



Evening Telegram

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The General Hospital.

The General Hospital of St. John's is the clearing house for all medical or surgical cases, requiring special treatment. Particularly is this so of out-patients whose diseases are beyond the care of the resident physician, whose time is taken up with so many others that he has not leisure at his disposal to specialise in individual cases, hence they are sent on to the General Hospital, where a capable staff of doctors and nurses minister to their physical ills. Too little, it may be, is known of the good work of this institution, reports of which are not so widely circulated as they might be. When it is remembered that the General Hospital is the only one of its kind—outside the Grenfell Institutions—in Newfoundland, it becomes at once apparent that the burden of caring for the sick of the Dominion, entering its wards, is an enormous one. In fact the present accommodation is not extensive enough to receive the number of patients who seek admission, and many have to wait long ere they can be received.

The Annual Report of the Medical Superintendent, a copy of which we acknowledge receipt—for the year ending December 31st, 1918, makes very interesting reading, covering as it does all the phases and ranges of the various treatments administered the patients, as well as giving a general resume of the conditions under which the institution is conducted. From this report we gather that as in previous years the hospital staff could not accommodate the large numbers seeking admission, (a state of affairs, we might add, in passing which existed throughout 1919.) Dr. Keegan emphasises that the causes which make for congestion of patients must be removed, even though the remedy for such removal be a radical one, and suggests the following solution of the problem: (1) Extension of the Hospital; (2) The provision of adequate accommodation for the sick poor, and (3) Building and equipping a ten-bed Hospital for each of the principal Bays. To carry out these reforms money is needed, but as the health of the population is the chief desideratum, there should be ample

grants forthcoming to conserve this blessing—grants adequate in amount to complete the necessary extension, provision and construction. Of course it must be understood that if people look for and demand hospital treatment, in preference to home treatment, as they are largely doing now, they should be willing to pay for it, as only under an arrangement or agreement of this kind would Government assistance, financially, be justified.

In support of Bay Hospitals, Dr. Keegan quotes the work of the Grenfell institutions at Labrador, at St. Anthony and Pelly's Island, and refers to the letters of the Fishermen's Doctor, published from time to time in the local press, showing the advantages which would accrue from the establishment of such. "There can be no doubt," the report under discussion says, "that a properly equipped and managed hospital in each of the big bays would be of immense advantage, not only to the patients treated, but to the practising doctors of the principal places, by affording them an opportunity of keeping in touch with modern hospital methods." Bay Hospitals have to come, and their cost will have to be borne either by public subscription or grants from the public revenue. Newfoundland can find the money for other humanitarian purposes, and why not for the relief of the sick and the cure of disease? The erection of Bay Hospitals is neither Utopian nor impossible, and the advantages to subjects for treatment would be incalculable.

For the year under review, the total number of cases admitted to the General Hospital was 1,275, of which 621 were from the city, 619 from the out-ports and 85 from foreign parts. Of the 83 deaths recorded, 13 died within 48 hours of admission. The death rate for 1918 was 5.9 per cent. The statistics show that out of the 1,389 patients, 114 remaining in hospital on the last day of December, 1917, and 1,275 admitted during 1918, 1,261 were discharged, leaving 128 remaining in on December 31, 1918. Medical cases are accounted for as under: Cured, 115; improved, 85; unimproved, 14; died, 43. Surgical: Cured, 707; improved, 188; unimproved, 81; died, 40. The number of operations performed were 787, the mortality rate in these being at the exceptionally low percentage of 2.8 a high testimony indeed to the efficiency of the surgical staff. Altogether the report of Dr. Keegan is one worthy perusal, and his suggestions for further improvement in the care of the bodily infirmities of our population should be heeded and put into effect.

Work of the Storm.

A newly built garage on Prince of Wales Street, owned by a man named Kavanagh, was partly destroyed by the storm last night, the roof of the structure being blown off and the side walls thrown out of plumb. The house on Franklin Avenue, which was partly shifted from its foundation the previous night, made another shift during the storm last night, making it more difficult to have it replaced.

Explanatory.

The Telegram apologises to its readers and patrons for the incompleteness of the present issue. The electric power which runs the linotype machines, having been shut off all the morning while the fume at Petty Harbor was being cleared of slob ice which made and accumulated during last night's cold snap, was not restored until some time after midday, consequently the machines were idle, and in "making up" only such matter as had been previously set, together with the most interesting of the daily current local items, as printed. The foreign messages are only published in part.

Temporary Hospital Operating.

The temporary military Hospital, taking the place of that burned when the Empire Barracks was destroyed by fire, is now operating in the Seamen's Institute, where Grenfell Hall has been taken over. Twenty odd permanent and some forty-eight daily patients are receiving treatment. The X-ray apparatus, the burned wood-work of which has been rebuilt by Lawrence Bros., will be installed in a day or two.

"Flowerland" Repeated

An encouraging audience attended the second performance of the Operetta "Flowerland" at the Casino last night, as bad as the weather was. The repetition was carried through as splendidly as on the first night and the audience was highly pleased with every faint little actress and performer. The solos, duets and choruses were again faultlessly rendered and the accompaniment of the orchestra—the C.C.C. Band—added greatly to the evening's enjoyment.

Smallpox in Bonavista Bay.

The Health Department has received word that four more cases of smallpox have broken out at Keel's, Bonavista Bay. There are twenty-one houses at that place under quarantine. One case is reported from King's Cove and Dr. Le Vesconte is looking after the quarantine regulations. Luckily the disease is of a mild type and with precautionary measures being taken, it should soon be stamped out.

Express Snow-Bound.

The express which left Port aux Basques on Wednesday morning and should have arrived here yesterday, is snow-bound at Alexander Bay. The list of passengers has not yet been received as the wires are down. This express, which is now in ten feet of snow, will not arrive, it would seem, until late to-night or to-morrow morning.

McMurdo's Store News.

FRIDAY, December 12, 1919. Among eligible lotions for use after shaving, some of our customers have found Cream of Cucumbers specially good, and always ask for it when they want an article of this kind. For Cream of Cucumbers is of great value as an emollient, especially in winter weather, and applied to the face after shaving effectually prevents chapping, spraying and other troubles of a close shave. The Cream may also be used—and it is genuinely good for the purpose—for chapped and sprayed hands and face. Price 30c. a bottle. We have a few bottles of Mavis Perfume on hand—excellent as a Christmas present. A favorite perfume daintily put up in a dull glass flask. Price \$2.50 a bottle.

Coastal Boats.

Argyle leaving Placentia when storm abates.
Clyde left Exploits at 10 p.m. on the 9th, coming to Port Union.
Dundee left King's Cove at 12.35 p.m. on the 10th, going to Lewisporte.
Ethie not reported since leaving Parson's Pond on the 10th, coming to Humbermouth.
Glencoe leaving North Sydney when storm abates.
Home not reported.
Kyle not reported.
Meigle at Placentia.
Petrel not reported.
Saguna not reported since leaving Belleoram on the 10th, going to Port aux Basques.

No. 2 Hold on Fire.

The s.s. Mercian, reported in yesterday's issue, reached port last evening at about half-past four. She hauled into the Furness Withy pier this morning, when the work of discharging No. 2 hold, which is on fire began.

From Cape Race.

CAPE RACE, To-day. Wind N.W., still blowing a heavy gale, with a heavy sea on. Nothing sighted. Bar. 29.85; Ther. 20.

At the Majestic.

Charles Ray, in the picture which the Motion Picture World describes as the best in which he has appeared, stars in "The Girl Dodger" at the Majestic Theatre this evening. This Paramount picture, which is a five-reeler with laugh following laugh from start to finish, is of the serio-comic class and will be sure to please every patron. Plenty of speed and action make it an unusual screen story, and no one should miss it to-night. In addition another picture will be shown—"Hushing the Scoundrel," a side-splitting comedy. The entire show, therefore, is bubbling over with cheerfulness and good spirits and it will be utterly impossible for anyone to leave the hall to-night without a smile on his face. For a sure-cure for the blues and a thorough dose of pessimism-antidote see the show at the Majestic this evening.

Water Shut Off.

This morning the water on the higher levels was shut off for some reason and many people had to go to work without breakfast, as a consequence, and many more wasted a lot of time thawing pipes that were not frozen at all.

Due To-Morrow.

A wireless from S.S. Sachem, from Liverpool, received by the Furness Withy Co., shortly after noon, advises that the captain expects to dock at noon to-morrow. The ship is encountering a succession of heavy head winds, making progress slow.

Electric Service Stopped.

The intake of the fume at Petty Harbor became choked with ice last evening, and as a consequence the lighting and power services were cut off for some time. The streets, and many residences were in darkness until the ice was cleared away and the service resumed. During the stoppage of the current the long unused hand lamps were rooted out and furnished up, candles also being requisitioned.

Schooner Missing.

A small schooner with a crew of four men left Bell Island on Wednesday for this port, and as yet has not been heard of. The schooner was coal laden and may have sheltered in some part of Conception Bay.

Season's Heaviest Storm Yesterday.

Yesterday's and last night's wind storm, with the very low temperature, made them ones to be remembered for some time to come. West of Clarendville it was snowing and drifting, the thermometer registering near zero. In the city the storm was felt by the people on the higher levels more than by those below, and many panes of glass and chimney tops were broken and blown away. No less than three houses were shifted from their foundations by the wind, and the Constabularymen of the Central Fire Hall declared that they were "rocked to sleep"—by the wind-swayed building. Of course this may be exaggerating it—but it did blow some. "God help the poor fellows at sea!" was an exclamation heard from more than one, and all agreed that, bad as it was in port, they would rather be there than "on the raging main," where the seas swept over the vessel and the "hardy" sailors grinned as they hammered at the iron-frozen sails and rigging with bleeding hands. It's a romantic life—that of the sailor—in summer—but romance loses its glamour in the winter.

Fire at Cookstown Rd.

At noon to-day, the firemen were called to the residence of Wm. Squires, Cookstown Road, where a blaze was in progress. The fire started from a torch which was employed to thaw out some frozen water pipes. After about 15 minutes the "all out" signal was sounded. The place was not much damaged.

Personal Mention.

Capt. H. R. Oke, son of Mr. J. C. Oke, has arrived at Halifax from England on his way home. Mr. T. T. Cartwright is a passenger by S.S. Sable I. for Canada. Mr. John T. Croucher, agent at Battle Harbor for Baine Johnstone & Co., goes by Sable I. to North Sydney, where he resides during the winter months.

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