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CAPT. ARTHUR LEGERE HONORED AT DALHOUSIE

Banquet Tendered Him by His Friends Monday Night.—Very Pleasant Time

Dalhousie, N. B., March 7th.—A banquet was given last evening at the Queen Hotel by the leading citizens of Dalhousie, in honor of Capt. A. J. Legere of the 165th Batt. Capt. Legere enlisted as a lieutenant from Dalhousie in the 26th Battalion and received his promotion to the rank of Captain shortly after he reached the firing line. He was the first French Canadian officer to offer his services in the present war and when the French Canadian Battalion started he was recalled to help in its formation. The Banquet was a success in every way and the menu reflected great credit on the popular proprietor of the Queen, Mr. E. R. Gaudet. Those present were Capt. A. J. Legere, 26th Batt., Capt. W. H. Hattie, Halifax; Lieuts. J. B. McKay, B. Douglas and A. Frenette, Mayor W. S. Montgomery, Hon. C. H. LaBilloy, Rev. A. A. Boucher, A. J. LeBlanc, P. H. Sheehan, Allie LeBlanc, Wallace Sheehan, J. B. Delaney, S. Blanchard, G. McKenzie, Frank Troy, A. J. Arseneault, M. McKay, F. Barriere, D. G. Stewart, P. B. Troy, E. R. Richard, M. S. Brennan, Alex. Murchie, Chas. Vanstone, James M. Barthe, H. J. Guinnard, C. E. Little, A. Powell, A. B. McKinnon, H. A. Trudelle, P. E. Samson and E. R. Gaudet.

Mayor Montgomery acted as toast master and proposed the toast to the King which was responded to by every one singing the National Anthem. Hon. C. H. LaBilloy proposed the toast to "Our Guest", responded to by Capt. Legere in a most interesting address about his experience at the front. Mr. E. Rene Richard proposed "Our Friends in Khaki", responded to by Capt. Hattie, Halifax, and Lieutenant Douglas. The toast to the clergy was proposed by Mr. M. S. Brennan and responded to by Rev. Father Boucher. Mr. A. B. McKinnon proposed the toast to "The Ladies", responded to by Messrs. J. Allie LeBlanc, Lieuts. McKay and Frenette. "Our Town and County" proposed by Mr. E. Rene Richard, responded to by Mayor W. S. Montgomery, Mr. A. J. LeBlanc and County Warden A. Murchie.

GREAT CONGESTION IN FREIGHT TRAFFIC

I. C. R. Blocked and Freight Traffic Tied up.—Hardship to Importers

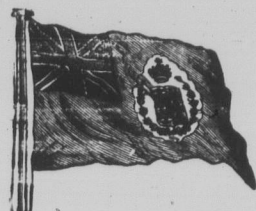
Owing to the tie up in freight traffic, the I. C. R. authorities have taken the Ocean Limited out of the route for a time, and a special effort will be made to get things cleaned up. There are thousands of cars of freight destined for St. John and Halifax lying in the sidings and yards between here and Montreal, and freight shipments have been weeks on the way from Montreal, and have not yet arrived at destination. The cause of this congestion is set down as the recent storms, and while this is true to a certain extent, it is not wholly so. It is said to be largely due to the lack of practical railway experience of the new officials, both here and at Montreal.

Early in the season, an old track-master in discussing railway matters, made the statement in the presence of a Graphic representative that the officials were "trusting to providence" to keep the line clear, but wait until the February storms come! Well the February storms came and found the facilities entirely inadequate to deal with them. No plows, no engines, consequently even the through express trains were days behind time and freight traffic held up a week at a time.

It is hoped that it will be a case of experience teaches, and that matters will soon be back to normal.

RECRUITING MEETING

Col. Daigle and Capt. Arthur Legere held a recruiting meeting in the Council Chamber, Saturday, which was well attended. Capt. A. T. LeBlanc acted as chairman. Addresses were delivered and recruits asked for. One responded, but we understand he had previously failed to pass the medical examination.



THE PATRIOTIC FUND

A Further Appeal For Funds to Carry on This Good Work.

Campbellton, N. B., March 6, 1916.
To the Editor of the Graphic,
Dear Sir:

At a public meeting lately held in the Town it was decided to again ask the citizens to subscribe to the Patriotic Fund. A committee was appointed of which John Harquail, Esquire, is the chairman, to have a thorough canvass of the Town made.

I deem it only fair that the public who have subscribed liberally in the past and who will be asked to increase their liberality, should have some explanation given them as to how the money has been expended and why we make this second appeal to them. The work for the County of Restigouche is done by a Committee appointed at a public meeting called for the purpose of organizing a branch of the society here.

All parts of the County are represented on the Committee, but in practice the work is done by the members of the Committee resident in Campbellton.

In November 1914 two families were granted aid, but by January 1915 the number of families was increased to seventeen. We are now granting aid to 150 families. We began by an expenditure of \$77.00 in November 1914. At the close of the year 1915 the expenditure for that month had grown to \$1746.90 and in February we paid out \$2419.00.

At the end of the year 1915 we had paid to the different families receiving aid \$11202.25 at a total expense of \$240.66, or at the rate of \$17 per month. A very considerable portion of this expenditure was for postages and stamps on cheques issued.

We believe this expense bill will compare favorably with any branch of this society in Canada.

What amount ought Restigouche to raise for the current year?

The sum we will require will be well over \$30,000, but we do not ask our people to raise and pay in this amount. At the first of the year it was announced that \$8,000,000 would be required for the Patriotic Fund for 1916. Since then the Government of Canada has announced that 500,000 Canadians will be enlisted for overseas. This means that a much greater sum than \$8,000,000 will be required.

If all Canada has to raise \$8,000,000 that would figure out at one dollar per head of population. Of this amount on that basis, Restigouche should contribute over \$16,000. We cannot accurately estimate how much greater sum than \$8,000,000 will be required because of the increased number of men it is proposed to raise in Canada, but an increase of 33 per cent may reasonably be expected for the year 1916, which means a total for Restigouche County of at least \$20,000.

How is this money to be raised? A great many persons say by taxation of the County. Have the County vote the amount required, issue bonds for a part of the amount and assess for the balance. A strong delegation from Campbellton and other parts of the County waited upon the Municipal Council at its January session and strongly urged upon the Councilors the above method of meeting the requirements of the Patriotic Fund. The result was that they voted \$833.33 per month for the current year up to the first day of July, or \$5000.00. Our information is that the Council expressed their willingness of voting \$5000. more at the July session of the Council, should the needs of the Fund require it.

From the above statement it is apparent that the excess of \$10,000 required to be raised in this County must be obtained by voluntary subscriptions. It will not avail us to assess. The County ought to tax for this amount because this method has been urged upon the County Council. To any one who still urges this method, I would ask what have you done towards

fluencing the Council to the course you advocate? If you have done nothing it will become you to insist longer on taxation. We must be practical if we hope to accomplish our object.

I have heard the statement made that the money will be raised whether we continue to pay or do not. I believe that statement true. This would mean that we are relying on other parts of Canada to pay not only their just share but to add to the sum we ought to pay. Citizens of Campbellton are you prepared to accept this position? Do you want to be a "Shirker" in this world war? Or do you want to do your share? When our boys come home from war scarred Europe leaving behind many of our dear ones, who have found a last resting place in northern France, what will you say to your neighbor's son when he clasps your hand in friendly greetings? Will you tell him you could not go and had no son to send, but you helped the families of the men who did? Will you say, I determined to do my duty as best I could at home?

Will you be able to add, I not only prayed for you but I worked for you and I saw to it that your dear old widowed mother was supported in comfort? No other answer will suffice if you expect to retain your self respect, but you want the respect and esteem of your fellow townsmen? You can have it in full measure by simply doing your duty. Show the boys who have gone to the front and those who enlisted but are still with us, that we are prepared to make sacrifices for our Country, and our Flag and the cause they represent. No man can say I have no responsibility in this war. I am exempt from all the calls of duty and patriotism. If we say this we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. We must share each other's burdens and responsibilities. I cannot fight but I can pay. You cannot pay but you can fight. I pay for you and you fight for me. The man who neither fights nor pays is a "Slacker". What is the measure of your duty? To whom much is given much is required. Give generously, freely and voluntarily. Will you not support the committee in this cause. We are trusting in your loyalty to the cause we represent, to your love for the old Flag and the land of The Maple Leaf. Let your slogan be "We will never let the old Flag fall."

Yours sincerely,
H. F. McLAUGHEY,
President of the Patriotic Fund for the County of Restigouche.

POLITICAL WARNINGS

Victoria, following the lead of Vancouver, has turned its back on the Bowser government, Mr. H. C. Brewster, a former Albert county man, having defeated Finance Minister Flinn in Saturday's by-election by practically a two to one vote. Two defeats in a week in the two important constituencies of the province are solar plexus blows from which the government can have little hope of recovering, although a substantial majority in the House will enable Premier Bowser to hold on until the general election due before midsummer. The turn of the tide comes late for British Columbia. The A. C. Lewis case has been the national news, and as in no other province. Sir Richard McBride deserted the ship as the New Brunswick ship of state was deserted a few years ago by those who for long had mismanaged affairs, and Premier Bowser awaits the fate that befell Premier Robeson. An aroused public recently hurled from office the corrupt rulers of Manitoba, and now is serving notice on the British Columbia buccaners. These warnings from the West should be heeded in every province of the Dominion. Economic conditions are making the need more particular about political conditions, and those whose rule is

BOYS IN KHAKI ENTERTAINED THURSDAY

Ladies of Protestant Churches Provide Good Things for Soldier Boys—Will be Continued

On Thursday night last the soldiers under invitation, met at the St. Andrew's Hall. A committee of ladies looked after the refreshments and welcomed the boys to the Hall. A little programme was provided, consisting of short speeches, readings and singing. The boys themselves proved good entertainers and it is expected that as the rooms are to be kept open for them here three nights of the week, that they will feel themselves at home and avail themselves of all the advantages.

A Committee of men and women from each of the churches are appointed to look after the comfort of these men—both in a physical and literary way, and it is expected that many pleasant hours may be spent in the Hall. The Committee in charge, representing as it does the different Protestant churches, expect that any or all of the boys will feel themselves specially invited to attend and to use the Hall as provided. It is understood that the Catholic church is looking after its own people in its own way.

CAMPBELLTON CURLERS OFF TO DALHOUSIE

Four Rinks Will Play Shiretown Curlers This Afternoon and Evening

Four rinks of Campbellton curlers are billed to play at Dalhousie today. Two rinks left this morning and play this afternoon, and two rinks go down on the suburban this evening.

The rinks are made up as follows:

Afternoon	
R. B. Keith	D. S. Trueman
C. A. Alexander	E. A. LeGallais
A. McDonald	R. K. Shives
H. A. Carr, Skip	J. P. Mowat, Skip
M. P. Moores	Jas. Wetmore
A. R. Fraser	J. L. Claxton
E. H. Anderson	Thos. Wran
Jas. P. Jardine	W. H. Marquis
Skip	Skip

B. OF TRADE WORKING FOR CTON-GASPE S. S.

Department of Trade and Commerce Asking For Tenders For Usual Service

The Campbellton Board of Trade has received a letter from the Hon. G. E. Foster, Minister of the Department of Trade and Commerce which states:

"I have your letter of the 22nd February and have delayed answering it for some little time, waiting to see what developments would take place with reference to certain associated services."

"The company which performed the service last year have contracted to take the route from Gaspé to Montreal and is therefore unable to perform the service from Gaspé to Campbellton. I have today issued instructions to call for tenders for a suitable vessel, if such can be found, for the Campbellton to Gaspé service."

There is considerable doubt whether a vessel can be procured for this service, owing to the great demand for such this year.

The Board of Trade will meet Friday evening to discuss the matter.

PATRIOTIC FUND COMMITTEE MEETS

The Patriotic Fund Collecting Committee met on Thursday the 2nd inst. for the purpose of organization. Mr. John Harquail was chosen permanent chairman of the Committee and Mr. M. A. Kelly, Secretary. Mr. H. A. Carr was added to the Committee. Matters incidental to the collecting campaign were talked over and active work will be begun very soon. All the members of the Committee were present.

tinged with suspicion should realize from these warnings and the warning from Ontario as well, that the present is a time for house-cleaning on a broad scale.—Globe.