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**Letter From Dr. Grenfell.**

One Hundred Persons With Symptoms of Beri-Beri—Expert Observer—Need of Better Diet—Patriotic Fund and Tobacco.

S. S. Strathcona, Spt. 30, 1915. Dear Sir—During the past season I have treated among a very large number of patients suffering from deficient diet diseases, over one hundred with the symptoms of multiple neuritis, which for want of a better name we call Beri-Beri—most of these are in men—and comparatively young men, some have lost the use of their limbs, four have lost their lives. It seems specially dangerous at childhood and may be one of the contributory causes to the number of rickety, unhealthy and marasmic children we register. This in an environment of exceptional natural excellence. I would ask you, sir, to influence your readers to influence the Government when supplying flour to the very poor to insist on the use of white wheat flour. Every body has spoken to them they would prefer that which affords them the best safeguard against incapacity, and there can be no light of experience no longer be any question that with the restricted diet of the Government paupers whole wheat flour is most desirable.

I have twice visited from Cape John to Cape Norman and once round the Straits and east Labrador Coasts this year, and have had with me expert colleagues that our returns and deductions may no longer be proclaimed in public newspapers as exaggerations of facts without willful misrepresentation being intended by them.

The deductions from our new system, of records, supported by those of our intermediate observers at all our stations, who keep similar records, are not all equal. For some of the superficial inquiries of travellers on mail steamers whether in Government employ or others, and for every fact we state the undeniable record of our books shows ample evidence. Dr. Paddon's centre at Indian Harbour, has been re-inforced by a small cottage hospital for winter in Hamilton Inlet, and though the mail subsidy was withdrawn from that bay, the power yacht Yale has been running up and down all summer with Dr. Thomas or Dr. Paddon. Battle Harbour is to be strengthened also by a residence in the bay for Dr. Grieve the winter. For some of those who hope Paul's River again also, will all be winter stations. St. Anthony and Pelly's Island will be open as usual, and we expect strengthened this winter by a doctor's residence at Bale Verte, a young doctor having applied for service. Beside these points we have had teachers at Turnavick, L'Anse au Loup, Kirpon, Currant Island, and other centres, all of whose reports are those of people who know of what they speak, all being highly educated trained observers. When a medical man visits house after house and finds pale children on dry flour diet, and again this season as every year visits women struggling to keep alive, unfortunate babies without a drop of milk of any kind being procurable can scarcely be blamed if he does not describe the condition as merely cases of milk famine. Every year we use cases alone, and our books which can be inspected show how often we are called on to supply fats and always whether it be food or clothing supplied we exact work if it can reasonably be given, and in that the people entirely concur. Even at the present moment I have on board two fathers of families, one whose young wife is down with beri-beri, and who

has only four and very little of that, the other whose family is in very little better circumstances. Fortunately for White Bay the mill at Englee is enlarging its scope, and the Empire Company are offering work to a large number of men. South of Whoooping Harbour, as far as LasCote, the fishery has this year been a lamentable failure. You would also, Mr. Editor, render a service if here you would sound again—issue a warning against the waste and wickedness of spending money on patent medicines. Last week I examined two young men who had just spent ten dollars cash in purchasing a truss from some ruffian in America, though both were hard up for food for their families and neither of them were really ruptured. When will our people learn that the ratio of money expended on patent medicines is in inverse ratio to their level of intelligence.

Once more, sir, people have most rightly praised the people from Englee to Griquet and Cape Norman for last winter so generously subscribing \$1,500 to the Patriotic and Belgian fund in cash. But, sir, we have talked this matter out up here, and find that the same district consumed certainly over \$5,000 in tobacco. Can you, sir, not help a national campaign to persuade us all for twelve months to give up tobacco and send the money to the Patriotic Fund. Thousands of our best and bravest are now sacrificing their lives for their country and for us. What kind of a patriot is the man who won't sacrifice a needless luxury, say for one year, for the sake of his Empire?

If the Patriotic Fund would start a branch fund into which every man who was really willing was to make a sacrifice for his country could put the money saved, Newfoundland would stand up among the children of the Motherland for relative financial aid. It would be yet one further sacrifice she could afford to make, she would be far richer instead of poorer, and for all ages a contribution so significant of real unselfishness, and so large and valuable to both giver and receiver, it would shine in our island's possessions as no material wealth will shine, when the actors on our stage of to-day are living only a memory of the past. It would be an imperishable heirloom of value to our children showing that we were made of unusual stuff. Is not that a most desirable thing? Would it not be a glorious corollary or colleague of the splendid effort now being made for prohibition?

WILFRED T. GRENPELL.

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**Women Recruits.**

Editor Evening Telegram. Dear Sir,—Please allow me space in your paper to say a few words concerning the women recruiting. I think it would be a good idea if the committee would form a regiment of women, as I can say I am safe in saying that every lady would volunteer to defend her empire, and I'm sure that the gentlemen will do their best to get a hall for them to practice every night from 7.30 to 9.30. Hoping I have not taken too much of your valuable space, and thanking you. I remain, One Who Would Do Her Little Bit.

**Last Night's Lecture.**

Rev. Mr. Hemmeon lectured to a large gathering at Wesley Church last night, taking as his subject "Modern Fiction." After a very pleasing solo had been given by Mr. C. Hatcher, Rev. H. Royle, who presided, introduced the lecturer, who entertained his audience for over an hour. In his opening remarks Mr. Hemmeon defined good fiction as gossip plus art. He said that in order to give pleasure to the reader there must be gracefulness and taste combined with imagination in all stories of romance. The oldest fiction known is folk lore, and the genesis of all history and cradle of all truth is tradition. He then went on to name the four essentials in good story writing—love, adventure, wit and mystery, the four great passions that go to make up life. Modern fiction may be said to have begun with the writings of Sir Walter Scott in 1771. He then referred to the influence of the writings of Shakespeare, Scott and Dickens upon the British people up to the present time. The lecturer dealt with the essentials which help to gauge the value of a story, viz. popularity, permanence, art and insight, pointing out that while one writer's works showed insight they lacked art; others were popular but were not permanent. He then referred to several well known books and briefly reviewed their respective merits as works of fiction. He recommended the writings of John Goldsworthy, William De Morgan, M. Hewlett and Robert Louis Stevenson very highly, and mentioned many of the books which had given him much enjoyment. He dealt strongly with the so-called sex novels and was of the opinion that they should be banned, as they were merely a rebound from the prudishness of former days. He made an urgent appeal for the reading of good books and recommended the works of Charles Dickens, who had no competitor in his day. After the singing of "We love thee Newfoundland" by Misses Taylor and Nichol, a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded the lecturer for the enjoyable entertainment. The National Anthem and the Benediction brought the enjoyable evening to a close.

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**Defenders Recovered.**

Private Harry Grant, of the First Canadian Expeditionary Force, and who was wounded while fighting in France, has arrived back at Quebec, after spending two months in hospital in England, according to a message just received by his father, Mr. Wm. Grant, of Brien Street. Naval Reservist Wm. J. Jerritt, of H.M.S. Rooke, who broke his leg on board ship some time ago and has since been in hospital at Ramsgate, has recovered and returned to Devonport to rejoin his ship. His brother, Levi, was one of the reservists who went down in the Vikron.

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**A Boom for Laborers.**

The present week is affording much work to laborers because of the arrival of the steamers Stephano, Frontera, Amanda, Anna already at the expected arrivals within the next few days of the steamers Tabasco, Seniac, Algeriana, Paiki and Beatrice, all with full cargoes. In addition a number of craft have arrived from the westward during the past few days with cargoes of dry fish, giving employment to a large number of workmen and altogether making a busy waterfront. At the latter part of this week three steamers the Amanda, Frontera and another, will load fish here for Mediterranean ports.

ON LEAVE—Reservist James Snow, for some time past leading stoker on H.M.S. Niobe, and now on leave is visiting here after an absence of upwards of 19 years from his native land during which time he has been living in the United States and Canada. Reservist Snow is a native of Bay Roberts. He spent three years in the U.S. navy and shortly after the outbreak of the war joined the Niobe at Halifax. He reports again for duty next week. Minard's Liniment—Cures Diphtheria.

**In Magistrate's Court.**

The King Versus Channey For Arson. (Before F. J. Morris, K. C. J. P., and M. A. Devine, J.P.)

The charge in this case is that the accused on the 18th day of September last did wilfully and maliciously set fire to his dwelling house, situate on Freshwater Road, with intent thereby to defraud a certain Insurance Company.

To this charge of Arson the accused contended to a primary trial, and pleaded "Not guilty."

The following facts were given in evidence by the witnesses for the prosecution: The accused has a policy of insurance on his house for the sum of \$1,000. The house was mortgaged for the sum of \$850. One witness Littlejohn, swore to the fact that the accused had been offered \$1,500 for the house but he would not sell it for less than \$2,000, and that he believed that the value of the house was worth that figure. The furniture, personal and other effects, in the house at the time of the fire would be worth about \$500 or \$600. If the accused had succeeded in burning the house and its contents, he would stand to lose in the neighbourhood of \$2,000.

The defence set up by Mr. Higgins, B.L., who appeared for the accused, was, "That the accused was temporarily deranged and insane through drink, that his mind was incapable of reasoning, and in a fit of drunken madness he attempted to set fire to his house. That the evidence submitted by the Crown as to the accused's condition on that day went to show beyond any question of reasonable doubt that the accused on that day was so mentally incapacitated, by reason of his drunkenness, that he was not able to judge the difference between right and wrong, and that the charge that the accused burnt his house with intent to defraud the insurance company was fully answered by the fact that had the house been burnt, he would have lost all he possessed in the world."

In support of his plea Mr. Higgins cited from the following authorities:—Archibald's Criminal Practice, Malicious Damage Act, 1861, Halsbury, vol. 9, 772, Rex vs. Davis, 14 Cox 628, Rex vs. Bains, 1886, Liverpool Assizes.

It is a felony at Common Law to wilfully and maliciously burn the house was the property of the accused. The Statute Law has made it a felony to burn a dwelling house any person being therein at the time. No person but the accused was in the house at the time of the commission of the alleged offence. It is a felony by Statute to burn a house or other building, whether the same be in possession of the offender or any other person, with intent thereby to injure or defraud any person, and it is with this latter offence that the accused stands charged.

Lord Halsbury in his Treatise on Criminal Law has this to say on the plea:—"A person who becomes drunk as the result of his own voluntary act, and while drunk commits a crime, is not excused for the crime by reason of his drunkenness alone; for a person although drunk, may be capable of forming an intention and the force of committing an act. But a person may be drunkness be rendered entirely incapable of forming an intention, and drunkenness may, therefore, even though voluntary, sometimes be used as a defence for the purpose of rebutting the presumption of a criminal intention which would otherwise arise from an act; such presumption is deemed to be rebutted, where it is shown that the accused's mind was so affected by drink that he was incapable of knowing what he was doing."

In the case of the King vs. Meade, reported in 1 "King's Bench Division, 1909, and the latest dictum on this point, Lord Coleridge, J., says:—"A man is taken to intend the natural consequences of his act if this presumption may be rebutted in the case of a man who is drunk, by showing his mind to have been so affected by drink he had taken, that he was incapable of knowing that what he was doing was dangerous, i.e., likely to inflict serious injury. If this be proved, a presumption that he intends to do grievous bodily harm is rebutted."

Arson is one of the offences in Common Law in which the intent is the essence of the crime, and in this case from the facts and the evidence by the Prosecution, we unhesitatingly come to the conclusion that the accused (Channey's) mind was so affected by the drink he had taken on the 18th day of September, that at the time he had set fire to his house, he was incapable of knowing that what he was doing was wrong or dangerous or likely to inflict serious injury on any person.

It appears to us to be inconceivable that a sane person will set fire to his house with intent to defraud the Insurance Company, when the commission of such an act would entail upon himself a loss amounting to twice the sum covered by his insurance policy. There must be an intent to injure or defraud some third person not identified with the prisoner, and therefore in this case, even if the accused set fire to his house for the purpose of showing spite towards his family or doing them a personal injury, he would not commit an offence under the statute. We therefore acquit the accused on the charge of setting fire to his house with intent to defraud an insurance company, or with intent to injure or defraud any other person. Dated Tuesday, the 12th day of October, A. D. 1915.

Inspector General Sullivan conducted the case for the Crown. Mr. W. J. Higgins, B. L., Counsel for the Accused. EARL OF DEVON BACK.—The earl of Devon, Capt. Carter, arrived in port from the White Bay service last night and reports a stormy winter during the whole trip. Captain Carter says that there has been no improvement in the fishery since his last trip north. The Earl of Devon brought a considerable freight and several passengers.

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