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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 Vroon 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, Wilmot.  
The many friends of Miss Ethel Gibson, daughter of Captain Gibson, Margareville, 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 Margareville, 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 the purpose of extension and improvement.  
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. Messenger, E. C. Schanck 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. Messenger, 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. Messenger 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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**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, being 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 going away hunting, everything goes 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-mall—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 Europe.**  
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.

**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 Wolf 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.'"

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