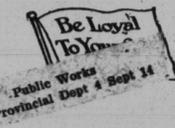




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**Timothy Seed  
Vegetable Seeds  
Red Clover Seed  
Alsike Clover Seed  
Mammoth Clover Seed**

**D. W. STOTHART.**

## District Division S. of T. 38th Quarterly Session

Held in Harcourt Temperance Hall on Friday—  
Divisions in Good Standing.

The 38th quarterly session of the Kent and Northumberland District Division Sons of Temperance met in Harcourt Temperance Hall on May 21st, 1915. D. W. P. Rev. R. H. Stavert in the chair. Newcastle, Douglstown, Redbank, Grangeville and Harcourt Divisions were represented.

Following pro tem appointments were made:  
Chaplain—Mrs. J. S. Jones.  
I. S.—Harry Anderson  
Cond.—G. McDiarmid  
Scribe—Thos. A. Clarke, P. W. P.  
Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

On motion visitors from Harcourt Division were received as delegates. Following committee were appointed:  
Credentialed—H. W. B. Smith, State of the Order—T. A. Clarke, H. W. B. Smith, Miss Tozer, Edson McDiarmid, and Mrs. J. S. Jones.  
Program—H. Anderson, Miss A. V. Johnston, C. Matchett, Miss Baxter and Miss Ward.

**D. W. P.'s Report**  
The D. W. P. reported great strides had been made along Temperance lines during the last year. The war had caused people to think and in Russia and France prohibition had been established. We in Canada had not done so well. He had recently been with delegations to wait on the several governments of Ontario, Canada and N. B. They had had a cordial reception from all, but results were not satisfactory. A good deal of practical work had been done since last meeting. Looking over the whole work there was need to feel discouraged. The cause was moving on.

Report was received and adopted.  
**D. Scribe's Report**  
Newcastle, N. B., May 21, 1915. Officers and members of Kent Northumberland District Division S. of T.  
Dear Brethren,  
With great pleasure I again submit a quarterly report, showing a membership still well over the thousand mark, in spite of the fact that two Divisions—Chatham and New Jersey—report their meetings having ceased and send in no membership returns. We trust their dormant condition is only temporary. Outside of the loss in these two Divisions the net gain in the District during quarter ending March 31st was 41.

During the quarter a movement was started in Newcastle which resulted in the formation on April 1st of a Town Improvement League, one of the planks of whose platform is: "That this Town Improvement League place itself on record as favoring the strictest enforcement of the Canada Temperance Act and guaranteeing to stand behind the proper authorities in the enforcement of the said Law."  
The Mayor and seven of the eight successful aldermanic candidates publicly subscribed to this platform before the Town Elections, and are members of the League.

The prospects for a Temperance administration in Newcastle never looked brighter than at present. The Provincial Government has refused to grant an investigation to Bro. Geo. N. Clark, of Rexton, dismissed "for cause" from the position of Liquor License Inspector for Kent County, but promise to grant an interview to Rev. Bros. W. R. Robinson and R. H. Stavert with the Kent County members on this subject.

**Report on State of the Order**  
The Committee on the State of the order reported as follows:  
1. That they have examined reports of District Scribe and find

same as given by Scribe correct.  
2. We note with satisfaction the report of the work throughout the Province as outlined by the D. W. P. Bro. Stavert, and are glad to find that notwithstanding his removal from our District he is still a lively interested in Kent and Northumberland District Division, as well as in other parts of the Province. We trust that his good work may long continue.

3. We regret to find that the Provincial Government has refused to grant the investigation into the dismissal of Geo. N. Clark as Liquor License Inspector for Kent County, which we had been led to believe they were prepared to grant. We would reaffirm our position taken at our last session, namely that after having examined all the correspondence between Mr. Clark and the Government we fail to find any reason why Mr. Clark should have been dismissed. We trust that the interview promised, although not in the nature of an investigation, will bring to light the fact that no real cause can be produced why Mr. Clark should have been dismissed from office.

4. We also deeply regret that the Provincial Government has seen

## LETTERS FROM THE FRONT

### Newcastle Boys Who Have Been in the Thick of it, Tell of Their Experiences

The following letters from our boys at the front, who have been in some of the big battles and came through unscathed, will be read with interest by our readers.  
The boys, as their letters show, are all in good spirits and are not losing any of their patriotism to the Empire, hard and all as they are experiencing things. It was reported about town that George McInerney had been seriously wounded in the head by shrapnel, but according to George Masson's letter, he was shot in the leg, and not seriously. "Fred" spoken of in Alex. Ingram's letter is evidently meant for Fred Gunn, who has since been reported as succumbing to his injuries. Gunner Masson says one of their guns fired over 3000 shots. Following are the letters:  
May 7th, 1915.  
Dear Mother and Father,  
Just a few lines to let you know that I came out of the great battle alright. Well we have had 14 days of it; we just came out last night. The battle started on the 22nd, and we have been working day and night since it started. We had George McInerney, Leslie Miller, Jimmie Cantwell of Newcastle wounded, but not bad. Mac got it through the leg, Jimmie Cantwell got it in the stomach and Miller got hit very slightly in the back. We expect him back every day. Fred Gunn from Chatham got wounded pretty bad but I did not hear how he made out. We had three killed also—Edward Polleys, George McDougall, George Talbot. We also had a few more casualties including our Captain and Lieut. We lost over half of our horses.  
I was harnessing up my team and a Jack Johnston hit, and killed the other two teams that I was hitched up with, but did not hit mine. I had dozens of narrow escapes which I will tell you about, I tell you we gave the Germans all they wanted, though. We fired over 3000 rounds with one gun so that was going

fit to refuse the request of the Temperance people for the prohibition of the sale of liquor in the Province during the present war, and we would urge upon all Temperance people to stand firmly together to fight more strongly than ever for the bringing in of that day when the white flag of Prohibition shall wave over our fair province.  
5. We also note with satisfaction the formation of a Town Improvement League in Newcastle. We heartily endorse the stand taken by this organization and trust that their efforts may be successful in the enforcement of existing laws, and in any other matters which they may deem necessary for the improvement of their fair town.

Submitted in L. P. & F.  
**THOS. A. CLARK,  
H. W. B. SMITH,  
J. S. JONES,  
LAURA TOZER,  
EDSON McDIARMID.**

Report was adopted section by section and as a whole.  
Time and place of next meeting was left to executive.  
Adjourned.  
**Public Meeting**  
There was a good public meeting in the evening, Rev. R. H. Stavert presiding.  
The opening chorus was "Soldier Boys in Grey."  
Addresses were given by L. J. Wathen, T. A. Clarke, H. W. B. Smith, Rev. A. D. MacLeod, and the chairman; recitation by Miss Hilda Baxter; duet, by Leo and Miss Una; a dialogue (waiting for Josiah) by Misses Tozer and Johnston and Mr. C. Matchett; and the meeting closed with the national anthem. Collection \$2.00.

We are now back resting up to take up a new position. Well mother I never felt better in my life. I guess that the Canadians ought to be proud of the 1st Contingent. One of the English generals said he never saw the like of them. Well be sure and send the chocolates and cigarettes. I guess I will close with love to all. Regards to all my friends. Tell Annie the picture is fine.  
Your loving son,  
**GEORGE MASSON,  
May 9, 1915.**  
Bombardier Alex. Ingram's letter to his mother and sister:  
Dear Pink,  
Just a line tonight to let you know I am real well and hope you are all the same at home. I have been getting your letters regularly and am always very glad to hear from you.  
I suppose you have heard long before this about Gordon getting hurt. I did not see him after he was hurt but I guess he only got slightly wounded in the hand so that I am in hopes that he will be back with us soon again. I was the first to get to poor Fred after he was hit and as far as I could see he was hurt pretty badly, in fact, we all thought he was dead but he seemed a little better when they started to take him to the hospital. Geo. McInerney was in the other section of the battery when he was hurt, but I guess he wasn't hurt very bad and Les. Miller was only slightly wounded.  
Believe me we found out that war was not all it was cracked up to be, but of course we were in one of the greatest battles of the whole war, and with the exception of feeling very badly over the boys getting hurt I can say that I enjoyed the whole thing and would not have missed it for quite a lot. I'll guarantee I sent as many shells over to the Germans as any one in the battery. Continued on page 5

## Died From Effects of Taking Carbohc Acid

**H. J. Ellison, Veterinary Surgeon, of Sussex,  
Suicided in Millerton Friday Night—Was  
Under Arrest**

Quite a stir was caused in Millerton on the evening of Friday, the 21st instant, when it was learned that a supposed case of suicide had occurred in that quiet village on the Miramichi.  
About six-thirty o'clock on that evening, a man drove up to the residence of Mrs. W. A. Simpson, and asked to be allowed to put up for the night. Mrs. Simpson told him she could not keep him for the night. He then asked if he could have his supper. He was given his supper, and after explaining that he was not sure of wanting to remain all night, as he might want to leave during the night, he was given a room, to which he took two valises he had with him.  
He sat around until about eight o'clock when he went to his room. He had not been there more than five minutes when he came down in a hurry and grabbed up a water pitcher and began drinking in a lavish manner. His actions and the fact that he could not swallow the water caused great alarm to Mrs. Simpson, who asked him what the matter was. He told her to hasten for the doctor, as he had taken stuff from a wrong bottle. The man also appeared to have been drinking.

Mrs. Simpson hastened over to Robinson's store and telephoned for Dr. Wilson, who arrived shortly after. The man was still alive when Dr. Wilson arrived, and lived for about thirty minutes after coming down stairs.  
Mrs. Simpson, on going to his room, found an ounce bottle about half full of carbolic acid, and as there were no other bottles around, it is supposed that he took a dose of this drug, in mistake for paregoric, a quantity of which was later found among his effects. Among other things was found a number of printed labels bearing the name, "H. J. Ellison, Veterinary Surgeon, Sussex," thus revealing the identity of the man who had taken his life in this peculiar manner.

Coroner Desmond, of Newcastle, was at once phoned of the affair, who told them to have witnesses on hand Saturday morning and he would go up.  
Saturday morning Coroner Desmond went to Millerton, and gathered what facts of the case as he could, that of Mrs. Simpson being as follows:  
"About six-thirty o'clock last evening (Friday) deceased drove to my house and said he wished to put up for the night. I told him I could not keep him. He asked if he could have his supper. I gave him his supper and he paid for it. He then said he did not know whether he would spend the whole night or leave during the night. He went upstairs about eight o'clock to a room where his valises were. About five minutes after, he came down and went to the dining-room and grabbed up the water pitcher. He tried to drink, but the water kept pouring out of his mouth down to the floor. I asked him what the matter was and he said, "get a doctor quick, I've taken the wrong stuff." I smelt carbolic acid off him. He did not seem to be able to drink the water. I ran to Mr. Robinson's store and telephoned for Dr. Wilson, who arrived in about ten or fifteen minutes. I then went to his room and found an ounce bottle of carbolic acid open. It was about half full. There were no other bottles about. He lived about thirty minutes. He was alive when Dr. Wilson arrived, but he was dying. In his valise I found labels with the name, "H. J. Ellison, Veterinary Surgeon, Sussex." I had never before seen this man. His horse and wagon is still here, also two valises, and a small box in the wagon. I have his watch, glasses and a fountain pen.  
Signed,  
**MRS. W. A. SIMPSON.**

Other parties who are boarders in the house, as well as Dr. Wilson, confirmed these statements.  
Coroner Desmond gave permission for the removal of the body, and on Saturday afternoon Undertaker Malby went to Millerton and brought the remains to Newcastle, where they were prepared for burial. After information had been received in Sussex, Undertaker F. W. Wallace of that place notified Mr. Maltby to send the remains to Sussex, and on Monday morning they were

sent to that place, where relatives of the deceased reside.  
**Facts of the Case Point to Suicide.**  
From facts that have since come to light, bearing on the past life of this unfortunate man of circumstances, it is the general supposition that he died intentionally by his own hand. It has also come to light that this same man some seven or eight years ago resided in Newcastle and after breaking up the tranquility of another man's home, departed suddenly, taking to live with him an unlawful wife.  
Just where he went from here is not exactly known, but it has since been learned that as late as May 5th the woman who left with him was in destitute circumstances in Sussex, and without a home.  
After Coroner Desmond returned from Millerton, he telephoned the Chief of Police at Sussex, asking him if he knew such a person, and the reply was "yes."  
It has also been reported that the deceased man was placed under arrest a short while ago in Sussex, upon serious charges, and that he had jumped his bail, and was thought to have crossed the line.  
Instead of doing that, however, it is now thought he went to Fredericton, and was working his way, by the aid of his profession, towards Newcastle, as on Saturday and Sunday he was in Blackville and purchased a quantity of supplies from Dickson & Troy's drug store. While in conversation with Mr. Dickson, he asked about things in general here and said he expected to be in Newcastle some time this week. He probably little thought at the time that the circumstances that would bring him here would be as they were.

After an examination of his effects it was found he had in his possession two one ounce bottles of pure carbolic acid and four bottles of paregoric. It has also been learned that these were purchased at D. P. Sullivan's, Renous Bridge, and the labels contained the name of Baird & Co., Woodstock, N. B. Whether this unfortunate man died by his own mistake in taking the wrong bottle, or whether his troubles were pressing too hard upon his mind and he wished to end it all, does not cover up the fact that this poisonous drug is being sold indiscriminately to country druggists, in spite of the fact that the law is very stringent in regard to this matter.  
The deceased was 49 years of age. His remains were sent to Sussex Monday morning.

**L. C. R. Wreck at  
Westchester, N. S.**  
No. 23 Freight in a Bad Spill but  
Fortunately None of the  
Train Crew Injured  
A bad wreck occurred on the L. C. R. at Westchester, N. S., about one o'clock yesterday morning, but fortunately none of the train crew met with injury. The engine and about seven or eight cars of No. 23 freight left the rails and it is expected the line will be blocked about five or six hours. No. 9 express from Halifax was detained by the spill. A number of the train crew had very narrow escapes. The engine toppled over but luckily the engine men escaped injury. Just what caused the run-off is not known.

**Closing Gymnasium**  
At a meeting of the members of the Men's Club on Tuesday last, it was decided to close their club room or gymnasium for the summer months. It is their intention to reopen their gym rooms in the autumn. The gymnasium has had a very successful season, starting in January and being open every night for games and amusement up to the present time, and has been a source of benefit to those attending. The hearty co-operation of a large number of citizens for the maintenance of this institution was one cause for its success.  
Athens, May 25—"King" Constantine's condition continues to show improvement; his temperature this morning was 98," said an official bulletin from the King's physician today.

## Meetings Held Thursday To Assist Recruiting

**Central Committee Nominated, Dates and Places  
Selected to Hold Meetings**

A meeting of the citizens was called at short notice on Thursday afternoon at 2.30 in the Town Hall, to organize a committee to assist in the recruiting of volunteers from this county for service for the Empire.  
Major Donalds, of the 55th Battalion was here as organizer, but the attendance was so small, that it was decided, after having talked the matter over at some length, to postpone the meeting until the evening, which was done. It was also proposed that the band be asked to appear out in order to draw a good crowd.  
At the hour of meeting, the attendance was small, but when the band put in an appearance it brought a large following. Mr. J. D. Creaghan was appointed chairman. Major Donald was asked to give an outline of the business which brought him to Newcastle.  
He said that owing to so many recruits of the 55th Battalion having been taken to make up the strength of the 22nd Regiment, it was necessary about six hundred men enlist from the provinces, and he would like to obtain fifty more from this county.  
The citizens were asked to form a committee, a central committee, appointing sub-committees throughout the county, or a section of the county, other from that in which Chatham is working. Appointed meetings are to be held in halls and school houses, when patriotic addresses will be given by prominent speakers and the situation at the front be placed before the young men throughout the county that they may see how urgent it is that they give themselves for the cause of the Empire.  
The conditions are such as cannot be gained by reading the accounts in the daily papers. Kitchener says he wants 300,000 more men, and he knows what he is talking about, it is felt and believed that if an appeal was made personally to the young men in the county who are eligible to go, and the dire need of their joining their other Canadian brothers at the front, that not only fifty men could be found willing to go but one hundred and fifty.  
One of the great drawbacks felt at the present time was the obstinate refusal of wives and mothers to

consent to their husbands and sons enlisting, who otherwise, through that inbred feeling of loyalty and patriotism, would gladly give up their lives, even for the sake of the flag of freedom which floats over them.  
A most stirring address, among others, was that of Rev. S. J. MacArthur. Rev. Mr. MacArthur, in an eloquent and forceful address, exhorted the young men to heed the call and help crush the tyranny of Germany. The murderous assault and the killing of innocent women and children must be crushed. Germany was not waging a war against the allied armies, she was carrying on a campaign of murder against the world. It is for the young men of Canada to aid in the protection of the womanhood of our nation. The fire of patriotism should burn in the heart of every true son of Canada, they should not have to be appealed to, their loyalty and manhood should prompt them to take their place in the trenches where their brave Canadian brothers have fallen.  
A nominating committee of three—Mayor Stothart, J. D. Creaghan and W. A. Park, was selected to nominate a central committee of ten citizens. The committee is composed of the following gentlemen: Mayor Stothart, D. J. Buckley, Ald. Ritchie, Hubert Sinclair, W. A. Park, Ald. McGrath, Chas. J. Morrissey, J. D. Creaghan, A. A. Davidson, W. J. Jardine.  
After several ideas had been talked over the meeting adjourned.

**Committee Meeting**  
A meeting of the Central Committee was held in the Town Hall Monday night with only five members present—Mayor Stothart, Ald. McGrath, W. J. Jardine, A. A. Davidson and Ald. Ritchie. As the number present only represented half of the committee, it was impossible to go thoroughly into the matter of selecting places of meetings and dates on which to hold them. The following meetings are scheduled, but liable to a change:  
Tonight in the Orange Hall at Redbank.  
Millerton, Thursday night, in conjunction with the patriotic meeting to be held there the same evening.  
Friday night, Blackville.  
Saturday night, Douglstown.  
Speakers for these meetings have not as yet been decided upon.

## Public Schools Celebrate Empire Day

**Interesting Program Carried Out—Douglstown  
Celebration**

The Newcastle Public Schools celebrated Empire Day in the Opera House Friday afternoon, Dr. R. Nicholson, chairman of Trustees presiding. On the platform with him were Inspector Mercereau, Mayor Stothart and Revs. W. J. Bate, Wm. Harrison, B. J. Murdoch and M. S. Richardson, and Capt. L. D. Jones, all of whom including the chairman gave strong and patriotic addresses.  
The program was as follows:  
Saluting the Flag—Flag held by Marjory Linton.  
Chorus—O Canada.  
Opening Address by Mayor Stothart.  
Address by Chairman.  
Recitation—A Child's Small Hand—Jean Fitzmaurice.  
Chorus—Rev. M. S. Richardson.  
Chorus—The Red, White and Blue Address—Rev. E. J. Murdoch.  
Recitation—The old Flag—13 girls under direction of Miss Ryan.  
Address—Rev. W. J. Bate.  
Chorus—Soldiers of Canada—by 12 advanced pupils.  
Address—Cont. Jones.  
Address—Rev. Dr. Harrison.  
Recitation—Men Who Die for England—Jack Nicholson.  
Address—Inspector Mercereau.  
Chorus—Rule Britannia.  
God Save the King.

Among other things Mayor Stothart emphasized the importance of compulsory attendance at school. He was in perfect accord with the request of the T. I. L. to have it enforced. Patriotism and Production should go together. All should have a garden. The chief aim of teaching was to produce pupils who could think for themselves correctly and rapidly.  
Dr. Nicholson favored compulsory attendance. The trustees were waiting for the Council to appoint a Truancy officer. One extra department would hold all the pupils not now attending. There should be a special school for big pupils who do not grade.  
Rev. Mr. Richardson spoke on Empire Building.  
Rev. Mr. Bate begged his hearers to remember at noon each day to pray for our soldiers and sailors.  
Capt. Jones deprecated any boasting. It was a most critical time. Great Empire building was impossible without well-educated men and women. The boy who smoked cigarettes would never amount to anything. The truly educated were those who could do things.  
Inspector Mercereau spoke on our duty to the Empire, which stands for Liberty of Conscience and personal freedom. Canadians had well done their duty at Neuve Chapelle, Hill No. 60, and at Langemark. How long would the war last? Perhaps long enough for a boy now 10 years old to be able to fight in it. Children to grow up healthy must keep clear of cigarettes and caramels and must faithfully keep up their physical drill. He emphasized the importance of school gardening. Germany could not win this war.

**DOUGLSTOWN**  
Empire Day program was carried out in Douglstown Superior School Continued on page 5