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DEATH RATE IS HIGHER THIS YEAR THAN LAST

Up to Noon Today 811 Deaths Had Been Registered as Compared With 766 Last Year—Some Prominent Citizens Who Passed Away During the Year.

Though the record of deaths in the year ending today has not been completed by the board of health and the books will not be closed for a few days yet, the register shows quite an increase in the death rate over 1907.

Up to noon today the total number of deaths reported in the year was 811, compared with 766 in the previous year, an increase of 45 in 1908.

Many of those who passed away were prominent in business and social circles in the city. Some of the names are here recalled.

Mrs. Abigail Hampton, of 103 Water street, west end, died on February 10th, at the age of 90 years and 10 months, was the oldest person who died in the year.

Among those most widely known who were taken away during the year are the following: Oliver J. Pitfield, 75 years, Jan. 1; Geo. V. McInerney, 50 years, Jan. 12; James Charlton, 67 years, Jan. 13; Mrs. Geo. W. Fleming, 53 years, Jan. 15; Charles J. Tilly, 68 years, Jan. 21; George Nixon, 80 years, Jan. 22; James Kirk, 82 years, Jan. 27; P. W. Lantalan, 82 years, Feb. 1; Judge A. I. Trueman, 87 years, Feb. 1; Mrs. C. F. Kinnear, 74 years, Feb. 18; James E. Langley, 70 years, March 5; Isaac G. Stevens, 77 years, April 1; J. W. Thompson, 65 years, April 3; John Elmore, 88 years, April 15; Mrs. D. J. Purdy, 89 years, April 17; Richard Kieran, 59 years, April 19; Dr. J. H. Scammell, 38 years, April 24; Peter Sharkey, 80 years, May 18; Mrs. Geo. W. Parken, 45 years, May 19; John E. Farris, 61 years, May 31; G. M. Jarvis, 88 years, June 2; J. S. B. DeVeater, 78 years, June 18; Mrs. Elizabeth Bonnell, 81 years, June 28; Walter A. Pritchard, 36 years, Aug. 10; J. De Wolf Spurr, 88 years, Aug. 15; R. J. Coughlan, 67 years, April 17; Frank L. Tuttle, 47 years, Sept. 19; Mrs. George Nixon, 80 years, Oct. 15; Abraham Oshanih, 46 years, Nov. 1; Daniel Coughlan, 72 years, Nov. 9; Henry Turner, 57 years, Nov. 17; John Robins, 74 years, Nov. 17; George Thompson, 60 years, Dec. 7; T. S. Simms, 83 years, Dec. 18; Ida Rootes, 82 years, Dec. 21; James G. Jordan, 70 years, Dec. 24; and Neil Hoyt, 78 years, Dec. 29.

Among the other years, tuberculosis in its various forms claimed the largest number of victims. As yet it has been found impossible to obtain any news whatsoever of the fate of the little villages along the coast, many of which, it is believed, have been entirely wiped out.

PHYSICAL CULTURE FOR THE POLICEMEN

Y. M. C. A. Will Make Special Rate if Class of Fifteen Can Be Secured.

In response to queries from several police officers, secretary Robb of the Y. M. C. A. has been authorized to communicate with the chief of police offering a reduced rate for privileges of the gymnasium on condition that at least fifteen patrolmen subscribe as members of this special division of instruction.

The inducements are to the effect that if the requisite 15 officers apply for membership, special tickets will be issued at \$2.50 each, and the class permitted two afternoons each week in the gymnasium. It is understood that the chief of police will be one of the number who apply. The physical culture lessons will be greatly beneficial to the patrolmen, and it is felt that the necessary quota will be secured.

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Body of a Male Infant Found on a Dump Near Foot of Hanover St. This Morning—Identity of Child is Unknown But the Police Are Working to Locate Its Parents—Child Was Born Alive.

In a pile of ashes at tide water in the Erin street dump, the body of an infant was found this morning and now lies at the city morgue. The discovery was made about 8.30 by Edward Mahan, of St. Patrick street, and William Nofield, of Frederick street. The matter was reported to Acting Patrol Sergeant Joseph Scott and Patrolman James Ross on the Brussels street boat. Coroner Berryman was at once notified and arrived on the scene, viewed the body and gave permission for its removal. The tiny form was placed in a paper box and driven to the morgue on one of C. H. Peters Sons' trolley cars. There was little thought of the child could not have been long where found, possibly a day or day and a half. Mahan and Nofield stated that they have been about the dump almost daily and it was only today that they noticed the body. It was first noticed through a piece of napkin protruding from a pile of ashes and sand close under the overhanging sidewalk. It was on the tidal mark, showing that the covering of ashes had been washed off by the tide. There was little thought of the contents of the bundle when it was pulled from its hiding place and the men were horrified when tugging at it to find the little body roll out on the sand. It had been securely wrapped, first in a ragged shirt then in a blue cotton gown and about the whole a large table napkin. There was nothing on any of the coverings to offer any clue as to the mother or father of the babe. On the ragged shirt was merely a laundry mark. It was at first thought that the child had been still born, but this was dispelled when Coroner Berryman stated on viewing it that it had been born alive. When found the mouth of the infant was open, and it has been suggested that this might indicate strangulation. When asked for his opinion on this theory, or as to the probable cause of death, Coroner Berryman declined to make a statement. He said that as far as he could tell, it had been dead about a day or day and a half. The body will remain at the morgue for a day or two while an effort is being made to locate the mother.

FIRE AT AMHERST POINT

Logan Bros. Piggery and a Number of Valuable Breeding Hogs Burned This Morning.

Amherst, N. S., Dec. 31.—(Special)—A serious fire resulting in the loss of a number of valuable imported breeding hogs, occurred at Amherst Point, about six miles from Amherst, between 12 and 1 o'clock this morning the piggery of Logan Bros. was discovered on fire, and so advanced was it that nothing could be saved. The building and plant, with 17 pure bred Berkshire, were completely destroyed, and it was with difficulty the stock barn adjoining were saved. The loss at this season is a serious set back to Messrs. Logan Bros. who are among the largest breeders and importers of pure bred cattle, sheep, and swine in the province. Mr. Stanley Logan, the senior member of the firm, is superintendent of the provincial government farm, connected with the agricultural college at Truro. It could not be ascertained if the loss is covered by insurance. The fire is supposed to have caught from the heating apparatus in the piggery, which was in use yesterday.

FUNERALS

The funeral of Miss Estella McManam was held from her mother's residence St. Patrick street this afternoon at 2.30, to the Cathedral, where service was conducted by Rev. Father Dale. Interment was in the new Catholic cemetery.

CUSTOMS REVENUE SHOWS A DECREASE

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 31.—(Special)—The return of the customs receipts for the month of December indicate that the total of receipts decreases in revenue is approaching its termination. Customs receipts for the month of December, 1908 were \$7,876,000, as compared with \$8,066,000 for last December, a decrease of \$217,970, which is the smallest comparative decrease since the slump set in. For the 6 months ending Dec. 31st, 1908, the customs revenue of the Dominion amounted to \$38,944,534, as against revenue of 45,268,838, during the nine months ended Dec. 31st, 1907, a decrease of \$10,549,504.

PERSONALS

Miss Ida Ramsey left this morning on the S. S. Calvin Austin on a trip to Boston and Baltimore.

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Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard Fowler came in today from Fredericton where they have been for the marriage of Mrs. Fowler's brother, Hon. H. F. McLeod, and Miss Mercereau.

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Ald. H. H. Pickett went east at noon today.

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Sydney Beckley will read from Dickens' Christmas Carol, at the reception of the Y. M. C. A. Ladies' Auxiliary.

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A meeting of the claims committee of the common council will be held this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock to consider a number of claims against the city.

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Sheriff Williams of Gagetown, passed through today to Dorchester with Francesco Donati, the Italian, sentenced to Dorchester for two years for stabbingence Cardifino.

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The friends at Cross Creek Sunday school, in connection with Stanley Park, will be remembered by J. E. Harris at the Christmas service, as a token of their appreciation of his services during the summer months, as assistant to the rector.

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A movement is on foot to introduce trackless trolley lines in Ireland. The first probably will be from Donnybrook near Dublin, to Bray, a seaside resort.

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