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Annual Diphtheria Prevention Week in Ontario Next Week

Notable Results in Canada From Use of Toxoid.

Toronto, April 3rd.—The annual diphtheria prevention campaign of the Health League of Canada will be launched throughout Ontario during the week of April 7th-13th, it was announced today by Dr. Gordon Bates, director. "Toxoid Week" the name given to the campaign, has been confined to Toronto since 1929, but during the past few years efforts have been made to spread the educational campaign throughout Ontario. In many parts of Ontario, Medical Officers of Health are urging parents to have their children immunized against diphtheria.

Toxoid has been in use in a large number of Ontario cities and towns for several years, and amazing results have been achieved. In several large centres, medical authorities have claimed "No deaths from diphtheria" as a result of the widespread use of Toxoid. Some cities with progressive public health departments boast of "No deaths from diphtheria for 10 years."

In Toronto, through active co-operation with the Board of Health, the Public Schools and the Separate School Board, the number of diphtheria cases has dropped from 1,022 in 1929, to 26 in 1938, and seven in 1939. Two deaths from diphtheria occurred in Toronto in 1938 and one in 1939. In all these cases death could have been prevented by the use of Toxoid.

Death toll in Ontario from diphtheria 10 years ago was 262. In 1937 the number of deaths throughout the whole of Canada was 399. In 1937, 30 deaths from diphtheria occurred in Ontario. In 1938 the number dropped to 12. Last year there were seven.

As diphtheria is especially fatal to children between six months and six years of age, emphasis is placed by the Health League of Canada on watching the pre-school children. One method used in the Toronto campaign is to reach a large percentage of the parents of younger children through sending a message home through the pupils at school.

"Death through diphtheria can be prevented," Dr. Gordon Bates, General Director of the Health League of Canada, said today. "Life is important enough in peace-time, but in war-time it is doubly important. Canada can make a great contribution toward winning the war by keeping its people healthy."

Dr. Bates urged Medical Officers of Health throughout Ontario to launch local campaigns through the local Board of Health, the schools, the churches, and the press.

Sudbury Star:—No doubt Berlin will now report that those Sylt island hangers were all hospitals.

Tisdale Council Makes Explanation Why Clerk Was Requested to Resign

Acted in Fair and Just Manner and if Ratepayers Didn't Like What Was Done They Could Voice Their Protest at the Polls, Reeve States. Only One Member of Council Defends Former Township Clerk, F. C. Evans.

"I think we have acted in a fair and just manner. If the ratepayers feel differently there is a time and a place for them to voice their differences of opinion, and that is at the polls," said Reeve Victor Evans, of Tisdale Township, at the conclusion of a Council meeting in the township hall, in South Porcupine on Monday evening. Subject under discussion during the meeting had been the dismissal of Frank C. Evans as township clerk and treasurer after he had served the municipality for more than twenty years.

Early in the Council meeting when a stenographer armed with pencils and shorthand books, was called into the room by the Reeve, the knowing persons in the crowd which packed the small assembly chamber, perked up and began to take a more lively interest in proceedings. There had been rumours that something of import was due to take place at that meeting.

The Reeve opened the fireworks. There had been considerable discussion of the action of the Council regarding the withdrawal of one of the municipal employees he said, and in fairness to all concerned, the public was entitled to certain information. The reluctance on the part of the Council, up to that point, to discuss the matter, had been because of the desire to avoid injuring Mr. Frank C. Evans, former clerk, in any way. There was no desire to begot the issue and no desire on the part of any member of Council to "cover up" any of his actions. Decision had been made that it would be better for various members of Council to make statements, Reeve Evans called on Councilor Cavanagh, who he said, had taken the initiative in having Mr. Evans resign and who moved the motion that that action be taken.

Councillor Cavanagh: He saw by the papers that he was credited with taking the lead. That was true. He never had been satisfied with Mr. Evans not that he had been dissatisfied with the accounting but he had never liked the belligerent attitude he took with the public, especially that section of the public less favoured and out of work. "I know of cases that have been turned away in a harsh manner with great discourtesy," said Mr. Cavanagh. Mr. Cavanagh charged lack of co-operation on Mr. Evans' part when the township office was opened in Schumacher. The Clerk opposed the action of the Council all the way through, he said and when a competent man was put in charge he sat there for five months with nothing to do because Evans insisted that the book work be done in South Porcupine.

"The auditor said that the water ledgers for that district should be kept in the Schumacher offices," Mr. Cavanagh stated, "but Mr. Evans never complied."

He charged also that because of Mr. Evans' desire to see the banking all done in South Porcupine there was a laborious transfer of money and cheques made necessary and exchange to pay. That was another thing advocated by the auditors. They insisted that banking be done in both centres but it was never carried out that way under Mr. Evans' supervision.

Mr. Cavanagh then came to the matter of Mr. Evans losing time at the office. Last winter, during the absence of the Reeve, on Tuesday, January 9, he telephoned. Mr. Evans was not in his office. The next day he called again and asked to have Mr. Evans call him back when he returned to his office. He received no return call.

On January 11, at 3 p.m. he was told Mr. Evans was not in but that he was at the hospital. He called the hospital and the clerk was not there. At that he took a car down to the township office. He understood that there was "considerable hurried telephoning" to get the clerk there when he arrived.

Mr. Evans made an alibi that he had to be out of the office a great deal inasmuch as he was relief inspector, said Mr. Cavanagh. That was not true as the Council last year hired a man to do

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Says Red Literature Entering Y.M.C.A. and Church Clubs

Rev. A. Lappala, Formerly of Timmins, Exposes Communist Efforts in Toronto.

Communists are spreading their propaganda among the Y.M.C.A. and church youth organizations in Toronto by masking their activities behind "progressive" and "advanced" slogans, Rev. A. Lappala, Toronto Finnish minister told the Central Y.M.C.A. Fireside Group at Toronto at a meeting this week. Rev. Mr. Lappala was formerly minister of the Finnish United Church at Timmins, and in that capacity had just reason to hold the Red propaganda and Red activities in contempt. Members of his congregation here were interfered with by salaried Reds and their tools. Some of the congregation, in fact, had to go in fear of assault for no other reason than their adherence to the church. Efforts were also made to break up church meetings and to discourage people attending services. It was necessary here to call in the assistance of the police to secure a fair deal for Finnish people who wished to continue their church and religion. Rev. Mr. Lappala learned much here by unpleasant experience of the Red propaganda and the Moscow methods. Going from here to the Church of All Nations at Toronto, Rev. Mr. Lappala could not help but be impressed with the amount of evil work being done by the Reds and the extent of their propaganda and subversive plans. Some of this information he gave to the Fireside Group of the Y.M.C.A. in his address.

"The youth magazine, the New Advance, is published by the Youth Congress and finds a welcome into many church homes and Y reading rooms," said Mr. Lappala. "Yet, few people know that Communists write for this magazine. The January number of this year is an example. It contains a shameful, untruthful attack upon Finland, written by a Toronto Finnish Communist, and purports to give the truth, about Finland. Needless to say, it is a mass of falsehoods."

"The treasonable and atheistic activities of the Communists are necessarily masked behind so-called progressive and advanced slogans which appeal to youth," continued the speaker. "I have reason to believe that underground, secret activities are going on feverishly. To forestall any threatened investigation, they make a loud cry about free speech and obtain the support and protection of well-meaning and influential people who do not know the true nature of their aims. Thus, some ministers of the church are misled to give support to their seditious and atheistic propaganda."

"They covet the favour and the blessing of the church here while their true intentions toward the church were exposed in Finland," declared Mr. Lappala. "The cunning enemies of democracy, freedom and religion are operating in our midst and we need to be on our guard constantly in order that we will be able to prevent their efforts to bring into Canada the terrible ravages of war and destruction."

Rather Important

The local train had made its last run for the night, and was just going into the siding when an Army officer appeared.

"Get that train ready to take a party of troops at once," he ordered.

"Where to, sir?" asked the station-master, with a sigh.

"I can't tell you," snapped the officer. "It's an official secret."

"Then, sir, to which end of the train must I attach the officially uninformed engine?"—Exchange.

Canadians Rule Skies



Because they goose-step in the air as well as on the ground, Nazi airmen will always be inferior to Canadian and British fliers. This was the opinion expressed in New York by Lieut. Col. Harold E. Hartney, D.S.O., Ontario-born commander of the First Pursuit Group of the U.S. air force in the great war, and author of the book "Up and At Em," which has just come off the presses. "Individual initiative is at least 50 per cent. of the battle once the dog fight starts. And we will always have dog fights. Rob a flier of his individualism, as Germany's rigid military discipline has done, and you remove his entire value," he says.

Charge of Keeping Liquor for Sale Dismissed in Court

Magistrate Issues Warning to Accused.

A charge of keeping liquor for sale, against P. H. O'Gorman, was dismissed by Magistrate Atkinson in police court on Tuesday afternoon on the grounds that police did not actually find beer or liquor on the O'Gorman premises. "It may be an offense for an agent to give beer away but that is not selling," said Magistrate Atkinson. "Remember though, O'Gorman, you have been warned before by myself and police."

Prior to the hearing of the O'Gorman charge three men who appeared as witnesses, pleaded guilty to charges of having beer in their possession illegally. They were Joseph Gauthier, William J. Edwards and K. Killen. In each case the fine was \$10 and costs. Police said that they stopped the three men on the street and found them in possession of beer. Gauthier had seven pints, Edwards was carrying three pints and Killen, two.

Gauthier was called to the stand. He said that he got the beer at O'Gorman's house on Kent Avenue. He was an old friend of O'Gorman's. He and the other two men accompanying him went to O'Gorman's and asked "Pat" to come out for a drink or to take them to a place where they could get a drink at that hour, 1:30 a.m. O'Gorman told them he was tired but would give them the beer he had in the house. They left with a dozen pints.

Gauthier stated that he did not pay for the beer. He had had beer in the house before but never took it out. He "understood" that O'Gorman was an agent for Walkerville brewery.

Edwards and Killen confirmed the testimony given by Gauthier. They both said that no money was given O'Gorman for the beer but that it was a gift.

Admitting that they found no beer when they raided later in the same morning, Police Sergeant Downey said that there was a card on the telephone in the house identifying O'Gorman as the Walkerville agent here.

"No beer was found after all," said Magistrate Atkinson, "and if you don't find beer you can't technically say a man is keeping it for sale. You have to find liquor on the premises. I dismiss the charge on these grounds but I would hate to let these fellows think that I believe their stories."

The Little Courtesies

"Now, Billy dear, what will you say at the party when you've had enough to eat?"

"Good-bye."—Picton Gazette.

Life a Living Hell and Death, Drug Addict Tells Court; Gets Two Years

Admits Attempting to Break and Enter Doctor's Office and Theft of Three Medical Kits, Valued at \$325, From Physicians' Cars. Asks Not to be Sent to Burwash as He Could Get Dope There. Goes to Kingston.

Labrecque Gives Self up to Police Charge Remanded

Faces Similar Charge to That on Which Armand Duval Sentenced to Three Years.

Alphonse Labrecque, whom police have been seeking in connection with the breaking and entering of Sole Brothers jewellery store and the theft therefrom of diamond and wedding rings, worth \$7,000, gave himself up to police here on Monday afternoon.

A property bail bond of \$5,000 was provided by Mrs. Mary Chenier and Labrecque was allowed to go. He appeared in police court on Tuesday afternoon and obtained an adjournment on the charge of breaking and entering and theft amounting to \$7,000, which he is facing. Also on Tuesday, the bail was renewed by Mrs. Chenier.

Police have been seeking Labrecque for more than a week. Armand Duval, who pleaded guilty to a charge similar to that against Labrecque in court last week, was sentenced to serve three years in jail for the crime. Donat Payette, who pleaded guilty to receiving the loot and hiding it was sent to jail for two years and Florino Sandrelli, who admitted that he received one of the stolen diamond rings and was implicated in the plan to dispose of the stolen jewellery, was ordered sent to jail for one year.

The Crown will allege at the Labrecque trial that the accused was the "brains" behind the crime. At the hearing of the trio last week Crown Attorney Caldwell admitted that he believed that Labrecque had nothing to do with the actual breaking and entering of the store.

Duval, Payette and Sandrelli are being held in jail here as material witnesses in the Labrecque case. They are expected to give evidence in the hearing of the charge.

Claude Pitre to Serve Term for Drunk Driving

Does Not Believe His Evidence, Magistrate Tells Accused Man. Must Pay Court Costs or Serve Additional Fifteen Days. Driver's License Cancelled for Six Months and Car Impounded. Admits Drinking After Accident.

Thirty days in Halleybury jail will be served by Claude Pitre, who was convicted of drunk driving by Magistrate Atkinson in police court on Tuesday afternoon. In addition Pitre will have to pay the court costs or serve an additional fifteen days. His permit to drive will be cancelled for six months and his car impounded for three.

Conviction followed a lengthy hearing at the conclusion of which the Magistrate told Pitre that he did not believe his evidence.

Redmond Daley, driver of the automobile struck by the truck which Pitre was operating when an accident occurred at the corner of Mountjoy Street and Wilson Avenue on Easter Sunday, told the court that he and his companions in the car first saw Pitre's truck when it came toward them at a high speed sideways. After the crash Pitre asked them not to report the accident to police. He did not, furthermore, stay at the scene of the accident.

Following the accident he saw Pitre and the man was drunk, the youthful witness, Daley, told the court.

Leslie Thibbet, who was with Daley in the car, also said that the accused man was drunk following the accident.

An independent witness who was on the sidewalk when the accident occurred, Peter Boychuck, said that he could tell that Pitre had been drinking. He described him as "pretty shaky."

He believed that the accused had been driving too fast inasmuch as the roads were very slippery that day.

After Pitre was brought to the police station he was examined by Dr. Alex Finlayson. The physician told the court that the man was "definitely under the influence of alcohol." He was inco-ordinate and could do none of the tests of alcoholism.

Constable Joseph Garlepy said that Pitre was drunk when police found him in his shop after the accident. The accused man told officers that he had not been driving—that it was his brother at the wheel.

Defence evidence was to the effect that Pitre was at home early in the afternoon. He went out to get some salt to assist in freezing ice cream they were making, and up until the time he left in his car he had not been drinking. The accident occurred when he was driving to get the salt. He returned home and did not tell his family or friends about the accident. After he returned he had a big drink of whiskey and a bottle of beer. Police came shortly after and when he got to the police station he was under the influence of alcohol.

J. Souci and Hector Dupras employees of Pitre who were visiting him that afternoon, said that the accused man had nothing to drink before he left the house. Later, after the accident, they

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all had a whiskey and beer chaser.

Brother of the accused, Adrien Pitre, gave similar evidence. He said that the car started to skid and they could not avoid striking the other automobile. His brother left the scene as it was only a short distance to his home from where the accident occurred. He said that the accused was "pretty well drunk" when he got to the police station but it was from the effects of the whiskey and beer he had consumed after the crash.

Another independent witness, Emile Rooney, who was nearby when the accident occurred, said that Pitre seemed sober when he spoke briefly to him after the crash.

Pitre's evidence was similar to that of the other defence witnesses. He said that he figured the accident was a minor one and that \$10 would cover the damage. He said that he did not remember telling police that it was his brother who had been driving but under severe cross-examination, admitted "Maybe I did."

"Pitre knew police were coming and as he did not want police to see him in that condition he did not stay at the scene," said the Magistrate. "I have no doubt that the man was intoxicated at the time of the accident and I don't believe his evidence."

Books and Radios for the Canadian Troops Overseas

Ottawa—Mention was made recently in Britain that Canadian soldiers overseas liked reading matter. Two days later 5,000 books had been donated. Another generous Britisher supplied 500 radios free of charge.

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