

JAMES STEWART & CO. OFFER REGIMENT OF EXPERT CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERS

New York, April 9.—A regiment composed of one thousand experts in all sorts of construction engineering work, to be fully equipped and ready for service on June 1, will be offered to the United States government today by James Stewart & Co., Inc., of No. 30 Church street, builders of railroads, subways, tunnels, canals and many of the largest dams, bridges and industrial plants on the continent.

The company will bear entire cost of equipping the regiment and of transporting the men to any rendezvous the government may designate. The cost of maintenance will fall upon the government, but company stands ready to pay, if necessary, the difference between the pay the men now receive and the government's slender stipend. Eighty per cent of the men will be selected from the company's 10,000 employees, 7,500 of whom are working in this country and 2,500 in Canada,

landings, pile drivers, machinists, tool-makers, saw and axe men, surveyors and men skilled in running air compression engines.

"The most serious handicap the Allies have suffered is the lack of adequate and effective transportation. In helping to overcome that handicap the men we are to offer to the government will be of incalculable value. England has awakened to a realization of the value of such men and has drafted many from Canada, whose places we have sent men there to fill.

"Young engineers have telegraphed and written to me from all parts of the country to offer their services for the enterprise. Even from London a boy has written to me, telling how distressing he is of joining an engineers' regiment.

"The cost is the last consideration. Even if we could not finance the project ourselves, there would be no trouble in raising the necessary money. I have had many offers of financial co-operation in the scheme. But will take care of this regiment ourselves and we shall see that the men's families do not suffer.

James Stewart & Co., Inc., built one-fourth of the canal between Albany and Buffalo. They built the Remington Arms and other large munition plants. They built the great Westinghouse plant at Manchester, England. That work, which required three years, gained for them the name of "Stewartising England."

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS BANQUET IN Y. M. C. A.

An event eagerly looked forward to, the annual Y. M. C. A. Bible study banquet, was held last evening in the gymnasium of the Y. M. C. A. building. There were fifteen groups present, each group having its own table which was appropriately decorated. The Y. M. C. A. officials had given each group a table with the necessary dishes and they were supposed to supply the delicacies and to decorate the tables, a prize being presented to the group with the best decorated table.

The boys sat down at 7:30 and at 8 o'clock the chairs were moved back and the boys prepared to enjoy the intellectual feast which awaited them.

A. M. Gregg, boys' secretary, presided as toastmaster. Percy H. Long proposed the toast, King and Country, and the boys replied by singing "God Save the King." "The Association," proposed by Murray E. Nixon, was replied to by the president of the Y. M. C. A., F. A. Willis, who proposed the "Boys' Division," W. G. Cross replying to it. After the toast to the "Mentors' Association," had been proposed by Donald Macleod and replied to by John N. Jordan the address of the evening was given. Law Buckley, Maritime Y. M. C. A. secretary, spoke on the subject of Bible study and its influence on the life of the boy. "Our Guests," was then proposed by Paul B. Cross, H. H. Tins answering it.

Next on the programme was the presentation of the trophies won during the year. A. M. Gregg presented the coveted Bonnell Bible study cup to the Mohawks for their showing in the recent Bible study examination. To the successful candidates in the course "Starting to Teach," Mr. Gregg presented diplomas. The candidates were: Charles Jordan, John Jordan, Gordon Smith and Selwin Coster.

Mr. Bonk presented pennants to the winning teams in the association basketball league as follows: Beavers' group in the High School section; Chippewas of the Junior "A" section; Mohawks of the Junior "B" section; Loyalists of the Junior "C" section; members of the High School section, and Boyers of the Junior Business Boys' section. Mr. Bonk also presented ribbons to the groups of each section which ranked first, second and third place in the contests of the year.

H. A. Porter then presented the Chippewas with a large box of chocolates as they had the best decorated table. The decoration was done in the class colors of blue and garnet and represented the ideals that the Canadian Standard Efficiency Test stand for.

SACKVILLE

Sackville, April 13.—Mr. Burrows of Cape Tormentine, spent the week-end in town, guest of Governor and Mrs. Wood.

Mrs. C. C. Avar left last week for Boston, where she will spend several days, guest of friends.

Mrs. J. F. Allison who has been visiting friends in St. John and Fredericton, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McCready spent the Easter holidays in St. John, guests of relatives.

Mrs. Sprague and Miss Lillian Sprague left Monday for Fall River, Mass., where they will spend a few weeks, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nichol.

Mrs. Wheelock and family are visiting relatives in Canby, N. S.

Miss Jean Rainnie of New Glasgow, and Mr. Ronald Rainnie of Moncton, spent the Easter holidays here, with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rainnie.

Mr. T. A. Lannigan, head salesman for Geo. E. Ford and Sons, Ltd., spent the Easter holidays in St. John, guest of friends.

Judge Howson of Moncton, was in town last week.

Mr. Raleigh Trites spent a few days in St. John last week.

Mrs. Harold Bigelow and little son Billie, who have been visiting relatives in Windsor, N. S., returned home Tuesday.

Mr. F. A. Dixon of Fredericton, spent the Easter holidays in town, with his daughter, Mrs. Hirtle.

Miss Farrell spent the Easter holidays in Shediac, guest of Mrs. Casey.

Miss Helen Wiggins, who has been spending a two weeks vacation in Boston, guest of Miss Sadie Freeman, returned home Tuesday evening.

Mr. Mosher of Mount Allison, was in St. John during the holiday.

Mr. Earle Tower of the Royal Bank staff, Truro, spent the holidays at his home here.

Mrs. George Trueman, who has been spending a few weeks at her home in Upper Sackville, left Wednesday for Stanstead, Quebec.

Miss Jennie Milner, who is attending the Provincial Normal School at Fredericton, spent the holidays at her home here.

Prof. Delano of Mount Allison, spent Easter in St. John.

Hostesses at this week's I. O. O. F. E. on Tuesday afternoon were Mrs. Geo. E. Ford, Miss Lou Ford, Miss Jen Richardson and Miss Effie Johnson.

The Misses Frances and Helen Dixon of Moncton, spent the Easter holidays at their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Pincock of Dorchester, spent the week-end in town, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Secord.

Lieut. Rex Wiggins of Halifax, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wiggins.

Mrs. W. A. Mott and little son, Billie, of Campbellton, spent the Easter holidays here, guests of Mrs. Mott's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henderson.

Miss Nan Chapman of Moncton, is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. W. Fawcett.

Miss Lillian Fawcett, who has been spending some time in Boston, guest of her sister, Mrs. T. A. Treer, returned home Monday evening.

The Misses Greta and Sophie Metzger, spent the Easter holidays in Sussex, guests of Mrs. McCully.

Miss Chris McLeod, who has been visiting friends in Fredericton, spent a few days in town last week, guest of Miss Lila Dobson, en route to her home in Port Elgin.

Miss Nell Turner spent Tuesday in Amherst, guest of relatives.

Mrs. Guy Moore of Boston and Mrs. Charles Galloway of New York, are visiting their sister, Mrs. Angus Avar.

Mrs. Clarence Borden, who has been visiting in town, guest of Mrs. B. S. Borden, left last week for her home in Wolfville, N. S.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kellver of Brookline, Mass., arrived in town last week, to visit their daughter, Mrs. Knapp.

Mr. and Mrs. Carey Robinson of Port Elgin, spent Easter with Mrs. Robinson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wry.

Mr. Oran Atkinson of St. John, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Atkinson.

The many friends of Rev. Mr. McIntosh, who has been seriously ill for some weeks, will be glad to hear he is improving.

Mrs. F. A. Lewis of New Bedford, Mass., is visiting her parents, Capt. and Mrs. B. J. McHaffey.

Mrs. G. H. MacKenzie entertained at a very enjoyable chain tea, on Wednesday afternoon, for the benefit of the W. A. of St. Paul's church. Among those present were Mrs. C. W. Knapp, Mrs. H. E. Fawcett, Mrs. John Ford, Mrs. White, Mrs. John Ford, Mrs. F. Hanson, Mrs. J. M. Oulton, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. J. F. Allison, Mrs. Talbot-Crosby, Mrs. H. C. Read, Mrs. Fritz Read, Mrs. A. W. Bennett, Mrs. Wiggins, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. J. W. McDonald, Miss Helen Wiggins and Miss Kathleen MacKenzie assisted in serving.

Mrs. R. K. Smith of St. John, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Lowbarston.

Mr. C. W. Fawcett left Monday on a business trip to Ottawa.

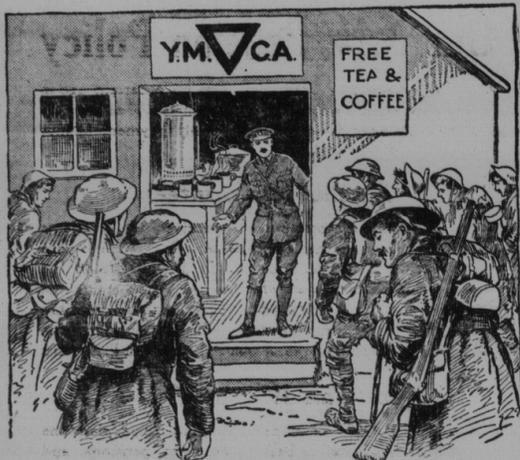
Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Robinson of Port Elgin, spent Easter in town, guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Allison.

Mrs. F. B. Black entertained at a couple of tables of auction on Tuesday evening. The dainty prizes were won by Miss Lou Ford.

The guests included Mrs. F. L. Murray, Boston, Mrs. W. Sprague, Vancouver, Mrs. D. S. Campbell, Miss Nana Chapman, Moncton, Miss Greta Ogden and Miss Lou Ford.

Mrs. James Reid of Moncton, spent a few days in town last week, guest of her daughter, Mrs. Roy Fowler. The members of the 76th Battery,

Remember your heroes!



After six days in the trenches—"Thank God for the Y.M.C.A."

A BRAVE young Canuck writes of his long weary hours in cold, wet trenches: "Of course you think you understand what I am talking about, but if you want to realize it, instead of going to bed, just take your overcoat and go outside and sleep some night!"

"Why, the first question a fellow asks when he goes into a town is, 'Where is the 'Y'?' They send us hot soup up the line. I tell you it's good when you have been standing in one place for two hours, chilled to the bone, expecting a machine gun to be turned on you any minute! Then you can say 'Thank God for the Y.M.C.A.!'"

Help the Y.M.C.A. to help the soldiers

ALL over Canada, grateful fathers, mothers, sisters and brothers are giving willingly to this great effort on behalf of our soldiers.

\$15,000

Is Asked For In St. John

The campaign must be brief. Let there be a prompt and rousing response!

Dates of Campaign

April 14th to 18th

If not called upon by Y.M.C.A. representatives please use coupon in this advertisement.

Be Generous according to your means

What if the colossal struggle were being enacted within reach of Canadian homes! How the hearts of Canadian mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers and friends would leap to the task of letting no day go by without its food of comforts and encouragement into the trenches—for they're needed every day.

All too few are the remembrances it is possible to send to far away battlefields. What a glorious privilege you have of reaching your precious boys through the work of the Y.M.C.A., whose protecting influence is everywhere. In Canadian Camps, on trains and boats, in camps in Britain and France, right up to the firing line, the Y.M.C.A. is doing your work—will you help?

Somewhere in France the other day a captain and three men came out of battle to the ever-present Y.M.C.A. hut and said they wanted to learn how to pray and live the Christian life. They had knelt about a wounded comrade. The dying man asked his captain to pray for him. The captain shook his head. He could not make a prayer. Then the captain remembered the only prayer he knew, "Now I lay me down to sleep." As they prayed their comrade passed away. So they

turned to the Y.M.C.A. for guidance.

Can you, in your cheery home, read of the heroic deeds of the Canadians without realizing your personal debt to every Canadian soldier? He risks his all, endures to the utmost, while those at home live in a protected land smiling with prosperity.

In every military camp from the Atlantic to the Pacific, Y.M.C.A. secretaries and trained workers are busy looking after your boy's welfare. The Canadian Y.M.C.A. work alone should be worthy of your generous support, for from the time your boy enlists, the Y.M.C.A. centre is always convenient, and the workers ever ready to help him start right in his new and perilous career.

If the Y.M.C.A. representatives do not reach you personally, send your offering by cheque, post office order or registered letter to Treasurer of Y.M.C.A. Military Committee (address below). No matter where you are located this advertisement appeals to you.

Write for illustrated paper giving extended reports of Y.M.C.A. activities, soldiers' stories and letters from the front.

Glimpses of Y.M.C.A. Service to Soldiers

There are over fifty branches of the Canadian Y.M.C.A. in France.

More than 80 military secretaries supervising the work overseas.

More than 500 Y.M.C.A. helpers serving the soldiers in every camp in Canada and abroad.

Y.M.C.A. centre in every training camp.

60,000 or 70,000 cups of tea and coffee; biscuits, etc., given to soldiers free every day in France.

Millions of sheets of letter paper and envelopes distributed in England, France and Canada. (Soldiers induced to write home frequently.)

Hundreds of thousands of newspapers and magazines distributed free.

Warm shelter in cheery "huts."

Circulating libraries in many branches.

Errands for the soldiers—sending money, cables, messages, etc.

Supplies many necessities and luxuries at minimum cost; any surplus devoted to comforts for the soldiers.

Testaments circulated.

Snapshots of folks at home sent to the Tommies.

Photographs—often taken right into trenches—sent to the boys.

Cut out this coupon and enclose with contribution. Mail to W. J. Ambrose, Manager, Bank of Montreal, St. John, N.B., Honorary Treasurer.

To W. J. Ambrose, St. John, N.B.:

Dear Sir,

Enclosed find sum of \$..... to be applied as contribution towards Major Birks Y.M.C.A. Military Fund.

(Make cheque payable to W. J. Ambrose, Honorary Treasurer, and mail to W. J. Ambrose, Bank of Montreal, St. John, N.B.)

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Spring Overcoats

Come in several models. The one always in vogue is the Chesterfield (fly front) semi-shaped in grays and Black. Prices \$15 to \$28.

Another style is the straight back, hanging full from the shoulder, deep armhole—the slip-on—in grays, blue cheviot and fancy tweeds. Prices \$12.50 to \$25.

Another one is the—but this advertisement is getting too long for you busy men to read.

Come in and see all our different overcoats, raincoats and Spring Suits.

Gilmour's, 68 King St.

who arrived in Sackville a few weeks ago from the West, left rather suddenly during Monday night or early Tuesday morning. There was quite a crowd at the I. C. R. Station to see the boys off. They are a fine bunch of men and during their stay here made many friends who will wish them every success. The members of the Ammunition Column are off on what is understood to be their last leave. As a consequence there are scarcely a score of uniformed men in town today.

A recent issue of a Lynn (Mass.) paper contains notice of the death and funeral of Mrs. W. J. Virtue of West Lynn. The deceased was a native of Sackville, where she was born in 1861, being a daughter of the late Donald McMeekin, and sister of John McMeekin, foreman in the Enterprise Foundry at one time. The husband of the deceased who survives, taught school in Sackville several years ago. The Misses Mollie and Bessie Wright of the Sackville High School staff, spent the holidays at their home in Rexton, N. B.

Lieut. George R. McCord, who went overseas in 1914, arrived in Sackville Tuesday afternoon. Lieut. McCord has done well at the front and the citizens of the town, accompanied by the band, gave him a hearty welcome home.

SOCIALISTS OF FRANCE WITH PRESIDENT WILSON.

Paris, April 13.—The Socialist newspapers of France have called to President Wilson resolutions adopted by them welcoming his appeal to the spirit of independence against the spirit of autocratic domination and assuring him of their hearty support.

House Burned Early this Morning. A fire of unknown origin completely destroyed a two family house at 87 Hawthorne Avenue, about 1 o'clock this morning. The owner of the house, Samuel Chambers, occupied the upper flat with his daughter and two boarders. The lower flat was occupied by William Hill and family of four. Mr. Chambers stated that the fire started at the bottom of the rear stairs and was discovered by his daughter who was awakened by the barking of a pet dog. Both families escaped from the dwelling with only their immediate effects. The adjoining houses were in considerable danger for a time but as they were well wet down with a fire hose they suffered no damage. The house was worth about \$2,500, covered by about \$1,000 insurance. The furniture was uninsured and was a total loss.

Preparatory Service.

There was a large congregation in St. David's church last night at the preparatory service. Rev. J. A. MacKeigan preached the sermon. Nineteen persons joined by certificate and fifteen on profession of faith.

Sacred Concert a Great Success.

The sacred concert under the auspices of the church choir at the Central Baptist church last evening was a splendid success. The audience was large and appreciative. The concert was under the direction of the talented organist, Miss Blaisdell. The programme included the anthem "The Choir of New Jerusalem," "Lift Up Your Heads," anthem; quartet, "Rock of Ages," Miss Blaisdell, soprano; Miss Scribner, alto; Mr. Charlton, tenor, and Mr. Wood, bass; solo, Miss Blaisdell. A short cantata, "Hear My Prayer," was rendered by the choir. During the evening a few remarks were enjoyed from the pastor, Rev. Mr. MacPherson.

New York, April 13.—A contract

providing for the reconstruction of important buildings in the destroyed cities of northern France has been closed between the French government and Kennedy, Mitchell & Company, bankers of New York and London. Virtually all the material to be used will be purchased in this country.

This contract is for 300,000,000 francs," said Mr. Kennedy. "We have received important plans and specifications of the commission in charge of this work for the French government. The Bank of France is back of this movement for building the new France.

"This contract is the first that has been let for the betterment of conditions in devastated Europe. Despite the heavy volume, it is a mere beginning."

The many friends of John Green, 67, Pacific street, will be sorry to learn that he is ill and was last night removed to the General Public Hospital.

His Worship Mayor Moses Mitchell of Fredericton was in the city yesterday.

CAPTAIN OF

A shipmaster career has been established a record in his profession, if to their credit is insurance. Such an ever, he claimed Parker, a native who made his first command of the el when he had four years, and was 21 years at that he had managed to regular routine, that before actually used for about two months and two years actual sea years actual sea right off. This constituting a record to follow the sea, ed before the mast by Messrs. Troop at N. B., remaining continuously for 27 years time Capt. Parker their ships and a building of all their country, taking command when ready for smartest vessels command was built by John S. Parker, of N. B. Capt. Parker this vessel on her his work in her months may be her ship record for months and two months, and the Cyp

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Hood's Sarsaparilla Tonic Medicine

The reason why all the time at your blood is impure, if lacks vitality, the rich red blood, the whole body, and enables all the form their function. Get Hood's Sarsaparilla. It will cure the blood, and it is the old reliable all-the-year-round purifier, tonic and vitalizer of the blood, useful in building and run-down. Hood's Sarsaparilla thousands at a time it help you. —Get Hood's. Nothing

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Railroad disease of workers he be thankful that these men were on the road. Kidney disease Diabetes and many other ailments can be cured by taking GIN FILLS. Kidney trouble.

Mr. Frank J. ...

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