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### HEALTH WEEK.

Among the telegrams of congratulation from other provinces to Hon. Dr. Roberts on the inauguration of Health Week and the progressive public health policy adopted by New Brunswick is one from Dr. Chas. J. Hastings, medical health officer of Toronto, who says:—

"Public health and brain are the chief corner-stone of national greatness. Money appropriated for public health is not an expenditure, but an investment, paying ten fold higher dividends than any other investment."

It is worth while to note this very significant statement from one who is a recognized authority on public health matters. Public money wisely spent to promote public health is a paying investment. We do not question the propriety of spending money to construct highways and railroads, to conserve the forests, to improve live stocks, to promote agriculture, to make education more widespread, and to develop new natural resources. We regard these as a good investment. We have also regarded hospitals as a good investment, and expenditure necessary to check epidemic; by we have not been fully impressed by the importance of a public health service universal in its character, and designed rather to prevent disease and physical inefficiency than to cope with these after they have developed. A complete public health programme begins with pre-natal care for the infant, and guards it all along the way through life, so far as this may be done by wise laws and regulations and community effort to make them effective in the case of each individual. We have learned that smallpox is a disgrace as well as a scourge, for it can be prevented. We have learned that tuberculosis in the earlier stages can be cured. We know what happens when the milk or water supply is impure. We know, but we have been too slow in applying the knowledge. This week in New Brunswick a campaign is on to emphasize the whole subject of public health, with special reference to child-welfare, tuberculosis and social hygiene. Hon. Dr. Roberts is not content with the mere passing of what is one of the most progressive health acts in existence, but desires to arouse throughout the province such an interest in the subject as will put behind that act the whole force of public opinion; and also bring home to every citizen the intimate relation there is between the action of the individual and the general standard of health in the community at large.

Health Week was inaugurated under most favoring auspices yesterday by mass meetings in St. John, Moncton and Fredericton. In this city the Imperial was crowded to the doors, and while there was disappointment that Dr. Vincent of the Rockefeller Foundation was unable to attend, the eminent speakers who took his place made a deep impression upon the assemblage. It was borne in upon the citizens that the death rate here, and especially the infant death rate, is too high. Even the great, congested city of New York makes a better showing. The contrast should cause every citizen of St. John to have a deeper personal interest in what is being done by the board of health and child welfare agencies to improve conditions. It may be hoped that one fruit of Health Week will be such an aroused interest on the part of all physicians and officials throughout the province as will result in a complete record of vital statistics, by which alone we can measure progress or the reverse in public health. We should also anticipate a much more general effort to eliminate smallpox and tuberculosis to ensure a pure milk supply and pure water, to reduce infant mortality, to lessen the ravages of social diseases, and to make good health so general a watchword that the reduction of the death rate and the elevation of the standard of public health would follow as a matter of course. Let us quote Dr. Hastings once more: "Money appropriated for public health is not an expenditure, but an investment."

Montreal Herald:—"The Farmers' Party in the Ontario Legislature has resolved not to leave itself open to the imputation of meanness. The members of the House controlled by the sons of the soil have voted to themselves a bonus of \$800 for the session, in addition to their regular indemnity of \$1,400. They will probably expect their constituents to be surprised at their moderation."

### LORD SHAUGHNESSY'S REMEDY.

Lord Shaughnessy has written to Premier Meighen proposing that all Canadian railways be pooled in one big system under the management of the C. P. R. He says that in making the proposal "the Canadian Pacific has no fish to fry." It may be observed at the outset that the Canadian Pacific has never been regarded as lacking a shrewd eye for the main chance, but the proposal of Lord Shaughnessy will of course be considered on its merits. No doubt it will find favor in some quarters, but the majority of the people will hesitate long before placing their railway interest in the hands of one big organization. At the moment the situation in regard to government railways is far from satisfactory. The country has built too fast. The war prevented for a number of years the immigration that would have ensured more traffic for the railways, and today they are a heavy burden on the country. That burden must be borne and a way out of the difficulty found, but it is extremely doubtful Lord Shaughnessy has indicated the remedy. It is intimated that the question will be discussed in parliament, and after the experts have been heard from the merits and demerits of the proposal will be made more clear to the average citizen.

Ottawa Journal: "Between the peak of foodstuff prices in 1920 and the cost of the family budget in March official statistics show there has been a drop of 17.2 per cent. The decline in the United States has been greater; for meats and farm produce in general have responded more promptly on that side of the line to the process of deflation. A steady reduction in the cost of living will go a long way toward solving our economic problems, and a movement in that direction has very definitely set in. A fall of 17.2 per cent. is more significant than a rise by that ratio, since it applies to larger figures. For example, a change of 80 per cent. on the down grade is equal to 100 per cent. on the up. Thus, while the ascent from \$7.86, representing the cost of the family budget in March, 1914, to \$15.98 in March, 1920, was equal to 103.3 per cent., a decline of a little under 51 per cent. would bring us back to the starting point."

Touching the matter of the raising of the new railroad bridge, Mayor Schofield, in the course of a letter to the editor of the Times, says: "We most certainly had an opinion from the recorder that justified a neutral attitude on our part." The Times unhesitatingly accepts the mayor's assurance that the recorder gave an opinion which the mayor and commissioners regarded as justifying a neutral attitude on their part. The point of disagreement appears to be whether any opinion which might be given by anybody would justify a neutral attitude on the part of the city council concerning a matter as closely affecting the city's interests as the bridge and the railway crossing at the end of Douglas avenue. The Times has not impeached and does not impeach the veracity of the mayor and commissioners.

New York Evening Post:—"Those with an irresistible craving for liquor will doubtless go on trying to obtain it, and risking the penalty. But good citizens will lend their whole support to the police. They may not like prohibition in itself. But as between law enforcement and law breaking decent men can assume but one stand. As long as prohibition was not taken seriously by the authorities there was some excuse, if not justification, for the levity with which the public looked on the law. To buy a drink was an adventure; it gave the drinker a Robin Hood sensation. The 1920 Legislature encouraged this attitude by its short-lived 2.75 beer act. But now it is high time we paid the law the respect it deserves."

Referring to those who seek to break up the good understanding between the Allied and associated nations, Sir Auckland Geddes said to St. George's Society, New York, last night: "It is the work of broken and defeated men who have nothing to lose and all to gain. Co-operation between the Allied and associated powers must be insisted upon and kept prominently in the minds of men for these stand against militarism and stand for freedom and democratic rule."

The majority against importation of liquor into Ontario is said by the Dominion Alliance to be 171,000 votes, and even Toronto may prove to be in the dry column. The Liberty League may as well put on its mourning garb.

### MONTREAL STOCK MARKET.

Montreal, April 25—The local stock market was quiet during the first half hour today. Asbestos, which has been conspicuous lately on account of its bad break, sold at 69 today, after closing at 60 on Saturday. Atlantic Sugar was fractionally stronger at 29 7/8. Brompton was up a quarter point at 88 1/2. Laurentide was also strong advancing from 89 to 90 1/2. National Breweries and Hordern were both unchanged at 44 and 35 respectively.

### TO A POET THAT DIED YOUNG.

Minstrel, what have you to do  
With this man that after you,  
Sharing not your happy fate,  
Sat as England's Laureate?  
Vainly in these iron days  
Strives the poet in your praise,  
Minstrel, by whose singing side  
Heauty walked, until you died.  
Still, though none should hark again,  
Drones the blue-fly in the pane,  
Thickly crusts the blackest moss,  
Blows the rose its musk across,  
Floats the boat that is forgot  
None the less to Camelot.

Many a bard's untimely death  
Lends unto his verses breath:  
Here's a song we never sung;  
Growing old is dying young.  
Minstrel, what is that to you:  
That a man you never knew,  
When your grave was far and green,  
Sat and gossiped with a queen?

Thalia knows how rare a thing  
It is to grow old and sing.  
When the brown and tepid tide  
Closes in on every side,  
Who shall say if Shelley's gold  
Had withstood it to grow old?  
—Edna St. Vincent Millay in The New Republic.

### LIGHTER VEIN.

Same Effect.  
"Did you buy that ninety-dollar hat you were raving over?"  
"Yes."  
"What did your husband think of it?"  
"Why—er—he raved over it, too." —Boston Globe.

The Average Speaker's Idea.  
"Your speech at the club last night was altogether too long," said his chafed friend. "You really didn't have anything to say."  
"I know it," he replied, "but I hoped that if I kept on talking I might think of something." —Boston Transcript.

The Tax on Income.  
The sweet young things at the movies last night didn't seem to care for the picture, for they spent the entire time in conversation. One of them was inclined to complain about everything and everybody. The other was one of the "plainers," who can interpret everything. Here's a sample of her marvellous intellect:—

"I can't see why we have to pay these extra pennies every time we go to a movie," number one complained.  
"Oh, you see, the government is responsible for that," explained number two.  
"You've heard of the income tax, haven't you?"  
"Number one admitted that she knew there was such a thing.  
"Well, that's it. Every time we come in a picture show we have to pay an income tax." —Kansas City Star.

### DEGREE FOR REV. A. A. GRAHAM.

Doctor of Divinity for Former St. John Clergyman.

(Moose Jaw Evening Times.)  
Principal Angus A. Graham of Moose Jaw College, has been honored by his Alma Mater, the Presbyterian College, Montreal, with the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. The degree was conferred at the annual convocation on Tuesday, April 12.

The degree is conferred by the college as a recognition of Dr. Graham's successful pastorate in the church and especially for his educational service in the province of Saskatchewan. Dr. Graham graduated from McGill University in 1894, receiving the degree B. A. in that year with honors in mental and moral philosophy and in the sciences. He was also awarded the degree of Bachelor of Divinity in 1897. In the same year he graduated from the Presbyterian College with the degree of Bachelor of Divinity and the Calvin gold medal for the highest in pass and honor subjects for the year. He was ordained and inducted at Petrolia, Ontario, in the same year and remained there until the end of 1904 when he was called to St. David's church, St. John, N. B. In July, 1911, Dr. Graham was appointed principal of Moose Jaw College which was just then organized. The buildings were erected and the college opened in 1912 and Dr. Graham has continued as its head. Since that time approximately 800 students have passed through the institution.

Mrs. Graham is also a graduate of McGill University, having graduated from that university in 1897.

### CARPENTERS' PAY

Statements by Contractors and Union Representatives in Ottawa.

Ottawa, April 25—That the high cost of building and construction today is due to profits made by contractors and manufacturers in the building industry, and not to the wages paid to the labor unions, was a statement made by Patrick Green, international representative of the Brotherhood of Carpenters, yesterday in reply to a statement made by the local contractors' association on Saturday. He says the carpenters are willing to accept arbitration on a proper basis, but not in the manner in which the contractors would have it, and reiterated previous statement that the carpenters will not stand for any wage reduction, no matter what happens.

The carpenters, he continued, in fixing their rate at 95 cents an hour, believed they were not asking more than they should receive, and more than would support their families in moderate comfort. "So far as we are concerned," he said, "arbitration should be on the basis of what we ask, viz., 95 cents, and what the contractors have offered us, 75 cents."

### SHIPPING

ALMANAC FOR ST. JOHN, APR. 25.  
A.M. P.M.  
High Tide.... 1.23 Low Tide.... 5.08  
Sun Rises.... 5.20 Sun Sets.... 7.22

### CANADIAN PORTS.

Montreal, April 25—Ard, stmr Cabotia, Glasgow; Kamouraska, Louisbourg, C.B.

### FOREIGN PORTS.

New York, April 24—Ard, stmr Caponia, Liverpool; Old North Star, London; 23rd, stmr Nieuw Amsterdam, Rotterdam; Dante, Algiers, Naples. Hamburg, April 23—Ard, stmr Mount Carroll, New York.  
Naples, April 16—Ard, stmr Duca Dogli Abruzzi, New York.

### CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

Chicago, April 25—Opening: Wheat, May 1.20-1.4, July 1.08-1.2; Corn, May 61, July 63; oats, May 57-58, July 59.

### SIR SAM HUGHES.



The former Minister of Militia is very ill at his residence in Ottawa.

### LOCAL NEWS

Big candy sale, College Inn.

A whale of a sale, that's what they say who have been there—Ward's bankrupt stock sale in Prince William street, ends Thursday.

If overall you are in need of, we have good ones for \$1.69 a pair. Jumpers the same, at Bassen's 14-16-18 Charlotte street.

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SONS OF ENGLAND B. S.  
Marlborough Lodge annual dance will take place at Orange Hall Germain street, Wednesday. Dancing to commence at 8.45 p.m. Ladies and Gent tickets 50c. Wheel-drive for non-dancers. Refreshments provided. 25847-4-28.

### NO INDICTMENT FOR CARRYING "LIQUOR ON HIP"

New York, April 25—(Canadian Press)—Holding it an infringement on personal rights and liberty to arrest persons carrying liquor "on the hip," the Kink's County grand jury has refused to return indictments against thirteen persons taken into custody charged with violating the new state liquor laws. In cases where private homes have been raided and arrests and seizures made without the use of search warrants, it is understood no indictments will be found unless there is evidence that a still was or had been in operation.

### AUTOS HELD UP; LIQUOR SEIZED

Malone, N. Y., April 25—Three men and a woman, all giving Rochester as their homes, were arrested in a raid on automobiles alleged to be engaged in bootlegging operations at Bombay, near the Canadian border, yesterday.

Two automobiles, said by the police to contain 975 quarts of liquor valued at \$8,000, were seized. Those arrested were: Maurice Bloom, A. Michaels, David Bravaman and Miss Margaret Boland.

There were five cars held up. Three escaped across the Canadian border.

### WESTERN FREIGHT RATES AND COAL

Winnipeg, April 25—Equalization of the railway freight rates as between the east and west in order to remove the alleged discrimination against the west will be urged by the legal representatives of the Manitoba and Saskatchewan governments at today's session of the board of railway commissioners.

An application for a twenty per cent. reduction on the ordinary freight rate from April 1 to Sept. 1, on coal brought from Alberta mines, will also be submitted. If granted, it is said, a reduction of about \$2 a ton to the Winnipeg householders would result.

### YOUTHFUL HIGHWAYMEN HAD MINIATURE ARSENAL

Two young Sherbrooke boys, Earnest and Armand Landry, held up Alfred Dionne on a trestle and demanded his money. When Dionne remonstrated they fired two shots, wounding him in both legs. Then they fled without attempting to collect any tribute. Later police rounded up the boys. They had five revolvers and a large quantity of ammunition, believed to have been taken from a store and a bank both of which were broken into the night.

### ST. GEORGE'S DAY IN CHURCH IN MONTREAL

Montreal, April 25—Service in the Church of St. James the Apostle last night was dedicated to St. George's Day. Members of St. George's Society, with President H. E. Webster wearing his gold collar, sat in the centre aisle. All wore red robes as did the clergy and choir. The pulpit was draped with St. George's banners. Canon Shafroth preached.

There were no special celebrations otherwise in this city on Saturday.

### ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Samuel Gilbert, of 26 Mill street, this city, has announced the engagement of his sister, Miss Rae Gilbert, to Michael Miller, of St. John's, Newfoundland. The wedding will take place in the near future.

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