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The Housing Problem

ENLIGHTENMENT AND RESPONSIBILITY.

Vandals that will destroy the Christian states of Britain are not being bred in the wilds of Asia, but in the slums of our great cities.—Lord Macaulay.

In order to deal successfully with the housing problem it will be necessary to have the co-operation of those people who are chiefly affected. "An Englishman's home is his castle," and all of us are quick to resent any interference with what we consider our rights, particularly in our domestic affairs—and quite naturally. None of us are so blind or so obstinate, however, as to offer resistance to improvements suggested in a tactful manner, and in such a way as to make us realize the necessity for them. Even such persons as the woman who remarked to a district nurse: "I guess I don't want anybody to teach me how to bring up my children. I buried seven of 'em"—can be won over by judicious instruction.

Education on the housing problem and on all matters of hygiene must not be spasmodic. To obtain success a systematic campaign must be conducted through every channel by which the public can be reached. Not only is improvement necessary now, but the care of future generations must be considered. In fact it is doubtful if sweeping changes could be accomplished all at once, and for that reason the schools offer the best fields in which to plant the seed. Not only would the students themselves be benefited, but their knowledge would to some extent have an effect upon their home surroundings.

The name of the late John Harvey will long be associated with the great campaign that he, with others, conducted a few years ago against the "disease of darkness," Tuberculosis. The doctrine preached, and to a great extent adopted not only helped to check the disease, but was educational in more ways than one. The necessity for observing the ordinary rules of health was emphasized, the danger to others of the spitting habit was clearly explained, the importance of light and fresh air in the home was illustrated, and in many other ways the people themselves were shown how they could help to improve the health of the community by individual effort. The result was the establishment of several organizations to deal with public health, and then zeal gave place to apathy on the part of the public, and a great movement died out. To achieve permanent success the campaign must not only be systematic, it must be continuous.

Once the people have realized the dangers to which they are exposed by reason of their surroundings, they will not be slow to agitate for improvements, and they have in their hands the means to enforce the demands. They can exercise their powers by means of the franchise both in the election of their Government and Municipal representatives. The power thus possessed has not yet been fully realized by the people of Newfoundland, or if it has been realized, it has not been fully availed of. It is too often the case that a member once elected is inclined to think that he is subject to their wishes no longer.

Every civilized country in the world to-day is faced with this problem, and in most of them it is fully realized that the responsibility rests with the State. But one point must be emphatically understood in connection with this: assistance to ameliorate conditions will be rendered useless—worse than that, harmful if it is confused with charity. Individual effort must be encouraged and independence fostered. Charity in exceptional cases is unfortunately necessary, but used indiscriminately it is capable of causing far more injury than any other agency. The dole has been responsible for incalculable harm to the public morale, and a governing body that permits its use as an easy way out of a difficulty, or to secure votes is deliberately inflicting injury upon the community.

Public health, suitable accommodation, sanitary appliances, clean streets, and a healthy environment are the responsibility of the Municipal Council, and in connection with the country generally it devolves upon the Government. The following cutting from a recent London paper illustrates how energetically this matter is being dealt with in England, and in another article we shall briefly outline what further steps can be taken here:

THE HOUSING PROBLEM.

190 Million Scheme Nearly Completed.

Over 154,000 houses have been built under the Act of 1919, according to the fourth annual report of the Ministry of Health. At the end of 1922 fewer than 17,000 houses remained to be completed under this scheme, while tenders had been approved for 13,000, and 9,455 had been started. The total capital cost of assisted housing schemes will be about £190,000,000, or about £1,080 per house. The amount which Parliament will be asked to vote as a grant in aid of the deficit on housing schemes during 1923-24 is £8,710,000.

The Terms of Reference

WILL COVER ALL MATTERS.

In our report on Saturday of the interview which our representative had with the Prime Minister, we stated that Mr. T. Hollis Walker, K.C., had been appointed Commissioner, and that the terms of reference covered all matters which led to the disruption of the late Government. It is understood that no local commissioners will be appointed to assist, and that it is not considered necessary to have a representative of the general public present in addition to the representatives of the Government and of the Opposition. In this view we do not concur. This investigation is a matter that closely concerns the public, and the further the investigation proceeds, the greater will the necessity of such counsel be emphasized. He would be independent of party influences, and further, it is impossible to tell to what extent the public may be brought within the scope of the enquiry.

The Canadian Championship Meet.

While there is general disappointment that our local representatives did not meet with a greater measure of success in the various contests in Halifax, it is not a matter that calls for any deeper feeling than of regret. On the contrary we can feel proud that among our athletes are to be found sportsmen who possess such a true spirit of sport as to go abroad to take part in contests against what are practically overwhelming odds. Experiences of this kind will do more to show us the necessity of thorough and systematic training, and once that lesson is learnt, we can rest assured that results will follow.

Are we downhearted? NO! Our congratulations, gentlemen.

Ex-Service Men's Lecture and Smoker To-Night.

A Lecture and Smoker is being held to-night in the Grenfell Hall at 8.15 for ex-service men. Capt. G. J. Whitty will deliver a report of the work at the recent Conference of the British Empire Service League; also impressions in connection with a recent visit to the battle fields. Some very fine cinema film and lantern slides will be used to illustrate lecture. A musical programme is also being arranged, and ex-service men are assured of an interesting evening. The admittance is free, but a collection will be taken up to defray expenses for the hiring of the hall.

Opening of the Maternity Hospital.

The opening of the Maternity Hospital will take place on Wednesday at 3 p.m. conducted by Col. Cloud. His Excellency the Governor will preside. Lady Allardyce will declare the building open. The Salvation Army Girl Guides headed by the band will form a guard of honor. His Excellency will open the garden party at Lester's Field at 4.15 p.m. The C.L.B. and C.C.C. bands, by kind permission of their O.C.'s, will be present and give musical programmes; also the Salvation Army united bands. Ladies from various denominations are supplying tables and will serve suppers while many of the ladies will be supplying candy. There will also be ice cream and refreshments on the grounds. You will all get a hearty welcome. Don't fail to patronize the same.

Sebastapol Had Unsuitable Coal.

S.S. Sebastapol which sailed on Saturday afternoon for Fortune Bay, returned to port yesterday morning being unable to proceed as the coal with which her bunkers were filled was unsuitable and steam could not be kept on the boilers. The ship only reached as far as Bay Bulls when it was realized that it was hopeless to try and proceed farther, and accordingly she was worked back to port. The coal is now being discharged and the bunkers filled with suitable coal. It is expected the ship will be ready to resume her voyage to-morrow afternoon.

C. C. C. Hold Church Parade.

The C.C.C. Battalion, Band, Bugle Band and Old Comrades, numbering about 150, paraded to last Mass at the R. C. Cathedral yesterday. Major J. J. O'Grady had charge of the parade. The turnout was very pleasing, and the Drum Major in his new uniform added greatly to the appearance of the parade. After Mass the Battalion paraded through the city returning to the Armoury, Harvey Road, at 1 p.m.

Motor Car Smash.

A motor car, driven by Mr. Hugh Lewis, crashed into an electric light pole near the R.C. Cathedral yesterday afternoon, owing to the steering gear getting out of order. The windshield and headlights of the car were smashed and the electric pole broken off as a result of the collison. The driver escaped injury.

McMurdo's Store News.

POMPEIAN MASSAGE CREAM. FOR OILY SKINS.

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Acknowledgment.

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The Hon. Treasurer of the Permanent Marine Disasters' Fund gratefully acknowledges the receipt of $193.45, nett proceeds of the Earle Spicer Recital, per J. C. Pratt, Esq., Treasurer Recital Committee.

MINARD'S LINIMENT USED BY VETERINARIES.

A Report of the Fishery Investigations.

NOTED SCIENTISTS WILL ADDRESS THE BOARD OF TRADE.

The Department of Marine & Fisheries and Mr. D. James Davies, B.Sc., F.I.C., F.C.S., F.G.S. have been instrumental in having Newfoundland represented in important investigations in connection with the fisheries in North American waters. In this they have received the hearty co-operation of the Newfoundland Board of Trade.

The United States Government and the Government of Canada have recently combined to carry out fishery investigations in North American waters, and through the Ministry of Fisheries in England, Mr. A. C. Gardner, the naturalist, was appointed to represent Newfoundland on this expedition.

Professor Huntsman, Secretary of the Atlantic Biological Society, St. Andrew's, and Secretary of the International Committee assigned to fishery research, was the chief representative of Canada in this expedition.

Both Professor Huntsman and Mr. Gardner are now in St. John's. They have collected very valuable scientific information regarding our fisheries in the Straits of Belle Isle and around Newfoundland, and it has been arranged that they shall address the Board of Trade in the Hall of Grenfell Institute at 12 o'clock on Tuesday, September 18th, regarding the results of their investigations.

While other countries have devoted a lot of attention to inquiring into the fisheries, Newfoundland has lagged behind in this respect. It is pleasing to see that a step has now been taken in the right direction, and we are sure that there will be a large attendance at the meeting.

His Excellency the Governor, who has taken such an interest in the chief industry of this country, has signified his intention of being present, and it is the hope of the Council of the Board of Trade that all who are interested in the fisheries of the country will attend this meeting regardless of whether they happen to be members of the Board of Trade or not.

Obituary.

ELIZABETH STRATHIE WATTS.

(H. F. SHORTIS).

The deepest sympathy of the citizens of St. John's, as well as Conception Bay, will go out to Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Watts in the death of their daughter, Elizabeth, which occurred at their home on Saturday evening last. The grief of the family is the more poignant, as it was only twelve months ago they suffered the loss of their youngest daughter Jeannie.

The deceased was a young lady of rare gifts and attainment, but she was loved for her beautiful personality, in which high principles, geneality and warmth of disposition, and charity and benevolence to all, were the outstanding traits. Looking with kindly spirit upon all, loyalty to her friends, devoted to her parents, brother, sister and home, and those nearest to her, she was the respect and love of many. Her regard for truth and her strong sense of duty were unswerving. We shall always remember her as one who was essentially pure in heart, and who had strength to ignor the petty things that distract us from right living. As a daughter, sister and friend she was all that the finest attributes of these terms imply.

The deceased leaves to mourn their great loss, father, mother, brother John, of Harbor Grace, and her brilliant scholarly sister Mollie, at present travelling in Europe, to all of whom the Telegram extends its sincere sympathy in their bereavement. The funeral will take place to-morrow morning at eight o'clock, from her late residence, 197 Gower Street, thence to the Railway Station, en route to Hr. Grace, where interment will take place in the family plot in the Methodist Cemetery.

Vandalism.

Apparently an augmented police force is not having any deterent effect on the lawless element of the city, which is ever on the move for something to destroy. Fences and ornamental trees, appear to be the objective of the vandals. Instances of this destruction can be seen in practically every street of the city, and steps should be taken to abate the nuisance.

Inspector of Post Offices.

Mr. M. F. Alyward of the General Delivery, has received an appointment as Inspector of Outport Post Offices. Mr. Aylward's lifelong service in the Post Office qualifies him for his new duties.

Miss T. M. Power, A. T. C. L., resumes lessons in Piano, Violin, Singing and Theory, Monday, September 17th. Is also open to receive engagements for Piano or Violin in orchestra work. 'Phone 1846R., 5 Alexander St. sept17,3i

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Died From Injuries.

ANTHONY HAWCO FORMALLY CHARGED WITH MURDER.

At the Magistrate's Court this morning Anthony Hawco, a 38 year old laborer of Chapel's Cove, was formally charged with killing and murdering Michael Fewer, a 62 year old resident of Harbor Main District, who died at the General Hospital on Saturday. Mr. H. A. Winter appeared for the Crown and the prisoner was remanded for 8 days. The man Fewer was brought in from Chapel's Cove in an unconscious condition following a fracas which occurred on Monday, Sept. 3rd, and died on Saturday without regaining consciousness.

Oporto Market.

Messrs. Faria, Pimenta & Combra, Ltd., codfish exporters, reporting to the Board of Trade under date August 19th says: Unless arrivals are well spaced out, our market will shortly be in a bad state of instability as regards prices, which will have to fall considerably owing to the great stock of old fish. This will be sold only with difficulty. The stock of small is excessive and there is no demand for it. The market, the report says, has not changed with regard to the tightness of money. Commercial circles here are struggling with great difficulty and the Banks are refusing to discount paper.

Coastal Boats.

Argyle arrived at Argentia 11.30 a.m. yesterday.

Clyde arrived at Lewisporte 12.45 a.m. yesterday.

Glencoe left Port aux Basques 9.15 a.m. yesterday.

Home left Bonne Bay 11.15 p.m. Friday, going north.

S. S. Meigle sailed yesterday for Labrador, replacing S. S. Sagona.

Malakoff arrived at Port Union 11 p.m. yesterday.

Labrador Report.

Cape Harrison — Strong N. W. wind.

Makkovik—Strong N. W. wind; good hooking.

Domino and Venison Island—Fresh N. W. wind, clear weather.

Battle Hr.—Light west wind; good hooking.

Codfish at Lawn

According to a report to the Board of Trade there is a good sign of fish for hook and liners at Lawn but unfortunately the bait supply is uncertain. Between LaHave Point and Sandy Cove 5100 qtls. have been landed to-day for 42 dories and 6 skiffs.

We Are Not Alone in This

CITIES AND CLEANLINESS.

(Montreal Star.)

It is generally admitted that the most important duty before any civic administration is the protection of public health. In this connection, too much attention cannot be paid, both by those who govern our city and the citizens generally, to the condition of the lanes. For many years past, the lanes as a whole have been tended so wretchedly that annual spring clean-up campaigns have had to be inaugurated to rid them of the filth. Lanes surely should never be allowed to be so gorged with garbage and ashes that special spring campaigns are necessary to put them in a sanitary state.

On numerous occasions physicians as well as the city's health department have declared that filthy lanes have been responsible in no small degree for the heavy death rate among infants—and Montreal has an enviable reputation in the matter of infant mortality.

Numerous cities in the past have paid fearfully in human life for not warring against uncleanliness. Medical history shows that the recorded instances of cholera, bubonic plague and various other contagious diseases, have been most numerous in the vicinity of filthy lanes, ill-kept streets and cesspools. In many towns in England where the inhabitants suffered severely from contagious diseases and heavy infant death rates, conditions have been completely changed by a more careful attention to cleanly surroundings.

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WHITE—BYRNE.

Miss Christine K. White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius B. White, of 27 Alston St, and Gerald J. Byrne, son of Head Constable John J. Byrne, St. John's, Nfld., were married Sunday evening at 7.30 o'clock at St. Josephs Church, Somerville, Mass., by Rev. David Fitzgerald. The bride, who wore a gown of white canton crepe with veil and carried a bridal bouquet of orange blossoms, was given away by her father, Mr. C. B. White. Her sister, Miss Madelyn White, attended as bridesmaid and wore a gown of midnight blue canton crepe. Mr. John Cashman of Everett, Mass., acted as best man. The ceremony was followed by a largely attended reception at the home of the bride's parents. Among those present was the mother of the groom, Mrs. J. J. Byrne, of St. John's, Nfld. The happy pair were the reciptents of many costly presents. After the reception the bride and groom left for New York where the honeymoon will be spent. Gerald is an old St. Bon's boy who has made good since going to the land of Uncle Sam.

Fell Ill on Street.

A domastic named Heath, resident of Fogo who fell ill on the street last night was brought to the lock-up by the police and given shelter. Her condition this morning had not improved and Dr. Anderson had to be called in attendance. Arrangements are being made to have the girl admitted to hospital

Fishing Schooners Arrive

The Sub-collector at Twillingate reports the following arrivals from Bell Isle Straits and the Treaty Shore:—Susan Pane, 400; Brandt, 220; Pratincole, 700; Fleetwing, 400. The fishing at Twillingate is very slack and bait is scarce.

MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR SALE EVERYWHERE.

Shipping.

S.S. Silvia has arrived at Halifax and is due here on Thursday. About 25 passengers are taking the round trip.

S.S. Manoa left Montreal Saturday afternoon and is due here on Thursday.

S.S. Sable I. leaving Halifax for here via Sydney, is due here on Friday.

Schr. Donald L. Silver, 7 days from Halifax, has arrived in port with a cargo oil.

Schr. Madgan, 19 days from Oporto in ballast has arrived to T. H. Carter & Co.

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C.C.C. Band will meet for Practice at the Armoury at sharp. No leave granted. By order Lt., Band Master.—sept

POLICE COURT.—A truck complaint of Sergt. Stapleton made pay costs in the case breach of the traffic regulation that he did not keep his team enough to the curb when along Water Street.

A General Meeting of Former ex-Pupils and friends of the Convent of Mercy, Military will be held in the Auditorium the K. of C. Memorial School Tuesday evening, Sept. 18th 8 o'clock Business important. sept17,2i

BORN.

On 17th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. Colton, 162 Pleasant Street, a daughter.

MARRIED.

On Wednesday, Sept. 12th, church of St. Michael's and Angels, by the Rev. E. J. R. Alice Goode to Walter Mugford of this city.

DIED.

Passed peacefully away at a.m. to-day, Mary, beloved wife P. Connors, aged 72 years. Fu on Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m., from late residence, 11 Hutchings'

NOTE OF THANKS.—I wi thank the Doctors and Nurses General Hospital for their kind ment during my stay at the ho tion this summer; especially thank Nurse Blackmore. TO LODGE, Port Union.—advt.

MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR PAIN OUT OF HAIR.