

LOCAL NEWS

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WILL INSPECT 12th BATTERY DRAFT
Lieut. Col. C. J. Mercereau of Headquarters Staff, Halifax, was in Fredericton on Monday inspecting the 236th Battalion, after which he proceeded to Woodstock and inspected the 65th Battery. From Woodstock Lt. Col. Mercereau comes to Newcastle to inspect the 12th Battery draft.

AN EFFICIENT MATRON
The Fredericton correspondent in the St. John Standard on Saturday last says: "Mrs. Daniel Richards is closing her private hospital and has accepted the position of matron of the new Miramichi hospital at Newcastle. Mrs. Richards has for six years matron of the Victoria Hospital here and brought the institution up to a high state of efficiency."

SOLD FOR TAXES
Three properties were sold for taxes by Constable John Ashford, in front of the town hall on Monday noon that of the Colin Nevin Estate, the Buckley Commons; and Dennis Mahoney property, near Ritchie's mill. The former was bid in by Mr. William Ferguson, for \$130.00; while Mr. John A. Creaghan, acting for Mr. Larkin Buckley, purchased the Buckley property for the same figure. Mr. John Ashford bid in the Mahoney place for \$85.00.

WILL LIKELY VISIT THE NORTH SHORE
Fredericton curlers are looking forward to one of their most successful seasons in the history of the club. The club membership has been greatly increased this season and already several series are being planned which will give the "new players" every opportunity of getting right on the inside points of the game. Little, of course, is known of the foreign games this season, but these will be worked out at a later date. It is thought that a trip to the North Shore will be taken this season, although no definite announcement can be made.—Gleason.

FUNERAL OF LATE MRS. E. LeROI WILLIS
The funeral of the late Mrs. E. LeROI Willis who died on Wednesday last, took place on Friday morning at ten o'clock. The body was taken to St. Andrew's Church, where Rev. W. J. Bate conducted the funeral services. A large number of citizens turned out to pay their last respects to the deceased lady. The floral tributes were many and beautiful. The pallbearers were Messrs. Thos. Maltby, C. M. Dickson, W. L. Durick, Chas. J. Morrissy, Patrick Wheeler and H. B. Moody. Interment was made in the Miramichi cemetery.

A SPY ON STEAMER WITH THE 132nd
Most North Shore people will be interested in the following extract from the diary kept by Lieut. A. M. Cameron, of the 132nd Battalion: "Thursday, Nov. 2.—We had some excitement on board today. An officer named McDonald from Ontario offered to bet a large sum of money this vessel would be sunk tomorrow night; the officer he told made it known and a guard was placed over him, when a court of inquiry was held and other evidence came out so they searched his room and found among his papers that he had left Germany six months after the war broke out. So we have him a prisoner to hand over to the British authorities if we are spared to get safe to England. So you can imagine the feeling we have towards him. He pleads innocent, but we have decided to take no chances."

DEATH OF MRS. E. L. WILLIS RECALLS ACT OF KINDNESS
Much regret has been occasioned in St. John by the news of the death of Mrs. E. LeROI Willis at Newcastle, which was announced in The Standard Thursday. Mrs. Willis' death recalls an incident in this city during the time that Mr. Willis was the proprietor of the Dufferin Hotel here that gives an index to the generous nature of the deceased lady. A well known citizen had lost his wife with diphtheria and he was almost a wreck physically because of loss of sleep previous to her death. After the funeral he was in no condition to hunt up one of the commissionars of the hospital to obtain admission and was on his way to the Misericordiae Hospital when he was overtaken by Mr. Willis who insisted on taking him to the Dufferin until he could be restored to reasonable health. The citizen remarked that Mr. Willis was forgetting that he was just from a house that had been fumigated and that his going to the hotel might stampede the many guests. Mr. Willis replied that his wife insisted on the bereaved gentleman getting to the hospital, whether he or she cared whether all the boarders stampeded. She further assured him that even if none were left in the house with the exception of herself, Mr. Willis and daughter, he would be most welcome. The citizen accepted the invitation, none of the guests were alarmed and he was soon restored to good health. Needless to say this kindly act on the part of Mr. and Mrs. Willis was greatly appreciated by the gentleman in question as well as his many friends. Mrs. Willis' life was replete with such kind deeds and her death is deeply mourned by a large circle of local friends.—St. John Standard, Dec. 15th

ARRIVED IN PORTLAND
The pulpwood laden steamer Norfolk, carrying 600 cords from Chatham, N. B., which port she left on Sunday, arrived at Portland, Me., on Thursday last.

PARLIAMENT MAY OPEN ON JAN 25
The date tentatively decided upon for the opening of parliament is January 25. The question is now largely in the hands of Sir Thomas White who is busy with those matters which affect the budget. In these days the budget is brought down early in the session which is a change from the old practice.

MAJOR CROCKER RETURNING
Major Randolph Crocker of Millerton, who led overseas the 28th Battery mobilized at Fredericton, is on his way home. His battery was recruited for the most part in Newcastle and the men of the unit have made names for themselves in the recent fighting on the western front.

SATISFIED PATRONS
Burke White, proprietor of the Empress Cafe, believes it is good business to satisfy his customers. So he satisfies their appetites by giving them good food, attractively served, and caters to their sense of values by charging fair prices. (adv. 52)

CHIMNEY FIRES
For a chimney fire a few pounds of salt thrown in at the top is probably the best handy extinguisher; but a pail of sand, earth, ashes, or even coal, will be very helpful. If a fireplace connects with the chimney, the latter materials are not desirable to use, since they are liable to scatter the burning soot into the room where the fireplace is located.

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Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE. FRANK JO CHENEY.

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ONE KILLED IN ACCIDENT IN C. G. R.
James McCutcheon, a sleeping car porter was instantly killed and A. W. Wright, was severely injured at 12:10 a. m. Sunday, when a heavy C. G. R. train of dead-head passenger equipment, in charge of Conductor J. Jamieson, and hauled by locomotive 449, in charge of Engineer McDonald, jumped the track and piled up in the ditch at Loutherville, a small station about thirty-two miles above Campbellton on the North Shore division of the Canadian Government Railways. The wreck is said to be one of the worst in the recent history of the C. G. R. The heavy passenger cars piled up in all directions and the two porters mentioned, who were sleeping at the time of the runoff, had not the least chance in the world to escape.

MIRAMICHI GIVES \$473.40 TO TRAFALGAR DAY FUND
In the statement of receipts for the Trafalgar Day Fund, issued by His Honor LEHAT, Governor Wood, are the following for the Miramichi District: Newcastle Red Cross Society \$100.00, Chatham Red Cross Society 206.00, Whitney, Strathadam and South Eek Red Cross Society 42.90, Cogzierville Red Cross Society 30.00, Coaktown Red Cross Society 25.00, Punt Church Red Cross Society 25.00, Collected at Methodist church Boletown 4.00 \$473.40

The total receipts acknowledged to date are \$7,348.54 and a draft for £1500 Sterling has been forwarded to Lord Lansdowne, leaving a small balance still in hand. The account will remain open until after the first of the year, and in the meantime, if there are any remittances yet to be sent in, they will be thankfully received.

MEETING OF PATRIOTIC FUND
The West Northumberland Patriotic Fund Executive, met in the Police Court Room, Tuesday night. There were present: W. A. Park in the chair; Judge Lawlor, in the absence of E. P. Williston, secretary pro tem; Revs. W. J. Bate, S. J. MacArthur and P. W. Dixon; R. Corry Clark and later, H. H. Stuart and C. J. Morrissy.

Five new names were added to the list of beneficiaries, for \$62.50 per month, one for \$5 struck off, and one for \$13 transferred to St. John—a net increase of three names and \$44.50 per month. The list for October contained 95 names, drawing \$1400.00 per month. Several cases were deferred for further consideration. No grant is made until proof of enlistment is furnished by an officer of the Battalion in which the applicant's husband is serving. All enquiries re application and all other matters relating to the fund, should be addressed to E. P. Williston, Secretary, Newcastle, N. B.

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GENERAL NEWS

Up to October, 1916, the British government spent \$31,362,282.06 for hay in Canada.

According to the parliamentary correspondent of the London Daily News, the government's orders for checking the use of metal in non-war manufactures, include the prohibition of the further making of women's hairpins.

Three hundred miles of government railway sidings, with the track materials and equipments, are to be shipped at once from Canada to France for the use of the Allied armies. Full equipment for 20 miles of railway is on the way to France now. The Canadian Northern and other railways will afford similar assistance.

Total enlistments in Canada up to the end of last week were 381,438. The figures for the fortnight were 3,274, as compared with 5,500 for the whole of November. By divisions the fortnight's totals were: London, 264; Toronto, 567; Ottawa-Kingston, 690; Maritime Provinces, 283; Manitoba, 121; British Columbia, 314; Saskatchewan 219; Alberta 201.

John Stanfield, M. P., chief whip of the federal Conservative party, has resigned his seat, as a protest against the administration of the government railways in Nova Scotia by Hon. Frank Cochrane, the minister. At a general meeting of the Conservative Association of Colchester county, held at Truro, he handed his resignation to the chairman, after his brother Frank Stanfield, M. L. A., had resigned his seat similar grounds.

The Danish people last week by 287,900 against 157,000 voted in favor of selling the Danish West Indies to the U. S. A.

The Bell Telephone Co. announce that more than \$6,000,000 will be distributed soon among its employees as an aid to those whose margin between income and necessary cost of living is narrow. The payments are not a distribution of profits, but are designed to assist those most in need.

An international treaty to protect migratory birds on both sides of the boundary has been arranged between United States and Canada. It restricts the open season for wild fowl to three and a half months, which must fall between September 1 and March 10. Spring shooting and international shipping of birds is forbidden.

Floating ice in the St. Lawrence is making the movements of ships not only difficult but hazardous. It is learned on good authority that the steamer Carib which was bound for New York, will not attempt to make the voyage, and will remain at her present location for the winter.

Berlin—The line, about 40 miles north of the Tchernavoda-Coustanza railway, has been crossed by the Teutonic troops, who now have retaken the ground they held during their previous advance in northern Dobruja. This brings them near the important railroad and storage centres of Ibralla and Galatz.

ST. MARY'S ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
Result of weekly test. Pupils who made 60%:
Grade XI (a)—subject, arithmetic—Cleora McLaughlin 87.5, Margaret Callahan 86, Lottie McWilliam 70, Grade XI, (b)—subject, geometry—May Dolan 98.5, Bernadette Keating 98.6, Margaret Clarke 68.5, Grade X, subject, history—Nellie Creamer 94.4, May Donovan 91.6, Estelle Theriault 89.6, Cecelia Murphy 76, Grade IX, subject, history—Beattie Creamer 96.8, Margaret Dolan 94.4, Mary Taylor 86.2, Irene Whalen 84.8, Flora Allen 83.8, Mona McWilliam 81.6, Anna Keys 72

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NEAR FATALITY ON PLEASANT STREET
An accident, which for the presence of mind of two small boys, might have resulted in a fatality, happened on Monday afternoon, on Pleasant St. at Willow Brook. A lady with a baby in a sleigh, were proceeding along pleasant street, which was very rough after the recent storm and on crossing Willow Brook the sleigh gave a lurch and precipitated its young occupant into the brook. Two small boys who were passing, rushed to the rescue and succeeded in pulling the child out of the water, before it had suffered serious injury.

CARIBOU VERY SCARCE IN MAINE
A Bangor, Maine despatch dated Dec. 18th says: Time was when immense herds of caribou roamed the woods of Maine, and like the bison of the west were shot by the hundreds. They emigrated and rarely has one been seen in the state since. Reports have come at various times that they have been seen, and they have been the subject of much speculation. Everyone would like to see them again in Maine but few believe they will ever return in any number. Early in the fall a herd was seen in the Seven Island district by Game Warden Bert F. Spencer. Paris—The French offensive near Verdun has taken 11,387 German prisoners since the 15th

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