

LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S PROBLEMS INCREASE

Its Sense of Responsibility to the People Not Acute

Defeated Westmorland Candidate Conducts Work of Public Works Department—Premier and His Colleagues hesitate to Open Any More Constituencies—The Valley Railway Not a Comforting Issue.

Fredericton, N. B., June 9.—All the members of the government except the premier have left the city after quite a protracted session of the executive council. Governor Wood, who only came yesterday, will not leave until tomorrow, staying over to attend the closing of the Normal school.

The government dispersed without trying the minister of public works portfolio upon any other members of the legislature. F. G. Mahoney is still "honorable," and despite the fact that the people of Westmorland gave him notice that he was not wanted, he has filled the chair of the public works department since Tuesday last and has carried on the work of his office. It is not quite clear to whom Minister Mahoney will be responsible, as he is not a member of the legislature. But such small things do not do much to disturb the government.

Then there is a broad bill at the month of the Nerepis, and another expensive crossing at Jones' Creek. The railway will take the highway road practically all the way from Public Landing to the Nerepis crossing, and above Public Landing there is a very extensive rock cutting on the face of the Devil's Back. There is some alarm in government circles at the increased cost of building the road at the present time. Well known contractors make the estimate that it will cost at least 30 per cent more for materials than it did when the line was first started. More than that, labor is very scarce and all contractors throughout Canada are at their wits' end to find any foreign labor to do the work. More Trouble Possible.

Some representatives of the Nova Scotia Construction Company are here today, and Mr. Corbett, who has been here for some time, left this afternoon for his home in Philadelphia. It is understood that while here he gave the railway company to understand that he had no objection to the company taking over the construction of the line from Gagetown to Robyville, and that his company was at first intended to build the Fredericton-Gagetown section on the strength of the understanding and the signed contract that they would build the Gagetown-Robyville portion. The government and the company have repudiated both the route and the contract, and it is understood that the Corbett company is seeking reparation. It is said that Mr. Gould had \$300,000 worth of his securities returned to him. These were the securities which he put up for the government at one time to protect them when the money was raised to pay the interest on the bonds. Their return does not effect in any way Mr. Gould's claim upon the government, and the company, which it is understood he has been promised will soon be arbitrated upon.

JUNE WEDDINGS

Smyth-McDiarmid. Friday, June 9. An interesting ceremony took place at 7:30 o'clock yesterday morning in German street Baptist church, when Frederick S. Smyth and Miss Grace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. McDiarmid, both of this city, were united in marriage. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion with palms and apple blossoms and presented a very attractive setting for the event. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. G. O. Gates in the presence of the immediate families and a large number of spectators.

Stannard-Baskin. St. Stephen, June 8.—One of the most fashionable weddings witnessed on the St. Croix for some time took place in the Methodist church here this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock when Miss Marjorie Hayward Baskin, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Baskin, of this city, became the bride of James Howard Stannard, a young business man of New York. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. S. Stothard, B.D., pastor of the church, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends of the popular young couple. After the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents. The wedding party was handsome and costly. The young pair left by automobile on their honeymoon after which they will take up their residence in New York.

Richardson-Esley. Fredericton, June 8.—A quiet wedding took place here yesterday afternoon at the Reformed Baptist parsonage, when Miss Verma Esley, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Esley of Millville, and Arnold Richardson, of Castalia, Grand Manan, were united in marriage by Rev. S. A. Baker, assisted by Rev. W. B. Wiggins, B. A. of Moncton. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson left on C. P. R. for Millville, where they will reside. Mr. Richardson, being in employ of Hay Brothers, of that place.

Cummings-Brash. At the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Brash, Copperhill, Ont., on Wednesday, May 31st, their only daughter, Elsie Kathleen, became the bride of Charles T. Cummings, formerly of Moncton. The groom is a son of William Cummings of Lewisville. He was formerly a mechanic in the J. C. B. works and was also a well known base ball player, having played with the Neptune and Trojan teams. For the past three years he has resided in Copper Hill, Ont.

McColgan-Bailey. The home of Mr. and Mrs. George Bailey, Kenney street, was the scene of an interesting wedding Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock, when their daughter, Ella, was united in marriage to Walter Burton McColgan, eldest son of W. A. McColgan of Fairville. The

government candidates to fill the vacancy. This combination will strike the public as a somewhat unusual one. In the past he has been looking out for their interests rather than that of the people. The opposition will surely feel that both of the proposed candidates will be well worth defeating.

The Valley Railway. The Valley Railway situation is not comfortable. The announcement of the government that the route is not yet settled came as a surprise, and the quarrel of contractors from many quarters here indicate that there is much interest in what is going to happen. It is not known whether the road will go to Woodville or to Westville, although the engineers say quite privately that the Welsford route is impossible because it will create a one per cent grade and so largely destroy the value of the through route line from Fredericton. Again, the route to Westfield is very largely of rock, there being near Woodville a Point cut of about 200,000 yards.

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of British Honduras. Rev. T. J. Deinde officiated in the absence of Rev. Mr. Berrie, who is attending the Methodist conference in Summerside (P. E. I.). Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Thorne, Mr. and Mrs. Deering and Mrs. Berrie. The bride looked charming in a dress of white silk and carried a bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley. After the ceremony a dainty luncheon was served in the dining room which was decorated with apple blossoms and white bells. Immediately after the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Moffatt left for a trip to American cities. Evidence of the guests' popularity was shown by the number of handsome gifts which were received including cut glass, china, silver and linen, etc. Among the out-of-town guests were Miss Hazel Bayworth and Miss Grace Housley of Moncton (N. B.).

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Ottawa, June 12.—No official report is available at Militia headquarters here yet as to the total of the Canadian casualties in the heavy fighting of the past ten days. The only figures received today conform to the press dispatches giving the total British casualties including Canadians on the Ypres salient as 131 officers killed and 733 wounded with 1,985 of non-commissioned officers and men killed and 6,794 wounded. As British regiments hold the western end of the Ypres salient and were hotly engaged along with the Canadians, the above total of 9,643 casualties cannot, of course, be taken as representing only Canadian casualties.

The additional list of fifteen casualties among officers received this morning brings the total up to 275 and this carries the casualties among officers up to Saturday last. On the basis of officers who have fallen the total of all ranks should be somewhere in the neighborhood of 7,000, but until an official report is received from General Byng, the total figures must be more or less conjectured.

Ottawa, June 12.—The latest additions to the officers' casualty list follow: June 8, wounded—Lieutenant R. C. MacKenzie, Montreal. June 4, wounded—Captain R. W. Clifford, Ontario. June 5, wounded, shell shock—Captain W. L. Shannon. June 6, wounded, shell shock—Lieutenant A. Deane McDonald. June 9, killed—Lieutenant H. M. Wilson. June 10, killed—Lieutenant H. Routhwell Page, Winnipeg; Lieutenant R. Palmer, Winnipeg. Wounded—Captain A. D. McLean, Winnipeg; Lieutenant E. S. C. Wilcox, Port Arthur; Lieutenant J. D. Young, Port Arthur; Lieutenant L. S. Yull, Port Arthur; Lieutenant A. J. Roberts, Wounded, shell shock—Lieutenant G. S. Gardiner, Victoria; Lieutenant R. S. Billman. Lieutenant H. G. Birks, 42nd Mont.

past. He is an Englishman by birth and his parents are at present residing in England. His wife is also an English girl who came to this country a few years ago. T. W. McKee, Slightly Wounded. According to official advice received by W. E. McKee, of 24 Celebration street on Saturday his only son Pte. Maxwell McKee, Mounted Rifles, was officially reported as slightly wounded. McKee was in the trenches at Edmondson Military Hospital, England. McKee joined the ranks when he was only seventeen and on Thursday next would have spent his second birthday in the trenches. He left here in the first contingent under Captain Sturdee. Previous to enlistment he was in M. R.'s former office. He was a very bright and popular youth. Many friends will hope for a speedy recovery.

Corp. W. A. Stevenson. Mrs. Annie McEwain, of 82 Brussels street this morning received official word from Ottawa announcing that her brother Corporal William Arthur Stevenson, Mounted Rifles, was officially reported as admitted to No. 1 Canadian General Hospital on June 4, slightly wounded. Mrs. Stevenson, who is a resident of this city, yesterday that her brother left for the front when he was very young, but at the outbreak of the war his Canadian pluckiness and patriotism manifested itself and he crossed over and joined the colors. Corp. Stevenson was in charge of a bomb section and was considered a valuable man.

Mistake Here? Mrs. A. Guilfoyle, of 148 Brussels street has received a telegram from the Adjutant General at Ottawa saying that her brother John T. Lynch was suffering from shell shock and was admitted to a military hospital in France. Mrs. Guilfoyle says her brother's name was Edward J. and he went across with the A. S. C. artillery. She is sure that the name of the brother who was admitted to the hospital is not John T. Lynch, but Edward J. Lynch. She received a letter from the date of May 21 and Pte. Edward Lynch wrote then that he was in the best of health.

Charles Carmichael. Mrs. Julia Carmichael of 40 Westmorland Road received official telegram from Ottawa announcing that her son Pte. Charles Carmichael was officially reported as slightly wounded and that further particulars should be sent when received. Pte. Carmichael left here with the New Brunswick battalion but was later on transferred to the 18th battalion. He was 22 years of age and was unmarried. Among other brothers is one in Nova Scotia battalion. Good Word from Major Magee. The anxiety regarding Major Frank C. Magee, which was aroused by a cablegram from Lieut.-Col. Dr. Murray MacLaren, announcing that he had been wounded in the "No Man's Land" was considerably relieved by the receipt of a second message from Dr. MacLaren in which he told the good news that the gallant major is progressing favorably and that they expect to remove him to England as soon as he is able to travel.

Pte. W. A. Dick. Private William Alexander Dick, a St. John soldier, who was mentioned in the despatches for his heroism, being one of three who went out of the trenches under fire and carried back to safety. Corporal Thomas, who was wounded and has fallen on "No Man's Land" was wounded on June 4 by a shell in the face and was admitted to No. 1 Canadian General Hospital at Staples. Word was received to this effect this morning by his wife. Pte. Dick was wounded on December 10, and did not leave the hospital until February 16. He is now in the thirty-first year of his age and was a "longshoreman before enlisting. He has two brothers in khaki—Ernest and Roy.

Norman Gough. James W. Gough of Fredericton this morning received word that his son, Private Norman Gough had been admitted to hospital on June 1 suffering from wounds in thigh. Another son, Percy, was killed in action some weeks ago and the effect that he was now convalescent. Private Warnock was wounded in the famous crater fight and has been in the hospital ever since at Manchester. He writes that he has recently been removed to a convalescent home in Fallowfield, Manchester, where he is enjoying himself immensely. His many friends will be pleased to learn that he is recovering from his grievous wounds.

Sergeant Leadbetter Wounded. Word was received on Sunday by Mrs. John Leadbetter of 16 Middle street, to the effect that her husband, Sergeant Leadbetter of the Royal Canadian Regiment, had been admitted to hospital at Chatham, after having suffered a gun shot wound in the arm. Sergeant Leadbetter has been in the trenches since last October and has gone through several engagements without being wounded. He is a veteran of the South African war and was a regular having been in the R. C. R. for the past nine years. Before going overseas he was stationed at Fredericton, where he has many friends who will regret to learn of his being wounded. Besides his wife, he has four children, one of the latter having been ill for some time.

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RUSSIAN LOSSES

Except for Growing List of Officers, Now Nearly 300, Indications Would Point to Canadian Losses Being Lighter Than First Supposed—Some of the Local Boys Suffering

Ottawa, June 12.—No official report is available at Militia headquarters here yet as to the total of the Canadian casualties in the heavy fighting of the past ten days. The only figures received today conform to the press dispatches giving the total British casualties including Canadians on the Ypres salient as 131 officers killed and 733 wounded with 1,985 of non-commissioned officers and men killed and 6,794 wounded. As British regiments hold the western end of the Ypres salient and were hotly engaged along with the Canadians, the above total of 9,643 casualties cannot, of course, be taken as representing only Canadian casualties.

The additional list of fifteen casualties among officers received this morning brings the total up to 275 and this carries the casualties among officers up to Saturday last. On the basis of officers who have fallen the total of all ranks should be somewhere in the neighborhood of 7,000, but until an official report is received from General Byng, the total figures must be more or less conjectured.

Ottawa, June 12.—The latest additions to the officers' casualty list follow: June 8, wounded—Lieutenant R. C. MacKenzie, Montreal. June 4, wounded—Captain R. W. Clifford, Ontario. June 5, wounded, shell shock—Captain W. L. Shannon. June 6, wounded, shell shock—Lieutenant A. Deane McDonald. June 9, killed—Lieutenant H. M. Wilson. June 10, killed—Lieutenant H. Routhwell Page, Winnipeg; Lieutenant R. Palmer, Winnipeg. Wounded—Captain A. D. McLean, Winnipeg; Lieutenant E. S. C. Wilcox, Port Arthur; Lieutenant J. D. Young, Port Arthur; Lieutenant L. S. Yull, Port Arthur; Lieutenant A. J. Roberts, Wounded, shell shock—Lieutenant G. S. Gardiner, Victoria; Lieutenant R. S. Billman. Lieutenant H. G. Birks, 42nd Mont.

past. He is an Englishman by birth and his parents are at present residing in England. His wife is also an English girl who came to this country a few years ago. T. W. McKee, Slightly Wounded. According to official advice received by W. E. McKee, of 24 Celebration street on Saturday his only son Pte. Maxwell McKee, Mounted Rifles, was officially reported as slightly wounded. McKee was in the trenches at Edmondson Military Hospital, England. McKee joined the ranks when he was only seventeen and on Thursday next would have spent his second birthday in the trenches. He left here in the first contingent under Captain Sturdee. Previous to enlistment he was in M. R.'s former office. He was a very bright and popular youth. Many friends will hope for a speedy recovery.

Corp. W. A. Stevenson. Mrs. Annie McEwain, of 82 Brussels street this morning received official word from Ottawa announcing that her brother Corporal William Arthur Stevenson, Mounted Rifles, was officially reported as admitted to No. 1 Canadian General Hospital on June 4, slightly wounded. Mrs. Stevenson, who is a resident of this city, yesterday that her brother left for the front when he was very young, but at the outbreak of the war his Canadian pluckiness and patriotism manifested itself and he crossed over and joined the colors. Corp. Stevenson was in charge of a bomb section and was considered a valuable man.

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