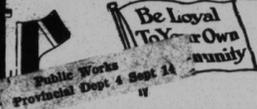




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It Takes Two Days to Die And Then in Horrible Agony

Major-General Stuart-Wortley Writes to Brother in New York of Gas Poisoning--Hopeless and Sickening--Sights in Hospital Described--Men Grasping for Air

New York, May 31.—A letter from Major-Gen. Edward Stuart-Wortley, Commander of a British Army Corps in France, made public here by his brother, Ralph Stuart-Wortley of New York, giving this distinguished officer's tribute to the behavior of a Canadian division in France, and describing the horrors which resulted from the use of asphyxiating gases by the Germans.

Takes Two Days to Die

"I am sure the public cannot have as yet the slightest idea of this last demorable effort on the part of the Germans to disregard all laws of humanity and civilization. I have seen our men in hospital after having been brought back from the trenches. There is no need to ask for the ward in which they are, as their groaning is quite sufficient a direction of itself. In one ward there are eighteen cases. They are all sitting upright or awfully back and forwards gasping for breath; their faces, hands and necks a shiny grey-black color, their eyes glazed, and unable absolutely to speak or feed.

How Gas is Turned On

The letter follows: "You will of course have read of the fighting that has been going on round Ypres just lately, and of the magnificent behavior of the Canadian division. In their attack on the Ypres salient the Germans made use of asphyxiating gases. This gas is disseminated both in shell and bombs and also from cylinders, which are buried in the trenches with their nose pushed out through the parapets. The taps of the cylinders are then turned on and the gas, which is, as far as we know, chlorine, is pumped out. The gas, which is heavier than air and which is blown by the wind across our lines, sinks into our trenches and kills or incapacitates any men who happen to be in them. The effect of the gas can also be felt as far back as five or six miles and produces headache and a smarting of the eyes.

"The German papers as well as falsely accusing us of making use of poisonous fumes, apparently defend their conduct by stating that the dissemination of this gas results in a swift and painless death for those with whom it comes in contact and consequently is less barbarous than subjecting men to an inferno of shell fire from which great physical and mental torture must necessarily be endured.

28th Will Supply Draft of 50 Men

Will Be Reinforced for Artillery Units Which Have Been Depleted

A draft of one officer and between forty and fifty members of the 28th Field Battery is being organized to go forward to England as reinforcements for batteries of the Canadian Expeditionary forces which have been depleted.

Major Randolph Crocker, the officer commanding the 28th Battery, has called for volunteers for the draft and practically every member of the battery at once volunteered. Definite orders as to when the draft will leave Fredericton have not been received; but it is expected that they will go forward at an early date.

Annual Meeting of Missionary Society

The W. F. and H. M. S. of St. James Church Elect Officers For 1915-16

The annual meeting of the W. F. H. M. S. of St. James Church, was held at the home of Mrs. Gillespie, June 4th. The officers elected for 1915-16 are as follows:

President—Mrs. James Stables.
1st Vice-Pres.—Mrs. E. A. MacMillan.
2nd Vice-Pres.—Mrs. Fitzmaurice.
Secretary—Mrs. Gillespie.
Treasurer—Mrs. Fleming.

A most pleasing feature of the programme was the presentation by Rev. Mr. MacArthur, of a Life Membership Certificate to Miss Agnes Russell, a much valued and beloved member of the Society.

Academy Pupils Start Gardening

About Fifty Plots Have Been Prepared and Roped Off

The pupils of the Harkins Academy have fallen in line, and have begun the work of school gardening in a manner highly commendable to them. A piece of ground the property of Mr. C. C. Hayward, opposite the residence of Mr. Osborne Nicholson has been prepared, and so far about fifty plots are set apart and roped off.

These plots are about four feet by eight, and each pupil having a plot is responsible for its care. The pupils are highly pleased with this new work, and should receive every encouragement from the town's citizens. The spot is an ideal one, and the Academy feels indebted to Mr. Hayward for the interest he has shown in placing this piece of land at their disposal.

Chatham Hero Saved Comrades

Heroism of Andrew C. Baldwin in Delivering Message Although Wounded

News of how a Chatham hero saved a whole Canadian battalion by delivering a message under fire, although wounded, is told in a letter from Pte. Jack Forrest to Alvan Walls, of Chatham. The wounded man is Andrew C. Baldwin, whose name has already appeared in the casualty lists.

The letter follows: Belgium, May 9, 1915. Dear Alvan—I am just writing you a few lines to let you know that there are a few of us on top yet. I suppose you have heard that Anderson Baldwin is wounded, but I suppose you have not heard just how he got it. I know he would not tell it, but he did it splendidly. It was owing to his pluck in carrying a message from one part of the line to another under a regular hail of shot and shrapnel that a battalion of Canadians were not cut off and captured. I cannot tell you how proud all the boys are of him, and he deserves it all. It was while carrying this despatch that he was wounded. I do not know whether he will get anything for it or not, but he deserves the best that goes.

Also Major Edgar. At a critical moment he received word asking how long he could hold out, and the word he sent back was "Until the cows come home," and he did it, too. Chatham should be proud of both, and also of Charlie McCulley, who carried wounded out under a regular hail of fire. The ones at home have not the slightest idea of what our boys have gone through, none but themselves know, and what it means to a fellow who wins the respect of his comrades on the battlefield. I would like to see some more of the Chatham boys out here, but I suppose there is quite a few coming with the Second Contingent. I may be lucky enough to run across some of them.

How is everything in Chatham? Drop me a line once in a while and tell me the news. Write soon again. With best wishes. Yours truly, JOHN Major Norman Edgar referred to is another Chatham boy. Singularly enough both Edgar and Forrest have since been wounded.

Charlie McCulley is a son of Col. McCulley, of Chatham. Col. McCulley has another son wounded and who is now in a hospital in England.

LONG SUFFERING ENDS IN DEATH

Mrs. Henry Ingram, an Invalid for Two Years Passed Peacefully Away

After a period of two years suffering, death came as a relief to Mrs. Henry Ingram at 6.30 o'clock yesterday morning, and when least expected by the family, who, during her long suffering, gave her the care and attention that only a loving family could give.

The late Mrs. Ingram was forty-seven years old, and during her two years illness has been an almost constant sufferer from intestinal trouble. During that time she has undergone five operations, the last one being performed in the Vincent Memorial Hospital, Roxbury, Mass., about six months ago.

Never once throughout her suffering did she lose heart, but after each operation, was buoyed up with the hope that it would be the last and her return to her former health would soon follow. For a time, after the earlier operations she seemed to gain hope, but the return of her trouble would bring her back, and it was during the latter operation her strong power of will and splendid constitution only gave her the courage and strength to again come under the surgeon's knife.

After the last operation, but while hope still held within her, she began to realize, more than ever before, that the cause of all her suffering, which she so patiently bore until the last, would finally overtake her, and at times, to the members of her family, she would cheerfully admit her desire to meet the inevitable. But life is sweet, and a slight change towards recovery would again renew hopes within her.

After her last operation some six months ago, and her return home just five weeks ago to-night, she spent the intervening time with relatives in Boston, that she might regain sufficient strength before returning to her anxious family. Since her return, however, instead of getting better as she had hoped, she gradually grew weaker and weaker, and while her death was not altogether unexpected, it was a surprise and severe shock to the family.

On Monday night, feeling the night air cool and refreshing, she slept on the upper balcony. When early morn came, she asked to be brought in, before public traffic would begin, and it was shortly after she was assisted to her bedchamber that the end came so suddenly.

The late Mrs. Ingram, while enjoying the benefits of good health, was an active and valued member of St. James Presbyterian church, and for a long time was a very successful teacher of one of the boys' classes. In temperance work she was equally as efficient and held the highest office in the Division of the Sons of Temperance.

Besides her husband, she is survived by three sons and two daughters. The sons are Havelock, the oldest, and Aitken, the youngest, at home, and Bombardier Alex. Ingram, the second son, who is now serving the Empire in France. The two daughters are Misses Minnie and Pink, at home. She is also survived by an aged mother, Mrs. John Robinson, sr., of Newcastle, six brothers and two sisters. The brothers are Rev. W. R. Robinson and Charles Robinson, of St. John; Allan, Portland, Ore.; Major and Alexander, Boston; John, of Newcastle. The sisters are Margaret, of Boston, and Isabella, of Newcastle. The funeral will be held to-morrow afternoon at 3.30, to St. James Presbyterian church. Services will be held at the house, conducted by Rev. S. J. MacArthur.

Belgian Refugees Come to Newcastle

Mr. and Mrs. Poupert and an infant babe, the Belgian refugees who came to Canada after the outbreak of the war, and meeting with many disappointments since their arrival, are now being cared for by kind Newcastle friends. They arrived here on Monday's Limited, and are now staying with Mrs. Follansbee.

For the past few months they have been staying in a detention camp at Montreal, but Mr. Poupert, who was a salesman in his own native and now devastated country, Belgium, is very anxious to obtain employment, as he does not wish to be a burden upon others. It is hoped he will meet with better success on the Miramichi than he did in the larger cities.

Council Considers Matter of Power for Hospital Elevator

Strong Recommendations Made by the Architect in Letter That Town Adopt an All-Day Electric Service

Newcastle Town Council met in special session June 7th, all present but Ald. Hayward.

The Mayor stated that it had been called to consider the matter of power for elevator of the Miramichi Hospital. He referred to a letter received from Mr. E. A. McCurdy re an all-day electric service, and read the following letter from Mr. John Edgett, the contractor, to Mr. McCurdy:

Newcastle, N. B., May 27th, 1915
E. A. McCurdy, Esq.,
Newcastle, N. B.

Dear Sir:

Re Elevator for Miramichi Hospital
I have received a communication from Mr. Heans, the architect, in which he states that definite plans must be made at once regarding the installation of the elevator for the Miramichi Hospital which is now being erected in Newcastle. I understand that an agitation was on foot in Newcastle a short time ago, having in view the establishment of a day service from the electric light plant. It would be of great advantage and save the hospital management considerable expense if the Town Council would arrange for day service, as an elevator operated by water power will cost considerably more to install and will be much slower and not nearly so satisfactory as an electric elevator.

It is rumored that an important industry is contemplating locating in your town and that as soon as they locate they will be in the market for electric light during the day. I also understand Mr. Willis of the Miramichi Hotel would be inclined to put in an electric elevator, provided the day service were installed. In addition to this I am informed that quite a large number of your citizens are favorable to day service and would utilize same for the purpose of operating electric irons, toasters, sweepers and other electric appliances for house service, and no doubt the tailors in the town would use it for electric irons.

A day service would also be very likely patronized by shoemakers, as well as industrial enterprises in the town where electricity can be put to advantage. With the completion of the bridge across the Miramichi River at Newcastle connecting Newcastle with Nelson, the day service might also be utilized by outlying sections, and I am satisfied that the installation of the day service would be greatly appreciated by your citizens and eventually turn out to be a good business proposition. A number of citizens with whom I have conversed are of the opinion that day service should at least be given a trial, and it will never be ascertained definitely how much revenue may be procured until the day service has been given a fair trial.

I understand that the installation of the day service will involve very little expenditure apart from operating expenses, which can be definitely ascertained, and with the progressiveness and optimism now prevailing in your town I think a move of this nature should be encouraged. Kindly bring the matter at once to the attention of the Town Council and ascertain if you can give the Miramichi Hospital a guarantee of a day service, so that we may be safe in installing an electric elevator. We will not require to utilize the elevator until the beginning of the coming year, so there will be ample time between now and then for the Town Council to make the necessary arrangements.

Yours very truly,
JOHN EDGETT.
The Council resolved into Committee of the Whole to consider the matter, the Mayor in the chair. Ald. Mackay thought the committee might be illegal because of the absence of one member. The Mayor overruled this.

Ald. Stables asked what the cost of an all-day service would be. The Mayor said it would be at least \$12 a day over and above the present expenses. The Water & Light Com. had met the Hospital Com. the other night. Mr. McCurdy had thought he would canvass the town and find out what support could be expected for an all-day electric service.

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POPULAR YOUNG LADY WILL WED

Miss Margaret McKay Hubbard and Mr. Walter Amy Will Wed This Evening

An event which will be of very great interest to the younger people of Newcastle will take place this evening, at the residence of her grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Adams, when Miss Margaret McKay Hubbard, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Colson Hubbard, will be married to Mr. Walter Amy of St. Heliers, Jersey, the ceremony to take place at eight-thirty o'clock, Rev. S. J. MacArthur tying the nuptial knot.

The bride will be gowned in white satin with shadow lace and pearl trimming, and Miss Maude Flott, of Caraquet, acting as bridesmaid, and Mrs. Fred L. Locke, of Newcastle, as Matron-of-Honor, will be dressed in pink satin. Mr. Edward Hubbard, brother of the bride, will support the groom. The house will be tastefully decorated with apple blossoms, and an arch will be arranged with a bell hanging from the centre, under which the young couple will stand to take their vows.

After the ceremony, wedding refreshments will be served and a few pleasant hours spent until marriage time, when the newly married young couple will depart on their honeymoon trip to the upper Canadian cities, after which they will return to make their home in Newcastle.

Many beautiful and costly presents received speak of the high esteem in which these young people are held. The groom's present to the bride is a ring with cluster of diamonds and emerald centre; to the bridesmaid, a pendant set with pearls and peridots; to the matron-of-honor, a bar pin set with pearls and peridots, and the groom's present to the groomsmen, a gold tipped fountain pen with initials engraved thereon. Miss Jean Robinson will play the wedding march.

The Advocate joins with a host of friends in wishing them a very happy wedded life.

Won One—Lost One

The Newcastle ball team went to Bathurst on the holiday and played two games there, winning the afternoon game and losing in the evening. They report having a good trip.

Douglstown Band Concert

The Douglstown band will, if the weather is favorable, give a band concert in the school grounds on Tuesday evening next, June 15th. Young ladies will sell ice cream and other refreshments, the proceeds of which will go to the band fund.

Paris, June 5.—The capture by the French of the sugar refinery near Souchez is described in a report given out today by the official "Eye Witness" at the front.

Castle, which was getting good advertising. He had recently got assurance from a substantial person of further help for the hospital. Outside support is not by people helping themselves. He did not want the Town to leap in the dark, but let them get experienced men to find out the cost of this thing. Let the matter be thoroughly investigated before the Council committed themselves. If after making due enquiries it was found that electric power was impracticable, then fall back upon water power. Chatham was thinking of an all-day electric service, Newcastle must not lag behind in the procession.

Ald. Stables said the matter should not be dropped, but thoroughly investigated. The town had little enough water.

Ald. Stuart urged a thorough investigation on the part of the Council and completion of their petition by the hospital authorities. The matter needed to be put in a way that all could understand. An all-day service would be excellent if it could be made to pay expenses.

Ald. Doyle agreed that all possible information should be got re cost of new plant. Progress was the order of the day. Mr. McCurdy's suggestion that the Council thoroughly investigate was a good one. It was up to the Town sooner or later to put in a new plant. There was trouble already with the small electric engine we have. Let us look into the matter.

Ald. McKay asked where the money was to come from for new plant? He advocated assessing for \$5000 or \$6000 a year extra to prepare for its installation.

Ald. Creighton thought every alderman was in sympathy with the
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