

OUR LOSSES HEAVY THIS MONTH

Ottawa, Nov. 28.—A statement issued today by the militia department shows that during the first fifteen days of the present month the total wastage in the Canadian expeditionary force exceeded the total number of recruits obtained by 9,150 men. The total wastage, consisting of casualties overseas and men discharged in England and Canada, is given as 11,211. The total number of recruits secured during the half month was 2,061.

Casualties overseas for the fifteen day period were very heavy, a total of 8,252 men being placed in this class. Of this number, 6,448 were infantrymen. The balance of the total wastage is made up as follows: Men discharged in Canada, 418; men returned to Canada for discharge, 2,420; men discharged in England, 121. The total wastage of infantrymen during the half month was 8,498.

Of the 2,061 recruits secured in the fifteen days, 672 were obtained in the United States, 1,384 in Canada and five in England. A total of 876 men joined the ranks of the infantry; 455 became artillerymen; 245 joined the railway construction and forestry battalions, and 465 were drafted into miscellaneous units.

It is estimated in the statement that 45 per cent. of the total casualties will be fit for general service within a period of six months.

Newfoundland Losses.

St. John's, Nfld., Nov. 28.—Newfoundland regiment has again been heavily in action and casualty lists received yesterday disclose following losses:

Lieutenant Vincent Cluett, Belleoram, died of wounds.

Captain Reuben Stick, St. John's, Lieutenant Gerald Whittier, St. John's, Fifty-five privates reported wounded.

St. John Men at Halifax.

Halifax, N. S., Nov. 28.—A steamship arrived today with 800 returned, wounded and sick soldiers, some of them in serious condition. Two died on Nov. 28.

and were buried at sea. They were Private Edward McGrath, of Whitby (Ont.), and Sapper William Howard, of England. Three hundred of the men will leave for various points tomorrow. Two other ships are expected within 24 hours.

The men from the last ship, belonging in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, left tonight by rail.

Among the officers were the following: River Hebert (N. S.)—Lieutenant E. C. Leslie, Fredericton (N. B.)—Lieutenant A. H. Taylor, St. John (N. B.)—Lieutenants G. T. Harding and D. L. MacLaren.

NEW CODE OF CANON LAW IN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Marriages in Lent and Advent Permissible—The Fasting Restrictions

(Montreal Gazette.)

In future marriages may be celebrated in Catholic churches in Lent and in Advent. This is one of the two important announcements conveyed by Archbishop Bruchet in a circular letter read in Catholic churches yesterday. The second announcement concerns the restriction of fast days in the Advent season, which precedes Christmas, the Ember-week fast days remaining as in the past.

Formerly marriages were not celebrated in Catholic churches from the first Sunday of Advent to January 6, and from Ash Wednesday to the first Sunday after Easter. The new code of canon law permits the celebration of marriages at all times of the year, including the season of Lent and Advent. The nuptial blessing is, however, forbidden during Lent and Advent.

The circular letter from His Grace announcing the aforesaid changes reads as follows:

Reverend and dear Fathers, The new code of canon law shall come into force on the Feast of Pentecost, 1918. According to a declaration of Pope Benedict XV., under date of August 19, of this year, some articles of the code are now effective. As some changes have been made regarding the holy time of Advent, we wish to bring them to your knowledge.

On Advent. In future we shall not have the customary fast-days of Advent, Fridays alone shall remain days of abstinence. Therefore, the week of Advent shall be like any ordinary week during the year, as far as fasting and abstinence are concerned, with the exception of Ember-week, during which the regular three days of fast and abstinence must be observed, as in the past.

The vigil of Christmas shall also remain a day of fast and abstinence, except when Christmas falls on a Monday, because the fasts of vigils are never anticipated.

On Marriage. It is decreed, in the new code of canon law that "marriage may be contracted at all times during the year."

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tracted at all times during the year." The nuptial blessing only is forbidden from the first Sunday of Advent until Christmas day inclusive, and also from Ash Wednesday until Easter Sunday inclusive. But this change in the duration of forbidden time shall not go into effect until Pentecost.

From now on, however, the Ordinaries may, for a serious reason, and conformably to the liturgical laws, permit the nuptial blessing at marriages, on days within the forbidden times. But on such occasions the parties must be notified to abstain from all pomp and display.

Kindly read this circular-letter to the faithful.

Receive, dear Fathers, the expression of my most devoted sentiments in Our Lord.

PAUL, Arch. of Montreal.

Speaking of the above changes in regard to the marriage regulations, Bishop LeBlanc said last evening that they were only minor ones. No official announcement regarding the changes has yet been made in St. John.

APPOINTMENTS FOR TWO OFFICERS FROM OVERSEAS

Two more appointments have been made by the military authorities from among the returned officers in St. John.

Lieutenant J. Edgar March, a returned officer of the 86th New Brunswick's famous regiment, has been appointed officer commanding the guard of the wireless station at Newcastle and his brother, Captain Ernest A. March, who went overseas with the 118th regiment and was later sent to France, with another unit, where he spent five weeks and since returned to Canada by the military authorities, will be traveling assistant military district representative under the Military Service Act. His duties will consist chiefly of overseeing the various tribunals of this district. He will start work immediately.

Lieutenant March, who has received the important appointment as O. C. of the guard at Newcastle, is a returned officer of the 20th with which he went overseas. He spent eighteen months in the trenches and passed through many of the heaviest engagements in which this regiment has prominently figured. Lieutenant March is an officer with a brilliant career at the front and has been twice wounded.

Captain Ernest March is also an overseas man and his many friends will hear with general satisfaction of his appointment.

Captain Heron, general staff officer of military district No. 4, left last evening for Newcastle, where he will install Lieutenant March in his newly appointed military post.

SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR POISONING WIFE

Medicine Hat, Alta., Nov. 28.—After the longest criminal trial in the history of western Canada, over thirteen days, Adam Neigel, a Schuler farmer, was last evening found guilty of poisoning his wife. Justice Hyndman sentenced him to be hanged on Friday, March 22. Neigel's counsel applied for a reserved case and Justice Hyndman agreed to hear his application at a future date.

SUCCESSFUL OPEN NIGHT.

More than 300 people witnessed one of the most successful evening's entertainments at Open House Night at the Y. M. C. A. last night. Among the attractions of the evening were basketball games by the senior league of the city, wrestling matches by the amateur Samsons of local repute, and volley ball matches by the business men's class. The excellent Y. M. C. A. orchestra rendered suitable selections both during rest periods and while the floor activities were in full swing. The evening was especially arranged for the senior members and their friends and a record attendance was registered. A good crowd of seniors turned out for the floor work and three group games were run off. In the wrestling matches, Sterling put Jacobson on the mat in the first and Reuben floored Rowley in the second. This is but the first of many special features of this year's social programme for the local institution and the number of seniors and friends alone present last night is evidence of the greatly increased activities of the Y. M. C. A. this year.

OFFICIAL LODGE VISIT.

Marlborough Lodge, No. 207, Sons of England, was visited last night, during their meeting, at the Orange hall, Germain street, by its sister lodges, Portland and New Brunswick. F. J. Punter, president and gave an address of welcome to the large number who were present. Many of the friends of the society took this opportunity of paying their respects to the Sons of England. The great fighting honors won by the British army at the front were duly celebrated with songs and readings. The gathering was very enthusiastic and the programme and the meeting was closed by the singing of the National Anthem.

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