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Sane Support for Hospital.

There should be no difference of opinion as to the support that is to be given the General Hospital in this city. The institution is doing a splendid work and must be supported. Everyone agrees to that. The only disagreement there can be as to a fair proportion of the cost being paid by the Provincial Government and by the city and by the people who use the institution. This is an actuarial matter and one that ought to be easily adjusted.

In dealing with the amounts to be contributed by patients it must be borne in mind that in many cases when the man goes to the hospital the income ceases and the expenses increase. The result is the man either uses up his savings or runs into debt, as the case may be. After he leaves the hospital he has to readjust matters. It takes time to do this, and it is no wonder that he is often slow in making payments.

Take again the man whose wife uses the maternity ward. The expenses at such a time increase enormously. Not only is there a doctor to pay but there are a hundred and one expenses in the home. We do not say that the hospital should wait for its money until all the others are paid, but we do say that these expenses have to be taken into consideration. The handicap on a married man is unduly heavy.

How Relieve the Family Man?

The problem crops up periodically how relief is to be extended to the man who is raising a family and yet be fair to the rest of the community. The present method is very unfair. The man and woman who do their duty to the state by raising a family are handicapped at every turn. They have to give up many of the ordinary enjoyments of life. They find it difficult to provide money enough to keep the family and at the same time to dress and live decently. Wherever they go and whatever they do their expenses are doubled or trebled and the income remains the same. The single man or woman pays no more taxes than the married. The married couples without family are not levied on to help pay for the children raised for the state by their neighbors. The handicap is against the family every time and to the advantage of those who shirk their duties. Because of this the maternity hospital fees should be kept as light as possible and to make up for it the fees on single men or women might be increased and prepayment insisted upon.

Doctors' Fees and Maternity.

One of the big expenses in maternity cases is the doctor's fee. The doctor does not earn too much for the amount of skill and labor involved, but the difficulty is in paying the fee. Some do not ever pay, but self-respecting people do not like to evade their just debts. The question comes in whether it would not be wise for the state to help out in such matters. The drain on the purse of the married couple in connection with young children is so great that the man with a small salary finds it difficult to carry on and still enjoy some of the amenities of life.

Populating the Country.

The Dominion Government spends a lot of money on immigration and often the people brought in make anything but good Canadians. At the same time there is no money spent to encourage the native-born. The inference would seem to be that foreigners are preferred to native-born Canadians. As long as there is such a severe handicap on raising families the tendency will be for young people to evade their responsibilities and choose the single life or the childless marriage.

We are making no suggestions as to what steps might be taken to encourage families. In some countries the matter has received consideration, but not with any marked results. To bounties families, to tax bachelors and spinsters, to provide the use of doctors and hospitals free, are among the means that might be adopted. All these are subject to objections. Perhaps when people have done without children sufficiently long there will be a swing in the opposite direction and once more motherhood will be deified and it will be the desire of women as in former days to perform their natural functions. It will once more be a shame to be childless.

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PIPE DREAMS

By Newton Pullen

"Tommy" Church, M.P., recently spoke for three hours in the House of Commons, and is said to have touched on sixty-two subjects. There was one Church that wasn't empty.

A prima donna who shot her husband was acquitted by a jury and the shooting of three more husbands by their wives in one day is attributed to this. If husbands arm in self-defense the winner of the argument over the millinery bill will be the one who "gets the drop" on the other.

Judging by the above, whatever may be said about the day of the horse being past, that of the Goll quite evidently isn't.

Citizens of France, upon reaching the age of twenty-five, hereafter may marry without obtaining consent of their parents. Careful, careful!

An Indianapolis man, in jail for having thirteen wives, contemplates becoming an evangelist so that he may warn others of "the dangers of matrimony." He should have said, "the dangers of excessive matrimony."

Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

March 28, 1912.

Final rallies for the provincial election which is in progress today were held last night. William Manson supporters were in the Westholme Theatre, Alex Manson's in the Empress.

Jack Chisholm returned home on the Chelashin today after a business trip south. He has been appointed local agent for the National Biscuit Company.

G. H. Collins, manager of the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Company returned today from a trip abroad.

Matter of Giving Flat Rate Laid Over for a Week—Dry Dock Asks for New Connection.

The report from the Utilities Committee recommending that light and power be delivered in bulk from the city's primary lines to the G. T. P. Railway Co. for its waterfront supply at the flat fee to be contract rate was again considered by the city council last night and was laid over for a week on account of the absence from the meeting of Ald. C. C. Perry, chairman of the Utilities Committee. The report made its first appearance at last week's meeting and was at that time laid over for a week for further consideration. In the report it is explained that the railway company will pay all its own installation costs and will distribute the power itself, saving the city considerable overhead in the matter of transformers and line construction. With the operation of the ocean dock, roundhouse and station there will also be increased revenue.

Revise Whole City.

In speaking to the report, Ald. Montgomery said that he thought the whole city was entitled to re-adjustment and there should be a new scale put into effect. He would be opposed to this rate being given the railway company until the whole scale in the city was revised. All the consumers in the city should have a cut.

Ald. Silversides pointed out that the railway company was really getting no new rate but only what it was entitled to. The supply to the Dominion Government at Digby Island was already on this basis. He could not see where a general revision of rates in the whole city entered into this. The city would be relieved of the cost of upkeep with this contract and would derive increased revenue.

After some discussion it was decided to table the report for another week, the mayor telling Ald. Montgomery that the Utilities Committee was preparing to bring in a report recommending a general revision of rates in the city in view of the profits that the utility had recently been making.

Connect with Drydock.

There was also presented at the meeting last night a letter from the G. T. P. dry dock asking for a connection from the city lines to supply the shipyard with 450 k.v.a. The line thus built could possibly be used by the city in getting a similar amount of power from the dry dock if necessary. The latter was referred to the Utilities Committee for report.

The Utilities Committee also had a report on the claim for refund of overcharges to the dry dock in the electric accounts for December and January. The report recommended that the manager of the dry dock write to the city asking for the regular industrial rate for the plant. The committee could not recommend a refund to the accounts complained of.

The Man in the Moon SAYS—

BRITAIN is revising its unemployment insurance plan. Good old Britain. I always did like an experimenter.

THE world never listens to the man who says "I'll tell the world."

BUSINESS is good, too good to be prosperous.

THE season being rather late there have as yet been no complaints made about the neighbor's chickens. (This is not slang.)

AFTER all some of us really enjoy giving up things in Lent.

I KNOW one man who gave up going to church. He said he enjoyed the quiet rest he got there but he had to give up something.

THERE are several weeks to go yet before we all return to normal.

THE result of some of the weddings in Prince Rupert has been that the gossips lived hap-

pily ever after.

YES, Enoch, the waiters are so called because they make people wait as long as possible.

THINGS are improving in the business world. All we need now is some more customers.

THIS is what another would-be funnyman remarks: "They planted a garden in Eden and it wasn't long before Adam noticed a chicken on the premises."

AND even little ole New York is getting the shooting bug.

WHAT I never could understand is why people should interfere when a neighbor wants to commit suicide. I believe in self-determination.

AFTER reading some Russian statistics, I am beginning to think the Russians are getting mixed up in their figures.

JUDGING by the press dispatches, church people will have to revise that hymn which tells about "Jerusalem My Happy Home." The people there seem to be happy only when they are having a row over the control of the sacred places.

WHAT* in a name as the bootlegger remarked when he refilled the ready labelled bottles.

UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF
WORK IS AT AN END

City Reaches Time Limit with Its Plans Nearly All Executed—50 Men Out Today.

Unemployment relief work in the city is nearing an end, according to an announcement made at last night's council meeting by Mayor Rochester. The time allotted for the work was until March 31 and the plans set out have about been finished. The money has also run out.

City Engineer Whittaker stated that there would be 50 men today that could not be absorbed. These would be mostly all single men and it was the intention to carry on with the married until the end of the month. After that time the men would have to be told there would be nothing further.

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