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## Middleton

Feb. 1st.  
Inspector Morse visited the MacDonald School last week.

George Elliott, of Wolfville, spent a few days at his home in Mt. Hanley.

Lewis Slocumb, of Acadia, spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Slocumb, returned on Friday.

Charles Messenger returned on Monday to Acadia, after spending a few days with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Messenger.

Cannon Vroom filled the appointments for Rev. W. S. H. Morris on Sunday. We are glad to report the Rev. gentleman getting better.

Miss Flora Roop, who has been visiting her parents at Springfield, returned last Wednesday and is staying with her sister, Mrs. Wm. Eaton.

Senator Ross, who has been spending a few weeks at his summer home here, left for Halifax, and in a few days expects to start for Ottawa.

Among those who left on Monday for Antigonish to attend the meeting of the Farmers' Association were Messrs. V. Leonard and A. Phinney, of Paradise; L. W. Elliott, of Clarence; E. C. Shaffer, Williamston; J. S. Marshall, Spa Springs and N. P. Wood, Wilmet.

The many friends of Miss Ethel Gibson, daughter of Captain Gibson, Margerville, will be pleased to hear she passed through the wreck on Wednesday last several miles west of Campbellton, with no serious injuries. She was on her way to Saskatoon where she is teaching school.

## MELVERN SQUARE

Feb. 1st.  
Mr. Vernon Palmer is spending a short time in Halifax.

Mr. Gilliat, of South Farmington visited friends in Melvern on Sabbath last.

Miss Myrtle Morse, of Acadia Seminary spent the week-end at her home here.

Miss McMurtry, of Margerville, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Phinney this week.

Mrs. Warhurst of North Kingston, is spending a few weeks at the parsonage with her friend, Mrs. Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Rock, of Bridgetown, were the guests of the latter's cousin, Mrs. W. H. Martin on Friday last.

A sudden "cold snap" the last of the week—ideal winter weather, it is true, but we would prefer the air a little milder, for comfort, anyway.

Rev. Mr. Wheeler being absent from his church this week, the pulpit was occupied on Sabbath, 31st, by the Rev. Mr. Porter of Acadia who preached very acceptably to an attentive congregation.

Mrs. William Gates is spending a few weeks in Kingston, where she is acting as nurse at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Smith. Glad to hear that Mrs. Smith is improving after having undergone an operation.

Several have been on the sick list during the past week, Mrs. D. M. Outhit, Mrs. Joseph Brown, Miss Hortense Spurr and Wilfred Phinney, among the number, all of whom are improving at time of writing.

## Lawrencetown

Feb. 1st.  
Mrs. David Durling fell recently, injuring her side quite badly.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Randolph on the 19th inst.

Dr. Hall is at home, after having a delightful trip to Massachusetts and New York.

An electric light meeting is to be held on the 20th inst. for extension and other matters.

The recent fall of snow is much appreciated by the teamsters, and quantities of wood are on the move.

Mrs. Hallet Durling, of Somerville, is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. MacPherson. The illness of her sister, Mrs. Ralph Bent, of Paradise, called her home.

Dr. Young is in a critical condition in Halifax, having undergone a serious operation. Strong hopes of his ultimate recovery are being entertained, notwithstanding his long period of indisposition and illness.

The Belgian Relief Society is to meet with Mrs. Homer Daniels on Tuesday afternoon and with Mrs. W. C. MacPherson, Thursday evening. The Supt. Mrs. S. E. Bancroft, is to forward a box to headquarters the last of the week.

More than thirty young folks from Lawrencetown and Paradise surprised Miss Nina Banks at the home of her brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Banks on Saturday evening. A merry evening, finished with a dainty lunch is reported by all.

R. J. Mesinger, E. C. Schaub and Robt. Moore were in attendance at the Annual Farmers' Association at Antigonish last week. "Patriotism" and "More Production" were the main themes of discourse and discussion. After a paper read by R. J. Mesinger, a committee was appointed to interview the Government, urging it to facilitate loans to farmers, to meet the urgent demand for larger crops. A strong discussion re the reorganizing of the County Farmers' Associations also took place. The plan is to reorganize these societies as to make them more effective by affiliation with the Agricultural Societies and later making them branches of a grand co-operative movement, including the whole Province. The next annual meeting has been invited to Bridgetown and R. J. Mesinger was made Vice-President this year.

## ALBANY

Feb. 1st.  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Zwicker a son.

Miss Julia Fair of Lawrencetown High School was the guest of her parents on Sunday, Jan. 17th.

Died at Albany Cross after a lingering illness of tuberculosis, Mr. Thomas O'Berne. He leaves to mourn their loss a widow and six children, two of whom are in the United States.

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## Debate in the Epworth League at Lawrencetown.

An unusually interesting session of the Epworth League was held on Friday evening in the vestry of the Methodist Church, Lawrencetown. A debate was held between teams of three, representing the young ladies, and young gentlemen of the League, on the subject "Resolved, that the country is preferable as a place of residence to the city." A large audience attended the debate, which was judged by Mrs. H. H. Whitman, Principal B. S. Banks, and Rev. F. J. Armitage, who also acted as chairman.

Miss L. Harvey opened the debate for the negative with a well-reasoned delivery. She argued that the conditions of good health were superior in the country, and that the close contact with nature's beauties and wonders in the country induced a high moral tone.

Mr. L. Stoddart opened the case for the negative with a well-reasoned presentation of the educational advantages of the city, emphasizing the educational value of libraries and galleries, museums, lectures, etc. Miss Helene Durling followed in the affirmative with a paper setting forth the superior social life of the country, open-air skating, coasting, sleighing, rambles through wood and field, and fishing. Her speech was charmingly expressed.

Mr. Clyde Morse, then spoke for the negative, arguing that educational facilities were superior in the city, and religious life more helpful and attractive. Also that the best theatres, moving pictures, clubs, etc. offered great social advantages. His address was well delivered and expressed.

Miss Gladys Mailman then spoke on the affirmative side, arguing for the country that there was a social spirit, and a democratic spirit in the country not found in the city. Further, that a country man could do better on the average, financially, than the man in the city. He could save more money and enjoy much fresher foods. Farming under the newer scientific conditions was as honorable and interesting a profession as any in the city and far healthier. The city could not get along without the country. Miss Mailman spoke splendidly.

Mr. John Hall, junior, spoke for the negative in a well-delivered speech, arguing that a person had far better chances of securing lucrative employment in the city, and that sanitary conditions were superior to those in the country, leading to good health. In forceful sentences he depicted the unsanitary conditions of the average country farm and water supply, and also pointed out that one could meet greater personalities in the city.

Mr. L. Stoddart then rebutted for the negative, making a concise summary of the arguments from the city point of view.

Miss L. Harvey closed the debate with an excellent rebuttal, showing that it was proved the health of the country people was better than that of city residents, that the moral tone was higher in the country, that people in the country were more social and better off financially. She ridiculed the idea that museums and libraries were superior to the animal life of the woods, and one's own books.

The judges retired for some time to consider the merits of the debate, and finally decided that the affirmative were superior in argument, and the two teams equal in presentation. The young ladies were declared winners and great enthusiasm. It was certainly a popular victory.

Principal Banks and Mrs. H. H. Whitman made interesting remarks on the debate, congratulating the teams on their splendid work. As none of the debaters were above the age of sixteen, it will be seen that they did remarkably well, especially as this was the first attempt.

Another debate is arranged for in the near future.

## Retrospect

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### Why They Came Back.

There are many young men in Canada these days who do not even now seem to know why they were sent back from Valcartier. They are in a quandary over being able to pass in the local medical examination, and only to be rejected at the concentration camp. "I'll tell you why," volunteers a veteran. "Take me, I know the record of at least twenty young men who signed on from around my factory. It's like a yachting cruise or a holiday, everything is fine, and in having a congenial company—no kickers. One kicker will spoil the whole outfit. The first thing the corporals and sergeants did, down at Valcartier, was to hunt up the inevitable grumbler. The delinquent would be quietly warned, if incorrigible his name was passed along to the captain, and he did the rest. When that man stripped before the doctors the hemming and hawing started at once. If he never knew it before there was certain to be some defect shown up—bad eyes, teeth, or a too-dilly-up—any excuse to weed out the growler, the kicker. Somebody should pass that out to the recruits now drilling."

### Duchess of Connaught's Gift.

The Duchess of Connaught's has sent a box of maple sugar as a Christmas gift to every officer and private of the Canadian overseas contingent at Salisbury Plain, to the Royal Canadian Regiment at Bermuda, and to all on board Canadian ships doing active duty on the Atlantic and Pacific. A Christmas card bearing the Duchess' picture accompanies each box, with these words, "Good luck and best wishes for Christmas and 1915, from Louise Margaret, Duchess of Connaught." Arrangements were made for the boxes to be distributed to the officers and men on Christmas eve.

### Missing on Pathfinder.

Mrs. Herbert Chandler, Peterboro, has received word that her brother, Emmanuel Rutter, who was a first-class stoker on the Pathfinder, is among the missing. He entered the navy six years ago and served on the Russell and the Wear before being transferred to the Pathfinder two years ago.

### War News from Russia.

A wireless despatch of 800 words will be sent each week by the Canadian Government to the clergy of the Magdalen Islands, in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, to keep the islanders informed of the latest war news and other world events.

The despatches will be read to the congregations each Sunday morning from December to May. The demand of the natives for war news caused the Government to authorize the reopening of the Marconi wireless station there, which was closed after the war began.

### Dr. Beland Not Wounded.

That Hon. Dr. Beland has not been wounded in Belgium is the good news received by a Parliamentary colleague, and the letter gives some information regarding his services to the wounded in the Dawson Memorial Hospital at Antwerp.

Dr. Beland was married to a Belgian lady at Cappellem in July last, and had just started on his honeymoon when the war broke out. He was then in France, but returned at once to Belgium and volunteered for hospital service. He attended soldiers under Field Marshal Sir John French, and later witnessed the German occupation of the great Belgian port. At the time the city surrendered his wife went to Holland. When the Germans arrived he was asked to try and stop the exodus of country people, and he spoke to them from his doorstep in Cappellem. Many were persuaded to remain. Since then he has been steadily at work in the hospital, where his services are very much appreciated.

The report that Dr. Beland had been wounded came from a British officer to Mr. E. M. Macdonald, M.P.

### Prizes For Privates.

War is not usually regarded as a money-making business, but for all that "Tommy" now and then gets a chance of a prize.

During the Boer War, Canada supplied Britain with a first-class contingent, and patriotic citizens of Montreal subscribed a sum of \$5,000 for the first member of that contingent who won a Victoria Cross. This was won at Wolke Spruit by a gallant member of Lord Strathcona's Horse.

### Flags for Ottawa Church.

Norwegian and Swedish flags have been presented to St. Peter's English Lutheran Church here by King Haakon of Norway and the Crown Prince of Sweden, son-in-law of the Duke of Connaught. Formal presentation is to be made later by the consuls of the two countries.

Just after war was declared there was a review of British troops near the home of a small boy. A neighbor remarked to the boy that she had seen the review and also seen Lord Kitchener in the distance.

"Oh, that's nothing," replied the boy. "I was there and Lord Kitchener spoke to me."

"He spoke to you? What nonsense!"

"Oh, but he did, though," was the reply. "I walked right in front of his horse, and he said: 'Now, then, young fellow, get out of the way.'"

### Education.

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