

Dr. Gordon Thomas Speaks To Lemonville Congregation

(Marion Wells)

The Lemonville church was honoured on Sunday evening to have as their guest Dr. Gordon Thomas, superintendent and chief surgeon of the Grenfell Mission with headquarters at St. Anthony, Newfoundland.

He spoke briefly on the beginning of this mission relating how Dr. Wilfred Grenfell, a brilliant medical doctor in London, England, was very much impressed one evening by a stirring sermon delivered by J. L. Moodie, Grenfell became keenly aware of the great need for a doctor among the Indians, Eskimos and fishermen and their families along the banks and inland of Newfoundland, and Labrador. He sailed from England in 1892 with a crew of five and a small cache, setting up his headquarters at St. Anthony. Thus the beginning of a great mission to alleviate the suffering of these forgotten people.

Dr. Thomas has been with the mission since 1947 and is presently spending some time at the Toronto General Hospital in the cardio-vascular ward, observing and studying the various techniques of heart surgery, hoping to return to St. Anthony in the very near future to set up a heart clinic on the mission.

Dr. Thomas showed a series of slides giving a commentary on his work. Much of their tra-

vel in the past has been done by cog sled and boat, but recently there has been a change to air planes. They have a "beaver" and an "otter" in operation at the present time making their contacts so much easier and faster.

The Mission headquarters is at St. Anthony, Nfld., where there is a hospital, school, dormitory, orphanage and farm operation. The community is nearly self-sufficient. At Cartwright, Labrador, and on Belle Island, there is also a hospital, school and dormitory; besides they operate 13 outposts staffed with registered nurses and several aids. There is a unique telephone-radio communication system connecting all posts.

The farm at St. Anthony employs five men. They milk 20 cows, have pigs and poultry. They must have all the hay shipped in, because the growing season is so short there is just enough hay for pasture and much of the land is not suitable for cultivation. There is a green house where many thousands of cabbage plants are started and then distributed to the natives for gardening. The chief vegetables grown are potatoes, carrots and cabbage. The summer season is short but very pleasant and warm, with long days, while it lasts.

The hospital and out post employs about 40 nurses and doc-

tors and several aids. Each year an eye specialist from New York volunteers a month of service to treat patients at the mission. Much of the serious eye trouble stems from chronic snow blindness among the Eskimos.

Great strides have been made to eradicate the greatest single disease threat, that of T.B. Ten years ago on a survey taken, 100 positive cases were reported. On the same type of survey last year only three cases were confirmed. Dr. Thomas spoke of several individual cases which have been treated and cured and are now leading a normal life. Infant death rate has been very high in the past, but great improvement has been made in this field also.

There are about 150 children living in the dormitories and attending school at the three points. The orphanage at St. Anthony takes care of the children of patients in the hospital, when a father or mother is confined by illness there is no place for the children except the orphanage.

Mrs. Thomas is in charge of the clothing store where many children who come to the mission with little more than a few rags, are completely fitted out.

The major work in this area during the summer is fishing, by boat and net and during the

County Council Makes Few Budget Changes

York County council, meeting last week, passed with only a few changes, the report of the Finance Committee. In the case of the Administration of Justice, a budget figure of \$95,000 was set which is about \$8,000 above last year's figure.

The Agricultural budget was reduced from \$8,150 to \$7,250. Part of this reduction was a result of council to increase fair grants by \$100 each.

The Children's Aid Society had asked council for \$83,825 but agreed to the figure of \$77,825. Members expressed the view that the Society was doing an excellent job but had too high a staff cost for the number of children.

An amount of \$27,500 was agreed for the Emergency Measures, but the salary of the Co-ordinator for \$7,000 was turned down and will remain the same at \$5,500.

The Health Unit will operate on a budget of \$124,285. The amount for Mental Health of \$16,180, was reduced by \$5,000.

Hospital Grant

The county will again place a one mill hospital levy on the 1962 tax bills. This will provide ready money to proceed with the county hospital program and will reduce the amount of the debenture.

The Road Commission budget was trimmed from \$644,500, to \$544,500 which will make a reduction in the amount of work to be undertaken this year.

The salary of the county clerk treasurer was increased to \$7,500 and that of County Assessor Ed. Jones to \$6,500.

Mrs. Caroline Ion, Newmarket deputy-revee, chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the report.

winter (when possible) with rod, no bait, just a lead weight in constant motion, but the cod is so plentiful, this method is successful and on a good day several barrels can be filled. The cod is dried in the sun and salted, most of them are exported to the West Indies. In mid-winter the men spend most of the time gathering wood to keep a fire going.

How is the mission financed? Dr. Thomas spoke of various ways, three in particular; first, many individuals and church groups of all denominations share in money and material projects; secondly, some of the patients can pay a little toward their care and the mission caters to the needs of the forces stationed in the area. Thirdly, the government lends substantial support. The cost per year of this Grenfell mission and out-reach operation — 1 million dollars.

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To help make more hospital beds available...

the Commission now will provide Ontario Hospital Insurance benefits to an insured person who receives hospital care, as an out-patient, for which he or she, otherwise, would require admission as an in-patient to stay in hospital overnight.

IMPORTANT

These benefits will be provided only if the hospital has the required facilities and after these facilities have been authorized for such out-patient use by the local hospital board on the advice of its medical staff.

Here are the details:

- Benefits will cover only the hospital charges for medical and surgical treatment procedures which, otherwise, would require the patient to be admitted to hospital. Examples of these procedures are certain minor operations, electro-shock treatments, blood transfusions, etc.
- It is up to the patient's doctor to decide whether the treatment will be given on an in-patient or out-patient basis.
- Visits to established regular clinics in hospital out-patient departments are NOT covered.

Extension of EMERGENCY Out-Patient Benefits

Effective March 1, 1962, when an insured person has received emergency hospital treatment for a fracture within 24 hours of an accident, Ontario Hospital Insurance also will cover subsequent out-patient services for check X-rays and the change or removal of cast, until treatment of the fracture is completed.

Hospital treatment for emergency conditions other than fractures will NOT be covered beyond the first visit to hospital within 24 hours of an accident.

POINTS TO REMEMBER

1. Ontario Hospital Insurance in-patient benefits cover the regular and usual hospital services (use of operating room, X-rays, drugs, laboratory services, etc.) in standard ward accommodation for as many days as such services are medically necessary.
2. Dependent children cease to be covered under the parents' certificate when they reach age 19, or marry. They must then register separately at the applicable Single or Family premium. Application forms are available at all hospitals, most banks, and all Commission offices.
3. Married persons must pay the Family premium.
4. There is no change in Ontario Hospital Insurance premiums: they remain at \$2.10 a month for a single person and \$4.20 a month for a family. More than 6,000,000 Ontario residents (over 95% of the people) are now insured in the plan.

Ontario Hospital Insurance does NOT cover...

- any hospital charges for semi-private or private accommodation.
- any diagnostic services which are not part of insured treatment procedures or which do not, by themselves, normally require admission as an in-patient.
- any medical, surgical, or private-duty nursing fees, take-home drugs, home care, or ambulance and other transportation charges.

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