties of the past century, owner and master of the brigantine "Kirkland." After he lost that ship he purchased the brigantine "Spangle," which was employed in the foreign service of our country, and was afterwards lost outside the North Head of Petty Harbour, in the latter part of May, 1861, on a passage from Sydney to St. John's. Old Capt. Lynch then purchased the large brigantine "Tiger," and during the time she was running, the deceased and his brother Richard went with their father to the seafishery and on foreign voyages. After the death of their father, the two brothers, ran her to England where she was sold—the deceased being mate at the time. On returning to Newfoundland, the deceased married with Capt. John Brien, in the "Bertha," owned by the famous seakiller, Capt. Edward White, grandfather of the popular and capable Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Mines, G. E. Turner, I.S.O. Capt. Lynch sailed for many years with the veteran and successful master mariner, Capt. Richard Kearney, in the brig "Maria," out of the employ of Messrs. P. and L. Tessler. His first voyage to sea was in 1859. His brother Richard was master of the Scotch brigantine "Corra," owned by the enterprising firm of Messrs. Baine Johnston & Co. and was lost with all hands in the fall of 1870—John Delahunty being mate, and as hardy and capable a crew as ever sailed through the Narrows of St. John's. Getting up in years he received the appointment of warden in H. M. Penitentiary, during the time John A. McCowan was Governor of that Institution, and after a few years was appointed to a position in the Day Boat of H. M. Customs, under the late Mr. John Preston, and his successor, Capt. Charles Nicholls, one of the most capable and successful master mariners that ever took charge of a ship in our mercantile marine, having made records in the Petunia, Mary Lizzie and Emeline. Some ten years ago, Capt. Lynch having passed his seventieth year, was retired from H. M. Customs, with a pension. He came from a well known family of seafaring men of the South Side, St. John's West, and his father was contemporary of such pioneers in our country's history as Captains Edward White, Barrow, Halteran, Graham, Duff, Mealey, Hickey, Butler and those hardy mariners of three-quarters of a century ago, who brought such wealth into Newfoundland, and whose names will live forever in our history.

His wife, who is left to mourn, is daughter of the late Captain Thomas Joy, who, for many years, was a successful planter and seakiller, and was master of the brigantine "Thomas Wright," owned by C. F. Bennett & Co. For years Capt. Joy fished at Lance-a-Loup, when Mr. Crookwell was manager during the summer months and Mr. Buckingham in charge during the winter. Mr. Buckingham was father of Chief Engineer John Buckingham, of the S.S. Sagana. Capt. James Lynch was a sincere and practical Catholic, a good friend and neighbor, and served well his day and generation, and now has passed from the wings of Time to the wider life of Eternity. Besides his wife, two sons, and a daughter, (Mrs. Woodford), and hosts of friends mourn their loss. He fought the good fight—Requiescat in Pace.



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