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**LOCAL NEWS**

**HAS GONE TO ENGLAND**  
L. C. Irvine has gone to England with letters of introduction from Ottawa and Fredericton to endeavor to make contracts with the imperial authorities to supply dairy products from this province.

**PROM G. B. DUFFY**  
Mrs. David McCrossin of 8 Brussels street, recently received a letter from Private G. B. Duffy, who is a member of the 29th battalion, somewhere in France. At the time of writing he said he was in good health. He wished to be remembered to his friends.

**FATHER LOCKARY**  
The Bangor Commercial's correspondent writes: "Capt. the Rev. F. M. Lockary of St. Stephen, who was stationed at Fredericton as chaplain of the 96th battery, is now at the front with the First Infantry brigade. Capt. Lockary was parish priest at Riverview, N.B., before his appointment as chaplain to the 96th battery."

**MICHAEL D. RITCHIE**  
The death of Michael D. Ritchie of 57 Bedford street, occurred last night in the General Public Hospital from pneumonia. He was twenty-nine years of age and a ship laborer. Besides his wife, he is survived by five small children. The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon from his late residence.

**WITH THE 165th**  
A. R. Brennan, musketry officer for the 16th military division, arrived in the city last night and today inspected the 165th battalion in musketry. Lieutenant-Colonel J. C. Mercereau inspected the battalion in platoon and company drill. He was assisted by Staff Captain A. D. Correll. The members of the unit made a fine showing and were complimented on their general appearance by the inspecting officers.

**FAVORITE HYMNS**  
Last evening at a regular meeting of the B. Y. P. U. of the Central Baptist church, a fine programme was carried out. The subject was Favorite Hymns and Their Writers. It was in charge of four hymns chosen were "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," "Lead Kindly Light," "There is a Green Hill Far Away" and "Onward Christian Soldiers." Brief sketches of the writers and the

conditions under which the hymns were written were given by Miss Estella McKay, Miss Nettie Caswell, Mrs. D. J. MacPherson and Miss Ray Wilson. Other numbers on the programme were a duet, "Lead Kindly Light," by Miss Fay Scribner and William Chelmsford, and solo "There is a Green Hill Far Away" by Miss Ruth Blaisdell.

**POLICE COURT**  
The taking of evidence was commenced this morning in a case against Leslie Campbell, aged seventeen, for alleged theft of money from the store of Philip Granan, Co., Ltd., in Main street. Mr. Granan said that he had employed the boy. He had access to the office. He first missed \$10 each week beginning the first two weeks in December. At the end of the last week in that month he had missed about \$60. Investigation revealed that Campbell swept the office each morning before the witness reached the shop, and that he refused to allow another boy to sweep the office. There was no lock on the safe door that month as the door was broken.

Albert Bennett, attached to the naval recruiting office in Prince William street, said that the boy called at the naval office and was signed on and sworn in. On last Wednesday he called at the recruiting office anticipating being sent to Halifax. The witness said that on Friday following the boy called in again, this time he knew that Campbell was wanted by the police. He questioned him and told him of the suspicion. The boy denied knowledge of the affair. The witness found \$22 in the boy's pocket. He handed him over to Detective Duncan, who placed the boy under arrest.

A report was made against Mrs. Louis Fader for selling beer on Sunday on her premises in Pond street, and also with allowing liquor to be drunk on the same premises. L. A. Conlon represented the defendant, who entered a plea of not guilty. There is a long list of witnesses. The case is going on this afternoon.

The Felix Heche was fined \$8 for drunkenness and a charge of breaking a lantern, the property of Alex. Gruesz, at the corner of Brunswick and Brussels street, was allowed to stand.

James McLeod, a seaman, was asked to pay \$8 for drunkenness; \$8 for acting disrespectfully and \$20 or four months in jail for resisting the police. Four other prisoners were fined \$8 for drunkenness.

**REV. B. H. NOBLES IS ASKED TO STAY**

Victoria Street Baptist Church, at Annual Meeting, Votes \$200 Increase to Pastor — Church Affairs Flourishing—Sixty Members at the Front

The annual business meeting of the Victoria Street Baptist church was held last evening after the 100 members present had enjoyed a banquet served by an efficient committee of ladies under the direction of George Smith. After full justice had been done to the good



things, the business of the year was laid before the meeting.

Reports submitted by the various departments showed the church to be in a flourishing condition. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$140 on hand, the best in his term of office, which has extended over a period of more than a quarter of a century. An interesting feature of the encouraging report of the clerk was a list of sixty of the young men of the church who had enlisted for the defence of the empire. When the names of the soldiers were read, the pastor offered a prayer on their behalf and those present spent a few minutes in silent prayer for their safety.

Reports were received also from the Bible school, the Y. P. Society, the Women's Missionary Society, Mission Band, Patriotic Society and others. After hearing the reports, the pastor and several of the older members declared them to be the best presented in many years.

Rev. B. H. Nobles was unanimously asked to remain for another year as pastor, with an increase of \$200 in his salary.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers, the election resulting as follows: Honorary treasurer, R. E. Akers; deacons, W. E. Weby, R. E. Akers, H. Shanklin, C. B. Cromwell, C. H. Wasson, Roy Watters and K. Davidson; trustees, H. W. Parke, George Burke, H. Vallis, George Smith, and George Rose; chairman finance committee, George Smith; superintendent of school, C. H. Wasson; president Y. P. Society, George Smith; ushers, W. L. Hatheway (convenor); George Smith, Fred Holman, H. Vallis, Stanley Clarke; assistants, Roy Watters and E. Davidson; music committee, Fred Holman, H. Redstone, W. N. McDonald, Mrs. H. Parke with board of trustees; toilers, Gilbert Ducey and H. Vallis.

**PRIVATE FRED FLAHERTY HAS GIVEN HIS LIFE?**

That is Report From Men of His Regiment

**WORD FROM RED CROSS**

Had Been Reported Prisoner of War in Germany — Ottawa Making Further Inquiry — Brother Died of Wounds in May, 1915

That Pte. F. Flaherty, of St. John, a member of the 6th C. M. R., has been killed by shell fire is reported by comrades, the Red Cross which forwards the news, is careful to announce that the news is not official.

Last week came a letter from a comrade of Pte. Flaherty, in England, saying that he was a prisoner of war in Germany.

During the summer his sister, Mrs. A. R. Peterson, 23 Kilmouth street, received word from the Red Cross in Geneva, Switzerland, saying he was not on the list of prisoners of war in Germany. On Dec. 1 a further letter to his wife from the Red Cross, as here given. A copy was forwarded to Ottawa and sent to the London War Office for particulars. An answer now is anxiously awaited. The Red Cross letter received Dec. 1 is as follows:

Comite Internationale De La Croix-Rouge Agence Internationale Des Prisonniers De Guerre, Nov. 9th, 1916. Geneva (Suisse), Nov. 9th, 1916. Please refer to R. 180015.

Dear Madam—In pursuance of your request that we obtain for you any possible information with regard to Pte. Fred F. Flaherty, No. 11177, stretcher bearer C. M. R., we have communicated with British prisoners in Germany who belonged to the same regiment as the missing man, and we deeply regret to tell you that according to the statements of Sgt. Ian McDonald, C. M. R., and Corp. Alex. Ferguson, C. M. R., and signed by Corp. A. Y. Clements, C. M. R., British prisoners of war interested in the camp at Suedal, he was "killed by a shell."

We are truly grieved to have to tell you this, and wish to call your attention to the fact that this report is in no sense official, neither can it take the place of an official certificate of death. We should like to impress on you that you must on no account regard this news as an absolute certainty. This is all the information we have at present. We have communicated it to the War Office in London, and you might apply to them for further details. Should we ourselves learn anything further as to Pte. Flaherty's fate, we shall not fail to write to you again.

With the expression of our respectful and sincere sympathy, we beg to remain,

Very truly yours,  
For Comite Int'l. De La Croix-Rouge, Agence Internationale Des Prisonniers De Guerre, British Section,  
Roy L. Flaherty, a younger brother, died on May 26, 1915 from wounds received in the battle of Passchendaele. He was wounded on May 24 and passed away in a British General Hospital in Wimereux, France.

**RETURN THANKS FOR CHRISTMAS PARCELS**

St. John Lads of Major Barker's Battery Remembered by Young Ladies

Young ladies, who reside at Grand Bay during the summer months, did not forget the boys of Riverview Club who were won to the entertainment for the summer report on Saturday afternoon with baseball exhibitions and dances, and who later signed on for overseas duty in Major Barker's battery, a siege battery unit. The young ladies held a meeting and decided to send the boys a few presents for Christmas. That they arrived O.K. is evident from a letter of appreciation received by the donors, as follows:

France, Dec. 22nd, 1916.

The Grand Bay Young Ladies:

Dear Friends—

We beg to acknowledge receipt of parcels from you, which arrived Dec. 20 in O.K. condition.

We trust in the near future to be able to express to you in person, but for the present, please accept our sincere thanks. The contents, besides being generous both in quantity and quality, clearly showed wisdom and thoughtfulness in the choosing, as each and every article will be found very useful in this game, and help to brighten as well as lighten "the little bit" we are trying to do over here.

Unfortunately two of the recipients of your kindness are at present in hospital. We refer to "Bill" Latham, who is in Brighton, Essex, and Alfred Henderson, who is at the base hospital here in France. However, their parcels have been forwarded to them, we hope in time for Christmas.

Thanking you again, and trusting this time next year to be all back in "dear old St. Jack," we are, sincerely yours

M. SOMERVILLE,  
C. WALTER BROWN,  
S. PENDELTON,  
H. L. CHRISTIE,  
GEO. F. COCHRANE,  
BOB PENDELTON,  
MURRAY LATHAM.

**SERIOUS CASE COMES UNDER CARE OF THE CHILDREN'S AID**

Another very serious case for the Children's Aid Society was brought to light yesterday. Chief Simpson received a telegram from a woman on the North Shore that her daughter, aged fourteen years, had run away. The girl and another aged about sixteen, were located by the police, and the young girl, one was taken to police headquarters. Police Matron Ross and Rev. W. R. Robinson, secretary of the Children's Aid Society, were notified by the chief, after Mr. Robinson had questioned the girl and after she had been searched by the police matron, she was removed to the Children's Home in Elliott Row.

Letters of a compromising character were found on the girl, two of the writers being young men now in the city of St. John. The girl tried to tear up two of these letters while at the police station. Further action in this case will be taken immediately.

**OPENING OF PARLIAMENT; NO STATE DINNER THIS YEAR**

Ottawa, Jan. 9.—The ceremony for the opening of the next session of parliament in Ottawa will be a very quiet nature. No general invitations will be issued, as there is not adequate accommodation in the new quarters of the House of Commons. A comparatively small number of written invitations will be sent to the wives of the cabinet ministers, the wives of senators, and the wives of members of parliament, who will be given seats on the floor of the house. No gentlemen, excepting the supreme court judges and the senators will occupy seats on the floor of the house. There will be no drawing-room this year, nor will any state dinner be held by Their Excellencies the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire.

**POLICEMEN DIES FROM PRISONER'S BITE**

New York, Jan. 9.—A bite received on the arm from a prisoner he arrested in last July, has caused the death of Isaac McConerny, a New York policeman, according to the findings of a coroner's inquest.

The police department ordered the arrest of a manslaughter charge, of the man who bit McKiernan.

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