

PROVINCIAL LABORATORY'S GOOD WORK

Wisdom of Appointment of
Dr. Abramson Shown by
Work Which Has Been
Done.

NEARLY THREE THOUSAND TESTS

During the Year—Chief of
Laboratories Recommends
Changes and Extension to
Enhance Usefulness of
Laboratory.

The report of Dr. H. L. Abramson, chief of laboratories, for the year 1919-20, is a most interesting document and reveals the wonderful work which has been accomplished by him since his appointment to the position, and shows the health department made no mistake when they secured the services. Dr. Abramson makes a number of recommendations for the increasing of the usefulness of the laboratory and these would receive sympathetic consideration by the government.

The report is as follows:
Dr. George G. Meivien, Chief Medical Officer, Fredericton, N. B.
I beg to submit the following report, for transmission to the Honorable, the Minister of Health.

H. L. ABRAMSON,
Chief of Laboratories.

The matter for this report has been compiled largely in tables which accompany this note. Table I shows that 2200 examinations have been performed. Of these, 569 have been done for the General Public Hospital of St. John under a grant to the Laboratory from the Commissioners of the General Public Hospital. This grant is \$500.00 per annum. This grant is to be increased to \$1000.00 per year beginning with August, 1919.

Considerable of the outside work has been done for the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment. This has been largely Wassermann Tests. Table II shows the work done for the city of St. John under a special grant for this purpose. It will be noted that 410 examinations for fat content and 169 examinations for bacterial count have been done, making a total of 579 examinations. Next year, it is expected that the number of examinations will be considerably increased.

Table III presents the distribution of Vaccine virus (Smallpox) throughout the province. It will be noted that 23,400 capsules have been distributed. A number of the Sub-District Boards of Health have not, at this writing, reimbursed the Department for vaccine sent them. This is due, in all probability to the fact that the boards have not met for the passing of bills.

Table IV presents the cash receipts distributed according to the character of the work performed. It is to be noted that the total is \$3995.50. Except for one item of \$227.50 which was in payment of Vaccine Virus, all of this money was received for laboratory work done. This total does not include the \$1000.00 grant from the city of St. John, which is being sent to the laboratory on a monthly basis.

The following table shows the work done at the laboratory during the year ending October 31, 1919:

Examinations	Gen. Pub. Hospital	Outside	Total
Urine	153	413	566
Sputum	24	187	211
Water	3	65	68
Stomach Contents	6	12	18
For Treponema Pallidum	31	144	175
For Gonococcus	7	33	40
Feces	11	11	22
Milk, Human	153	153	306
Widal	145	119	264
Throat Cultures	101	308	409
Wassermann Tests	3	46	49
Blood Counts	3	5	8
Autogenous Vaccines	17	8	25
Spinal Fluids	7	39	46
Blood Cultures	1	11	12
Section of Tissue	1	1	2
Other Bacteriological	1	1	2
Animal Inoculations	1	1	2
Total	659	1641	2200

N. B.—The above is exclusive of bacteriological and chemical control of the milk supply of the City of St. John, done under a special grant from the city of St. John, N. B. which numbered 569.

From A Child Was Constipated

According to the best medical authorities, fully three-fourths of the people of the civilized world suffer in some form from constipation or irregular action of the bowels. There is no doubt that many distressing diseases are caused by constipation. It gives rise to sick and bilious headaches, jaundice, heartburn, floating specks before the eyes, catarrh of the stomach, biliousness and the painful, troublesome piles. Therefore, it is of supreme importance to health that the bowels be kept regular. Simple food, fruit, etc., should be used, and rich food and stimulants of all kinds avoided. This, with the use of Milburn's Laxa-Liver Pills to regulate and establish healthy action of the bowels cannot fail to give permanent relief in the most obstinate cases.

Mrs. Letitia Walman, Orillia, Ont., writes:—"From a child I was always very badly constipated, and I can well remember when quite young, my mother giving me senna tea nearly every morning, and I got to dread it. After taking Milburn's Laxa-Liver Pills for a while I am not troubled with constipation any more."

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BE PRETTY! TURN GRAY HAIR DARK

Try Grandmother's Old Favorite
Recipe of Sage Tea
and Sulphur.

Almost everyone knows that Sage Tea and Sulphur, properly compounded, brings back the natural color and lustre to the hair when faded, streaked or gray. Years ago the only way to get this mixture was to make it at home, which is messy and troublesome. Nowadays, by asking at any drug store for "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound," you will get a large bottle of this famous old recipe, improved by the addition of other ingredients, at a small cost.

Do try it! No one can possibly tell that you darkened your hair, as it does it so naturally and evenly. You dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair disappears, and after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully dark, glossy and attractive.

\$250.00 which is owing to the laboratory from the General Hospital. If these two items are included, the total cash receipts would be above \$600.00.

The most important need of the laboratory at this present time is more room. Our little space allotted to us by the General Public Hospital is more than crowded. It makes accurate work difficult. To be efficient, laboratory work must be accurate. Further, the lack of space limits our usefulness. The laboratory cannot do all the work that its personnel can perform for lack of room. It cannot make efforts to get more work because of the cramped condition of the working space.

A crying need is a private consulting room where persons desirous of consulting the laboratory about very private matters, such as Wassermann tests, Treponema examinations, gonococcus examinations, can come without the fear of persons knowing or surmising the business that brings the person to the laboratory. A number of persons to my knowledge have refused to consult the laboratory because of this state of affairs. The St. John physicians are chary of sending their patients to the laboratory because of the possibility of undesirable publicity.

We need more room for expansion of our work. It is the intention of the laboratory to engage in some of the latest refinements in microscopical study of the blood, but this is impossible until we get more room. We have only one centrifuge in our laboratory. This is the most useful appliance in our laboratory. If this mechanism should get out of order, we would have to stop during Wassermann tests and milk examinations. We have no room for a reserve centrifuge! These are a few of the strong arguments for more room. Aside from this we should have a building to house the laboratory which can be used as headquarters for the St. John Sub-District Board of Health. If Nova Scotia can afford to have a laboratory building, New Brunswick is not so poor but that she can make the necessary expenditure.

I trust that the matter of more room will receive the serious consideration that it deserves.

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C. E. F. HAS PASSED INTO HISTORY NOW

Transfer of All Remaining
Units to Permanent Militia
Has Been Made.

Ottawa, April 1.—Today marked the passing into history of the official name "Canadian Expeditionary Force." Yesterday the transfer of all the remaining units under that designation to the permanent militia forces was completed and all that now remains is a glorious tradition of five and a half years' splendid service.

The C. E. F. had its birth early in August, 1914, when the Order-in-Council authorizing the raising of the battalions that trained at Valcartier, was issued. Since that time over half a million men were on its strength. Only a few hundred men remain on the strength when the order was given to turn the remaining units into the permanent force.

CHICAGO STRIKE NOW SETTLED

Chicago, April 1.—The strike which tied up the Chicago stock yards for four days and threatened to close all packing plants here, was settled today, the men agreeing to return to work and arbitrate their wage differences. More than 7,000 packing house employees were thrown out of work when feeders and stock handlers at the yards quit.

POLICE COURT CASES YESTERDAY

Gladstone Johnson Sent up
for Trial for Threatening
His Sister With a Knife—
Stowaway and Two Alleged
Thieves Remanded.

In the police court yesterday morning Gladstone Johnson was charged with assault. His sister, Mrs. Evelyn Skinner testified that the accused threatened her with a knife last Friday in her home in Union Alley. Her little girl corroborated the mother's evidence. The prisoner was sent up for trial.

Vincent Ontario, a stowaway, taken from the steamer *Millbrook* was remanded until the ship was ready to sail.

Two drunks pleaded guilty and were remanded.

Further evidence was taken in the case of Cornelius Flynn and Kenneth Morris charged with the theft of several bags of oats the property of Maurice Zeig and the case was postponed until Wednesday next.

Two fifteen year old girls were charged with street walking and after some evidence was heard they were remanded until Saturday morning.

A by-law case against Hattie Tassie N. R. property was taken up and further adjourned until next Tuesday morning.

Thin, Nervous People Need Bitro-Phosphate

Weak, thin people—men or women—are nearly always nervous wrecks; thus conclusively proving that thinness, weakness, debility and neurasthenia are almost invariably due to nerve starvation. Feed your nerves and all these symptoms due to nerve starvation will disappear.

Eminent specialists state that one of the best things for the nerves is an organic phosphate known among druggists as Bitro-Phosphate, a five-grain tablet of which should be taken with each meal. Being a genuine nerve builder and not a stimulant or habit-forming drug, Bitro-Phosphate can be safely taken by the weakest and most delicate sufferer, and the results following its use are often simply astonishing.

By strengthening the nerves, weak tired people regain energy and vigor; thinness and angularity give way to plumpness and curves; sleep returns to the sleepless; confidence and cheerfulness replace debility and gloom; dull eyes become bright, and pale, sunken cheeks regain the pink glow of health.

CAUTION—Bitro-Phosphate, the use of which is inexpensive, also wonderfully promotes the assimilation of food, so much so, that many people report marked gains of weight in a few weeks. Those taking it who do not desire to put on flesh, should use extra care in avoiding fat-producing foods.

IS PROHIBITION GERMAN DESIGN?

Liberty League Speaker Puts
This Question to Meeting.

SAYS HE IS SUSPICIOUS

Wonders if Attempt Made to
Cause Division in Canada.

Toronto, March 30.—"Is it not possible that Germany is attacking us through the United States?" was the question which W. J. D. Penly, of Cobalt, told a meeting held last night in St. George's Hall, under the auspices of the Central Branch, Citizens' Liberty League had been brought to his mind by the influx of controversy causing propaganda from the American side of the border.

He quoted from the *Christian Guardian* a statement which he said had been made by Rev. S. D. Chown, D.D., with reference to the activities of the Liberty League in Cobalt, as follows: "The measure of their hatred is the measure of their fear, but we have no programme but to make them hate us some more."

"Can you imagine a doctrine of hatred coming from a Christian man?" queried Mr. Penly, who added that it was doctrine of hatred of class against class which caused revolution. He prefaced his following remarks with the assertion that he did not put them out as facts but in order that you may

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you get full Value on every purchase

have the same suspicion that I have. "We don't know who the prohibitionists in the United States are," he went on. "It isn't the country but some element there. Some element in the United States which may be of German origin could benefit by trouble caused in Canada or in England."

The speaker declared that at the present time an agitation setting Protestants and Catholics against each other was being carried on in the United States and he held that any such attempts tending to divide the community was not wanted in Canada.

"When the church is being prostituted for political purposes, it cannot be a Christian church," he asserted, and added, "So when these anti-saloon people arrive here with their division-causing talk, let's say to them, 'We will not be separated from our Catholic friends.'"

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