

THE WEEK IN NEWCASTLE

Chatham Man Wounded
Albert McLennan Luke, of Chatham, is reported wounded. He is in the First Battalion.

Sent to Newcastle
The young girl who was arrested by the police one night last week for wandering about the streets and failing to give a satisfactory account of herself was sent to her home in Newcastle on Saturday night—Gleaner.

Not Yet Extracted
Information received from Hotel Dieu hospital, Chatham, last night was to the effect that the doctors were undecided about opening Allan Black's leg to extract the bullet he received in Sunday night's shopping affray.

A Farewell Party
A number of young people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Murdard last evening, where a farewell party was tendered Miss Irene McConnors who leaves for her home in Nelson this evening—Friday's Gleaner.

Change of Weather
A very decided change of weather for the better came on Friday night. The night broke in cold, making prospects for a good Xmas week bright. This was followed Tuesday night by a good fall of snow, and the two combined will tend to brighten prospects for Xmas.

Special Xmas Music
Special Xmas music will be given by the choir of the Methodist church Sunday, Dec. 19th, 1915, as follows: Morning 11 a. m.
Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, J. T. Field
Thy light has come G. J. Elvey
Evening 7 p. m.
Arise, shine for the light has come G. J. Elvey
There were shepherds C. Vincent
To hear the angels sing, E. S. Lorenz

Extends Thanks
The Ladies of the Newcastle Branch of the Red Cross wish to thank the citizens of Newcastle and Nelson for their generous donation of \$240.00 for Christmas boxes for the soldier boys now in Europe. The cost of one box was \$1.25 and through the liberality of the people an extra \$1.00 was added to each box for tobacco. Mr. R. C. Clark, now in London, personally looked after the boxes and a neat card edged with red, white and blue, with these words: "From your own home town on the Miramichi, Xmas 1915," was attached to every gift.

Enlisted with 132nd
William Shannon, of Derby, who was acquitted of a serious offence at the Supreme Court here on Wednesday, has enlisted with the 132nd.

Grant for Recruiting
The provincial government, at its meeting Friday, made a grant of five hundred dollars in aid of recruiting in New Brunswick.

Sunday Evening's Subject
At the United Baptist Church, Newcastle, on Sunday evening, Rev. Mr. Richardson's subject will be "Slackers," or the "Curse of Cowardice."

Newcastle Advt.
The St. John Standard's special edition on Saturday contains a large size advertisement for Newcastle, which reads: "Newcastle, Miramichi, New Brunswick, watch it grow."

Election of Officers
The following are the officers elected of Wycliffe L. O. L. No. 82, Douglastown, for 1916: W. M. John Anderson, Jr.; D. M. Frederick Grey; Chap. Harry McCosh; D. C. Robert Grey; Lecturer, Hugh Kirkpatrick; R. S. Herbert Russell; F. S. Willis McKenzie; Treas. James Ahearn; F. of Comm. Clifford Jessamin.

Sad Reflections
Moncton Times—The Chatham World notes that a Miramichi family have had two boys added to their happy home, and says they are to be congratulated on their "noble example." Doubtless the bachelor editor of the World has sad reflections on what "might have been" in his own case.

Gunner Patrick Keoughan
The news of the death, through an operation, of Gunner Patrick Keoughan, was received here with general regret. Gunner Keoughan was one of the first to enlist, leaving here with the first contingent. He was 23 years of age and married a few days previous to departure, to Miss May Ahearn, of Welfield.

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CHRISTMAS ADVT. DIRECTORY

Following is the list of Xmas advertisers in to-day's Advocate.
A careful study of these ads. will pay you:

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Russell & Morrison Special Sale	D. W. Stothart Xmas Groceries
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Give the Returned Hero a Chance

Rev. S. J. MacArthur Would Secure Him a Dry Town, Employment, Recreation and a Welcome to Church

In his sermon last Sunday night on "The Man with the Withered Hand," Rev. S. J. MacArthur made a passionate appeal for fair treatment of the returned wounded hero, advocating for his protection, a dry town, employment, recreation and a welcoming hand from the church.

Mr. MacArthur, after noting the Savior's readiness to help all who were handicapped, said, in part: "Is society as it is at present constituted honest? Is it Christ-like? Is it Christ-like to make possessions that multiply our power for service a wall to fence us off from our fellowmen? Is it right to make our intellectual gifts a barrier between us and others, who are really of the same class as ourselves? There are not much more than half a dozen powers of the Realm who can trace their nobility more than 400 years. Every family of distinction becomes extinct in 400 years. Nature is ever dying from the top and being renewed from the foot of the tree. Is it really, is it Christ-like, to turn away in time of peace from those on whom we lean in time of danger? Yet watch! When this war is over, men who are now patted on the back as heroes will be neglected and dropped. It would be an everlasting outrage meriting eternal perdition if we should be guilty of such a thing.

Some of the men who have done their part on the battlefield now stand among us with the withered hand. What do you think of this? A returned hero appears under the influence of liquor. Before that time he had had a halo of glory. Now from one that praised him before you catch accents of disgust. The hero, redeemed for a time by his services, is now despised by a man who never did anything to save him from being exposed to such dangers. Who is the better man—the man who did his bit or the man who sneers? Wasn't the man who fought a fool to fight for the one who yields to temptation or the blackhearted German than the sneer at the victim of conditions he does nothing to remedy. I hold that he who can, even for a time, pick himself up and act bravely is a MAN. A society that does not give that man a chance is not Christ-like—is not British.

Thank God, there are people in this country worth fighting for. It is said that ten or twelve years ago, the Kaiser, warning his people that Germany's future lay upon the water and that the nation that should win would be the nation that had

most self control, advised total or practically total abstinence from liquors for Germans, but also advised selling as much as possible of German liquor to the nations with whom Germany might some day be at war. Shall we copy the latter method?

But why this fuss over a little whiskey? If it were only a little I would not complain. I speak against the selfish indifference that is even interfering with recruiting.

What is the remedy? Here is a means by which we can help the men with withered hands.

1.—Give them a dry town. Take away temptation.

2.—Give them employment—a chance to be the men at home they were at the front. We are not giving it to them.

3.—Give them a place of recreation.

4.—Give them a church that will welcome them with open arms and treat them forever as the heroes they are.

Is this program not reasonable? Is it not workable? We can carry it out if we want to. If we put such a program into effect we need not then hesitate to ask men to fight our battles.

You, who have influence with the press of our town, use it to secure from the press the advocacy of all measures that make for social betterment. Let us cease at once all practices that tend to trip up the unwarrior in public, social and moral questions.

The recruiting of the 132nd, now that the Canadians will go in a separate battalion, will cost a greater effort than we expected. Look at these other problems—give yourself.

The man with the withered hand is among us. I have seen him already withdraw into the background, and am smitten with shame. He isn't the chance now to pit him against the forces that make a ruin. I fear the eternal judgment. I did not tell you what I have seen with my own eyes.

Russia has put away liquor from its people, Germany from its officers and soldiers, so has France.

What does it mean? In the case of Russia success for the allies. After 15 months of this war, Russia with prohibition had more money in the savings banks than it had before the war. The salvation of Russia is our salvation.

For the sake of the men with withered hands let us all take the total abstinence pledge, and work for total prohibition and the furthering in our community life of all those things that will make good life possible to the man with a withered hand.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Robt. Jarvis and Mrs. F. H. Gilbert, spent Thursday with friends in Blackville.

Mr. J. D. Creaghan attended the Knights of Columbus Convention in St. John last week.

Miss Alice McGrath of the N. B. Telephone Co., Chatham, has been transferred to Newcastle.

Mr. George Williston accompanied his sister, Mrs. F. H. Gilbert, to Hampton Highlands, Me., on Monday and will spend the winter there.

Mr. George Colter of Napan, and Mr. Robert Hutchinson of Moles River, are in town today to attend the funeral of the late Mrs. Thomas Matheson.

Mrs. Marvin Garland, of Albert, Albert Co., who has been spending the past month with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Nell McIver, South Esk., returned home last week.

Mr. Fred Petrie and little daughter of Lowell, Mass., who have been visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Petrie, Maple Glen, and brother A. E. Petrie here, returned home on Monday.

Mrs. W. R. Cunniff of Montreal, who was called home on account of the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Janie Bell, returned to her home on Thursday accompanied by her mother, who will spend the winter there.

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Notice of Meeting

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