EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS AT GENERAL PUBLIC HOSPITAL

Commanding as is its position in the topography of the city, the General Hospital building and grounds have always been marked by a rugged lack of elegance in their appearance. This will not be said about it in the future, if the efforts of Dr. Rowley, the board of managers and the chain gang go for anything. Already the rougher part of the work which is to make the grounds beautiful has been done, and nature will be called in to help complete the work.

The great slope at the rear of the hospital building is to be made into a huge green, the foundation for which is already laid. Until recently, the slope looked like a huge up-tilted dump, but it has been cleaned and largely covered with coal ashes, while its top has been levelled for a lawn. Even in its present state it presents a very trim appearance compared with its former condition, and has attracted much favorable comment. During the coming summer it will be sodded and seeded so as to produce a big slanting green which will form an odd feature of the landscape in the neighborhood.

For three months the proteges of Alderman Lewis, labored about the institution grounds, and the results of their willing efforts are apparent on all hands. A big surface sewer was dug through the ash heap at the rear, and washouts and crevasses, which attended every storm in the past are no more.

Retaining Wall Built.

Along Delhi street, the large retaining wall was rebuilt throughout, and all that section of the property was cleared. Effective levelling was done about the epidemic building, and the driveway to it has been widened for 20 feet and turnspiked all the way. Part of Hospital street and the main driveway in the front of the building also went through the turnpiking and widening process. The effect of the whole has been to give to the grounds a much more trim and ample appearance.

When the season permits, a row of young trees will be planted alongside the retaining wall.

Inside The Building.

Inside the building, improvements have been made which impart a fine air of the up-to-date. A grand new branching stairway has replaced the old spiral one, and an electric elevator of the most modern form is being built and will be complete in two weeks. The new stairway fills the whole of the rotunda. At each landing it branches off to right and left. Built with a steel frame and slate steps, it is substantial and lasting. Sherlaw and Themblay, of Montreal, who are doing the steel work, are just now completing their contract. The elevator, which will be a great improvement for handling the patients, is by the Otis-Fenson Company. Toronto.

An Emergency Surgery.

Arrangements have been made which will provide the hospital with a new out-door and emergency surgery. This has been made possible by the re-building of the old operating room. In this surgery will be treated the class of patients who cannot take permanent rooms in the hospital, but who come up two or three times a week to be cared for.

To those intimately connected with the institution the remarkable increase in the demand for surgical work has been a very prominent feature of the work of late. The hospital has been very full and the number of patients seems to be steadily increasing. Surgical work is the most costly branch and the cost of maintenance is corresponding with its preponderance.

A New Record.

During February, the record of patients admitted was broken. One hundred and seventeen in all were admitted. Ninety-five were discharged. At the beginning of the present month there were one hundred and five patients in the building. During 1908 a total of 1200 patients were treated.

So far, the management has been unable to fill the position vacated by Dr. Jenkins, but this will be remedied when the medical colleges begin to close.

THE PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL WORK OF THE PROVINCE

A report of one of the largest and most profitable industries of this province has been issued to the stockholders. This enterprise gives employment to about two thousand skilled, though largely inexperienced workers, receiving some $700,000 a year for their services. The capital invested in the province is probably two or three millions, and that of St. John city alone is near half a million.

This is the public educational work of the province, whose operations are conducted in more than 1,800 different establishments. The raw material is 13,000 or more boys and girls who in each year enter the schools for the first time. The product may be found in the small percentage of those who follow the course of instruction to the end of the High School course, and in the vast majority who go part of the way.

Unfinished Work.

No other industry suffers so much as this from lack of opportunity to finish the work undertaken. Only half the children taken into the schools remain to the end of the fifth grade. Only one in seven is in the classes at the end of the eighth grade—only one in twenty enters the Grammar School. This fine per cent is reduced to two and a half per cent at the end of grade eleven.

Even in cities which offer High School advantages on the spot without charge, not more than one-fourth of the pupils who enter the primary grade, reach grade nine, and only one-third of these take the full three years High School course.

Thus the main work of the public schools of this province is with children under the grade which they are supposed to reach by the time they are twelve years old.

A Fleeting Force.

The career of the teachers is scarcely less fleeting than that of the pupils. Taking those of the highest classes, including those with Grammar School licenses, only five out of nine have served over seven years—while of second class teachers five out of eight have taught less than seven years.

No return is given of third class teachers and class room assistants, who are nearly all recent recruits. We may conclude that about two-thirds of the teachers in the provinces have not had more than seven years experience.

What would be the condition of the Christian ministry or of the legal and medical professions if it were the rule for preachers, doctors, and lawyers to give up their work in less than seven years after they began it?

The report shows that some success has followed the effort to make the vocation of teachers a permanent profession instead of an incidental, temporary occupation, adopted to meet a passing emergency.

Faint Signs of Better Things.

Teachers themselves have organized to give their order a better status.

Public opinion in answer has given a response which may be called sympathetic, though it is not passionately so. The report indicates at least superficially a considerable variation of salary in favor of the teacher, and mentions several symptoms of farther improvement. In eight years the average salary of Grammar School teachers has increased by $169 or 19 per cent; of Superior School teachers by $97 or 17 per cent; of First Class Male teachers $234 or 50 per cent; of Second Class Male teachers $74 or 27 per cent; of Third Class Male teachers $43 or 19 per cent; of First Class Female teachers $89 or 29 per cent, while Second Class Females gained 25 per cent. and those of the third class 18 per cent.

The largest proportionate gain is promptly and cheerfully explained away by the chief Superintendent, who reports a sort of stampede of First Class Male teachers to other fields of usefulness, reducing the number to eight years from 100 to 57. This remnant is mostly employed in cities where the scale of salary is higher, and it is not supposed that the pay of these particular teacners has increased by anything like fifty per cent. We may also suppose that First Class Female teachers have taken the place of most of the other 43, who have escaped since there is a decrease in the number of male teachers of the lower grades, as well as in the higher.

There is no statement of giving the average salary of all the teachers in the province.

Women In The Case.

Possibly there is no actual increase in the average salary paid to the whole group of teachers, since the number of men of the higher classes has been reduced and their places taken by ladies, whose pay is still below that formerly received by the men replaced. For the average salary of first class female teacher is still a good deal below that received eight years ago by a first class male teacher. While women are pronounced to be qualified by nature and grace to be instructors of youth, it is not wholesome condition of things to which because they work for less, commits to them almost the whole of this great responsibility. Last year there were six female teachers for each male teacher in New Brunswick. Principal Briggs of the Normal School reports an enrolment of 341, of whom only 36 were men. If the present tendency shall continue for another generation the male teachers will become an extinct species, or at least, as rare as women lawers, doctors and preachers are now. Whatever may be said in commendation of women as teachers, they are not likely to exult over their growing control of educational work in the country districts, if they admit that they owe this position to the fact that they work for less money than men will accept, and for less than will support a family. Until the time arrives when the ordinary village school and the school in any district of prosperous farmers shall give the teacher a salary on which a man may venture to marry and expect to maintain a family decently, it will be no cause of boasting that women have a monopoly in teaching.

One Of The Symptoms.

It has been said that some success has attended the efforts made to improve the conditions and prospects of teachers. There is first the improvement in the salary, if that has really happened when we consider the cost of living and the other circumstances mentioned. Secondly there is a small increase in the provincial allowance to teachers after the second year, and a substantial addition after their seventh year of service. For First Class Male teachers this bonus addition is $15 a year from the second to the seventh year, and $40 a year after that time. For teachers of the lower classes this long service pay tapers down until the Third Class Female gets $7 added in the third year, and $17 at the end of seven years. Fortunately this increase is not so generous that she will remain Third Class teacher in order to get.

A Hopeful Stage.

A third and more substantial proposition has not yet been adopted, but has reached exceeding hopeful stage. This is the teachers pension program, which evidently has the support of the Chief Superintendent of Schools. The teachers allowances to male teachers of sixty and females of fifty-five, who shall have taught thirty years, suggesting $400 a year for men and $250 for women. It is estimated that the maximum annual cost of this system would be $12,5, and that this would not be reached for fifteen years. This seems to be a under estimate, and perhaps does not take account of the fact that if the scheme serves its purpose it will cause a larger number of persons to adopt teaching as a life vocation. But for many years to come it would not involve more than three or four per cent increase in the Government grant for educational purposes. It could have been paid in the past ten years out of part of the excessive cost of school books or with part of the sum which the late Government gave away to a sugar firm in stumpage dues.

FEW NEW APPLICANTS LIKELY FOR LIQUOR LICENSE GRANTS

Applications for licenses to sell liquor during the ensuing year must be made to the License Commissioners before twelve o'clock, noon, today or they cannot be considered by the Commissioners. It is not expected that the number of applications will differ greatly from that made last year. Yesterday the total number of applications made was reported by Inspector John B. Jones as sixty-five retail, eleven wholesalers, five hotels, one club, and one brewery. A few more applications will probably be made today.

New Applicants.

So far there have been three new applicants for retail licenses. Two wholesale firms have not yet made application. One is a Montreal firm which has had in the city a branch doing business under wholesale license. It is not expected that this firm will apply for a renewal of its license as its branch has been withdrawn.

Change in Name.

The wholesale firm of McIntyre & Comeau will in the future be known under a different name, as W. E. McIntyre has assumed entire control of the business.

This afternoon at three o'clock the License Commissioners will meet for the purpose of naming a date for the consideration of the applications. Col. Blaine and Florence McCarthy will be present. The third Commissioner, T. A. Linton, will be unable to attend as he sailed from Halifax for Bermuda on Tuesday. It is likely that the date named by the Commissioners will be near April 10. The limit of the number of retail licenses which can be issued in the city is seventy-five. It is not likely that the number granted this year will exceed that of last year when sixty-four licenses were issued.

BRILLIANT SOCIAL EVENT AT CAPITAL

FREDERICTON, Mar. 24.—The first reception of the season by the Lieut. Governor and Mrs. Tweedie, at the Queen Hotel today, was the most brilliant social event of the kind ever seen in the city in years and indications point to an unusually interesting season of social events here during the session. His Honor and Mrs. Tweedie received, Mrs. W. S. Benson assisting. The guests were presented by Private Secretary Barker, while Lt. Col. Surgeon Bridges was also in attendance. The decorations in the reception room were of the most elaborate nature, the same being true of the tea room where Mrs. J. D. Hazen, Madame Fiset, and Mrs. W. C. Crocket presided assisted by Misses Edith Edgecombe, Whitehead, Wilson and Sadie Sterling. There were 310 callers at the reception which lasted over two hours and the list included many wives of members and other visitors to the city.

Mrs. Clarke, wife of the Speaker and Miss Clarke arrived from St. Stephen at noon today and are at the Barker House.

April 14th has been set for the date of the Grand Easter ball to be given by the lieutenant governor and Mrs. Tweedie at the legislative building and upwards of 1,000 invitations will be issued.

Mrs. Tweedie will receive every Wednesday afternoon during the session and her daughter, Mrs. W. S. Benson, will give an at home a week from next Tuesday.

AT THE HOTELS

PARK HOTEL—E. W. O'Brien, Toronto; H. C. Osbourne, Montreal; H. C. Harding, Halifax; J. H. Bigney, Truro; W. L. Crawford, Boston; C. J. Carter, Truro; B. Hanway, Truro; A. Halifax; T. R. Whalen, Pictou; J. D. J. Lelachent, Moncton; A. Bremner, Halifax; T. R. Whalen, Pictou; J. D. McDonald, Truro; H. H. McLean, St. George; T. Ellsworth, Ottawa; E. Ferguson, Riley Brook; Jas. McKee, Moncton; W. F. Myers, Boston; Jas. Robinson, Sussex; W. Simpson, Boston; E. A. Hartling, Halifax.

VICTORIA HOTEL—Walter Applegath, Toronto; Stewart Applegath, Toronto; S. J. Moore, Truro, N. S.; W. H. Woodworth, Berwick; P. Bourgigam, Montreal; A. M. Wilson, London, Eng.; E. S. Chambers, Toronto, Ont.; W. H. Berry, St. Stephen; C. H. Fuller, St. George; Arthur L. Hoyt, McAdam Junction; John Stevens, Montreal; John H. Trueman, St. Stephen; Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Jones, Winnipeg; D. A. Phillipps, Toronto.

ROYAL—Mrs. M. Killeen, Ottawa; Wm. Chas. Leverly, Sheffield; J. S. Leighton, jr., Moncton; Mrs. Alex. Gibson, Marysville; Mrs. J. E. Coulter, Fredericton; R. C. Poyser, Manchester, England; J. H. Rogers, Moncton; Pedro J. Tillett, London; G. Mortimer, Quebec; S. W. Smith, Sussex; G. E. Hagen and wife, Sydney; Mrs. Benson, Miss Benson, Ottawa; J. R. Haviland, Chatham; R. B. Coulson, Montreal; James Reid, Halifax; W. A. Pope, Montreal; A. J. S. Copp, Digby; E. J. Worth, Fernie; Norman Ogilvie, jr., Aberdeen.

Hardy McHardy, Toronto; J. H. Bryson, Montreal; W. G. Jones, Moncton.

DUFFERIN—D. R. McLean, Windthurst, Sask; J. C. Bourinot and wife Port Hawkesbury; W. M. Godsoe, Halifax; G. Mortimer, Quebec; George D. Scarborough, Toronto; A. E. Foster, Boston; R. S. Gotman, New Zealand; Mrs. John Livingstone, Fort William; H. Seward, Alaska; Mrs. James Brooks and child, Vernon, B. C.; Mrs. Albert Robertson, Holland, Man. Mrs. Donald McLean, Holland, Man.; J. R. Howe, Malden, Mass.; D. A. Burpee, Henderson, Me.; T. B. Calhoun, Westmorland; W. M. Calhoun, Rooth, N. B.; B. S. MacFarlane, Sussex; F. X. Masson, Toronto; J. F. Avard, Montcon.

COURT SITTINGS

The following statement of the sessions of the various local courts will to be of interest to the legal fraternity and to those who have pending legislation.

Nisi Prius Sittings for City of St. John.

April 6th, (non jury), Mr. Justice Gregory.

May 4th, (non jury), Mr. Justice White.

June 15th, Mr. Justlice Landry.

August 3rd, (non jury), Mr. Justice McLeod.

September 7th, Mr. Justice White.

October 5th, Mr. Justice Hanington.

November 23rd, Mr. Justice McLeod.

December 7th, (non jury), Mr. Justice Landry.

January 4th, (1910), Mr. Justice Hanington.

February 1st, 1910, (non jury), Mr. Justice White.

Chambers.—Pugsley Building.

Supreme Court in Equitty Sittings, City of St. John, Chief Justice Barker, Judge in Equity. The second Tuesday in July, and the third Tuesday in every other month, except June, when the court does not sit.

Supreme Court Chambers. Mr. Justice White. Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week at eleven a. m. Mr. Justice McLeod attends chambers on Wednesdays and Fridays at eleven a. m.

St. John County Court. Hon. J. Gordon Forbes, Judge.

His Honor in Chambers, Pugsley Building, every morning at eleven o'clock.

Any criminal cases which are competent to be tried under the Speedy Trials Act, his Honor may, if the accused so elects, try out of term without a jury.

IMPORTS.

From London and Antwerp ex Montreal—6 cs porcelain, Lazarus, Rosenfeld and Lehmann; 10 bales corks, W. J. Farrell; 2 sacks ginger root, C. C. 25 bags bran, M. B. Co.; 10 cs tea lead, C. H. McDonald; 10 do. T. H. Estabrooks; 31 cs glass, R. F. S.; 1,344 reels wire, R. S.; 20 csks sheet zinc, Emerson and Fisher; 30 do. S and Co.; 88 cs glass, W. H. Thorne and Co.; 51 cs glass, orders; 10 csks zinc sheets, R. F. S.; 47 crts bottles, Pollock, Bros and Co.; 1,108 cs glass, S. Hayward and Co.; 400 bbls cement, orders; 29 sheets glass, 10 csks zinc, F. McAvity and Sons; [illegible] R. C. S.; 50 steel sheets, order; 22 csks zinc sheets, orders; 400 bbls wire, order; 18 do. order; 40 rolls paper, 32 gross bottles, Murderion and Co; 19 wheels, G. Loomer, 10 cs marbles, Sim Bache Co.; 4 cs glassware, O. H. Warwick, 131 pkgs mdse, Geo. Borgfeldt and Co.; 36 cs glass, F. W. 36 do. W. D. B.; 61 pkgs glassware, etc, W. T. Malow; 27 pkgs mdse, R. F. Downing Co.; 33 pkgs glassware, etc; Fenslein and Ruhe; 13 cs stoneware, S. and C.; 6 horses, Gordon Ironsides Co; 11 cs books, etc, Dominion Express Co.

Also goods for other points.

From Glasgow ex Cassandra, 8,359 bags coal, Robt. Reford Co.; 1 pel sample, L. C. Prime Co.; 1 bag seed oats; John Keer; 1 truss carpets, 30 rolls linoleum, A. O Skinner; 1 box muslins, J. W. Daniel & Co.; 35 cs whiskey, [illegible] Logan; 50 cs 10 bbls do, R. Sullivan & Co.; 15 cs coffee essence, P. Evans; 300 bags, 15 bbls sugar, [illegible] Co.; 12,000 firebrick, 25 bags iron, T. W.; 80 cs liquor, Foster & Co., 500 bags meal, order; 45 cs [illegible], W. W. C.; 30 cs do; G. S. deBrisay & Co., 50 cs whiskey, Comeau & Shea; 20 steel plates, St. John Iron; 10 rolls linoleum, E C L; 50 bs hemp rope, order; 12 coils steel wire rope, 1 bale nets, 8,000 firebricks, W. Thorne & Co.; 14 pkgs whiskey, National D. & Co; 14 pkgs whiskey, National D & C Partington P. Co.; 9 [illegible] firebricks Portland Rolling Mills, 25 cs leather goods, 1 truss linen, Chester [illegible] A. Ltd., 8 pkgs mdse, J. Seely & Son; 21 bdls hoops, and E. R. Burnee, 3 stallions, 1 [illegible] W. Marshall; 2 horses, 2 cows, 1 bull, 4 calves, W. McKay; 20 [illegible] S. J. Prowse; 38 pkgs mdse, R. C. P. R.

Also goods for other ports.

From Demerara ex Orinoco—144 bags sugar, Toronto; 20 tons iron, order.

From Barbados—25 puncheons molasses, E; 75 do, Jones & Schofield; 14 puns. 1 hhd, 1 bbl do, M. C.; puns do, Baird & Peters, 224 puncheons, 50 bbls do. Crosby M. Co do, for Moncton, 175 do for Mont.

From Dominico. — 1 bags, E. O'Shaughnessy.

From Bermuda—1 bx bulbs, H. E. Goold.

EXPORTS.

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Per schr Priscilla, 101 [illegible] for Salem fo, 92,062 ft spruce [illegible], etc., 548,000 cedar shingles.

Per schr Sarah A. Townsend, 149 tons, for Quincy, 137,262 spruce boards.

Intercollegiate Debate.

Dr. G. U. Hay, and Judge [illegible] lift last night for Antigonish, N. S., where they will act as judges in the intercollegiate debate between St. Francis Xavier and Acadia which takes place there tonight. The subject for discussion is "Resolved that Great Britain should make a substantial departure from her policy of Free Trade with respect to the

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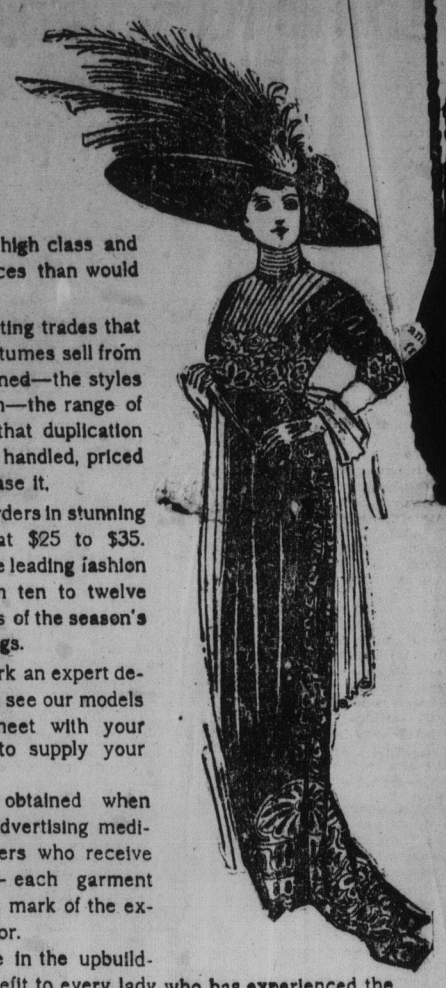

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