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Report of Health Officer For Annapolis County.

Gentlemen:—
I beg to submit herewith the following brief report of matters relating to the public health of the Municipality for the past year. We have again been quite free of the infectious and contagious diseases for the control of which the Public Health Act makes provision, and as this Act becomes better understood by the local boards and the public it is found that we have in the Act ample provision for about all conditions and emergencies that may arise, needing control.

During the year we have again had a few cases of small pox. They occurred at Torbrook and were connected with the single case that developed in that locality the previous year. The disease was kept well under control and would not have got beyond the first case, probably, but for the foolhardiness of an individual that exposed himself to the disease, because as he said, "it was not small pox." He is wiser now and bears some marks of the disease as a reward of his unbelief. Since April there has been no return of this disease. A year ago I referred to the occurrence in the county of a few cases of Epidemic Poliomyelitis.

This year I have to report a very serious and disastrous outbreak of this new and strange disease, at Gibson's Lake, Dalhousie, in the family of James Gibson. Four children, one daughter, aged seventeen, and three sons aged respectively, twenty-six, twenty-three and nineteen died of much the same symptoms, after about four days' illness and quite closely following each other.

A disease so destructive to life and with so few symptoms naturally caused considerable alarm and concern in the community and surrounding districts. The fearful mortality in this disease compared with the usual mortality, (ten per cent) seemed so at variance that it raised a doubt as to whether we were really dealing with this disease or with something else somewhat similar.

Precautions were taken as soon as the infectiousness was suspected, funeral services omitted, the school closed and the houses fumigated after the quarantine was raised. To assist in solving the doubt as to a correct diagnosis of this epidemic, I forwarded to Dr. Flexner of The Rockefeller Institute of Medical Research, New York, where special work with this disease has been conducted the past few years, a report of these four fatal cases, and I am placing his letter in my report that it may be preserved as of interest in connection with this epidemic.

Rockefeller Institute, New York
November, 28th, 1911.

Dear Dr. Armstrong:—
Please pardon the delay in replying to your letter of November 3rd. The tragic cases that you describe are of unusual interest. I do not believe that there are any grounds for doubting the cases were examples of Poliomyelitis of remarkable severity and affecting the upper segment of the spinal cord. The histories are remarkably exact for the condition. The source of the infection in the first case is obscure but it might readily have been an

infected person at some point along the road he usually followed in teaming. The interval of three to four weeks between the first case and the next and the rapid succession of the other two cases speaks for infection from the first one.

The escape of the two sisters is not especially remarkable in view of varying susceptibility to infection observed with many contagious diseases. It is, I think, more remarkable that so general a susceptibility existed in one family.

I am taking pleasure in sending you some pamphlets on the experimental side of the subject that may interest you.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) SIMON FLEXNER.

Epidemic Poliomyelitis made its appearance on this continent about 1907, but had been prevalent in Europe for several years previous to that date. As it was first noticed on this side along the Atlantic seaboard, the supposition is, that it reached this country from Europe. While it is known to be an infectious disease, and perhaps contagious, the infecting agent or germ has never been discovered and is too small to be seen with the most powerful microscope in existence.

At the present time the discharges from the nose and throat are suspected of containing the germs of the disease and of being the source of infection and the care and destruction of these discharges in all mild cases or suspected cases seems the only means at present known to combat this malady. Medical treatment has so far proved utterly useless.

A few cases of Typhoid and a few of Diphtheria were reported during the year, but in neither was there any spread or epidemic and it seems quite plain that with the improved Public Health laws and the prompt action of local health boards, epidemics can be largely avoided and much suffering and expense saved.

Faithfully yours,
M. E. ARMSTRONG.

The report of John Hall, Scott Act Inspector for this Municipality, was then by request read by Mr. W. G. Parsons. Ordered that the report of the Scott Act Inspector as read be laid on the table to be considered in the afternoon session.

The report of the committee appointed at the Semi-Annual session to consider all matters in connection with the Saunders Road so-called and report, was then read and adopted.

Following is the report:

REPORT OF SAUNDERS ROAD.
To the Warden and Councilors of Municipality of Annapolis Co.

Gentlemen:—
We, your committee appointed to look up all matters in connection with the Saunders Road, so called, beg leave to report as follows: In accordance with your precept we visited the site of said road and after carefully looking into all matters in connection therewith, we found that there were only a few inhabitants in said locality who would be accommodated by new roads. We found a road running westerly from Mr. G.W. Ship

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Annapolis District Division

Holding a Commission as Prov. D. G.W.P. from the head of the Order in this jurisdiction, says the Editor of "Forward," it was our privilege in obedience to instructions to visit Bridgetown and attend meeting of the Annapolis District Division as the representative of the Executive. Found that there had been no meeting since October, 1910. At first prospects were discouraging as but a corporal's guard were present, but gradually the gathering increased until there were about thirty in attendance. The greetings of the G.W. Patriarch and his inspiring message were conveyed and the result was a new spirit of hopefulness and determination. Reports were given by representatives of Olive Branch, Clarence, Round Hill and Belle Isle, and information as to condition of Divisions unrepresented. Committees were appointed to consult with Divisions through the county with view to a series of rally meetings.

At public meeting in evening addresses were given by Revs. John Duxan and Cranwick Jost, D.D., as well as by the visiting representative of the G.W. Patriarch. A new staff of officers were elected and the various departments of the work discussed during the afternoon meeting. Such stalwarts as Bros. L. W. Elliott, R. G. Whitman, H. W. Bent, G.W. Armstrong, J. H. Tupper, E. Rice, Dr. M. E. Armstrong, Rev. Dr. Jost and others present give promise of renewed effort that will put new life and zeal into the Subordinate Divisions now dormant. There is abundant opportunity. The harvest is ripe. The laborers are not lacking in will or ability. All that is needed is a rallying influence. We had the pleasure of seeing P.G.W. Patriarch, F. Bath, of Massachusetts, the bearer of an undeposited card from that jurisdiction and of partaking of the hospitality of Rev. Dr. Jost and of Dr. M. E. Armstrong.

We enjoyed the pleasure of discussing some points of interest bearing on the work of the Order. One member thinks the membership does not face the stern realities of the conflict, i. e., the salvation of the fallen and the weak by the enforcement of the laws for repression of the drunkard factories. Others take the opposite view that more time should be devoted to moral suasion. For some there is too much amusement, for others too little. Young fathers and mothers think that home duties claim precedence over the claims of the Division meeting. We want your ears, friends.

It is the wish of the Executive that the editor as organizer should visit the Divisions in Kings and Annapolis and we hope to hear a message of hope to the Division, a message to the children and teachers, a message for the public.

To Try Stepmother On Murder Charge

Oroville, Cal., Jan. 22—Much interest is manifested in the case of Mrs. Emma L. Rumball, who was arraigned in court here today to stand trial for the alleged murder of her thirteen-year-old stepdaughter, Helen Rumball. The little girl was found dead in the attic of her home here last June. In the morning of the day of her death, her stepmother had whipped her and bound her to the studding of the attic because, according to the stepmother, the little girl had misbehaved. It was one of the hottest days in the year and the consequent heat in the attic was increased by an incubator in operation. The supposition is that the girl fainted from the heat and in falling to the floor was strangled by the rope with which she was tied. The medical examination showed that her neck was broken in two places. When the facts became known Mrs. Rumball was indicted for causing the death of her stepdaughter. Arthur Lewis, a brother of Mrs. Rumball, was indicted as an accessory. Lewis was tried several weeks ago and convicted of manslaughter.

Sackville Board of Trade will ask the County Council for a hundred dollar grant to help defray cost of printing an advertising booklet which is aimed to attract settlers.

Mile and Half-Mile Races At Bridgetown Rink

E. Marshall and E. Poole for Mile—
Keith Burns and Fred Camp
for Half-mile—
Marshall Wins,
Mile, Time 3.55—Burns
Wins Half-mile, Time
1.55.

Two championship races were pulled off at the Bridgetown rink on Monday night for the mile and half-mile championship of Bridgetown. Marshall defending successfully the championship for the mile and Burns the same for the half-mile which they both previously won last carnival night.

The first race was the half-mile for boys under sixteen, between Keith Burns and Fred Camp. Burns defeated Camp on Carnival night, but Camp not being satisfied, challenged him for another race. This race was won in 1.55, being considered fast time for boys of that age. Burns is a fast skater and has championship style and with more practice will make the older boys hustle to beat him in the mile.

The mile race, the chief event of the evening, was put on immediately after the half-mile, the contestants being Marshall and Poole. Marshall defending Poole challenging. This race was won in 3.55. In the third lap Marshall fell at the upper end, losing about ten seconds. Up to the fourteenth lap Marshall was a little behind, but in the fifteenth passed and held it until the end, winning by a small margin. Owing to the fall the time was a little slow. Marshall is a graceful skater and with practice on the corners will keep the challengers busy trying to defeat him.

Weather Signs

The Bangor Commercial says that the goose bone prophet has rubbed his finger over the breast bone of a wild goose, and has found there a ridge of osseous tissue that is said to be a sure sign of rough weather. Why the wild goose should grow an extra supply of bone for severe weather is not explained; nor is it explained how long it takes the goose to thus, by taking thought, add to his stature.

The "corn husk" prophet is also busy. He has examined the thickness of the corn husk, and finds it heavier than usual. He asserts that this is nature's way of trying to protect the grain against unusually biting winds. A Missouri farmer notes that the quail are already making friends with his chickens, and the prophet says that their instinct is warning them that they are due for a food shortage. Instinct might go a step further and advise them not to make demands on the poultry food until their own supplies had been exhausted, and that supply can hardly be affected so much by this winter as by last summer. Even the apples have a thicker skin and the tree is said to foretell heavy weather, the intelligent apples desiring to make themselves as toothsome as possible for the consumer. It is said that nuts show the same tendency as that of the apples and the corn. In fact many signs point in the same direction.

There are some signs pointing the other way, however. The grass is still green in many places. In Ontario, it is feared that there will be great damage, owing to the fruit trees' untimely budding. Dandelions have been plucked, but alas! they will probably be on hand to pluck again from the lawn five months from now. These trees and plants, therefore, offer testimony at variance with that of the sagacious corn husk, and the sophisticated apples. Moreover, we might also cancel the testimony of quail and wild geese by that of our domestic poultry. Readers who keep chickens may have noticed that the moult in their birds, which comes to a stand still in severe weather, is still going on, and that they are shedding their feathers as though they felt they had no need of them. In short, nature's signs are always right, for they point in so many directions that all of them can never be wrong.

Canada's Farmer Peers

Large Exports of "Gilt-Edged Settlers."

(Daily Mail)

Canada is awaiting an "Emigration-de-Luxe," which is to take place this year. Several members of the British Peers are going to take up farming in Canada in the spring, and a large number of Peers will make their annual tour of inspection of their Canadian estates.

"We have enough titled people living in Canada or interested in the country to open a House of Peers of our own," said one of the leading railway authorities, "and with a Prince of the royal blood—the Duke of Connaught—as governor-general and start a colonial kingdom."

"The Duke and Duchess of Sutherland will take up their residence for we have all the material to go ahead the coming autumn in their bungalow at Brooks, Alberta. It is a cosy little weather-board house in the middle of the Duke's prairie holdings, and is the first over-seas dual mansion ever built."

EARL GREY'S HUNTING LODGE

"Earl Grey keeps on his hunting lodge in the Columbia Valley, B.C., and Lord Aberdeen owns one of the finest and most profitable fruit farms on the Pacific Slope—the Coldestream estate."

"Lord Clanwilliam is one of our big land-holders, and, with the Hon. Edward Cole, is interested in the Saskatchewan Investment and Trust Company, which owns the leading hotel in Saskatchewan. Both spend a lot of time in Canada. Lord Hindlip is the landlord of a wide extent of prairie and British Columbia land, and Lord Desborough is interested in the timber or lumber trade."

"Lord Sholto Douglas is, or was until quite recently, fruit-farming in British Columbia, and the Earl of Stanhope frequently visits the Dominion. Among other members of the Peers who are interested in Canada either for the hunting or its commercial opportunities, are Lord Strathcona, Lord Vivian, Lord Bruce Lord Mostyn, Lord Lovat, Marquis of Graham, Lord Wenlock, Earl of Maclefield, Lord Clinton, Earl of Dunmore, Earl of Harrowby and Viscount Gort."

"Among the new settlers is Lord Somers, who recently left the Life Guards to go farming near Toronto, and he is coming home to take out Lord and Lady Hyde, his sister and brother-in-law, who are to join him there. Lord Leconfield's brother, Mr. Reginald Wyndham, is another settler."

POPULAR OFFICIALS RETIRING FROM D. A. R.

Kentville, Jan. 29—On February 1st several important changes will be made in the office staff of the D.A.R. headquarters at Kentville. The offices of Traffic Superintendent and Accountant are abolished by the retirement of William Fraser, and H. A. Pratt. Both of these gentlemen retire on a pension after a life spent in the service of the railroad. Mr. Pratt is the oldest man in connection with the company, having been in its service since the opening of the Windsor and Annapolis road. Both Mr. Fraser and Mr. Pratt are very popular with everyone in railroad circles, and genuine regret is expressed that they feel that the time has come for them to retire.

A. E. H. Chesley, becomes Chief of the Accounting department; G. A. Parker, traffic auditor; G. Sterling, paymaster; C. D. Murphy, junr., superintendent of transportation.

HAS C. P. R. BOUGHT THE ALLAN LINE?

A report is current to the effect that the Canadian Pacific Railway has planned to checkmate the efforts of the Grand Trunk to enter Boston by gaining control of the Allan Line of trans-Atlantic steamships, and building a new line of railway to connect with its present line at Newport, Vermont, and to run directly to Boston. The report has it that the C.P.R. has purchased a controlling interest in the Allan Line.

Hockey Match at Bridgetown Rink, Middleton vs. Bridgetown.

Bridgetown Hockey Team Meets Fast Middleton Seven Friday Night—Middleton Wins 11-1 —Play Fast Throughout, Marked By Clever Stick Handling, End to End Rushes and Hard Shooting

The first hockey game of the season with an outside team was played at the Bridgetown rink on Friday night last, between Middleton and Bridgetown before a large crowd. The game proved one-sided, yet the spectators were treated to an exhibition of spectacular end to end rushes, clever stick-handling and hard shooting. The game was marked by heavy checking, some of the players spending most of their time regaining their feet.

The line up was as follows:—

MIDDLETON	BRIDGETOWN
Potter	Goal
E. Spurr	Point
Dodwell	Cover
Holmes	Rover
Roop	Centre
W. Spurr	Right Wing
Parsons	Left Wing
	Hoyt

Allen, Bridgetown's speedy rover, was the star of the Bridgetown team, and if the other forwards had given any support the score would have been different. Whalen, who played centre, was the only other forward who showed any ability. Right here it might be said that notwithstanding the bad trimming Bridgetown received, they have the makings of a fast team with more practice. Allen, no doubt was the best all around player on the ice, but couldn't, with only one forward for support, play against the whole team. Longmire at cover stopped a good many rushes and broke up the combination of the forwards time and time again, ably assisted by Bustin at point, while Myers at goal stopped a good many shots, but on the whole the combination and sure shooting of Middleton's forwards proved too much for the defence, partly owing to the inability of their own forwards to keep the puck away from the goal at all. Hicks at right wing was struck on the head by the puck from a shot from centre, necessitating two stitches.

Middleton has a strong team this year and fast hard shooting forwards who keep at the puck all the time. Roop, Middleton's snappy centre, played a hard game throughout and by his hard shooting and clever stick-handling, won a good many of Middleton's goals. Spurr and Parsons on the wings proved to be fast

and good shots, while Holmes at rover was a hard man to catch and a good shot from any position at any speed. Dodwell at cover was the star shot of the team, shooting time and time again from centre ice and when a man tried to get by him they found him "all there." The point and goal for Middleton didn't get much chance to star as the puck was kept mostly at the other end.

In the opening period the puck was rushed to Bridgetown's goal and in one minute a goal was scored by Holmes. Two minutes after the second play off Allen scored for Bridgetown from a pass from centre and a speedy end rush. This proved the last goal for Bridgetown. From this on Allen and Whalen were never given a chance at the puck, Middleton's forwards seeing that these two were the only ones to contend with, checked them at every turn. The game was clean and fast only one penalty of half a minute being handed out to Roop for tripping. The game ended with the score 11 to 1 in favor of Middleton. The spectators were satisfied with the game and gave appreciation of the players by cheering their favourites. Fred Beckwith handled the game to everyone's entire satisfaction.

The sporting public are looking forward with interest to the game between Middleton and Annapolis, as it is a well-known fact that it takes a fast amateur team to defeat Annapolis, as they have one of the speediest and hardest shooting teams west of Windsor. This game will be played on the Bridgetown rink in the near future. Middleton has hopes of holding down the Annapolis team this year and perhaps their hopes are not unfounded, when we think of their forward line. One of the Middleton team thinks their chances are so good that he is willing to wager a "whole" dollar that they can do it.

The games played between these teams last year proved a great draw for the rink and drew crowds who were well pleased with the brand of hockey put up. This year the teams will be more evenly matched and Messrs. Beckwith and Bishop have added improvements to their dressing rooms for the comfort of the spectators as well as skaters, so it is hoped that the rink will be well patronized this season to show appreciation for what these gentlemen are trying to do for the town. Not many towns of this size have as well lighted and convenient a skating rink.

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