

GREAT WORK WITH LITTLE MONEY

Finances of Natural History Society

Statement Which Was Read By A. Gordon Leavitt, the Treasurer, at Assemblage of Rotary Club Members.

At the Rotary Club's meeting in the Natural History Society's building on last Monday evening, A. Gordon Leavitt, treasurer of the N. H. S., gave a striking exposition of the financial position of the society and it was something of a revelation how such an important work, and a work of such volume, was carried out on the meagre receipts. There was a very strong expression of opinion among the Rotarians that the society should be encouraged in practical manner, and many of the visitors of the evening became members of the N. H. S. Mr. Leavitt's statement follows:

"As I do not want to worry you with a lot of details, I will be brief.

"On November 30th, 1899, over twenty-two years ago, I assumed the responsibility of caring for the funds and bills of the Natural History Society of New Brunswick, whose collections were then housed, rent free, in the Market building, several rooms there having been placed at the society's disposal through the generosity of the 'City Fathers'—the available funds were then \$102.03, with no liabilities.

"The society kept well within its shell until June, 1906, when we saw a great opportunity to secure, at very moderate cost, a building for a permanent home, and one which would allow us greatly to extend the good work which had been carried on in a quiet way for many years.

"For the sum of \$7,104.62 we obtained a freehold lot 50 x 150 and the massive brick and stone four story building in which you are now assembled, notwithstanding the fact that the building had cost over \$40,000 to erect in 1918. What would it cost to erect now?

"In order to secure the property we were compelled to sell two mortgages, amounting to \$3,400, which we held, and to the proceeds all our available funds and raise by mortgage \$4,000.

"We now had something to live for, and something to take an interest in, and when, on January 14, 1908, we were able, mainly through the efforts of the ladies, to pay off \$800 of one of the mortgages (although such amount would probably seem insignificant to many) we certainly felt that we were getting somewhere.

"In the meantime, by hard work, we had raised through donations and other sources almost enough to cover the cost of converting a private dwelling into a fairly suitable museum building.

"By the will of Mrs. Catherine Murdoch, we were made beneficiaries to the extent of one half of the residue of her estate. On Dec. 16, 1909, we received \$8,200, and on Dec. 30, 1910, \$4,025.56, making a handsome total of \$12,225.56.

"On Dec. 12, 1910, we had the extreme pleasure of paying off the remaining \$3,500 of the mortgages, and realizing that we were the absolute owners of a fine property without any encumbrances.

"When we left the Market building the city arranged to give us an annual grant of \$250, in lieu of the free rent which we had enjoyed for so many years—this amount is now increased to \$400 per annum.

"The provincial government for many years gave us a grant of \$400, and since 1918 it has been \$500.

"These are the only grants which we receive, and you will note, that together, they are about sufficient to pay for property janitor service in any public institution.

"Outside of the amount received from Mrs. Murdoch's estate, the society has never received any large bequests or donations of money.

"As a positive proof that our income

has not been sufficient for our ordinary needs, please note that after paying off the mortgages in 1910, the society had to its credit a balance of \$291.54 in 'regular accounts' and \$3,876 in 'special accounts,' while at the close of the year 1919-20 it had \$229.08 in 'regular account' (which amount was not sufficient to pay the outstanding bills), and nothing in the 'special,' the latter having vanished in acquiring 'our daily bread.'

"Our income last year was only about \$1,333, and you will probably feel like asking how we manage to get along with such an insignificant amount? I will tell you, we do not pay our curator a proper salary, our secretary receives the princely allowance of \$25 per annum, no one else gets anything, and the building cannot be kept in proper condition.

"From what you have seen and heard, and will see and hear this evening regarding our work, I feel quite sure you will agree that we should have an income of certainly not less than \$5,500 per annum, if we are expected to 'carry on.'

"It has been said that 'the back is always suited to the burden.' I doubt it. Our furnace, which had probably done duty since 1878, became a total wreck, and the new one put in will cost about \$800.

"Where, oh where? The activities of the world depend on what? Live men and women. How are they to be kept alive? By being given food. If there is to be sufficient food and storage plants, disease destroyers of food and storage plants must be controlled, the dissemination of knowledge to accomplish that is our prerogative. Should we be enabled to carry on?"

LEPER IN TORONTO

Woman From West Indies is Found to Have the Disease.

Toronto, Dec. 9.—A case of leprosy has been discovered in this city, the first in eight years. The previous case was that of a Chinese. The present case is that of a woman from the West Indies.

The case has been diagnosed by Dr. J. L. McKinley, nose and throat specialist, and the germs have been segregated by Dr. W. E. Ferguson, pathologist at the Western Hospital.

Dr. Ferguson said last night that there was need of no fear of a spread of the disease, as it was only mildly contagious.

WILL NOT RECEIVE IRISH COMMISSION

(Canadian Press Despatch)

Washington, Dec. 8.—The British embassy today refused to vize the passports of the members of the special committee selected by the 'Commission of Inquiry on Conditions in Ireland' now in session here to visit Ireland to study conditions there at first hand.

This means that the members of the committee will not be permitted to visit Great Britain.

The decision of Sir Auckland Geddes was made known in a letter sent to the commission.

GOLD FROM INDIA

Probable Origin of British Shipments to New York

New York, Dec. 8.—The \$25,000,000 gold which has been received in this country from England in the last two or three weeks is supposed to have come originally from India, according to advices just received in the financial district. Further, the gold is being sent here, it is reported, to liquidate a debt which the British Government owes to the Argentine Government which falls due about the first of the year. No confirmation of either of these reports could be obtained today, but the banking community believes them to be accurate.

Advices from India received in banking quarters today state that gold is now being sold in the Bombay bazaars at slightly more than a 5 per cent discount, and that substantial amounts, said to be between \$10,000,000 and \$15,000,000, already have been shipped to Japan. The yellow metal, the report continues, now is finding its way to New York via London, and it is intimated that more than the \$25,000,000 thus far received may be expected.

MAYOR AND SCOUTS TO ASSIST IN PHYSICAL WORK FOR DEFORMED BOYS

A letter was received at the mayor's office yesterday from F. Borland, chairman of the physical department committee of the Y. M. C. A., and William Rowley, physical director, asking for his advice and co-operation in the formation and carrying on of a Cripples' Class at the Y. M. C. A. A class is already formed, with an enrollment of fourteen, two with one arm each, and others having various deformities, and the committee have felt the call to extend an invitation to all crippled lads in the city to take this class free of charge. The mayor was asked in the letter for a suggestion as to how to get in touch

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At Outstanding Price Reductions

Because of an unusually late Fall and mild early Winter, we have not sold as many overcoats as we anticipated. Rather than carry these coats over to our annual January Sale we are making drastic reductions now—when coats are most needed. This gives you a whole season's wear at end-of-season sale prices. You'll be in money by taking advantage of this offering immediately.

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Ulsters and Ulsterettes

—ALL REDUCED—

\$24.95 Were \$30	\$34.60 Were \$40	\$43.65 Were \$50	\$51.30 Were \$60
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"There's a Reason"

with these boys. The mayor said that this was a splendid act on the part of the Y. M. C. A., and he would appoint Wednesday of each week for anyone to bring in boys of this class to him. He also said that he would ask five lads from each troop of scouts to organize in the city and make a campaign through the different territories for this purpose. If the scouts would do this he said he would give them one of the best outfits they ever had, at the earliest possible date.

ASSOCIATED CHARITIES. At a meeting of the Associated Charities, yesterday, some of the lady members said that men who did not look like tramps had called at their doors asking for something to eat, saying they had come to St. John looking for work, but failed to get any. It was decided to appeal to the city for an increased grant, as there will no doubt be more demands this winter than ever. Several members paid a glowing tribute to the secretary, Miss Grace Robertson, who gave the

November report. Adjutant Owen, of the Salvation Army, told of some cases which he had to deal with which were many deserving ones. This was the first meeting of the newly elected board, with W. S. Fisher presiding. William Young gave the treasurer's report.

At a meeting of the Women's League of St. David's church, with Mrs. A. Morrison in the chair, reports presented showed that the whole amount of \$8,500

for the organ in the new church had been paid in full, the league having raised in the last two years about \$6,000 for this purpose. It was announced that the recent tea and sale had netted about \$650. The officers elected for the coming year were as follows: President, Miss Gertrude Campbell; vice-president, Mrs. A. Morrison; secretary, Mrs. H. Brown; treasurer, Mrs. Massey Dunlop and Mrs. H. Magee; members of the executive, Mrs. Douglas Malcolm, Mrs. David Willett and Mrs. W. J. B. Bingham.

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MAZOLA

MUTT AND JEFF—THE LITTLE FELLOW THINKS THREE CAN PLAY AT THAT GAME

By "BUD" FISHER

SORRY I GOTTA BREAK UP THE POKER GAME, SAM, BUT I'M CLEANED!

THAT'S ALL RIGHT, JEFF; IT'S LATE ANYWAY!

SO YOU'RE CLEANED, EH? SERVES YOU RIGHT FOR INVITING A CROOK INTO THE GAME!

BUT SAM DIDN'T WIN MUCH! YOU WON THE BIGGEST PART OF MY FIVE SPOT.

QUITE SO! BUT THAT GUY WAS CHEATING ALL EVENING!

WHY, SPINUS, I CAN NEVER BELIEVE THAT OF SAM!

BUT I KNOW HE'S CROOKED. I DETECTED THREE CARDS IN HIS HANDS THAT I THREW UNDER THE TABLE MYSELF!

SIX, SEVEN, EIGHT; THAT MAKES ME WINNER THREE BUCKS ON THE EVENING!