

short time that we have been training here. Like the men, they have developed well, and will not be backward in leading their men to the forefront of the battle, like their brother-officers now in the firing line.

The other day was the occasion of the "silver" wedding of Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Hughes. The officers of the battalion gave a reception, at which was all the beauty and fashion of Kingston, and presented to the Colonel and Mrs. Hughes a handsome silver salver, as a token of esteem on the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage. After afternoon tea the battalion displayed, for the edification of the numerous guests, their Pipe and Bugle Bands, and the signal section also did stunts, followed by a physical drill exhibition by a squad of picked men under the Sergt.-Major. I understand that the visitors were agreeably surprised by this entertainment, and much pleased with the appearance of the men and their evolutions generally.

I find that, through inadvertence, I forgot to mention how pleased the Ottawa members of the battalion were to find that each of them had been remembered at Christmas time by the Canadian Women's Club of Ottawa, and that the good ladies had sent to them a welcome parcel of most useful clothing to protect them against the severe exposure consequent on warfare. The Christmas cards were a happy thought. May the donors have a suitable reward for their kindness, since words are inadequate.

Pat and Mike were obliged to halt their heavily loaded cart to make way for a funeral. Gazing at the procession, Pat suddenly remarked:

"Mike, I wish I knew where I was goin' to die. I'd give five hundred dollars to know the place where I'm going to die."

"Well, Pat, what good would it do if you knew?"

"Lots," said Pat. "Shure, I'd niver go near that place."

## Personals.

### General.

President Genge of the Kingston Postal Clerks' Association represented that body at a very successful dinner given by the local branch of the Federation of Letter Carriers. W. F. Nickle, M.P., heard appreciations of his efforts on behalf of the Carriers.

William Ackland, father of Messrs. Harry, John and Ernest Ackland of the Civil Service, was found dead in bed at his home in Ottawa on February 3rd. Deceased was 77 years of age, and a veteran pensioner of the Royal Artillery. He is survived by his widow, seven sons and two daughters.

Ellen L. Jury, wife of C. C. MacNeill of the Department of Customs, died on February 8th, aged 64 years. She was a native of Prince Edward Island, but had lived in Ottawa for fourteen years. She leaves also a son and a daughter.

Miss Wright, formerly Secretary to Trade Commissioner Just, in Germany, is now attached to the headquarters of the Department of Trade and Commerce. Miss Wright was "interned" for a time before she was permitted to leave the continent for England.

R. A. Lewis, of the Department of Trade and Commerce, is confined to his home by illness.

William Wilfred Campbell, of the Public Archives, and of the Ottawa Home Guard, widely known as a poet and man of letters, has been delivering stirring patriotic addresses before Canadian clubs in Hamilton, Welland and other Ontario places. Dr. Campbell urges Canadians to "wake up" and calls upon the young men to enlist. A press despatch says that in his Hamilton speech he denounced Bernard Shaw as a traitor.

### Obituary.

Mr. W. L. Fagan, father of J. E. Fagan, Vice-President of the C. S. Federation, died at Vancouver on January 28th. The late Mr. Fagan was a civil servant in the employ of the British Columbia Government. Four children survive. They are Mrs. J. M. McGovern, wife of the Dominion Immigration Inspector of Port Arthur; Miss Anna Fagan, of Vancouver; Mr. J. E. Fagan, Chief Landing Waiter in the local Customs, and Mr. J. L. Fagan, a broker.