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THE RAILWAY QUESTION

To read the wall of the Chatham World over the railway changes made in the Canada Eastern line, one not knowing would almost be led to think that all passengers over this route be lodged to Chatham.

Supposing passengers do have to wait at Newcastle for half an hour, or even fifty minutes, the exact time as figured out by The World, for a train to Fredericton, is Newcastle such a horrible place to wait in? Would not the travelling public rather wait here than at Chatham Jet? Did not passengers from Newcastle have to wait for an hour and a half at Chatham Jet, before they could get a train for Fredericton, under the old system?

While the people of Chatham, Nelson and Loggieville cannot be censured for complaining if they feel they have been injured by this change, we believe at the same time that the objections raised by the World are not necessarily those of the people of these towns.

If this change is, as the World says, injurious to Chatham, then some other point must be the nature of things be the gainer. Now if Chatham is the loser and Newcastle gains, or vice versa, what matters it to the travelling public for whom the road is being run, whether Chatham or Newcastle gains or loses, so long as they (the travelling public) are landed at the most convenient point, which in this case happens to be Newcastle. That's the point—the economical point.

KIND OF SETTLERS

NEW BRUNSWICK WANTS

"One of the men who were induced to come out here from Great Britain this year and take up a farm at Belleisle Creek by the provincial immigration department is Arthur Brooks, formerly a member of the Council of the Board of Guardians at Bolton, England. Mr. Brooks ran as a Conservative candidate for the Imperial Parliament but was defeated. He is an author and public speaker of some reputation. Before coming to New Brunswick he spent some time in the west, and has published a book, giving a very interesting and entertaining account of his experiences in the west. He was a speaker at the celebration in honor of Empire Day at Bolton in 1912, and his address was published in full in the Bolton papers.

Mr. Brooks expects to publish a brochure on life in New Brunswick in the near future. Mr. Brooks is well pleased with conditions in this province, and thinks the prospects here are better than in the west. He has one son now serving in the Royal Navy."—St. John Standard.

This is the class of settlers New Brunswick wants. Men who are not only farmers, but who have literary ability, and can through the columns of our agricultural magazines explain the fundamental principles of farming to their less cultured brethren.

BERLIN BEGINS TO DOUBT

According to information which has recently passed from German financial circles to correspondents in the outside world, German military authorities have definitely abandoned hope of ultimate victory. This information is said to have been confirmed recently from other, and quite independent sources. The expectation of German military officials now is that the great war will result in a sort of "draw." They no longer entertain the hope of even capturing Warsaw, and they realize that even a success in that quarter would not materially effect the

issue. They will hold, however, that the allies will be impotent to inflict a fatal blow on Germany, maintaining that every mile of ground on German territory will cost the invaders the loss of five thousand men. German officialdom is still firm in the belief that the allies will never succeed in reaching Berlin, and dictating terms therefrom.

The war-lords of Germany miscalculated before, and they have not lost the capacity for committing further errors of judgement. They are surely still living in the delirium of fools if they really expect this war to result in a "stalemate." The Allies are not sacrificing millions of lives and billions of treasure simply to measure strength with Germany. They are carrying on the greatest of the world's crusades, for the righting of intolerable wrongs and the exorcising of the demon of militarism from Europe. To come out of the contest with "honors even" would be to leave their high mission unaccomplished and to encourage Prussia to gird her loins for another supreme effort in the not distant future. The Allies have the resources which must eventually bring complete victory—the only possible prelude to a lasting European peace.—Sydney Post.

UNFOUNDED SUSPICIONS

Having earned a bad name by building gun foundations in Belgium under the pretence of ordinary private construction work, Germans have been suspected everywhere of secret military preparations. Whenever a man with a German name has built a factory or levelled a lawn on a commanding site there has been an immediate suspicion of plottings for military destruction. In the light of present developments it would be most unwise to ignore any circumstance in the least suspicious or to disregard any possible danger. But it is well to ally needless alarms and to clear away unfounded suspicions when any disquieting case has been found, on investigation, to be free from evidence of guilt.

TIMELY TOPICS

'Twill be a glorious Thanksgiving when we can say Good-bye Turkey.

Don't be selfish Sister Chatham, your little brother Newcastle wants to grow.

One little act performed is worth a million good intentions.—Grant Colfax Fuller.

The Kaiser wanted a place "in the Sun." If he gets his due he will land in a place hotter than the sun.—Ex.

"Newcastle is just beginning to come up to where it should have been ten years ago," remarked a citizen the other day.

As the Buffalo Express says, with Kitchener's army in sight a British invasion of Germany is far more probable than a German invasion of Great Britain.

Report says the Kaiser has refused to undergo an operation for throat trouble, in this pretended bravado, or in the prophecy that he will either die on the battlefield or in the asylum coming true. Either one is bordered with undeserved mercy.

German theologians are asking why there is no answer to their complaint that England, by calling in Africa and Asia, have transformed the struggle into a world war, at the same time ignoring Germany's Alliance with Turkey. How dense ye Germans be, with all your boasted culture.

The monthly statement of the Finance Department shows an increase of \$11,900,916 in the net debt of the Dominion during December. This is due of course to war expenditures and falling revenues resulting from the war. The total revenue for the month was \$9,167,940 or \$3,763,526 less than December, 1913. The customs revenue was \$4,706,117, a decrease of \$2,831,068. The excise totalled \$1,952,837, a decrease of \$87,090. The net debt now stands at \$376,744,164.

Naval Secretary Daniels of the United States has placed the ban on "Tipperary." United States soldiers and sailors are forbidden to sing the song or whistle the air while on duty, as the Naval Secretary regards such conduct as a breach of neutrality.

North Sydney Negro Confessed to Murder

Police Took Suspected Man to the Dunn House and Went Over the Scene of Crime with Him—Result Was a Confession

North Sydney, N. S., Jan. 8.—West, the colored man, has confessed to the murder of Cassie Dunn. The statement was made to Stipendiary Magistrate Forbes this morning in the presence of Chief of Police McKinnon. The motive, as has been suspected for several days was criminal assault.

The murder was committed between five and six o'clock on the evening of December 21st and was discovered shortly after by Adam Ross, who boarded with Miss Dunn. The body was found terribly cut about the head at the bottom of the cellar stairs.

For the past few days, especially since the arrest of Connolly, the suspicion has been growing stronger that West was the murderer, and on Wednesday night Officer Bryant took the man to the Dunn house and went over the scene of the crime with him, following the movements the murderer was supposed to have made. West's suspicion dropped on the occasion of that visit to give the prosecution a clue as to the line of the examination and he was subjected to a rigid questioning by the Crown prosecutor. West broke up pretty badly during the examination yesterday and this morning made full confession of the crime. He does not implicate any other persons.

On the evening of the murder West told he went to Miss Dunn's and she sent him to the cellar for a scuttle of coal which he brought up, and Miss Dunn gave him a lunch in the dining room.

While he was eating, the victim passed beside him and he attempted to put his arm about her, intending to commit an indecent assault. Miss Dunn slapped him across the mouth with the back of her hand. West then shoved her back against the wall and hit her across the nose and forehead with a piece of lead pipe. This accounted for the blood stains on the wall.

He then pushed his victim into the kitchen and through the cellar door, and she slid downstairs, lying face downward, a couple of steps from the bottom. West followed downstairs and struck her with an axe on the head.

After committing the crime West left the house by the front door and met the Kelly girl at the gate. He warned her away and retraced his steps to the back yard to Victoria street and by Beech street to his boarding place at Connolly's where he washed up.

REXTON ITEMS

Of Interest to Readers From Our Regular Correspondent.

Jan. 11—Our amateur dramatic club went to Mundeville New Years evening and presented the farce "The Old Maid's Convention in the hall at that place for the Belgian Relief fund. The weather and roads were all that could be desired and the drive greatly enjoyed. The people of Mundeville, who are famous for their hospitality, did all in their power to make the visitors happy. The sum of \$70.45 was made and sent to Mayor Fink of St. John. [For lack of space the names of those who took part have been withheld.

The recent thaw has deprived us of our snow and schools are again running. The ice on the river is in great condition.

Smelts have been scarce in this river lately but good catches have been made in the Kouchibouguacis River. Large hauls of bass have been taken up this river. It is said that about thirty tons have been caught within the last few days. They are of fine size and demand ten cents per pound.

Word has been received here of the death at Worcester, Mass., Wednesday, of Mrs. Ernest Higman, who was formerly Miss Foley of Buctouche. Mrs. Higman was in Buctouche a short time ago visiting her sister Mrs. R. A. Irving. After returning home she contracted pneumonia and died after a few days' illness. She is survived by her husband who is a native of Moncton and two children. The funeral took place at Worcester, Saturday.

Our schools reopened on the 11th with the same staff of teachers as last term.

G. C. Macdonald spent the holidays at his home in St. Mary's, York Co., and Miss Smallwood at her home in Harcourt.

Miss Jennie Jardine went to Fredericton Monday to resume her studies at the Normal School.

Miss Agnes McDonald returned to Lorneville, St. John Co., on Monday to teach school.

Misses Cusley and Vera McInerney have returned to Sussex to teach and their sister Miss A. McInerney has returned to Dalhousie to resume charge of a school.

R. B. Fraser has gone to Fredericton Junction to resume charge of the grammar school there.

Robert Scott has gone to Sackville to study at Mount Allison.

Misses Mary and Lynn Wright have gone to Sackville to teach.

Miss Fleisher has returned to her home in Chatham, after visiting Miss Mary Cameron. Ebert Atkinson has returned to Shubenacadie, N. S., after visiting his home here. Everett Scott of the Sackville Tribune Staff, spent Christmas at his home in Jardineville. Harry Scott has gone to Campbellton to visit his brother George. He was accompanied by his little niece Marion, who had been visiting her grandparents. Graham Hannay has gone to St. John to attend business college. Miss Minard Palmer has returned to Dorchester to teach. Misses Annie Hanrahan and Sarah Palmer have returned to Fredericton to resume their studies at Normal School. Miss Stella Burns of South Branch,

RICHIBUCTO NEWS

Personal and Local Happenings at the Shiretown of Kent County

Jan. 9—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dearness of Prince Albert, Sask., who were spending the holiday season with relatives in St. John, came on Monday to visit Mrs. Dearness' parents, Judge and Mrs. H. H. James, Mr. Dearness, who represents Gault Bros., Limited, Winnipeg, Man., came for a short stay; Mrs. Dearness for a lengthy visit.

Miss Dorothy Forbes, for two years a student at a private school conducted by relatives in Scotland, but who did not return after summer vacation owing to the war, went on Tuesday to Sackville to attend Mount Allison Ladies' College. Miss Forbes has for several months been acting as organist in Chalmers' church, and will be much missed.

Miss Katherine Whiteside, who was spending vacation with her father, Rev. Arthur and Mrs. Whiteside, returned this week to her studies at Mount Allison.

Misses Kathleen and Tena O'Leary returned yesterday to Mount St. Vincent convent, Halifax, after spending vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. O'Leary.

Miss Keith of Havelock, has been engaged to teach the intermediate departments of the Grammar school, which position was made vacant by Miss Ferguson's promotion. Miss Keith came on Monday.

Lieutenant Arthur Leger returned to St. John on Monday, after spending Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Leger.

Lance O'Leary, cavalry recruit, spent New Year's in town, the guest of his uncle, R. O'Leary and Mrs. O'Leary.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Hutchinson returned on Monday from Moncton. Mr. Hutchinson attended the funeral of Judge W. A. Russell at Shellic last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nap Leger and two children of Moncton, spent New Year's with Mr. Leger's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Leger.

Stanley Vautour, of the 26th Battalion, spent part of the holiday season with the home friends. He was a guest of his brother, Postmaster Theo Vautour and Mrs. Vautour.

Guy Pierce of the 26th Battalion, spent part of the holiday season here with Mrs. Pierce.

R. A. Patterson, who was spending vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Patterson, returned on Monday to Halifax to resume his studies at Dalhousie College.

Miss Agnes Flanagan, stenographer for a Moncton law firm, spent her vacation at Youghal, Gloucester Co., to teach.

Miss Lillian McLellan has taken a school at Upper Dorchester.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kennedy of East Galloway, celebrated the tenth anniversary of their marriage with a party and dance at their home Friday night.

Miss Mame Girvan has returned to her home in St. John, after visiting her brother, Dr. R. G. and Mrs. Girvan.

Miss Minnie Buckley has returned to her home in Harcourt after visiting friends here.

Robert Go'die has come back from St. John after visiting friends there. Leonard Williamson of St. John has returned to his home after visiting his sister, Miss Lillian Williamson.

AFTER DINNER SALE
TUESDAY NEXT AT CREAGHAN'S
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lection with her mother, Mrs. Martin Flanagan. Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Baird, of Salisbury, spent a part of the holiday season with their son, J. Harry Baird, manager of A. & R. Loggie's mercantile business here, and Mrs. Baird.

Invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Emelia Robichaud, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred D. Robichaud, Buctouche, to Dr. A. J. Deveau, of Metaghlan, N. S. The marriage is to take place on Wednesday the 20th of January.

Romeo Doucet, who has been spending vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Doucet, left on Wednesday to return to his studies at Van Buren College, Melne.

Vincent Doucet and Tilman and Edgar Leger, who were home for vacation left on Thursday to return to the Convent at Tracadie.

Ora Lanigan, who was spending vacation at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Guy Leger, left on Thursday to return to his studies at the Tracadie convent. He was accompanied by his grandmother, Mrs. Lanigan, who has been making a lengthy visit to her daughter, Mrs. Leger. Mrs. Lanigan will go to Bathurst.

Paul Robichaud, of Little Abitibi, left Thursday for Moncton, where he will attend St. Joseph's College. The Red Cross Society here, are again busily at work, after a short vacation.

SUNNY CORNER

Jan. 11—Red Bank Division No. 43 S. O. T. have elected the following officers for ensuing quarter: W. P. Rev. James F. McCurdy; W. A. Rose Tozer; Fin. Scribe, Chas. Johnston; Treas., L. M. Tozer; Rec. Scribe, Hattie Parks; A. R. S., Addie Johnston; Chap., Greta White; con., Lloyd Matechett; A. C., Lola Mullin; I. S., Irvine McAllister; O. S., N. Sutherland; oratorist, H. Parks; P. W. P., Courtney Mathevet.

Mr. and Mrs. Archibald McLean gift in the form of a little girl.

Miss Harriet Schofield has returned to her school having spent her holidays at her home in Renous.

Mrs. John Burns and Allan Tozer spent Wednesday night with their old friend and neighbor, Mrs. Mary Holmes, Boom Road, who is slowly recovering from a paralytic stroke and erysipelas.

FOUND DEAD BY HIS YOUNG SON

German Met Death on Way to California From Canada

London, Ont., Jan. 8—Dr. Fred O'Brien, formerly of Brussels, later of Toronto, was found dead under his automobile by his little son, according to a man so received by relatives from the west.

That he was on the way to California to join other German reservists, who he supposed were to attack British Columbia, was the story of Franz Reich of New York, captured on a Grand Trunk express last night. He says he got his instructions from the German consul in New York. Reich will stay in Kingston penitentiary until the war ends.

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