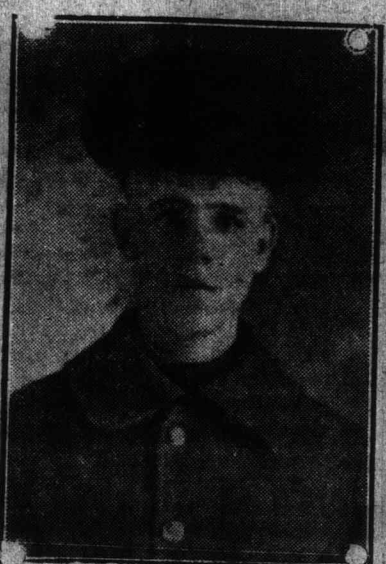


Three McTaggart Brothers

Sons of Mr. Willett McTaggart, West Huntingdon



Pte. Percy McTaggart

Pte. George McTaggart

Among those who returned to Belleville last night from overseas were Ptes. George and Percy McTaggart, sons of Mr. Willett McTaggart, West Huntingdon. They went overseas with the 39th Battalion and have had four years of war, taking part in the battles of the Somme, Vimy Ridge, Passchendaele and other important engagements. Both fortunately came through without injury and are now looking the picture of health, far bigger and stronger than when they went away. Their eldest brother, John, who went overseas with a Montreal unit early in the war, was quite seriously wounded but later reentered the ranks and is now with the Imperial forces along the German frontier.

SPIRITUALISM REFUTED

Editor Ontario.—While many are willing to feed on "the sincere milk of the word," others like our spiritualistic friends are willing to partake of the husks. Multitudes have come to believe that it is the spirits of the dead who are "the ministering spirits sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation." And this notwithstanding the testimony of scripture to the existence of heavenly angels, and their connection with the history of man, before the death of a human being. The doctrine of man's consciousness in death, especially the belief that the spirits of the dead return to minister to the living, has prepared the way for modern spiritualism. Spiritualism is just a new and more popular name for witchcraft and sorcery. If the dead are admitted to the presence of God and holy angels, and privileged with knowledge far exceeding what they before possessed, why should they not return to the earth to enlighten and instruct the living?

If as taught by some theologians, the spirits of the dead are hovering about their friends on earth, why should they not be permitted to communicate with them, to warn them against evil, or to comfort them in sorrow? How can those who believe in man's consciousness in death reject what comes to them as divine light, communicated by glorified spirits? Here is a channel regarded as sacred, through which Satan works for the accomplishment of his purpose. The fallen angels who do his bidding appear as messengers from the spirit world. While professing to bring the living into communion with the dead the Prince of Evil exercises his bewitching influence upon their minds. He has power to bring before men the appearance of their departed friends. The counterfeit is perfect, the familiar look, the words, the tone, all reproduced with marvelous distinctness. Many are comforted with the assurance that their loved ones are enjoying the bliss of Heaven; and without suspicion of danger, they give ear to "seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils." The spirits deny the divinity of Christ, and place even the Creator on a level with themselves. Thus under a new disguise, Satan carries forward his warfare against God, begun in Heaven and for nearly six thousand years continued on earth. I was reading the story of the life of Stopford A. Brooks, in this week's Guardian. He was a man of deep knowledge and a noble Christian. For all, he was a Mystic, yet he says: Clairvoyance, psychic phenomena, telepathic business—there is something in them all, but when they are made the chief business of life they thin out into twaddle. And when it is attempted to make them scientific they are worse than twaddle. They rot away intelligence, and they degrade the spiritual world." So far from ministering to spiritual growth, spiritualism ministers to decay. So far from ministering to holiness, that is to wholeness, spiritualism ministers to exactly the opposite.

One by one the spiritual faculties droop and die, one by one from lack of exercise the muscles of the soul grow weak and palsied. One by one the moral activities cease. So from a

lamb of hope for all who are weary and heavy laden. It gives assurance of life beyond the grave. A glory that shall never end. It strengthens the hearts of those who mourn, brings comfort to the bereaved, and points us forward to the better, brighter day which is so near at hand.

W. H. MABEE

MARMORA

Mrs. W. Grant is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Hannah, of Boulter. Mr. John McCullough spent a few days in Toronto last week.

Mrs. Hamilton Crawford is visiting Mrs. W. A. Fisher in Montreal. Messrs. A. T. Neal and M. J. Maloney were in Toronto a couple of days last week.

Miss Rutlan spent Sunday with Miss Bateman at the latter's home near Stirling.

Mr. Percy Taylor returned to Toronto on Saturday after spending a week in Marmora.

Mr. James Narrie, of Toronto, was a guest of his brother, Mr. J. D. Narrie, over Sunday.

Miss Agnes Keene, who is attending Peterboro Business College, spent the week end at her home here.

Michael Gillen, who has been overseas for some time, returned home last week.

The members of Spring Brook Ladies' Aid visited the Methodist parsonage on Tuesday afternoon and made a presentation to baby Ruth Woodger.

Mr. Wm. Crawford returned home last Saturday after spending about seven weeks with his daughter, Mrs. C. Dunlap, of Toronto.

Mrs. Newton White, of Spring Brook, underwent a critical operation in the Western Hospital, Toronto, last week. Mr. White spent the week in the city with her.

Mr. Richard O'Connor received a cable on Monday from his son Earl that his wife had died from pneumonia, at the home of her parents, Whitechurch, England.

The small residence just north of the Methodist church sheds in Spring Brook was destroyed by fire on Monday about noon. The fire apparently started from the stove pipe. Most of the contents were saved.

Mr. Thos. Neal, son of Mr. Robert Neal who formerly ran the Bell View hotel for a time, is very seriously ill at his home in Port Arthur. He has been ill with influenza for over three weeks. The remains of his brother who died in Victoria, B.C., in November were brought to Bell View and interred in Mont Nebo cemetery last week.—Herald.

STOCKDALE

Mr. and Mrs. C. Merrils entertained a few friends on Wednesday evening.

We are sorry to report Mrs. Sarah White ill at the home of Mrs. Fred Cox.

Mrs. Arthur Chase is able to be out again after her recent illness.

Miss Neva Frost has returned home after spending a couple of weeks visiting at Bonar Law.

Miss Mamie Orr is visiting at Halloway.

A surprise party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Reid on Friday night when about forty neighbors and friends met and presented them with a rooking chair.

Prince Edward.

Mr. C. Wannamaker is visiting his son at Mountain View.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Chase are moving back to our village.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Johnson spent Sunday at Mr. T. Sargent's.

Mrs. Armstrong is visiting at Mr. A. E. Wood's.

In the absence of the pastor on Sunday evening Mr. Bird, of Stirling occupied the pulpit and delivered an excellent sermon on the crucifixion. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Twiddy on the arrival of a baby girl March 17th.

Don't forget the S.S. convention on March 24th.

Mr. and Mrs. James Benson spent Sunday at Wooler at Mr. Arthur Brown's.

Mr. Clayton Leavitt is visiting at Mr. J. T. Collier's.

Mrs. Clayton Powell, Frankford, spent Saturday at Mr. James Foster's.

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Mr. Walter Shortt entertained some young company on Saturday evening.

The young people of Woodville intend giving a play on Friday evening entitled "Uncle Josh's Courtship."

Miss Jessie Vanallen spent Sunday at Mr. A. Osborne's.

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Mount Carmel Peoples' Club are giving a concert on Thursday evening.

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A few from this appointment attended the Gospel Band at Redfernville Church Sunday evening.

Mrs. F. Brickman and Mrs. B. L. Redner spent a couple of days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Philip Persall at Bloomfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Norma Weese spent Sunday in Trenton.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Brickman and boys took tea at Mr. Rae Fox's on Sunday evening.

Mr. Will Elliott has returned home from the States.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Brickman and Audra, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Brickman and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Will Elliott and Mr. Donald Dinnie, were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Weese on Saturday evening.

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Mr. Chas. Cory, Frankford was in town Monday of this week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Will Dorland of Wooler were guests of Mrs. Moynes on Tuesday.

Mrs. J. W. Haight of Foxboro is seriously ill.

Mrs. Albert Hammond who fell on the ice last week and broke her wrist, is improving.

The many friends of Mrs. Jas. Fitzpatrick will be pleased to learn that she is recovering.

Mr. Norman Moore is moving into the McKee house vacated by Mr. C. Wright.

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry McPaul are moving in part of Mr. W. D. Smith's residence. Later they expect to leave for the west.

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Miss Clara Bruelin of Toronto is the guest of Mrs. B. Sine.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Ward of Picton, were in town on Friday of last week.

Miss Leobel Denike, of Toronto, spent a couple of days in town recently.

Mrs. Robinson of Corbyville is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. H. Farnsworth.

Rev. E. E. Howard, of Brighton was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. F. H. Howard over Sunday.

Mrs. Allen of Madoc was the guest Mrs. R. W. Melkjohn for a few

days during the week.

Mr. H. Farnsworth attended the funeral of the late Wm. H. Dextor, at Shannonville.

Mrs. (Rev.) Howard was in Belleville attending the funeral of the late J. W. Johnson.

Mrs. Mosher and Miss Annie Mosher have returned home after spending a couple of months in Brooklin, Ont.

Miss Hume spent the week-end at Burnbrae visiting her nephew Corp. T. J. Hume, just returned from overseas.

Mr. Wm. Mulheron, of Campbellford, has been in town for the past three days in the interests of the Woodmen of the World.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Thompson left for their home on March 8th for Kelso, Sask., after spending the winter at Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Warren's.

Another of our boys, Geo. Green, has returned from service overseas. He was given a hearty welcome and his friends are glad of his safe return.—News-Argus.

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Not the Cause of Influenza

Pfeiffer Bacillus Only Another Name For 'Flu Bacillus'—Dr. Reed Tells Of Investigations in Kingston

Kingston, Mar. 15.—"Rot," said Capt. C. B. Reed, of Queen's who is conducting research work in connection with the "flu" in the new Medical building when asked today for his opinion of the statement, published in yesterday's paper made by a leading London bacteriologist, that he had discovered the cause of this recent epidemic to be the Pfeiffer bacillus.

"Pfeiffer bacillus" is only another name for the influenza bacillus," said the captain, "and in our investigations here this germ was found in 90 per cent of the cases, not two per cent as in the London doctor's experience."

Capt. Reed suggested as a probable reason for the English doctor's jubilation that in England the cause of the "flu" was at first thought to be due to a "filterable virus," an organism too small to be seen, and that only lately had they found the Pfeiffer bacillus present. But in nearly all the cases in Canada and the States the latter organism was present.

The cause of so many deaths in this country, said Dr. Reed was not the "flu" but pneumonia, which developed subsequently in a large proportion of the cases with fatal results. The "flu" broke down the resistance of the body, allowing the development of "pneumococci," the ordinary casual organism of pneumonia, and which are not related in any way to the Pfeiffer bacillus.

Want Uniform Pension Scale

London "Bobbies" Give Up Swords and Revolvers

Desire of Veterans Says Official Board—W. F. Nickle, M.P., Has Received Numerous Complaints.

Ottawa, March 15.—The cost of living in Edmonton for a widow and three children is \$1,751 per annum, according to Mayor Joseph A. Clarke. A petition for an increase in pensions for war widows and their families in the Edmonton district was laid before the Pensions Committee of Parliament yesterday, and the cost of living for such a family was placed at the figure mentioned. The Mayor described it as "very moderate." It does not include any allowance for pleasure or recreation. The scale was referred to the Labor department for report.

Mr. Kenneth Archibald, of the Pensions Board, said the veterans ask for a uniform scale for the whole country.

Mr. Archibald made the comment that there would be "a great hullabaloo" if pensions were decreased because of the decrease in the cost of living.

Mr. Archibald thought pensions should as much as possible take the place of the patriotic and other funds, and that they should be sufficient to provide a decent livelihood.

Mr. Cronyn suggested that if the remuneration was to be reduced as the cost of living decreased they might consider the psychological effect of decreasing the Patriotic Fund allowance instead of the pensions. Therefore it might be wise to continue the Patriotic Fund.

By an order-in-council passed in January the allowance for the first orphan had been increased from \$16 to \$24 and the second orphan from \$16 to \$20. The board, he said, had received many complaints regarding the pensions for one, two or three children.

It was still said that \$24 was not enough for one orphan.

Trouble Over Disability

The difficulty of estimating dis-

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bilily fairly involved a long discussion. There have been many complaints regarding this. Mr. Archibald said soldiers would now have the opportunity of bringing their own medical man to the district office. If they could not come to a decision, it was hoped to have a board of specialists to deal with these cases. He found, he said, that one of the chief sources of trouble was through the failure of some medical examiners to take the men into their confidence. This was being remedied.

Another source of trouble was that descriptions were sometimes not very well written, and not very well interpreted. Therefore they thought that the doctor who saw the soldier was the one who should say what he should get. They had not found, he said, that sympathy bore any relation to the disability granted. They had now better trained men in their employ and more of them. It was proposed to have boards of specialists which would be in the nature of appeal boards.

Who is to Blame That Homes are so Unattractive Now?

One Toronto woman who declares that her Chinaman is the nearest approach available to the old-fashioned maid of forty years ago, regrets the latter's disappearance and bemoans the lack of interest in the home by maids today. "They want to get out of it as soon as possible and look on it as a nuisance."

Others will echo her words but, after all, who is to blame for the condition of affairs today?

Is it not a case of "Like mistress like maid?"

Is home as fashionable as it was forty years ago?

Since we took to living in packing-cases and pill-boxes do not most of us see from them as much as possible?

Col. Hugh Clarke remarked that he had been informed of cases of eczema had been returned as 50 per cent, whereas a case of tuberculosis could not be less than 100 per cent. Mr. Archibald said that they had a scale applicable to tubercular men, and it varied from 20 per cent. in arrested tuberculosis up to 100 per cent. for actual tuberculosis. He said they were trying to engender a feeling of trust between the soldier and the doctor who originally examined him.

Postal Clerks Met

Kingston Represented in Important Meeting at Montreal.

Montreal, March 15.—The annual convention of the Dominion of Canada Postal Clerks' Association is being held at the Windsor hotel. At Wednesday's meeting 45 delegates were present, representing a membership of more than 2,000. The centres represented were Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Halifax, St. John, Quebec, Three Rivers, Montreal, Toronto, Windsor, Brantford, London, Ottawa, Kingston, Belleville, Brockville, Guelph, and Kitchener. Addresses were made by E. Leonard, postmaster of Montreal; V. Gaudet, postoffice inspector; E. Barcelo, assistant postmaster; J. N. Meagher, Halifax and R. Guy, Hamilton. At Thursday's meeting the most important business was the discussion of the classification of postoffice employees.

Two Scholarships in Medicine Awarded

Won by Dr. Gallagher, Kingston and Dr. Appleby, Clarendon

Kingston, Mar. 15.—The awarding of two scholarships in Medicine was announced at Queen's Thursday. These were the Hoffman scholarships for research, the one in surgical pathology, won by Dr. C. D. Gallagher of this city, and the other in surgery won by Dr. L. H. Appleby whose home is at Clarendon, Ont.

Dr. Gallagher, who resides at No. 398 Albert street, graduated with the degree of M. B. in November, 1916. Dr. Appleby obtained the degree of M. B. last January. He is at present in Victoria, B. C. It is understood the scholars will carry on their research work in the United

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