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NEWCASTLE HEROES HAVE RETURNED

Private William Ashford and Gunner William Fogan Have Returned From Europe Disabled Through Illness--Now in St. John.

The S. S. Sicilian, five days late, entered St. John harbor Monday afternoon with a broken propeller.

Premier Clarke Collapses in Hotel

Attacked by Acute Indigestion at Dinner Thursday Evening--He is Improving.

Hon. Geo. J. Clarke, Premier of New Brunswick, was on Thursday evening seized with a severe attack of acute nervous indigestion from which he has suffered several years.

John Dinan 52; Gordon Dickens 51; Linda Wood, Jessie Cameron, Marjorie Williston, Andrew Lee, Bessie Kirkpatrick, Annie Lloyd.

Perfect attendance--J. Cameron, L. Wood, M. Cameron, W. Firth, E. Spurr, D. Atkinson, M. Sleeth.

Grade IV--May Siskies 88; Jack Craig 88; Audrey Be'e 82; Bert Wood 78; Emmet Haggerty 74; Harry Simpson 69; Helen Dickens 67; Emily Dagle 65; Patrick Lloyd 62; Leitha Spurr 62; Florence Mullin 60.

Grade III--Mary Sullivan 92; Frank Russell 82; Elsie Anderson 82; Mona Woods 77; Genevieve Gekke 75; Helen Kirkpatrick 72; Kathleen Young 71; Harry Woodrow 52; M. de la Boudre 51.

Grade II--Edythe Gulliver 58; Ray Simpson 56; Fred Simpson 55; Harvie Jessamin 52; Pearl Sleeth, Harvey Gray 52; Marjorie Henderson, 58; Arthur Spurr 56; Osborne Siskies 54; Richard Anderson, Annie Gulliver 52; Roy Gray 52; Hazel Mullin 72; Rudolph Craig, 70; Frank Wood 74; Berendetta Dinan 68; Burton Taylor 62; Ernest Nolan 54; James Williston 50.

Grade I--Frances Sullivan 100; Alf Simpson, Angus Firth 94; Stella Nolan 92; Leslie Anderson, Florence Craig 81; Cornelius Dinan 67; Joseph Cowie 61; Helen Gulliver 60; John Kirkpatrick 59; Richard Lee 58.

Canada's Trade With Cuba

J. C. Manzer, trade commissioner for New Brunswick in Cuba, has given out the following information concerning trade matters on the island.

Douglastown School Standing

Following is the standing of leading pupils in Douglastown Superior School for the January examinations:

Newcastle Baptists Have Successful Year

Gain in Membership and Finances in Good Condition.

The annual meeting of the Newcastle and Lower Derby United Baptist Church was held on Wednesday evening, the Pastor, Rev. M. S. Richardson, presiding.

PASSED TO THEIR REWARD

Many Old Residents have Heard Final Call During the Past Week.

MRS. NANCY HUBBARD The Angel of Death visited the home of William Hubbard, of Cassilis, on the second instant, and took from there his beloved mother, Mrs. Benj. Hubbard, formerly Miss Nancy Hamilton, of Hallowood. Deceased was seventy years old, and was ill for only a few days from pleuro-pneumonia.

MRS. RALPH PARKER

The death of Mrs. Ralph Parker, of Whiteville, from a gripe and complications, occurred on Saturday evening. Deceased was 70 years of age. Her maiden name was Miss Charlotte Tozer. She leaves her aged husband, who is also ill, and the following children: Lottie (Mrs. Benj. McTavish), Strathadam, Mary (Mrs. Stanley Sherrard), Boom Road; Olive (Mrs. Edward Orr), Methven, Mass., and Charles, William and Hollis, at home. Edward and Walter Tozer of The Meadows are brothers of deceased, and Mrs. Blackmore, of Lyttleton, a sister. The funeral took place Monday afternoon, Rev. J. F. McCurdy, the Presbyterian pastor, conducting services, assisted by Rev. H. E. Allaby, interment in Whiteville. The pallbearers were Edward, Gregory and Robert Dunnet, John, Wm. and Alex. Hare.

MISS MARGARET AMOS

An old and much respected resident of Lower Derby passed away on the 10th instant in the person of Miss Margaret Amos, who departed this life at the age of 77 years. Deceased was an honored member of Lower Derby Baptist Church. She was the daughter of the late Joseph and Catherine Amos, of the same place. The surviving brothers and sisters are: John Amos, Bryenton; Malcolm Amos, Lower Derby; Mrs. Sarah Fowler, Newcastle; Mrs. Hugh Ferguson, Bryenton; and Mrs. Annie Clouston, Lower Derby. The funeral was held at 2:30 Saturday afternoon, many being present. The services were conducted by Rev. M. S. Richardson, and interment was in Lower Derby Baptist Cemetery. The pallbearers were: Silas Russell, Amos Russell, George Amos, Lorne Daxson, Robert Taylor and Thos. Hutchison.

MISS CATHERINE MURRAY

The death of Miss Catherine Murray of Chaplin Island Road, occurred on Saturday. Deceased who had been a helpless invalid for some three or four years, was 62 years old. She leaves following sister and brothers: Miss Mary and James, with whom she lived, and William, all of Chaplin Island Road. The funeral was held Monday afternoon, interment in St. Mary's cemetery, Rev. Father P. W. Dixon conducting services.

JOHN O'DONNELL

Another old and respected resident of Douglastown passed away Sunday morning--John O'Donnell, aged 82. Deceased had been an invalid for some twelve years. He was a native of Douglastown and was the son of the late James O'Donnell, a native of Ireland. He leaves one sister, Mrs. Catherine Reardon, with whom he resided.

The funeral was held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, services by Rev. J. G. Cormier, and interment in St. Samuel's cemetery. Many followed the remains to their last resting place.

Letters Received From our Boys Overseas

Interesting Experiences Related in Letters From Boys Who are now "Somewhere in France."

The following letters have been received by relatives from boys with the forces overseas:

FROM JAMES CRAIK

Dear Father, Received your letter the other day, and also the two parcels from home today, and was very pleased to get them. The tobacco just came in time, as I had finished the last bit I had. We have lots of smoking tobacco and cigarettes issued, but no chewing, and the socks and knitted gloves were very welcome. This is a very hard place on socks. The cake and candy were quite a treat and I am keeping it until we go to the trenches again. We are all well and having a better time as the weather improves. I am glad Frank likes the army. It is a jolly life--hard at times--but take it all through, we have a good time and always happy. I hope he is in with a good crowd as we have in this Battalion. I hope Hubert gets a battle. I received a parcel containing a cake, candy and cigarettes from a friend in England. She is an old lady about seventy years of age and sends me something every week or so. Well I guess this is all for this time. Hoping you are well and to hear from you again soon. I remain, your loving son.

FROM FRANK CURRY

Driver Frank Curry, of Nelson, with the 28th Battery, Major Randolph Crocker, who left England on the 14th ult., writes as follows in a letter received on the 14th instant: Somewhere in France Dear Mother, We left England on Sunday last and arrived safely in France on Tuesday, and went up country, and are now stationed in a small village not far from the firing line, and we expect to go into action very soon. We are billeted in a farm house, and barns all amongst the cows, pigs and chickens, and other things. When the wind is blowing this way we can hear the booming of the guns quite plain. We lived for four days on hard tack and bully beef, but the food is alright now. I got the letter with the handkerchief quite safe, and it was very nice. When we have been in action I shall have quite a lot to tell you, at least as much as the censor will allow, as we cannot put in any news about the war, or places, etc. but I will fill up a few pages, expect. From your loving son FRANK Remember me to all kind friends. From Gunner R. J. Hubbard, 90121, 28th Battery, C. F. A. January 30th, 1916

Dear Mr. Editor:

Just a letter to the readers of your paper and all my friends in general on the good old Miramichi, as it comes from one of the number of the sons of little Nelson. I am quite sure you will find a space in your paper to hold it.

Now on the battle fields of France

and we are proud to think that we have boys here to take up the place of the brave ones that have done their part and have been safely landed back to their dear homes in the little village of Nelson, and the other towns of the sunny Miramichi.

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A Noted Educator Has Passed Away

Dr. Wm. Crockett, a Teacher for Over 50 Years, Died in Fredericton on Saturday.

William Crockett, M. A., L. L. D., died at his home in Fredericton Saturday night from pneumonia, which developed from a gripe. The deceased was in his eighty-fourth year. The funeral took place at 2:30 yesterday afternoon with service at St. Paul's Presbyterian church at three o'clock. Interment was made at the rural cemetery.

Mr. Crockett was married to Miss Marion Caldwell, a sister of William Caldwell, M. P., for Restigouche, and to Dr. and Mrs. Crockett eleven children were born, of whom two died. One of these, a boy, Thomas, died in infancy, while a daughter, Marion, passed away a few years ago at her home in Fredericton. There survives, James H. Crockett, managing editor of The Gleaner, Dr. William C. Crockett, ex-major and one of Fredericton's most eminent physicians; Allan A. Crockett, mechanical engineer of San Francisco, Charles S. O. Crockett, proprietor of The Capuletton Tribune, Oswald S. Crockett of Fredericton, justice of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick and for some years representative of York county in the house of commons; A. Pierce Crockett, M. D., of St. John; Octavus Crockett of the general staff of the I. C. R. at Moncton; Miss D. Cecilia Crockett, living with her parents in Fredericton, and Mrs. I. Harper Smith of Toronto, all present in Fredericton. His widow also survives.

Principal William Crockett, who celebrated his eighty-third birthday in May of last year, was born at Brochu, Scotland, in 1832, and after the ordinary school education, entered Aberdeen University, from which he graduated in due course. In 1861 at the age of eighteen, he came to New Brunswick, having been offered the position of principal of the Superior School at Campbellton. Since that time Mr. Crockett's life had been practically entirely devoted to work along educational lines, and in that sphere he had for many years played a prominent part. From Campbellton Mr. Crockett went to the principalship of the Chatham Academy in 1870 and some years later removed to Fredericton, where he became principal of the Normal School. The step was followed by his appointment to the position of superintendent of education for New Brunswick in 1883 and on his retirement from this office in 1891 Dr. Crockett engaged as professor of classics in Marjory College, Quebec. Subsequently he resigned from that staff, and returned to the principalship of the Normal School in 1901, which office he held at the time of his retirement from active service in 1906. During the King administration Dr. Crockett was called upon to frame the free school bill, which became the point of contention in the subsequent provincial campaign and on which was based the policy of the government in that memorable contest.

The William Crockett Scholarship at the University of New Brunswick for the highest marks in classics (\$100 per year) which was established three years ago, is a fitting recognition of the valuable services rendered by Principal Crockett to the cause of education in this province.

The deceased was an elder of St. Paul's Presbyterian church and during the greater part of his life had been a resident of Fredericton.