east of Soissons, and on the heights in the region of Ciry-Salsogne and Vasseny, dominating the Vesle Valley.

"The principal effort was directed towards rolling back the centre on the line of the Vesle, which the Germans s[illegible] in crossing at several points, notably in the region of Bazouches and [illegible]nes.

"On our right the British withstood the assaults against the massif of St. Thierry, inflicting particularly heavy losses.

"West of Montdidier the Americans, supported by our tanks, brilliantly occupied a salient along a front of two kilometres and the strongly-fortified village of Cantigny, capturing 170 prisoners and war material. They repulsed counter-attacks."

French and British Forced Back

With the French Army in France, May 28.—At least twenty-five German divisions today joined in the attack and forced further back the few French and British divisions holding the line.

Tanks, machine guns and poison gas shells were the principal factors in the successful advance, aside from the numerically superior forces of the Germans.

Notwithstanding the smallness of the allied armies they did their utmost to stay the immense push of the enemy troops, ten times their number. The German advance, which was one of the most rapid since the beginning of the war, could not be held, however, as wave after wave in dense lines came forward.

The western allied flank has maintained its positions well and reserves are hurrying toward the danger point of the greatest advance.

The retreat of the French and British was made in orderly fashion, the troops destroying their material as they left or taking it along with them. The army staff still retains the fullest confidence in the outcome of the battle.

German Invaders Being Dealt With

With the British Army in France, May 28.—Fighting was still continuing this afternoon east of Dickebusch Lake, where the British and French early today counter-attacked to evict the Germans from some positions which the latter captured yesterday. But the allied line had been virtually restored at all points. In a few places small bodies of enemy infantry were still clinging desperately to bits of ground they had won by the hard and costly struggle and these invaders were being dealt with.

About one hundred prisoners, with a considerable number of machine guns, had been added to the total already secured by the French.

Smashing French counter-attack re-established the situation in the centre almost immediately, while in the lake section the poilus also regained the major portion of the ground lost.

Bitter fighting occurred about the famous Ridge Wood and two other woods lying east of the lake. Both of the latter were captured by the Germans in the earlier hours of the battle, but were regained later in the day.

The German Official Report.

Berlin, via London, May 28.—The official report from headquarters says that up to the present 15,000 prisoners have been taken.

"The attack of the German crown prince south of Laon," says the official report, "completely defeated the French and English divisions stationed there.

"Early this morning Pinon, Chavignon, Fort Malmaison, Courtecon, Cerny, Winterberg, Craonne, Villerberg and fortified works near Berry-au-Bac were taken by storm.

"In the afternoon Vailly was taken. Between Vailly and Beaurieux we reached the heights due north of the Vesle.

"The enemy was thrown out of strong positions between Sapigneul and Brimont and back across the Aisne-Marne Canal. Cormicy, Cauroy and Loivre were taken by storm.

"We are now fighting for the Vesle sector, between Soissons and west of Rheims, and have captured the southern bank on both sides of Fismes.

"Our attack across the Aisne is being continued, and yesterday's successes have been further extended.

"On the Kemmel and Lys battlefields and on both sides of the Somme and the Ayre the artillery duels increased in intensity yesterday morning. Between Voormezeele and Locre we penetrated the French lines and brought back more than 300 prisoners.

"The attack of the German crown prince to the south of Laon led to complete success. We completely defeated the French and English divisions stationed there.

"The army of General von Boehm took the Chemin des Dames by storm. The long ridge, against which the great attempt of the French to break thru collapsed in the spring of 1917, and which we evacuated in the autumn of last year for strategic purposes, is again in our hands.

"After tremendous artillery preparation our infantry at daybreak found their way across the Ailette River between Vauxaillon and Craonne and penetrated the English lines further east between Corbeny and the Aisne. Completely taken by surprise, the occupants of the first enemy lines generally offered only slight resistance.

Taken By Storm.

"In the early hours of the morning Pinon, Chavignon, Fort Malmaison, Courtecon, Cerny, the Winterberg and Craonne, the Villerberg and fortified works near and to the north of Berry-au-Bac were taken by storm.

"Towards afternoon we reached the Aisne between Vailly and Berry-au-Bac. Vailly was taken. The crater field of last year's spring and autumn fighting was thus captured in uninterrupted attacking pressure.

"In the afternoon the attack continued. Between Vauxaillon and Vailly we are on the heights near Neuville and Laffaux and north of Conde.

"Between Berry-au-Bac and Brimont we crossed the Aisne and carried the battle into an area which had remained untouched by the war since 1914. The enemy was again driven from the fortified wooded heights on the southern bank of the river. Between Vailly and Beaurieux we reached the heights due north of the Vesle River.

"The army of Gen. von Below threw the enemy out of strong positions between Sapigneul and Brimont back across the Aisne-Marne Canal and the western bank of the canal, and took by storm Cormicy, Cauroy and Loivre.

"Up to the present 15,000 prisoners are reported.

"Between the Meuse and the Moselle, on the Lorraine front, the fighting activity revived. Advances into the enemy lines resulted in the bringing in of more than 150 prisoners belonging to French and American regiments."

Two Bad Enemy Failures

With the British Army in France, May 28.—With the defeat by the Americans near Montdidier and by the French and British east of Dickebusch Lake, the Germans again have recorded a bad failure in these regions for their arms. Not only this, but a long list of dead and wounded must be added to their already heavy casualties.

The main interest of the fighting men on this front naturally is centred for the moment on the German drive against the British and French in the Aisne region. Those British divisions mentioned in today's official communication as being in the line of attack—the Eighth, Fiftieth, Twenty-fifth and Twenty-first—have back of them as fine a record for bravery as any in the army. The Twenty-fifth, Twenty-first and Fiftieth all did work that stood out in the fighting in Flanders in April, and were sent to the Lys front, where they held up the enemy by dogged resistance at Estaires and Merville. The enemy advance was checked by the fine work of this unit. The Eighth showed exceptional gallantry in the first day's attack in the region of the Somme and went thru some of the hardest fighting at that time.

During the latter part of March, after the great offensive began, the Twenty-first division maintained its position at Epehy against numerous furious assaults, and withdrew only when the situation on its flank became threatening. The intrepid men of this division inflicted great losses on the enemy at that time.

The Twenty-fifth division was sent into battle in the neighborhood of the Bapaume-Cambrai road during these first bitter days and hung on in the face of constant attack. The Fiftieth division had a week of continuous fighting south of the Somme as the Germans swept forward. Thus they have jumped from one big battle into another fierce conflict.

DRAFT ACT TO SECURE REQUIRED NUMBER OF MEN

Sixty-seven thousand eight hundred is the total of Canadians who up to date have been enrolled for military service by reason of the Military Service Act. This figure is the official Dominion Government calculation. Its announcement means that the bulk of the one hundred thousand men called for under the provisions of the draft act are now in uniform. It also goes to prove that the prediction that all of the 100,000 men required under the act would be obtained from the men in class one, is to be fulfilled. The last official announcement of men enrolled under the Military Service Act placed the figure at about 38,000.

YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

West Toronto

Y.W.C.A. MEMBERS GIVE EXHIBITION

A large audience attended the physical culture exhibition in the Young Women's Christian Association Hall, Dundas street, last night, by members of the organization. Everything went off well, from the graceful minuet and the difficult wand drill to "sleepy time," by little tots of from four to six years, in their nighties. Military drill was done with precision, and the "dance of the clowns" was so enthusiastically received that it had to be repeated. The massed Swedish exercises and massed "flag drill," given by all the classes of West Toronto girls, testified to the ability of Miss Helena Wighton, who has charge of the branch. The flag drill was arranged by Elizabeth Henry, physical director at McGill Street Y.W.C.A.

A change of costume for every member, many of them very attractive, as in the minuet and the "dance of the clowns," gave variety. Altogether, 21 numbers were given, all of which reflected much credit upon the instructors.

Major R. MacNamara presided, and spoke briefly in appreciation of the work being done by the association.

Roses were presented to Miss Helena Wighton, supervisor; Irene Cohoe and Jean Hall, accompanists, and Irene Gilbert, who has been interested in the club suppers.

RETURNS FROM FRONT.

Lieut. Shill, organizer of the West Toronto Corps of Life-Saving Scouts of the Salvation Army, now home on furlough from the front, gave an account of some of his experiences at the front, last night at the Salvation Army barracks. The girl guides gave a first-aid demonstration and the Scouts' bugle band provided the music. The collection was in the interests of the latter.

VETERANS HOLD DANCE.

The Great War Veterans' Association held a successful dance at St. Julien Hall last evening.

Scarboro

LIGHTNING STRIKES HOUSE.

Parents and Four Children Are Unhurt, The House Is Damaged.

During the electrical storm of Sunday night, the house of Thomas Carson, postmaster, of Port Union, was struck. The bolt damaged the chimney, passed thru a bedroom, tearing the paper off the wall and making quite a hole in the cellar. Altho Mr. Carson, his wife and four children were in the house, none of them were hurt, but the children were so frightened they hid themselves and did not answer when called by their mother, who at first thought they had been killed.

SCORE'S EXTRA VALUES IN IRISH BLUE SERGES AT $38 THE SUITING.

It seems very natural that when men are showing such a keen and practical appreciation of these special lines of guaranteed indigo dyed Irish blue serges that we should keep on talking about them. The line of regular $45 serge suitings selling at $38, and tailored with all that personal expression in the designing and individuality in fashioning of which Score's tailoring is a guarantee, is certainly one object lesson in superior values as values are going today in high-class woolens. R. Score & Son, Limited, tailors and haberdashers, 77 King street west.

North Toronto

DAVISVILLE DISTRICT INCREASING ACREAGE

Production bids fair for a good showing in the Davisville district this summer, three acres having been secured on Yonge street, near the Davisville Methodist Church, and operations are now in full swing, planting having been just about all finished. The Davisville School Production Club is a union of both pupils and parents in the district, and is under the supervision of A. W. Urmy, principal of Davisville School.

Every applicant pupil is given a plot 15 feet by 27½ feet for his or her own cultivation, and prizes will be given during the season—one for the best-cultivated plot, judged when the season's growth is at its best, and again when the harvest is gathered.

Charles Warnham of the Toronto Horticultural Society has generously donated aster seeds sufficient for a border for each plot to anyone wishing to take advantage of the offer. The children are greatly enthused and are taking to the work with the greatest energy and zeal, one lad having planted all his lot with potatoes, while others are subdividing into four plots.

In addition to the children's plots, there are sections 29 by 100 feet for the adults not wishing to go into community sections. The latter will be conducted on a strictly business basis, a time record being kept of each individual's work, and in the fall a fair division of the crop will be made on the basis of the time spent.

Beaches

BEACH PROPERTIES ARE ALL OCCUPIED

A trip along the lake front from Woodbine avenue to Victoria Park discloses the fact that nearly all the people who make their summer homes along the beach are already installed there. Out of exactly 100 houses facing the lake between these two points, there are only eight that are not occupied, and six of these have men working on them putting things in shape for their owners. There are no houses to let along the beach, and at only six places are there cards having rooms to let, tho there are many places on the streets running north to Queen street showing rooms to let.

The state of the walk east of Leuty avenue shows the need of protective measures to save what remains of it from destruction, as the concrete walk opposite Kew Gardens is completely undermined and is now slanting at an angle of 45 degrees, without any guard to keep people from falling into the lake, while the sidewalk from Kenilworth avenue to Kew Gardens is buried under from six to eight inches of sand.

Picnic parties along the beach are now a daily affair. Three were observed yesterday.

Danforth

DANFORTH PEOPLE ASK DIRECT ROUTE

They Oppose Use of Howard Street to Carry Viaduct Traffic.

Here are some interesting opinions from residents in the neighborhood regarding Commissioner Harris' recommendation that the west end entrance to the Bloor street viaduct from Sherbourne street over to Parliament should be opened up for both street car and wheel traffic, a proposal that was recently turned down by the works committee:

"We should support the works commissioner in his recommendation that the west entrance to the Bloor street viaduct from Sherbourne street over to Parliament street be opened up," said J. B. Harris of W. Harris & Co., 904 Danforth avenue. "Howard street is too narrow for all traffic, but any portion would be free to go in that direction if it desired. We should have the viaduct opened up properly as soon as possible." Mr. Harris added that they were now working steadily on the job and in all likelihood would hasten the work to completion.

"Everybody in the Riverdale district feels very strongly in the matter of the delay in opening up the Bloor street viaduct for traffic," said Rev. J. R. Patterson, pastor Simpson Avenue Methodist Church. "The congestion at the corner of Broadview and Danforth is now almost a menace," he said, and added that the expense should not be considered in opening up the route in a proper manner. "The work will last for all time and the route should be from Sherbourne street over the new roadway to Parliament street and should accommodate wheel, street car and passenger traffic."

"The viaduct as it stands at present is of no value to anyone and is tying up a tremendous amount of the people's money," said Rev. R. J. D. Simpson, pastor Danforth Avenue Methodist Church. "The viaduct should be opened up from Sherbourne street over to Parliament street in the manner recommended by the works commissioner, for all kinds of traffic. I often attend funerals to Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, and the journey along Gerrard street is inconvenient and dangerous, owing to the congestion of traffic. The delay in finishing the viaduct is inexplicable and the ways of the civic authorities are past finding out." He pointed out the great inconvenience to the people living on the Danforth side of the river.

Howard Street Unsuitable.

F. C. Armstrong, president East York Poultry Association, Danforth avenue, feels strongly in the matter of the delay in opening the viaduct for traffic. "Let the Bloor street viaduct be opened night away with a macadam road over the fill-in, which is now ready for all traffic from Sherbourne street over to Parliament street. The Howard street route is not suitable for heavy traffic and there is no sense in hesitating now and discussing routes when the only logical route is the one recommended by Works Commissioner Harris, namely, from Sherbourne street to Parliament."

"Every man, woman and child in the section would sign a petition if necessary for the immediate opening of the Bloor street viaduct," said Dr. J. M. Macdonald, 687 Pape avenue. "The recommendation of Mr. Harris that the Sherbourne-street-to-Parliament-street route be opened up for full traffic has my approval, and too much has been already spent of the people's money for further hesitation and delay."

Dr. J. Lloyd Burns, Broadview avenue, said: "The viaduct should be opened by all means, and if the fill-in on the Rosedale side is fit to carry traffic it is fit to lay rails on, but if the construction of the route between Sherbourne and Parliament is going to cost many thousands of dollars to make it fit for heavy traffic, it would be advisable to use the Howard street route."

Want Permanent Road.

Albert Hanna, vice-president Danforth Ratepayers' Association, emphatically stated that the Howard street route for wheel traffic is of no great use, being too narrow and circuitous. "The fill-in is now quite solid and good, and a permanent road should be laid at once," said Mr. Hanna, who was of the opinion that it would be better to pay the money now than later on after the war. "We want the viaduct opened, and opened without delay," he added.

A. G. Hill, real estate broker, Danforth and Carlaw avenues, said: "I am voicing the opinion of many hundreds of residents in this district when I state that we are disgusted at the delay in the completion of the Bloor street viaduct. Village politics should not enter into a matter of city-wide importance, and the opening of the undertaking, according to the works commissioner's recommendation, namely, that the Sherbourne-street-over-to-Parliament-street route be opened up for full traffic, wheel, street car and passenger, should be immediately carried out. A delegation of residents to the city hall would, no doubt, help considerably in the city council taking the same view of the matter as the works commissioner, and a considerable number of the ratepayers of Ward One, who are with Mr. Harris in his recommendation."

Dr. C. R. Sneath, president of the Riverdale Business Men's Association, is inclined to take the same view as the works committee, "If the temporary structure to carry traffic over Glen road, as recommended by the works commissioner, is to cost about $10,000, I am against that proposal."

LAVATORIES WANTED IN DANFORTH DISTRICT

"The underground lavatory question is one which cannot be longer ignored in the Danforth-Riverdale section," said Rev. W. M. Kannawin, minister of North Broadview Presbyterian Church, Broadview avenue, yesterday, "and now that the Danforth-Broadview corner is fast becoming the King and Yonge street corner of the east end, the matter should receive serious and prompt consideration from the city health authorities," said Mr. Kannawin, who added that the work of construction would now be much less owing to the laying of water mains and drains in connection with the Bloor street viaduct. A site close to the bridge could be selected while the work on the viaduct is in progress.

Albert Hanna, a member of the Danforth Ratepayers' Association, who has consistently advocated the establishment of public lavatories in the section, declares that these conveniences should be placed at the corner of Danforth and Broadview, Greenwood and Danforth, and the east terminal of the civic cars on Danforth avenue.

RIVERDALE VETERANS HOLD MASQUERADE

Under the auspices of the Riverdale branch G.W.V.A., a grand masquerade ball was held in Playter's Hall, Danforth avenue, last evening. A large number of members and their friends were present and the costumes worn by the masqueraders were of many different characters, patriotic costumes being predominant. Several handsome prizes were awarded for the best patriotic, original and comic costumes. The prizes consisted of shaving sets, cigaret cases and pipes for the men and silver and cut glass for the women. Refreshments were served by the ladies' auxiliary, G.W.V.A., and Master Fred Cole's orchestra provided the dance music. The chief feature of the proceedings was the grand march and unmask, which was very effective.

Comrade Sergt. W. Harding was chairman of the entertainment committee.

The funds will be devoted to the funds of the branch.

LATE J. BRYSON BURIED.

The funeral of the late James Bryson, aged 65, of Lindsay, took place yesterday at Lindsay Cemetery. Mr. Bryson was a retired business man, and was the brother-in-law of Mrs. G. H. Copeland, wife of Rev. G. H. Copeland, pastor of Donlands Methodist Church, Donlands avenue. Rev. G. H. Copeland and Mrs. Copeland were among those present at the funeral.

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Brampton

BRAMPTON ORATOR MAKES GOOD RECORD

Five years ago Archie McGahey left Brampton to take a theological course in Woodstock College with the idea of becoming a missionary. He has made good progress in carrying out his ideals, and has gathered several honors on the way. McGahey is an Irishman and has the ability and brilliance of his race. In the recent competition in oratory he was successful in winning the James Byrne medal for fourth year men. His address, for which he took as his subject, "Lloyd George," was marked by fluency and rhetorical beauty, and drew forth highly commendatory remarks from the critics and judges.

BRAMPTON WATER GOOD.

Last week Brampton had its usual scare about the water. Everyone was afraid to drink the town water without some sort of disinfectant, and the dealers in soft drinks did a good business. The scare came along about the time the weather was hottest. But the danger has passed once more, and the citizens are quenching their thirst at the tap as of yore.

AUTOMOBILE AND LOAD OF BOOTS ARE BURNED

There was an alarm of fire in Brampton Monday night, about seven o'clock, when the garage belonging to Jack Birss began to burn. In it were stored two cars, one belonging to Mrs. Field and the other to Birss. The firemen were soon on the ground and rescued Mrs. Field's car, but were not in time to save the one belonging to Mr. Birss. The latter was a new car, and was filled with samples of boots to the value of $300; all of which were, unfortunately, destroyed. There was no insurance on either car or building. There is a theory as to an overheated engine causing the fire.

BRAMPTON FARMERS STICK TO OLD TIME

There is some little trouble in the vicinity of Brampton on account of the farmers as a rule not having taken to keeping the new time. Last Saturday night, when the farmers had arrived at the end of a long and busy day by the old time, they started for town. When the town began to look very busy, and motors were parked the length of the main street, the clerks, who were ready to lock up and go home, by the new time, had to remain another hour. One dealer remarked that it was the biggest evening's business he had ever done, outside of fair time or the Christmas season.

Brampton is getting a big outside trade, and it is a common thing to see people who have motored twelve or fifteen miles to do their weekly trading in the town. The merchants are glad to have the farmers come to town to do their shopping, whether they come at 9, old time or new.

HEN DOING HER BIT.

Brampton has a record-breaking hen belonging to the county clerk, David Kirkwood, which has hatched and brooded a flock of chickens and laid nine eggs within a space of three weeks.

GUARDING AGAINST SHORTAGE.

There is to be a falling-off in production in the rose houses of Brampton this fall, as the management is not taking a chance on the shortage of coal. If there was the same scarcity of coal that there was last winter it would mean an inestimable loss.

ATTENDS TWO CONVENTIONS.

Major Sharpe of Brampton is in Hamilton this week attending the convention of the medical health officers of the province. The major, as president of the G.W.V.A., was in Hamilton earlier in the week in his official capacity, taking part in the deliberations of that body.

OLD RESIDENT DIES.

An old resident of Peel County died Monday night at Brampton in the person of Miss Louisa Robson, sister of Clarke Robson of Campbell's Cross. Miss Robson, who was about 70 years of age, had been in poor health. She is survived by three sisters (Mrs. Jewett, Mrs. Kitto and Miss Lavina Robson) and five brothers (Messrs. George, William, Clarke, James and Alex. Robson).

PRISONERS TRANSFERRED.

London, May 28.—The following Canadian prisoners have been transferred: Lieuts. M. W. Morse, previously at Soltau, now at Karlsruhe; G. M. Shaw at Zirbst; H. B. Boyce, previously at Karlsruhe, now at Landshutt; R. B. Babb at Ingiolstadt.

Riverdale

BOMBARDIER WELCOMED.

A reception was tendered to Bombardier Andrew Jackson, 42 Rhodes avenue, recently returned from the front, at the evening service in Rhodes Avenue Baptist Church, Rhodes avenue. Rev. A. A. Kelly extended a welcome on behalf of the congregation.

Bombardier Jackson, who was 21 months in the trenches, was the first soldier in Canada to win the Military Medal. On one occasion he was one of a party of fifteen which was surrounded and attacked by the Germans, and all were killed with the exception of himself and another. A second narrow escape was when his coat, which he had taken off and placed about five feet away from where he was standing, was shot into pieces. He brought home a portion of the coat as a souvenir.

PLAN MEMORIAL SERVICE.

Arrangements are now being made for a memorial service to be held shortly in connection with the members of Simpson Avenue Methodist Church who enlisted and were killed in action since the outbreak of war. "Over 200 men of the parish have enlisted and their names are inscribed on the honor roll," said Rev. J. R. Patterson, pastor, who added that the women of the church were active in every work of patriotism.

WILL BURN MORTGAGE.

The congregation of Rhodes Avenue Baptist Church is making a great effort to collect the remaining amount due on the church building, and it is expected that the ceremony of the burning of the mortgage, amounting to $400, will take place as previously arranged on Thursday, June 6, in the church, when the Hambourg Conservatory of Music will render a special program of music. Rev. A. A. Kelley, pastor, will officiate.

East Toronto

EAST TORONTO WOMEN'S INSTITUTE CONVENTION

About 150 members were present at the East York Women's Institute Convention, which was held in Hope Metrodist Church, East Toronto, yesterday. The morning session was chiefly devoted to hearing the reports of the various branches of the institute dealing with financial matters and work on behalf of the soldiers. Many pairs of sox and mitts, as well as mufflers, bandages, towels, caps, handkerchiefs, nurses' aprons, etc., were sent overseas.

At the afternoon session Capt. Baker, who was blinded in the war, gave a splendid account of the life of the soldier in the trenches. Mademoiselle Malaval, a French woman, now teaching at St. Margaret's College, Toronto, gave a most interesting talk on conditions in France.

Mrs. George Mitchell looked after the luncheon and tea, which were served in the basement of the church.

The election of officers for the year resulted as follows: President, Mrs. E. W. Moyle of Langstaff; vice-president, Miss A. M. Stevenson, East Toronto; secretary-treasurer, Miss Margaret Scott, Agincourt; auditors, Mrs. J. T. Young, Scarboro, and Miss R. Watt, East Toronto. Mrs. Moyle, the president, ranks first in degree of membership, having been connected with the institute for eleven years.

MEN'S CLUB VERY BUSY.

A very successful and enthusiastic meeting of the St. Saviour's Men's Club was held last night in the parish hall. The president, J. B. Rogers, was in the chair. Arrangements were made for the club to assist the Willing Workers' Association at their garden party. Committees were appointed to look after the different amusements in connection therewith. Twenty-five members of the club assembled previous to the meeting and worked as they never worked before, leveling the lawn, planting trees and sowing grass seed, which will greatly improve the surroundings. Several new members were added to the roll.

TOMATO PLANTS STOLEN.

Seven boxes of tomato plants were stolen yesterday from the rear of Snell's bakery, Main street. The police are working on the case, but have not yet located the thief.

Todmorden

TODMORDEN IS ACTIVE IN FOOD PRODUCTION

Todmorden is a hive of industry, owing to the great number of lots and plots of ground being cultivated by the residents during the few spare moments at their disposal after working hours. Whole families, even the youngest children, are engaged in the greater food production scheme, and a noticeable fact is the scarcity of men thruout the section, the women and children largely predominating in this work, the men being overseas. Todmorden being practically a settlement of old country people, at the outbreak of war the men hastened to the colors in large numbers.

Owing to the difficulty in securing houses to rent, many families have purchased lots in the section and are endeavoring to build their own homes. In this connection, the shortage in manpower is greatly felt, one or more of the male members being overseas in each family. The work is but slowly proceeding, and the work of erection is carried on early and late.

Earlscourt

PROSPECT METHODIST ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

Anniversary services in connection with Prospect Methodist Church, Earlscourt, were held with satisfactory results, according to the reports of the various organizations. Five hundred dollars was raised and paid for extensions to the church during the past year, and a resolution of appreciation of the services of the pastor, Rev. W. H. Hopper, was passed by the congregation. Rev. Peter Bryce presided. The election of officers resulted as follows: Sergt.-Major Sam Wall, recording steward; Mr. Hood, assistant recording steward; Abner Price, superintendent Sunday school; Mrs. Price, president Ladies' Aid Society; Sergt.-Major Wall, president Y.P.S.; Mr. Stevenson, envelope steward.

FEELING IS STRONG AGAINST FERRY RATES

Strong feeling exists in Earlscourt over the proposed change in ferry fares, as passed by the city council last week, and city officials are being taken to task for railroading this measure thru the council, without proper discussion.

To a reporter for The World, Rev. Peter Bryce, superintendent of Earlscourt Methodist Churches, said: "I look upon this suggested ferry rate increase to work a great hardship on the residents in this section. There is no place nearer than Muskoka where people can go for a holiday, and but very few Earlscourt people can afford to go there. The poor people look upon the island as the one place to which to go for recreation, and when it is considered adding five cents to the cost of traveling from Earlscourt it is going to deprive many worthy people of a little outdoor enjoyment.

"When the civic car fare and Toronto Street Railway fare, and 15 cents to cross the ferry, are reckoned," added Mr. Bryce, "it is going to make the trip prohibitive, especially in the case of large families."

PLANTS GARDEN IN DAY.

Soldier Prepares Land and Puts in Crop Before Stopping.

A rather smart piece of work in connection with the greater food production is that of William Robinson, 177 Earlscourt avenue, a returned soldier, who applied for and received a permit to use a vacant lot adjoining his premises. The order was received at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. He had the ground plowed, harrowed and manured by 3 p.m., and all sown by 4 p.m. the same day, and is now waiting for the crop to materialize.

UNVEIL HONOR ROLL.

Hero Helpers of Earlscourt Will Have Special Services.

Under the auspices of the Hero Helpers' Society of Bloor St. Presbyterian Church, Earlscourt, the ceremony of unveiling the honor roll will be held in the church on Sunday, June 2.

Captain (Rev.) J. B. Paulin of Rosedale Presbyterian Church will take charge of the service. The Hero Helpers' Society was begun three years ago with a chain tea, Mrs. Hayward and Mrs. Craig being the first organizers. Mrs. J. Dougan is president, Mrs. Brown treasurer, and Mrs. Gardiner secretary. Rev. C. A. Mustard is the minister.

Deer Park

DRIVER W. JENNINGS KILLED IN ACTION

A cable just received in Deer Park by friends of Driver Wesley Jennings informed them of the death of that soldier in action on April 29, but contained no further information.

Driver Wesley Jennings was a son of the late Mrs. Sarah Jennings, 1659 Yonge street, and prior to his enlistment with a city regiment nearly three years ago, had spent practically his whole life in Deer Park. He was a pupil in Deer Park public school and a member of Christ Church, Anglican, and was held in the very highest esteem by everyone with whom he came in contact.

While enlisting with a city battalion, shortly after his arrival in England he was transferred to the imperial service, and tho engaged in action on more than one occasion, had escaped with minor injuries. He was only 23 years old, and prior to enlisting was engaged in the florist business in Deer Park.

In a letter received by friends in Deer Park a few days before his death Driver Jennings spoke hopefully of the outcome, and said that he was looking forward to the time when he would again be back in Deer Park. A. C. and Harry Jennings of Deer Park are brothers, and Mrs. Fred Adams, Mrs. Walter Muston, Mrs. John Hynes and Mrs. Albert Saunders, sisters of the dead soldier.

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