

Notes and Comments

President Wilson will return railroads to the United States on March 1.

It is announced that the Royal Air Force will cease to exist in Canada on Jan. 15th.

Britain's Great Premier and the French "Tiger" have decided that Europe is to have no more War.

Fifty-four countries use nickel coinage, while Canada, with eighty-five per cent. of the world's nickel, has no nickel coin.

If the liquor men press for compensation for destruction of their trade in the United States the Prohibitionists are going to put in a claim for compensation for damage done by the traffic.

It is charged that Friedrich Wilhelm late German Crown Prince, committed looting and robbery with violence in the course of the war. Even a Dutch lawyer would find it hard to prove that these were "political crimes" and so privileged.

One different note is struck in the chorus of the nations. Mongolia, which has been independent for some years, announces that it has had enough of it, and wants to be taken under China's control. Is it possible that there is such a thing as too much independence?

The New York Sun in a scathing article on the extravagance of women buyers in that City condemns those who purchase Russian Sable coats at \$80,000, stockings at \$500 a pair, handkerchiefs at \$150 each, slippers at \$50 a pair, long gloves at \$10 a pair, and "nights" for the price of a motor car.

The products from Nova Scotia's farms in 1919 totalled the magnificent sum of \$51,034,000. This is more than double of the value of the products in 1914, but it is to be remembered that the increase is considerably due to the higher prices. At the same time, it is a magnificent showing, and, while it has not been all gain on account of the high costs of all materials with which the farmer carries on his industry, it may be said that the farmers have enjoyed a season of substantial success.

Mr. Higham, of London, asserts that any man that really wants to can earn \$50,000 a year. His instructions are simple. Don't waste your time in a job that doesn't make you happy and don't work for less money than you are worth. There is no trouble at all for a man to figure out to his own satisfaction what he is worth, but it would help if Mr. Higham would tell us how to convince the other fellow that we are worth what we think we are.

A recently discharged brigadier-general is now a freshman at Cambridge. He is only 24 years o.d. The undergraduates this term are most motleyed. More than one hundred are naval officers who fought in the Jutland battle, kept watch on the North Sea five years and now are in school again. "There are about fifty colonels also up," and those who were majors and captains abound in countless profusion.

How to Purify the Blood

"Fifteen to thirty drops of Extract of Roots, commonly called Mother Seal's Curative Syrup, may be taken in water with meals and at bedtime, for the cure of indigestion, constipation and bad blood. Persistence in this treatment will effect a cure in nearly every case." Get the genuine at druggists.

Kings County Memorial Hospital

The success of the King's County Memorial Hospital project seems now to be hinging on the securing of money covering the estimate of the Executive, and essentially perhaps on the favorable vote of our Municipal Council body to support the request which will be made for a grant of \$75,000.00 towards the \$125,000.00, or more likely the \$150,000.00 that will be required. In a county such as Kings, whose wealth is measured in millions of dollars it would hardly seem necessary to refer to the proposed Hospital as it effects the people financially. Yet the question has been asked, "Where is the money coming from, and how can the people stand it?" And this in our fair and most prosperous Kings' County, a County worth not less than \$23,000,000. As an indication of its wealth, Kings' County subscribed to the last War Loan just about a million dollars. And to the previous Loan \$800,000, and it is safe to say that there is in the County War Loan bonds of at least \$2,500,000. But after all there is in the County War Loan bonds of at least \$2,500,000. But after all there is in the County War Loan bonds of at least \$2,500,000. But after all there is in the County War Loan bonds of at least \$2,500,000.

In the care of patients the cost in the home is much higher than in the Hospital. A nurse costs anything up to \$21.00 per week. Sick room essentials have all to be bought outright. Doctors' bills are higher on account of long distance calls. Medicine and dressing, food, light, heat, etc., all cost more in the home. In the Hospital, one nurse can attend to several patients. Equipment of sick room is the property of the Hospital, and the patient has to purchase nothing. The Doctor is nearer, and can see several of his patients at the one visit. The Hospital is equipped with all appliances necessary for all cases. The Hospital is saved the cost of them. In short, a serious illness requires the same attendance, nursing, medicine, etc., in the home, or Hospital, as it is simply a case of the expense being borne by several, or one.

Then in regard to non-paying patients, the home of a poor man has many disadvantages, no trained nurse, household, or neighborly help, incompetent to care for serious illness, often the essentials of bedclothing and toilet articles lacking, sanitation, ventilation, food, light and heat, are generally not what they should be and, hinder recovery of patient. Contrast this with the care and attention the public patient receives in the Hospital. And all for nothing, even the Doctor, in the case of public patients, gives his services freely. After all, however clear it can be made that the ECONOMIC saving to the people alone, warrants the carrying out of the project, (which certainly is not a very difficult undertaking), the really more important question is the HUMAN and PHYSICAL need, which outweighs everything else when thrown in the balance with other claims. Or if some are fortunate enough to escape sickness, it is no reason why they should not be sharers with all in providing this necessity. And the County of this phase, touching the requirements of those in less favored circumstances. The only thing is, not many who are enjoying health are expecting sickness. Yet no home is really immune, and sooner or later the turn, perhaps, of those who least expect it, may come, when just the advantage this institution offers would be an unspeakable boon. Anyway, no one would venture the assertion but what our County, as healthful and beautiful as it is, will not have its yearly quota of homes clouded by sickness, with its consequent anxiety and distress.

As already stated \$75,000 is the amount that is being looked for from the County and the balance is to be raised by the towns and private subscriptions. Now this is no great amount for a County as rich as Kings. It must be borne in mind by every one that the dollar today has a purchasing power of not more than 50c. and this condition is to last for many years. In other words, where \$75,000 is asked for today, it represents less than \$37,600 as compared with money values up to the last few years. So, for the County to have any share in this most worthy of objects, the Executive could not reasonably ask less.

Now, as a suggestion to the County, we would say a 25 year 5% bond issue with a sinking fund of 2% will retire the whole issue at maturity and this would appear to be the best way to provide the amount without being a burden to anyone, and allow those coming after some of us to share in the small way it provides, as the benefits will be theirs, as well as those of us privileged to be alive and citizens of the County at the present time. This will cost the County annually:—

Table with 4 columns: Ward, Assessment, Proportion of \$75,000, Yearly tax per ward at 12c. Per \$100. Rows 1-14 and totals.

Table with 2 columns: Ratepayer category, Amount they would pay up to. Rows: 867 ratepayers under \$200, 947 " \$200 to 500, 561 " 500 " 800, 293 " 800 " 1000, 1105 " 1000 " 3000, 236 " 3000 " 5000, 92 " Over 5000.

It will be seen that a man rated at \$200 would be required to pay 25c. per annum, those rated at \$1,000, \$1.30, and those of say \$5000, \$6.00. Can anyone of the 4101 ratepayers say the cost of the Hospital will be a burden to him? Does he know when he or one of his family may not in a great emergency require to make use of it, when in fact the Hospital may save the life of possibly his wife. Over 2055 of the ratepayers will not pay more than \$1.20 per annum or just ten cents per month. In ward 1 only nine will pay over \$6.00. In Ward 2, 39; Ward 3, 19; Ward 4, 10; Ward 5, 9; Ward 6, 3; and in Wards 4, 5, 6, 7, 11 and 12, only ONE tax payer in each will pay over \$6.00. Need the point be labored, that the cost to the individual will be a small matter and even to the highest ratepayer will not amount to more than a few dollars.

The matter of maintenance will look after itself to a considerable extent, and it is not thought that this will be any burden to the County. Besides getting the major proportion of its revenue from private patients, the Hospital will get a Government Grant of so much per patient per day. The financial statement of the Antigonish Hospital for the last year shows a revenue of \$24,001, made up of patient charges \$17,974 and Government Grant \$4,419 and there was also contributed in donations \$2,003, giving a total revenue of \$25,005. Current expenditures amounted to \$22,876, leaving a balance of \$2,189 of receipts over expenditure, which was expended in installing a laundry and some improvements.

Surely it is not expecting too much of Kings' County to operate its Hospital on a like basis and to make it a financial success. As was said at one of the recent meetings there is in the County all the Ladies War Organizations, that are now, so to speak, "out of a job," who would be only too willing and ready, in fact, to render all assistance to the Hospital.

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