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DISTRICT NEWS.

APPLETON.

Special to THE HERALD.

Mr. Fred Mason, who has been attending the Normal School at Ottawa, is spending the holidays with his mother here.

Mrs. Lorne Fumerton and children are spending a few days with friends in Ashton.

Misses Ida Houston and Maggie Lush spent the week-end in Ottawa.

Mr. Thos. Deachman, of Carleton Place, preached in the Methodist church on Sunday afternoon.

Rev. J. J. Monds, of Carleton Place, exchanged pulpits with Rev. A. D. Fraser and preached two very fine sermons on Sunday.

Your correspondent wishes the Herald staff and readers a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

FRANKTOWN.

(Received too late for last issue.)

An adjourned meeting of the cheese factory patrons was held on Saturday evening with a very good attendance.

Winter seems to have set in, in dead earnest and the good supply of snow has made the sleighing first class.

Dr. Hugh McEwen, of Smiths Falls, was a week-end visitor with friends in this vicinity.

Mrs. Stapledon, a resident of Saskatchewan, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Anderson.

Mrs. Dr. Moore, of Ottawa, visited with Mrs. Lowry over the week-end.

Miss Patterson, of Smiths Falls, was the guest of Mrs. P. McEwen over Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. Angus McLellan, of Carleton Place, visited her old home here this week.

The big event of this week, if not of the season, was the Presbyterian church anniversary on Sunday and Monday. Large congregations assembled at both morning and evening services on the Sabbath, the spacious church being filled with devout and attentive congregations who appreciated very warmly the eloquent and earnest preaching of Rev. C. W. Nichol, of Ottawa.

On Monday evening the annual social gathering was held, a bountiful supper being served by the ladies of the congregation in the basement, after which all repaired to the church auditorium where a programme of musical and literary programme was gone through.

Rev. Mr. Lowry, on taking the chair, expressed his pleasure and gratitude at the loyalty and devotion of the congregation for another year and their sincere thanks to the Most High God for his care and mercy to their church and to the nation in the present trying and perilous time in the affairs of the world.

A select choir, under the very efficient leadership of Mr. D. R. Ferguson, rendered beautiful anthems, and solos were given by Miss Sutton, Mr. Arthur Williamson and Mr. H. Morton, and popular readings by Miss Lizzie Henderson. A stirring patriotic address was delivered by Rev. Dr. Topping, of the Methodist church, dealing fully with the war situation, which was enthusiastically received. The singing of the national anthem closed the entertainment.

Mr. Thomas Scott and family, of Goulbourn, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Hughton and family on Sunday last.

Mrs. Capt. Edwards and Miss Edwards returned from a visit to Smiths Falls.

ALMONT.

From the Times.

Mr. W. Gilmour has returned home from the West after spending three months with friends there.

Mr. J. Thompson, of Port Hope, has taken a position as teller in the Bank of Montreal here. He succeeds Mr. Purdy, who has resigned.

Messrs. J. Earnshaw and J. Pullar and Miss A. Murray, of town, have been successful in passing the civil service examinations held in Ottawa a short time ago.

Mr. James King, who has been engaged as cheesemaker at the Rosedale cheese factory for the past season, has moved his family to town and will reside here in the future.

Mr. R. L. McDonald has been appointed financial manager of the Almonte rink, and Mr. Alex. Houston caretaker.

From the Gazette.

Miss Edeline Ramsay is coming from New York to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Ramsay.

The Ramsay Township Farmers' Club met in the council chamber of Almonte town hall on Saturday, Dec. 11th, at two p.m. All the officers were re-elected. The audited report was read and adopted, showing a most successful year.

for the Club. Mr. P. S. Harding, B.S.A., Perth, was present and gave an outline of the Short Courses which are to be given in Almonte by the Department of Agriculture. These courses begin Jan. 5th, and last for one month.

Mr. H. Purdy, teller in the Bank of Montreal, has resigned, and after a week or so spent in New York will enter a technical school in Detroit. Mr. J. S. Thompson, of Port Hope succeeds Mr. Purdy here.

Mr. Wm. Lodge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gull Lodge of Arnprior, has enlisted and has joined the 32nd Battery, C.F.A. He enlisted some time ago with the flying corps, but was rejected.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. White expect to leave on Monday or Tuesday of next week for Florida, where they will spend some time at St. Petersburg, in that sunny part of Uncle Sam's domains.

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LANARK.

From the Era.

Mr. Wm. Roberts, eldest son of Mr. John Roberts, Lanark, has enlisted with the 130th Battalion and has gone to Perth to train.

Mr. Thos. P. Brown, who recently gave up his position as boss dyer in the Clyde Woollen Mill, and sailed for his old home in Scotland, has enlisted with the King's Own Scottish Borderers.

Mr. John Gemmill is seriously ill with appendicitis and last night had an operation performed. He is still in a weak condition.

News reached Mr. M. J. Ballantine on Saturday that his nephew, Mr. Charles Armstrong, had been killed in action in an engagement on the Gallipoli peninsula on Wednesday, Nov. 24th.

The young hero was a native of Herron's Mills, born there thirty years ago. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Armstrong, moved to Vancouver some fifteen years ago, accompanied by their family.

Three years ago Charlie went to Australia and at the outbreak of the war enlisted with the 6th Field Ambulance, Force, which went to the Dardanelles, where some of the fiercest fighting of the whole war has taken place. Deceased was well known in Lanark and his many young friends here will regret to hear of his death.

Mr. Thomas Easton, of Lammernmoor, died at his late residence this morning, Wednesday.

Miss Margaret Kay died last Thursday, Dec. 9th, at the home of Mr. Robert Majaury, Clydeville. She had been troubled with bronchitis and caught more cold which developed into inflammation of the kidneys and caused death.

The death of Mr. Thos. Molyneux, sr., which occurred at his home near Watson's Corners on Saturday night last, removes from this mundane sphere one who was a familiar figure in this neighborhood during his lifelong residence therein of over four-score years.

The end came rather suddenly and was caused by a blood clot on the brain which affected him seriously only two days prior to death. Mr. Molyneux was a native of Lanark township, having been born on the old Majaury farm near Hopetown over 85 years ago, and his whole lifetime, with the exception of the past three years that he has been living in Dalhousie, was spent in Lanark township.

After two days illness Thos. S. Rintoul passed away at Keoma, Alberta, on Saturday morning, Dec. 4th at the age of 40 years. Deceased was quite active till a few days ago and death was due to hemorrhage of the brain. Mr. Rintoul was born at Brightside, in 1875.

Mrs. Finlay Gunn, died last Wednesday, Dec. 8th, after a long-continued illness. Ann Baird was born in Lanark village, the daughter of James and Annie Craig. When very young her mother died and Ann went to live with her grandfather, the late Andrew Baird, at Hopetown. On Dec. 14th, 1876, Finlay Gunn and Ann Baird were married. For eleven years they lived on the farm now owned by William Gibson, 2nd line Lanark; twenty-six years at Hopetown, and the past two years in Lanark. The family are two daughters—Mrs. Alf. Park, Boyds, and Jessie at home.

TAYLOR'S deliver the Coal that Burns, NUT, STOVE and Etc. always on hand.

The Ontario Government appointed Mr. E. P. Heaton, a Toronto insurance expert, fire marshal of the Province.

Sir Frederick E. Barker, former Chief Justice of New Brunswick, and an ex-Commoner and Senator, is dead.

The license of the Strathcona Hotel, Toronto, was suspended for two weeks because of the sale of liquor to soldiers.

The death sentence on Hubert T. King for the murder of Eddie Nicholson.

THE MINISTER'S BRIDE.

The popular drama, known by the above name, was presented in the town hall last Thursday evening by the young people of Zion Church, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society, and was greeted with a full house. There are four scenes in the play: 1st, The preparation for the home-coming of the pastor and his bride, the ladies of the congregation putting the manse in order; 2nd, The pastor and his bride at home, the members of the congregation calling to extend their greetings; 3rd, Incidents in the Minister's Experience, even to a marriage in the study; 4th, A Social Party at the Minister's home, in which the members of the congregation take part. The setting, the acting, and the music were exceptionally good, and the result was a unique success.

The cast consisted of about thirty characters, with quaint names, as follows:

Rev. John West, Norman Dunlop.
Mrs. West, Jean McCallum.
Joe Crabbe, Huntley Sinclair.
Mrs. Crabbe, Nellie Kells.
Mrs. Betterdays, Mossie Sinclair.
Mrs. Sharpe, Ethel McEwen.
Mrs. Charity, Verna Devlin.
Mrs. Seegood, Edith Kells.
Amos Right, Frank Donald.
Molly Charity, Edith McCallum.
Miss Smiley, Mabel McNeely.
Jim Curtis, Omer Fleming.
Miranda Meek, Kate McNab.
Sheila Jones, Queenie Allen.
Robert Spence, Wm. Sinclair.
Janet Heather, Jessie Simpson.
Ephraim Snelgrove, Frank McDougall.
Amarilly Ticklepithcher, Denesha Duff.
Mrs. Penelope Geethrow, Mrs. D. Findlay.
Josephine Fiddlesticks, Miss McLean.
Jemima Crosshaul, Mrs. F. McRostie.
Samantha Strategy, Miss Fife.
Forepaw Tarbox, Mr. A. Dunlop.
Misses Tintintabulation.

L. and D. Dunlop.
Elder Dagstack, C. C. Brown.
Mr. Pecksniff (Accompanist) J. W. Given.

The ladies were attired in gowns of long ago, some of them very fine, and the gentlemen were certainly not of the present generation. Each of the characters appeared quite at home in the part, and the presentation was alike creditable to the performers and to their tutor, Miss Fife. Between the scenes instrumental music was furnished by the Gordon Orchestra and two solos were very acceptably rendered by Mr. C. C. Brown, "Mother Machree" and "Come o'er the Stream, Charlie."

The following programme was rendered in the fourth scene, being exceptionally well done:

Chorus—"Ye Banks and Braes," Cast.
Duet—"The Cauld Blast," Mrs. Penelope Geethrow, Miss Jemima Crosshaul.
Solo—"Afton Water," Janet Heather.
Recitation—"Curfew Shall Not Ring To-night," Miss Samantha Strategy.

Solo—"The Last Rose of Summer," Miss Sheila Jones.

Piano Duet—"Military Galop," The Misses Tintintabulation.

Duet—"Beautiful Bells," Miss Smiley, Miss Amarilly Ticklepithcher.

Quartet—"I Cannot Sing the Old Songs," Jemima Crosshaul, Josephine Fiddlesticks, Janet Heather, Sheila Jones.

"Auld Lang Syne."

At the conclusion of the play a pantomime, "Hark, Hark, My Soul," was presented by seven young ladies in Grecian costumes, who expressed by motions the sentiment of the hymn as it was sung by Mr. Brown with chorus, colored lights adding to the beauty of the scene. A patriotic tableau concluded the entertainment, which is said to have been one of the best local performances given for many a day, the singing being especially good, several of the numbers being a surprise to the audience.

An effort is being made to have the programme repeated in aid of some of the worthy charities of the day.

Fire in a Dresser at Perth.

Saturday night shortly after eight o'clock the town firemen were called out, but happily their services were not required. The fire was in Mrs. William Cooper's house on Church street, and was of peculiar origin. Shortly before the alarm was given she noticed a strong odor of smoke coming downstairs from the rooms above, and on going up to investigate Mrs. Cooper found the inside of one of her bedroom dressers on fire. The blaze had not gained sufficient headway in the dresser to break through when discovered but the smoke was coming through every available opening. With the assistance of the neighbors the dresser was carried downstairs and out into the yard, where several pails of water quenched the blaze, but not before the interior and contents of the dresser were a complete loss. The origin of the fire is unknown.—Perth Courier.

The United States has abolished the embargo on potatoes from Canada.

Germany is once more reported to be considering an invasion of England.

The Kaiser has forbidden any Christmas celebrations in Germany.

Germany has asked Turkey to assist in driving the Allies out of Saloniki.

Serbia states that not one intact gun was allowed to fall into enemy hands.

Sixteen persons were killed in a triple railway collision near Newcastle, England.

An escaped British prisoner says the German authorities fear a revolt of the people.

Emerson D. Shelley was hanged at Simcoe for the murder of Christian Shoup.

The troopship Orduna, with 1,093 officers and men aboard, reached England safely.

Austrian prisoners-of-war interned at Petawawa have refused to work, taking advantage of a recent ruling of the courts.

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

During last week 483 men were enlisted in Toronto.

British guns silenced the enemy's batteries near Ypres.

Newfoundland has stopped cod liver oil from the Germans.

An unidentified old woman was killed by a street car in Toronto.

Great Britain has barred any more women from visiting Egypt.

The Emperor of Abyssinia has offered 200,000 troops to the allies.

Germany threatens to expel the Entente Allies from Saloniki.

The Austrians have executed two Americans as spies at Gorizia.

A French Commission is coming to investigate purchase in Canada for its Government.

French Commissioners visiting Toronto see great prospects for future trade with Canada.

The Serbians in the recent campaign captured 750 officers and 42,000 men belonging to the enemy.

Great Britain probed the charge that food was sent from the United States to Germany by parcel post.

Huge transports are constantly arriving at Saloniki, with reinforcements for the Allies' Balkan army.

The British army, as a result of Lord Derby's recruiting scheme, is now estimated at 5,000,000 men.

France is turning some of her prisoners over to Great Britain, having more than she could handle.

The Premier of Greece says that in no case will Bulgarian troops be permitted to set foot on Greek soil.

George Pearn was burned to death in a fire at Sault Ste. Marie, being unable through illness to make his escape.

Wm. Ferguson, formerly of North Bay, came back there from Crescent City, California, to join the 159th Battalion.

The Quebec Provincial Government has resolved to rigorously enforce the law against Sunday labor in shops and factories.

Bulgarian losses in recent fighting were out of all proportion to those of the British, as they attacked in massed formation.

The Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company of Toronto and the Sun Life Assurance Company of Montreal, have amalgamated.

Trade figures for November show Canadian exports to be double imports, and an increase of 100 per cent over November 1914.

The French army is now the most efficient in Europe, according to Mr. E. A. Powell, returned war correspondent of The New York World.

Mr. Thos. Garland, a well-known commercial traveller, died at Ottawa, last week, aged 69 years. He was a native of North Gower.

Quebec will have more volunteers than can be equipped before the end of the winter, according to Hon. Mr. Blouin, Secretary of State.

Three arrests have been made in a conspiracy to destroy the Welland Canal and a fourth party is in custody of American Government officials.

Judge Thos. W. Benson, former Senior Judge of Northumberland and Durham, died at his home in Port Hope after two days' illness of pneumonia.

Wilfrid Curtis, aged about seventeen, was accidentally shot and instantly killed by his companion, Bert Craig, while hunting rabbits near Clatham.

The young Emperor of Abyssinia is so well disposed toward the Allies that he has offered them 200,000 soldiers to be used as their necessities demand.

Because the glycerine it contains has been used by the Germans in making explosives, restrictions have been placed on the export of cod liver oil from Newfoundland.

The main east and west headings of the Rogers Pass tunnel through Mount Macdonald, on the C.P.R., were connected, 6,000 feet below the surface, near Glacier, B.C.

Chief of Police Edward Morand of Ford, is alleged to have caused the arrest of citizens, releasing them afterwards on payment of sums of money for him not to prosecute.

Three harvesters coming home for Christmas were killed in a train wreck near Fort William Saturday night: Adam Holmes, of Seaford, and George Leach and D. H. Leach, of Bayfield, Ont.

The German Government has refused to liberate Hon. Dr. H. S. Beland, former Postmaster-General of Canada, but is willing to exchange him for Lieut. Rintelen, under sentence of death for espionage.

Dissension on the Ark.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The correspondent of The Daily Mail aboard the Ford peace ship Oscar II. telegraphs from Christiania:

"Dissensions among the members of the peace party are as widespread and bitter as they were on the day following the mutiny which was precipitated by an attempt to coerce the delegates into signing a declaration censuring President Wilson for his preparedness plan. There is no disguising the fact that a majority of the pilgrims now realize that they are on a fool's errand."

Recruits Now Exceed 205,000.

OTTAWA, Dec. 20.—The recruits during the first fifteen days of December numbered 12,500, and the total since the outbreak of the war is now 205,000. Ontario has contributed 77,000; Manitoba and Saskatchewan, 37,500; Quebec, 24,000; Alberta, 21,000; Maritime Provinces, 20,000, and British Columbia, 20,000. This is about one in 39 of the total population.

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