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MUNICIPAL SANITORIA AND INSPECTORS

Bills Introduced in Provincial Parliament to Provide for Sanitoria and Inspection to Aid in Combatting Tuberculosis in the Various Municipalities.

Legislation to combat tuberculosis in this Province, as foreshadowed in the Speech from the Throne, was introduced in the House of Assembly last week by the Commissioner of Public Works and Mines, Hon. E. H. Armstrong. This legislation was embodied in two Bills. One was an amendment to the Public Health Act which will give greater powers to the Provincial Health Officer, and the other is to create Municipal Sanitoria.

The former Bill provides that the Public Health Officer shall perform duties heretofore performed by the Inspector of Humane and Penal Institutions. To have general supervision and control of all sanitoria within the Province and of the proper organization and direction of the efforts made to more effectively prevent tuberculosis.

INSPECTOR OF HEALTH.
Section five of the Public Health Act is amended to the effect that the Governor-in-Council shall approve of a duly qualified medical practitioner to be Provincial Inspector of Health. The Inspector of Health may exercise anywhere in the Province, any of the powers conferred by this Act upon Health Officers and Sanitary Inspectors and shall be expected to visit at least once each month all County Tuberculosis Clinics for the purpose of examination and diagnosis of cases of Tuberculosis, and shall, under the direction of the Provincial Health Officer, perform such other duties as may be assigned him by the Department of Public Health.

MUNICIPAL SANITORIA.
The Bill for the creation of Municipal Sanitoria is most advanced and comprehensive in its scope. It first provides that the Province shall be divided into no less than five sections. Each Sanitorium when established under this Act is to be put under charge at the recommendation of the Public Health Officer, of a registered medical practitioner, who has had at least six months of training in a sanitorium and hospital work. No person shall be received into any of the said sanitoria as a

patient for care and treatment until he shall have been examined by the medical superintendent in charge of such sanitorium and certified to be a sufferer from tuberculosis.

NURSES FOR THE SICK.
The Governor-in-Council is authorized upon recommendation of the Public Health Officer to appoint competent nurses in each County in the Province as may be necessary. These nurses shall have their headquarters at the several County clinics, and their duties shall be to visit all parts of the County to which they are appointed for the purpose of ascertaining and reporting cases of tuberculosis, to co-operate with the local physicians as to the best means of dealing with such cases; to visit homes afflicted with tuberculosis; to assist in nursing needy cases, to give instructions; to keep records and perform such other duties as may be assigned to them by the Department of Public Health for the Province.

TUBERCULOSIS CLINICS.
The Bill also provides for the establishment of tuberculosis clinics to be under the care of the local Boards of Health of the County in which they are held. The said clinic is to be the headquarters of the County nurses and of the Inspector of Health, whose special duty it will be to examine and diagnose cases of tuberculosis when visiting the County for the examination of tuberculosis cases, and where, when patients apply, they may be drafted to the proper places for treatment.

These clinics will generally serve as a bureau of information and for the distribution of literature connected with tuberculosis. The establishment and maintenance of such clinics will be one of the authorized purposes for which a City, Municipality or incorporated town may vote, rate or assess. The charges for the support and treatment of patients in a sanitorium shall be paid for by the patients if able to do so, and treatment of paupers shall be paid for by such city, town or poor district in which they have settlement. The rate of such charges shall be fixed by the trustees of the sanitorium.

Statue to J. W. Johnstone

Provincial Government to Erect Same in Province Building Square.

In the House of Assembly last week, Premier Murray announced that the Government intended asking the Legislature to make an appropriation toward the erection of a suitable monument in memory of the Hon. J. W. Johnstone.

Mr. J. W. Margeson, of Lunenburg, referred to the resolution recently passed by the Annapolis Municipal Council, strongly favoring the erection of a statue to the great Nova Scotian. Mr. Margeson was of the opinion that the desire to have the memory of Mr. Johnstone fittingly perpetuated was unanimous throughout the Province. In erecting the statue of Joseph Howe on one side of the Provincial Building the Government had done a very proper thing. The erection of a like monument to Johnstone had too long been neglected by the country and it would be a most fitting thing to have his statue in the other square of the Provincial grounds. Mr. Margeson also hopes to see the day when Sir Charles Tupper will be likewise honored by his fellow-countrymen.

Premier Murray said that the Government had been waited upon by an influential delegation about a year ago, and the Government had then practically committed themselves to erect a memorial to Johnstone. The Premier considered it a proper thing for the country to have the memory of the great statesman perpetuated in Nova Scotia. He wished to see a monument to Johnstone on the other side of the Provincial Square, and it was the intention of the Government to ask for the legislation for funds for this purpose, perhaps not the amount to cover the entire expense at once, but enough to make preliminary arrangements for the carrying out of the whole plan.

The disposal of the South African war monument that now stands on the site appropriate for the proposed Johnstone statue will be a matter for consideration later.—Acadian Recorder.

Populations of Halifax & St. John

A correspondent asks the Halifax Recorder concerning the relative populations of Halifax and St. John since Confederation. There are no means of knowing the exact population of either in 1867, but the regular decennial censuses which have followed since then give us the required information. In 1871 the population of Halifax was found to be 29,582, that of St. John 41,325. In 1881 the former had 36,100, the latter 41,353, practically no gain at all. The year 1891 found Halifax with 38,437 and St. John with 39,179, a distinct loss. In 1901 they had respectively 40,832 and 40,711. The census of 1911 gave Halifax 46,619 and her sister city 42,511. It will thus be seen that Halifax gained 17,037 in population from 1871 to 1911, while St. John made only a net gain of 1,186. The trade of St. John, however, has grown faster than that of our own city.

Conviction of Graves

Brothers Quashed

Mr. W. E. Roscoe, K.C., received a telegram from his agent at Ottawa, stating that the appeal he made to the Supreme Court of Canada on behalf of the three Graves brothers, now confined here in jail under sentence of death, had been allowed and the conviction quashed.

Mr. Roscoe argues this case before the Supreme Court and has been most energetic in prosecuting the case on behalf of the condemned men. The prisoners have been under specially good conduct ever since their confinement and have always been hopeful of the result. There is no doubt that the result of this appeal will meet with favor, for the opinion has been expressed by many that the sentence of death was too heavy a sentence for the most unfortunate acts of the condemned men.—Kentville Advertiser.

Topic Social for Cemetery Fund

The topic social in Warrens Hall on Tuesday evening, 25th ult., was fairly well attended, considering outside attractions, and was much enjoyed.

Capt. Salter, President of the Riverside Cemetery Company, as director of ceremonies, carried out the very interesting programme, consisting of music by the orchestra, instrumental duets (organ and violin) by Miss Britain and Master R. Brittain; Vocal Duets: Misses Hilda and Muriel Troop; Misses Jennie Vroom and Hilda Troop; Solos by Mrs. O. Ruffee and Mr. W. A. Warren; quartette: Rev. B. J. Porter, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. B. Chute, Mr. W. A. Warren; quartette: Mrs. O. Ruffee, Miss Gladys Reed, Mr. F. Young, Mr. R. W. W. Furdy; reading, Mrs. W. A. Warren.

Between these selections the discussion of topics kept people moving about and added sociality.

The financial statement by the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. H. Ruggles, was concise, clear and most satisfactory, showing the total amount raised is in the vicinity of \$3,000. All claims for land, labor and supplies paid, and a small balance to the credit of the Company.

Revs. J. F. Dunstan and B. J. Porter, who from the first have shown a deep interest in this movement, gave short, appreciative addresses. Mr. A. D. Brown also spoke approvingly of the work and his pleasure in being present and in hearing the letters, some of them from his old pupils, who he was glad to know manifested such an interest in the improvement of their native town.

The speakers emphasized the truths contained in some of the letters, and wished these sentiments could be instilled into the minds of every citizen—old and young. Notably these: "The Cemetery, it seems to me, is an index of the character of a city, town or hamlet. A decent, well-kept cemetery tells more of the true life of a community than any other thing. Nothing speaks so loudly of barbarism and irreligion as a neglected 'God's Acre.' Again, 'We set a bad example to our young people by such neglect. It encourages thoughtlessness and irreverence. If we believe in immortality, as we profess to do, surely the resting place of the dead should be sacred to us. A beautiful waiting place that testifies to our remembrance and our love.' Dainty refreshments were served and a very bright, social evening ended by singing the National Anthem.

Fire at Torbrook

A fire occurred Wednesday morning at No. 2 shaft of the Canada Iron Corporation's mines at Torbrook, N. S.

At two o'clock in the morning the foreman, John Hopkins, coming up from the shaft found everything all right at the pit mouth. But at about six o'clock the operator of the underground pump, coming to the surface, found the buildings at the mouth of the shaft on fire.

The fire call was given and the company's brigade responded, and worked for two hours. No. 2 deck-house rock breaker and five hundred ton ore pocket, together with the picking belt machinery were burned.

Some of the lower machinery of the rockbreaker was all that could be saved. The hoisting equipment was equal to the best in the province. It was erected about three years ago at a cost of \$40,000 to \$50,000 and was covered by insurance.

The fire comes at a very bad time when the shaft had just been pumped out and mining resumed. Work was started yesterday clearing the debris for rebuilding. With slight improvements the plant will be rebuilt as before but it will take nearly three months to complete it. Hoisting will not, therefore, be started till early in May. It is understood the insurance was mainly in New York offices.

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Hotel Improvements for Halifax

Now Stated That One of the Mollis Street Hostleries Will be Rebuilt and Extended to Waterfront.

The local hotel situation seems to have taken on a new phase, but it is impossible to get at facts in Halifax, as the negotiations are reported to be in process in Montreal or Toronto. The report now is that the extra hotel accommodation is likely to be made through extension of one of the larger hostleries at present in operation and the extension will be of considerable dimensions. The proposal is that the building shall extend from Hollis to Water Streets, with an entrance from the latter, and that when the extension is completed, the main building shall be reconstructed so as to conform in style of architecture with the new addition.

It is further rumored that as a result of the extension or coincident with it, will be the acquisition of waterfront property opposite the new entrance, and the building of a steamship pier for the accommodation of a new steamship service said to be capable of developing an immense passenger traffic, and which will have close connection with the Plant Line to Boston, and with the Red Cross Line steamers to New York. In the event of the acquisition of the waterfront property, it is understood that it would be boulevardized opposite the new entrance to the hotel.

An effort to get at positive facts today was not satisfactory. At the Board of Trade offices nothing was known of the matter, and a search for a couple of well-known citizens, who would be expected to know something, brought out the fact that they were at Montreal and Ottawa.

So far as can be learned the hotel will retain its identity. A recent announcement by a C. P. R. official that that corporation would build no commercial hotel in Halifax now, would therefore, seem justified if the plan outlined is carried into effect. For some time negotiations have been carried on looking to the acquisition of the block bounded by Hollis, Sackville and Water Streets, and there were good reasons for supposing that the C. P. R. were at the bottom of these but there were one or two properties that were not available for purchase, so apparently that deal is off and the extension idea is on.

Death of Archdeacon Kaulbach

The news of the very sudden death of the Rev. I. A. Kaulbach, of Truro, Archdeacon of Nova Scotia, on Tuesday, the 25th ult., has been received by a very wide circle of friends and acquaintances with great regret. He went into the engine house in the early evening by a side entrance which was not lighted, fell through a trap door upon the cement floor beneath, and was found dead a short time afterwards. His wife died in May last. He leaves a son, a major in the Warwickshire Regiment now serving in India.

Archdeacon Armitage says of him in the Halifax Herald, "There was no clergyman of the Church of England held in higher esteem by his brethren of the clergy, and no one more respected by the laity of the diocese. He truly bore through his honored career the white flower of a blameless life."

The interment was made on Saturday afternoon, the 1st inst. in St. John's Cemetery.

Seriously Injured

Rev. J. E. Warner, rector of St. George's church, Parraboro, was seriously injured in the face and head on Feb. 23rd by falling on the steps of the church at Black Rock, where he had gone to hold service. He was brought home and placed under surgical care and will probably be confined to bed for a week or more, as some of the bones of his face are broken.—Truro News.

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MONTHLY MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

General Taxes Rated at \$2.00 per Hundred of Assessed Value of Property and Income.—Town Clerk's Salary Increased to \$600 per Annum.

The regular monthly meeting of the town council of the town of Bridgetown was called by the Mayor and held pursuant to written notice given to each councillor in the council chamber on Monday evening the 3rd day of March, A. D., 1913, at 7.30 o'clock, with Mayor Freeman in the chair, and councillors present as follows:—

J. W. Salter, E. A. Hicks, W. E. Read, J. K. Craig, Louis Brooks and S. F. Pratt.

Ordered that the following bills be paid:—

Jas. R. DeWitt, labor with snow plough month of February, \$5.40; George Gill, meals for prisoners and cash paid for cleaning council chamber and jail, \$3.25; A. W. Kinney, for burial of Adelaide McLaughlin on poor account, \$9.00; Dr. L. G. DeBlois, salary as medical health officer and town physician for year, \$50.00; G. E. Banks, repairing stove pipe in gaol and council chamber, \$2.00.

The report of Dr. L. G. DeBlois as health officer and town physician was read by the clerk.

Resolved that the account of E. L. Fisher for \$12.00, insurance premium for renewal of policy on engine house, be referred to the finance committee to look into the rate charged and obtain a lower rate, if possible, and also to increase the amount if thought advisable.

Resolved that this council authorize the town clerk and treasurer to effect temporary loans from any chartered bank in the Province of Nova Scotia by issuing town cheques signed by himself and the mayor for the purpose of defraying the annual current expenses of the town for the present year, which have been duly authorized by this council and rated upon the town as by law directed, under the authority of section 134 subsection 1 of the town's incorporation act. Said temporary loans not to exceed the sum of five thousand dollars and to include the amount of the town's overdraft on Dec. 31st, 1912.

House of Assembly bill No. 22, entitled "an act to enable the town of Bridgetown to borrow money for the making of permanent streets in the town was read before the council by the clerk, and on motion the council unanimously, indorsed and approved of the same, and directed the town clerk to send a certified copy of this resolution, under the seal of the town to the Honorable Attorney General, who introduced the bill.

The Clerk laid before the council the assessment roll for the current year as finally passed by the assessment court of appeal and certified to by the clerk as required by section

76 of the assessment act, whereupon it was resolved that the town council of the town of Bridgetown authorize the levying and collection of a rate of one dollar and thirty-five cents on the one hundred dollars of the assessed value of the property and income assessed on such roll to raise the sum required to defray the expenses of the town of Bridgetown for the current year, and also a rate of sixty-five cents on the one hundred dollars of the assessed value of property and income, assessed in the said town of Bridgetown and in the County of Annapolis, assessment rolls, for the school section of the town of Bridgetown, and all property outside the said school section, liable to taxation for the support of the schools of the town of Bridgetown, to defray the expense of the public schools of the said town of Bridgetown for the current year.

And also a rate of fifty-eight cents on the one hundred dollars of the assessed value of the real estate of the said town of Bridgetown liable to be taxed for the old sewer system, to provide interest and sinking funds for the two loans for sewerage purposes.

Resolved that the finance committee be, and they are hereby appointed, a committee to revise and correct the rate book of the town of Bridgetown for the current year, as prepared by the clerk and to report the same as revised and corrected to this council at its next regular monthly meeting to be held on Monday, the 7th day of April next.

Resolved that H. Ruggles, town clerk, be paid the sum of one hundred dollars a year, as salary as town solicitor, and for rent, etc., in addition to his present salary of \$500 per year, making \$600 in all. Said salary of \$600 to commence from January 1st, 1913, and to be payable quarterly.

Minutes read and approved and Council adjourned.

NEW C. P. R. STEAMERS.

The new steamships which are being built for the C. P. R. Atlantic service by Barclay, Currie & Co., of Glasgow, will, it is officially stated, be each of 8,000 tons dead weight, and of a speed of fifteen knots. Each of the new steamers will have a capacity for 500 second, and 1200 third-class passengers. As yet the final designs for the finishing of the boats have not been definitely decided upon.



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