

# NORFOLK NEWS

## DRILLING FOR GAS AT LONG POINT

Company Also Expects to Strike Oil—Simconians Visit Scene

## OTHER NORFOLK NEWS

### G. W. V. A. at Dover—Wedding Bells Ring at the Port

Simcoe, Aug. 13.—(From Our Own Correspondent). Through the courtesy of Manager Stringer of the Dominion Natural Gas Company's interests in this section of the field, The Courier man was one of a party of fourteen who paid a visit to the company's scene of activity at Long Point yesterday. The 21-mile run began at 9.30 and at 12 o'clock the motor launch dropped anchor at the Point. Refreshments were passed before the party landed. The derrick for the first well is right out on the eastern apex of the peninsula, and from a distance looks like a third lighthouse. It is 20 feet square at the base and 85 feet high. About a mile farther east and well out towards the south shore is a second derrick, a steel one, which is not visible at so great a distance.

**Will Be a Deep Well.**  
The fourteen-inch casing has been driven to the rock at well No. 1. The depth is 430 feet. The dip of the strata will be evident from the following depths to rock elsewhere: At Port Rowan, 215 feet; at St. Williams, 213 feet; at Dover, 20 feet. Operations here are at a standstill awaiting the arrival of large drill pipes to drive the fourteen-inch well. Mr. Stringer intends to go through to the granite, which he estimates will require a drilling of 3,500 feet, and he recited the layers to be passed through and their thickness—from 20 to 700 feet, and about a dozen in number.

**Midway between the two wells a building has been fitted up for the men, and it is hoped that by November the both of these will be almost completed.**

**May Open Big Industry.**  
The company considers it within the realm of possibility, that a good flow of oil may be struck, and if oil, of course, gas, and gas, of course, expected in any event. Should the Point prove rich in oil, a refinery will have to be built on the site. It will have to be taken by boat to some refinery.

**The long-talked-of boring for oil on Long Point has merged into realization.** Progress will be followed with interest. Among the party, besides members of the company's employ here, at the Point or at Dover, were W. H. Kenney of Paris, Carl Knopman of Delhi, D. G. McKnight of Simcoe.

The party visited the life-saving station, and climbed the new fire house to have the operation of the revolving light demonstrated. Superintendent Cook very courteously demonstrated how the record of velocity and direction of the wind is recorded on an instrument in his house, by electricity, through a cable from a vane tower some distance from the dwelling. The vane is motioned at rest, and has recorded 70 miles velocity.

With a couple of hours to spare several members of the party demonstrated their angling ability. "Nuff sed."

**It was our first visit to this attractive lonesome scene of former greater activity, which gives promise at present of greater development.** At present the company uses their own launch, the "Henry L.", to keep up communication. Equipment, such as steam boilers, cables, coal, provisions, and all necessities are taken out on scows from Dover, but there is no dock or pier or even a timberhead at the point. There may soon be something doing.

**Great War Veterans at Dover.**  
There was but a small home guard in town yesterday. Between the L. E. & N., and a liberal turnout of automobiles and trucks, the civic holiday crowd was conveyed to the lake front and spent an enjoyable day. The lake was quietest, and the water warm. The band assembled for the occasion, and a well-ordered program of sports, full baskets, singing stunts and games occupied the festive afternoon. Perhaps the jolliest units of the outing were the auto truck loads of children.

**There was a liberal turnout of autos at the armories at 1 o'clock, and some excessively loaded cars pulled one, Wm. Innes had Turnkey McIndy look over the springs of his big Hup, to note if the load were evenly distributed. Art Richards took an ordinary road for a big five passenger car on a Ford runabout. C. E. Innes perhaps led with a very handsome cheque towards incidental expenses, and his car too was in the going. Alberman Jackson, Magistrate's clerk, and many, many others were there, and yet there were not enough autos.**

**The Right Type of Town Boy.**  
Some two months ago, one of the Courier delivery boys intimated that he wished to go farming, and asked that a boy be put on to learn the route. He had given good service and wished to make a clear break away. On Saturday evening he came along with the query, "could you cash a cheque for \$25?" He was accommodated, and promptly endorsed the cheque and wrote his name in the proper place. On enquiry we learned that the cheque represented only a portion of his earnings. This is the type of public school boy that is on the way to successful manhood.

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**Odd Ends of News**  
The package freight wooden steamer, which has done long service on the Upper Lakes, is lying at the dock at Pt. Dover getting a coat of paint. It is rumored that the old tub is to be entirely overhauled and fitted up with suitable compartments to be used on the bay as supplement to the port's cottage accommodation.

**The L. E. & N. should provide some sports on the depot platform at Dover or adjacent thereto, or make an effort to run the service on schedule time.** An hour's wait at each end of a half day outing cuts the time for recreation considerably. A service that can be so regularly an hour off schedule should be able to get on schedule. This is the view the patronage takes.

**These stops on the L. E. & N. are pleasant places to sit or nights waiting for a car off schedule.** A Toronto lady visiting near Steekney's sat there half an hour, and then saw one train pass through without stopping. Later another was pulled up and brought her to Simcoe.

**The Other Edge of the Sword.**  
At last Saturday's board meeting of the Norfolk County Mutual Fire Insurance Co. it was decided to levy an extra assessment to meet the year's losses. Havoc by lightning, augmented by mysterious losses from fire, have made this course imperative. The company had, through a recent readjustment of rates and the cancellation of undesirable risks, been gradually wiping out a deficit which had accumulated, but the turn of events this year has necessitated an extra levy. The first assessment, in seventeen years, is about the same in its working out as those of the ordinary tariff companies.

**Wedding Bells at Dover.**  
Port Dover, Aug. 13.—(From Our Own Correspondent).—Flight Cadet Brant Bloodworth, son of Rev. and Mrs. Bloodworth of Port Dover, and Miss Elva James, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. James, of this village, were joined in matrimony here yesterday by the groom's father.

**The young man will return to his training and we understand that Mrs. Bloodworth will carry on in the employ of the Dominion Natural Gas Company, with whom the young woman was a most efficient office clerk here for some years before going to Simcoe, when the office work was centralized. Mrs. Bloodworth has been for a long time organist of the Anglican Church choir here for years and her services have been most capable and satisfactory. Mr. Bloodworth was on the staff of the Simcoe branch of the Bank of Hamilton when he volunteered for the air service.**

### GRAND CIRCUIT MEET.

**Philadelphia, Aug. 13.**—Two early closing stakes featured the second day's card of the Grand Circuit meeting at Belmont track to-day. The Naubek Farm of \$2,000 had six starters, including Chestnut Pacer, Holyrod Bob, the Divorcee and other star colts, and New Birmingham Hotel Stake of \$2,000 for 2.14 pacers, had eight starters. The Directors Stake for 2.20 trotters, open to local horses only, had eight starters and there were nine carded to go in the 2.12 trot. The last two events were for \$1,000. The heavy rain of last night improved the track conditions and another day of fast miles was expected.

### DESTROYER SUNK.

**London, Aug. 13.**—A British torpedo boat destroyer was sunk by an enemy submarine in the Mediterranean on August 6. Seven of the destroyers complement were lost. The Admiralty made this announcement to-day.

### BARN AND GRAIN BURNED.

**St. Catharines, Aug. 12.**—During the severe electrical storm Sunday evening the barn of Robert Holed on Vine Street was struck by lightning and together with most of its contents was quickly destroyed. A large quantity of hay, oats and other material was burned. The loss will be about \$2,500, with insurance of \$1,000.

**Rev. T. A. Symington, Orillia,** has been called to the Knox Presbyterian church, South London, at a salary of \$2,000.

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Bill the Bolshevik: "Strike? Certainly, Wot else can yer do so long as yer ave a government as wants to run the country?"—Sydney Bulletin.

## RECRUITS WANTED TO GO TO RUSSIA

### Company of 250 to be Raised For The Siberian Corps

The fighting men of Ontario who are interested in the trials of Russia, are to have an opportunity of declaring their sympathy in a practical manner, as instructions were received at military headquarters yesterday from the Department of Militia and Defence, that a company of 250 men is to be recruited from the military district to join the Canadian expedition to Siberia, which expedition, it has been announced, from Ottawa, is to consist of 4,000 troops. As there are twelve military districts in the Dominion, a start will be made by calling upon each district to recruit one company of the above number, which it is anticipated will be reinforced later by other companies if they are found to be necessary.

In raising this Siberian expedition care is to be taken to pick only volunteers and the recruiting opens immediately. The local company will be officered by one major, one captain and four lieutenants, who are yet to be selected. As the raising of this company will be purely on the volunteer basis, the men and men, provided they have the necessary physical qualifications, which means that they must be in the category of "A" or "B" is not anticipated that there will be enough veterans of this physical standing who are anxious to fight again, re-enlisting in the army open to all men outside Class One. As Class One comprises the single men and the widowers without children between the ages of 20 and 24 inclusive, this means that the youths of 18 to 20, all married men, and the single men above 24 will have an opportunity to fight the battles of Russia. Though the instructions which came yesterday from Ottawa implied that the enlistments would be confined chiefly to returned men and those not now liable under the Military Service Act, it was also implied that provisions would be made later for drafted men to transfer to this unit if they wished, but the details of transfer are yet to be received from Ottawa. Those who join will be used as infantry, as they will be known as the Siberian corps.

### Warning to Missing Men

The local military authorities have been asked by the Ottawa officials to impress upon all deserters, defaulters and absentees under the Military Service Act that the amnesty announced in a recent proclamation to all men who have three classes will expire on Aug. 24, and that all who wish to avail themselves of the privileges offered by this amnesty should do so as soon as possible in doing so. In this connection a warning is thrown out that all deserters, absentees and defaulters who do not give themselves up to the authorities prior to Aug. 24 will be dealt with in a most severe manner. Those who are subsequently caught will be tried by court-martial, and the hint is thrown out that they will receive punishment somewhat similar to the extremely drastic terms which were imposed upon conscientious objectors, who, it will be noted, are now being sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary. Deserters, absentees, and defaulters have been dealt with leniently in the past, as unless the case was a marked one, they have been escaping with anything from one to six months, but Aug. 24, it should be marked the close of the period of leniency.

### Granted Many Privileges

To those who give themselves up before that date, the promise is held out that they will be treated in exactly the same manner as the drafted men who registered or reported in the regular manner. That is, they will be given all the regular privileges of exemption hearings before the courts; they will be re-enlisted and if they can prove any just cause why they should not be drafted on physical or any other grounds they will be exempted from service in the same manner as other men in class One. The assurance is also given that there will be no punishment for those who report and that their earlier offences will be overlooked entirely, but this assurance, however, does not apply to any man who may be caught by the police in the meantime. Some men have already taken advantage of the opening afforded them in this manner, and have given themselves up. Much attention, it is indicated, will be paid to the man's physical condition, as immediately after giving

## OBITUARY

The death occurred at the hospital this morning of Ethel, beloved wife of Mr. William Cressner. She was 43 years of age and succumbed to internal hemorrhage. Mrs. Cressner was a native of New Zealand and came to Canada in 1891, locating in Brantford a year later. She was married to Mr. Cressner in 1894 and in addition to the sorrowing husband leaves five children to mourn her great loss. Mrs. Cressner survives: William in France; Edwin, Toronto; Gertrude and Aubrey at home. She was a member of St. Paul's Church, a true wife and mother and the possessor of qualities which endeared her to all.

## PERSONAL

Lieut. Reg. Houlding of the R.A.F. is now somewhere in France.

Misses Alice Farmer and Eleanor Bezan of Ancaster, and Florence Chapin of Vancouver were weekend visitors of Mrs. J. A. Houlding, 121 Park Ave.

**U. S. POSITIONS BOMBED.**  
By Courier Leased Wire.  
With the American Army in France, Aug. 11 (By the Associated Press).—German airplanes dropped bombs on the American positions on the Wrevoire last night without inflicting damage.

The enemy has sent over balloons carrying propaganda for both American and French troops.

**TENNIS TOURNAMENT.**  
By Courier Leased Wire.  
Boston, Mass., Aug. 13.—Four matches in the first round of the national doubles tennis championship tournament at the Longwood Cricket Club, postponed from yesterday, were on the card to-day in addition to the regular program. Frederick B. Alexander paired with Beals C. Wright, opposed H. Bretz and Avery in a feature match.

Seventeen car loads of wool valued at more than two hundred and forty thousand dollars, was handled this year by co-operative branches of the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture.

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## MOMENTARY

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The retirement of the main force with the supplies and big guns.

The German artillery, which has been maintaining only a harassing fire up to yesterday is now laying down barrages which alone are sufficient to slow up the French advances.

In spite of the intensified shelling the French to-day made gains in local operations, occupying favorable positions north of Roye-sur-Matz and Cheminot.

**AERIAL SERVICE ACTIVE.**  
With the French army in France, Aug. 13 (By the Associated Press).  
During the battles of the past few days the aerial service, particularly playing a most important role. The bombing planes have virtually replaced the heavy artillery which Allies were not able to bring up fast enough to keep pace with their advance. The work of these airplanes is so organized that they immediately attack groups of infantry, convoys, and supply trains when they receive signals from reconnoitering planes. In this their work is very similar to that of the heavy artillery in its co-ordination with the aerial service.

Katie Smith, 16, was drowned in the Matfield river near Harrison. She had gone to the river alone to bathe. Frank Harrison, working some distance away, heard a scream and ran to the river, but when he recovered the body life was extinct.

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