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PRINCE RUPERT MILK DISCUSSED

Tests For Tuberculosis Not Carried Out Properly Here, Council Alleges

Consideration of bylaw amendments respecting the keeping of stock within the city caused a general discussion of some length at last night's council meeting with regard to the city's milk supply and the condition of cattle herds in Prince Rupert. There was some criticism of the methods employed by the provincial government inspectors in the making of tuberculosis tests and lack of co-operation between the government and city authorities was alleged. Dr. J. P. Cade, medical health officer, attended the meeting and participated in the discussion.

The whole question was brought up in connection with the consideration of bylaw amendments providing that goats shall not be kept in the city within 25 feet of any dwelling house and that no manure or straw used in connection with the keeping of stock shall be burned within the city limits. These amendments were put through their first readings and were passed and will come up for final consideration and adoption at the next meeting of the council. They were assented to by Dr. Cade. Regulations governing the keeping of stock in Vancouver were brought to the attention of the council but they were dropped in view of the fact that it was not intended to prohibit altogether the keeping of stock in Prince Rupert. Such action was not considered necessary here at the present time.

When the matter of cattle was brought up, Dr. Cade told the council that it was his duty to test milk offered for sale in the city with respect to "butter" fat content. This work, the doctor said, would be greatly facilitated if there was a sanitary inspector to gather the samples. Dr. Cade said that his jurisdiction did not extend to the examination of cattle for tuberculosis. This was a matter for the provincial inspectors.

Hushing Things Up

Ald. Macdonald referred to the number of milk cows that had been ordered destroyed here because of tuberculosis. He did not agree with the policy of hushing such things up. It was the right of the citizens to know so that they might protect themselves. Government inspectors had come here and ordered that cattle be destroyed but the city authorities were never advised. Somebody was falling down on the job.

Dr. Cade admitted that there was lack of co-operation between the provincial and civic authorities. Inspectors had come here and gone away again without reporting to the city. Many cattle had been ordered destroyed and he himself had had to write direct to Victoria before he could get any information on the matter.

In answer to questions, Dr. Cade expressed the opinion that tuberculosis tests should be made every six months. The last tests were made here last September. There were, however, only a few dairy cattle left in the city. Only one dairy was operating in town and he estimated that three-quarters of the milk now sold here came from the outside. The cattle from the interior, Dr. Cade said, were more free from tuberculosis than those in the city. The butter fat content was also higher. It was only a matter of time until the keeping of dairy cattle in the city would have to be prohibited for the stock could not long be kept free from tuberculosis on account of being stabled under damp conditions.

Keep Closer Touch

Mayor Newton suggested that the medical health officer keep closer in touch with the situation. The council would not object to a little extra expense if it was necessary in connection with the making of milk tests. Ald. Colliart did not think it was necessary to make milk tests every week. Anyway, these milk tests did not apply to tuberculosis.

Ald. Macdonald said he was prepared to offer a resolution asking the minister of agriculture to make more frequent tuberculosis tests here.

depending largely, however, on the method of cooking it. A temperature of 150 killed all tuberculosis germs. Ald. Casey thought there should be someone in authority to make tuberculosis tests here and he was in favor of Ald. Macdonald's suggestion to take the matter up with the government and point out the lax methods of the past.

Dr. Cade said the matter had already been brought to the attention of the minister and he had expressed regret at the seeming laxity.

The original amendments were then passed but no action was taken with respect to the tuberculosis matter.

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Hospital Day Here On Thursday.

Hospital Day will be observed in Prince Rupert on Thursday of this week and the public is asked to co-operate with the hospital board in its celebration. The hospital and nurses' home are to be thrown open for inspection. By taking advantage of this opportunity to visit the institution, citizens may be able to observe at first hand the importance of the work that is being carried on.

National Hospital Day which is the "come in and get acquainted day" of the thousands of hospitals of the United States and Canada has awakened remarkable interest in the great work of these institutions of mercy. Presidents and other national leaders, heads of states and provinces, mayors, and influential men and women of all classes are co-operating in helping the hospitals to tell their communities of their service, and it is no wonder that although the idea of a National Hospital Day was originated only as late as 1921, the movement is generally observed throughout the United States and Canada, and has aroused interest of progressive hospitals in Alaska, China, Egypt, Hawaii and in other parts of the world.

French Electioq And Foreign Policy.

The result of the election in France on Sunday will very likely mean considerable if not entire change in that country's attitude towards reparations matters. Whether "pound of flesh" attitude towards Germany, which has been in practice through the occupation of the Ruhr for the past year and more, is to be continued, remains to be seen, but with circumstances developing as they have of late it seems probable that there will be some change of policy. The result of the election may be taken as the voice of the people on that matter and it will in all probability be acted upon accordingly.

Playground Important To All Communities.

It is gratifying to be informed that the Gyro Club has its playground program in such a state that it will shortly be realized. Since the advent of the automobile, it has become absolutely necessary that places be provided where the children can play in safety. Statistics recently published reveal the astounding fact that 93,000 children were either killed or seriously injured by street traffic in the United States during 1923. Prince Rupert has had its share of such accidents though, in a place of this size, it is not to be expected that they would take on very large proportions. However, if the Gyro playground should be the means of saving but one child's life, the project would have been worth all that it involved.

It has become a responsibility of the community to provide playgrounds where the physical and moral welfare of the children may be properly fostered. In many cases this is taken care of by the Parks Boards and in some cities by the School Boards. In Prince Rupert the Gyro Club has embarked upon this cause and the organization, in its endeavors, is entitled to all the support that can be given it.

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