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GOOD REPORT MADE ON FINANCES AT PUBLIC HOSPITAL

Estimates for Coming Year Also Considered at Board Meeting.

ADMINISTRATION

Question of Election of the Staff—Boiler Insurance Claim Refuted.

Estimates for the coming year were considered by the Board of Commissioners of the General Public Hospital at their adjourned meeting held yesterday afternoon and the good financial showing of the current year was spoken of with satisfaction. It is hoped that there may be a small surplus when the balance is struck. The insurance company's refutation of liability in the recent boiler accident was not very favorably spoken of. Some recommendations from the efficiency committee of the standardization meeting were approved and the appointments for the remaining vacancies on the staff were discussed but no action was taken in the last matter. The board will meet again on Jan. 7, to complete the consideration of the estimates.

Bills Passed. M. E. Agar, president, was in the chair. Others present were Dr. W. W. White, Alexander McMillan, Hon. Dr. W. F. Roberts and R. H. Gale, superintendent.

Bills of the amount of \$11,035.79 were passed. In figuring the year's expenses it was estimated that if the sum paid for remodeling the X-ray department was provided for in its entirety, as was to have been done, the hospital finances for the year might show a small credit balance. The amount to be received from the postion today as final payment of the civic grant for the year was not definitely stated. The deed of the property recently acquired from W. J. Crawford was received and legal expenses were ordered paid.

The county grant was said to have been paid in full and the City Council grant it was believed would be practically all paid. The boiler insurance agent wrote that since the recent accident to the boiler was due to accumulated dirt and not to "explosion, rupture or collapse" the company was not liable for any damage. The letter called forth sharp criticism and Mr. Agar said that those who took out these liability policies were "living in a fool's paradise." Dr. White said he fancied that if the policy was read it would be found the insurance company could crawl out of anything.

The policy gives the insurance a total liability of \$20,000 and a death due to a boiler accident would involve a total liability of \$5,000.

The letter was referred to the insurance committee. Applies for Position. Miss Annie M. Smith, of Norton, applied for appointment as pupil dietitian and was to be informed that at the moment there was no vacancy, but that later her application might be considered.

A report of the efficiency committee of the staff told of the appointment of Dr. H. L. A. Roberts, as mentioned by Dr. D. V. D.

The committee approved by a plurality.

The medical board forwarded a recommendation that the G. V. department be an outdoor service only. This recommendation would involve alteration of the by-laws and to deal with it a notice of motion was given by Dr. White to rescind the by-law which provides for the appointment of an assistant surgeon as urologist. J. King Kelley had previously given notice of motion to alter the same by-law, so as to provide for the appointment of not one but two assistant surgeons as urologists. Applications for the position had been received from Dr. Arthur Chesley and Dr. E. H. Calbeck.

Dr. J. M. Pendigh asked to be transferred from the G. V. department of the out-door to the medical department of the in-door department. Because of the small number present the request was tabled temporarily.

Annual Election. Mr. Agar referring to a remark of Dr. White's at a previous meeting that it was humiliating to the members of the staff to have to submit to annual election by the board, explained to Dr. White that as the efficiency of the hospital depended on the efficiency of the staff that it was for the good of the institution that the board should have the power to remove those who had not been making good.

Dr. White believed the medical men were the best judges of their colleagues. He thought it might be well to have the medical board endorse applicants for staff appointments.

Mr. Agar spoke in warm commendation of the untiring services of the Women's Hospital Aid for the patients and referred appreciatively to the many gifts of the Aid. On the motion of Hon. Dr. Roberts seconded by Colonel McMillan it was decided to send a letter to the Women's Aid expressing the board's sincere gratitude and thanks.

A letter of thanks was also ordered to be sent to H. E. Knoll, who has helped with the beautifying of the hospital grounds and given many plants for the garden. The matter of arranging for the sale of the garbage was referred to the commissioner for the month. Estimates for the coming year were taken up.

ALMANAC FOR ST. JOHN, DEC. 31.

High Tide 3.41 High Tide 10.02 Low Tide 3.53 Low Tide 10.13 Sun Rises 7.50 Sun Sets 4.55

LOCAL NEWS

RETURNS TO COLLEGE.

Rev. C. P. Heaven, who has been acting as curate at St. Luke's church will leave this afternoon for Toronto to resume his studies at Wycliffe College.

CLOSING BOOKS FOR YEAR.

Hon. Dr. E. A. Smith, chairman of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission, was in the city today in connection with the closing of the books for the month. He left at noon to return to his home in Shelburne.

WILL LECTURE HERE.

Capt. J. Miller states, official lecturer of the Canadian National Railway, is to be in St. John on January 22 and arrangements are being made by the Board of Trade for a lecture to be given by Captain Miller on that date. His subject will be "Out of Doors in Canada" and it is profusely illustrated by colored slides.

DESTROYING TREES.

Recently some persons, presumably boys, have been destroying trees back of Riverview Park, a prominent citizen declared this morning. He thought that they had been stealing the trees for Christmas trees, but nevertheless he considered that a stop should be put to this destroying of public park property. The police have been notified.

IS REMANDED.

Herbert Knox was taken into custody last evening on suspicion of stealing a case of cutlery, valued at \$80, the property of the Intercontinental Transport Services, Ltd., while in transit from No. 4 street in West St. John. He was before Magistrate Henderson in the police court this morning and remanded until Saturday morning by L. McGloan appeared on behalf of the prosecution.

HAD SKATING PARTY.

The Epiphany Class of boys and girl friends of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Fairville, held an enjoyable skating party at Lily Lake last evening. They were chaperoned by Mrs. Gerard Decker. After they returned to the church all hot coffee and delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. S. Cheeseman, Miss Rita Armstrong and Miss Evelyn Stears.

MILITARY SOCIAL EVENTS.

Col. W. B. Anderson, C. M. G., D. S. O., officer commanding M. D. No. 7, and members of the Officers' Mess will hold their annual at home tomorrow at the Army between 11 o'clock and 1 o'clock. This is an informal gathering where the officers will be at home to their friends. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock the Officers' Mess will give their annual Christmas treat, which promises to be one of the most elaborate they have yet staged.

MANY WANT COURSE.

Applications pour in for Vocational Classes in Automobile, Electricity and Welding.

The vocational school classes in automobile electricity and acetylene welding will open in St. John on Jan. 6, according to an announcement made yesterday by W. E. Main, who is in the city. There had been a very remarkable response in applications, for although each class is restricted to ten members, a total of 26 applications had been already received. The class in acetylene welding will be held in the school building, and will be conducted by W. Kelly, of Fredericton, and A. M. Ginn, of St. John.

Another New Troop. On Wednesday of next week Mr. Lister will hold a meeting at the Stella Maria church of East St. John, where Rev. F. P. Walker is anxious to have a Boy Scout Troop organized, and where the possibilities are good.

On Saturday District Troop, which consists of the patrol leaders and seconds of the various city troops, will meet in Trinity Sunday school to put the new plans for the management of the troops into effect. A good programme has been prepared for the meeting, including an interesting talk on animals and birds by Dr. Wm. McIntosh of the Natural History Society.

WOULD GO BACK TO NAME OF PARRTOWN

Citizens Suggest That City be So Called to Avoid Confusion.

With reference to the remarks of Dr. Murray MacLaren, M. P., before the Board of Trade yesterday in which he laid out the confusion which he had found in his travels as to the name of this city and its location, a citizen has come forward with the suggestion that the name of the city should be changed back to what it formerly was, "Parrtown." He believes there is enough distinction in the old name for it to cling to the memory of those who hear it, and for it to have a separate identity, not possible to confuse with the names of other towns.

Changes Made. The citizen believes also that in this present time of flux there is every opportunity for the change being made with entire success. He pointed to the fact that a large number of important towns had already gone through the process of having their names changed and that they had gained considerable publicity by that means. He thought also that "Parrtown" had many possibilities for "catchy" sayings which were of more than a little value in putting a city "on the map."

Other Plans. The change of the name, considered to be not only timely but really necessary for the city's advancement. He pointed out that after years of endeavor on the part of the residents of St. John, people in other sections of the Dominion, as well as people abroad continued to call the city St. John's, and when they heard of St. John thought first of St. Johns, Quebec or of St. John's, Newfoundland. He held that it was not possible to obtain the desired publicity with the city's present name, and that reverting to the former name of Parrtown would provide a name with historic authority and one eminently suitable for the city.

Training Course Continues—New Troop in East St. John Planned.

The fourth meeting of the Scout Leaders' Training Course was held last evening in the Syrian Hall, 212 Prince Street, with Field Commissioner H. Lister in charge. The programme was very interesting and was greatly enjoyed by the 17 leaders present. Mr. H. Lister has just returned from Halifax, where he spent Christmas. While there he visited scout headquarters, where he received an encouraging report of scouting activities there. He found scouting very keen in Halifax, with 40 active troops, not including the Wolf Cubs and Rover.

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HER FATHER IS DEAD

Comp's to Mrs. J. A. Sweeney, Formerly of St. John.

Sad news came to Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Sweeney at Brook's Memorial parsonage, Bath, Maine, on last Friday evening, announcing the death of Mrs. Sweeney's father, J. J. Prowse, of Glouce Bay, Cape Breton. Mr. Prowse had been ailing for some months, but the end came suddenly. He leaves his wife, two sons, Edward and Walter, at home, and one daughter, Mrs. J. A. Sweeney of Bath. The many St. John friends of Rev. and Mrs. Sweeney extend their sympathy in this hour of Mrs. Sweeney's sorrow. Rev. Mr. Sweeney is a former pastor of the Waterloo Baptist church here.

As Hiram Sees It. "Hiram," said The Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "I wish you a very happy new year."

"Same to you," said Hiram—"an' many of 'em."

"I was just thinking," said the reporter, "of the way the first day of the new year was celebrated by many people in St. John forty years ago."

"To think about it right," said Hiram, "you orto hev a sniff or two to git yourself into the right spirit!"

"An' one foot on the brass ball," added the reporter. "An' then the New Year calls—when the young dandies dressed in their best and went from house to house sampling the wine. And then the dinner, Hiram—the dinner washed down with rare old vintages."

"How'd you feel next mornin'?" queried Hiram.

"Me?" said the reporter. "Oh, I was only a looker-on."

"I wonder," said Hiram. "How about that there cocked hen in an old house down 'round St. Andrew's street one froaky Noo-Year's mornin'?"

"As I said before," observed the reporter, "I wish you a happy new year."

"Same to you," said Hiram—"an' many of 'em."

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Marlborough Lodge Enjoyed Good Year

The year just closing has been a banner year for Marlborough Lodge, Sons of England. The lodge held its regular meeting last night in Orange Hall, Germain street, with about 90 members present and when the business of the year was reviewed it was seen that in 1924 the lodge had gained the record number of 29 new members.

Mark Hambourg On The Montclairier Word was received here yesterday that Mark Hambourg had sailed from the old country on the Montclairier and would land in St. John. It was said that his recent injury would not interfere with the keeping of his concert engagements in Canada.

Telegraph-Journal And The Times-Star Published Tomorrow

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