

ENLISTMENT OF MINTO MINERS HAMPELS WORK

Labor Scarcity Biggest Hurdle to Development of Coal Mining, Says Manager of Minto Company.

"The labor problem is the biggest drawback to the development of the coal mining industry in this province," said Mr. Henderson, manager of the Minto Coal Company, Ltd., a reporter at the Victoria Hotel last evening.

Mr. Henderson is in the city en route to Minto after a business trip to Montreal, where he was in consultation with Sir Thomas Tait, the president of the company.

Nearly 100 of our employees at Minto have enlisted for overseas service," said Mr. Henderson, "and we are experiencing much difficulty with the labor problem. A great number of the employees were British reservists and they, of course, proceeded to England at the outbreak of the war, while a number of our other employees have joined the colors since. To some extent the problem has been solved by the importation of a large number of Austrians from Sorritt Lake and Beauport detention camps in Quebec. These men report daily to our chief of police at Minto.

"Our output at the present time is about 350 tons daily, but this could be vastly increased if we had the labor available. We have about 250 men employed at the present time and we are carrying on considerable advance development. We have several reserve mines.

"We are doing everything possible to get miners. Conditions at Minto are generally good, and the quarters there are very comfortable. The average pay of the miners is about \$3.00."

While in the city Mr. Henderson interviewed Major Tilley with a view of having the enlistment of the miners regulated. It is claimed that good miners can do excellent work for the Empire at the mines in view of the fact that the coal is being used for the C. P. R., which system is taking part in the transportation of troops, and coal is a necessity for the operation of the locomotives.

It is pointed out that in order to increase the fighting forces at the front there should be no depletion in the working forces of an essential industry, such as the Minto concern. Major Tilley contemplates visiting Minto to look into the situation.

SOLDIERS ENTERTAINED.

With H. H. Titus the military secretary of the Y. M. C. A., in the chair, between 400 and 500 soldiers of the 165th and 211th Battalions were entertained to an excellent programme in the Y. M. C. A. quarters at the armory last night. The programme consisted of instrumental selections by Mr. Stratton and party; dancing by Miss Gibbs and Master Gibbs; readings by Mr. Spencer and Mr. Burdett; vocal duet, Miss Melick and George Albert; piano solo, Miss Hawker; and vocal solos by Miss Vera Maxwell, Miss Geraldine Melick and Private Fred Irvine. Every number on the programme was heartily enjoyed and a most enjoyable entertainment was brought to a close with the singing of God Save the King.

The Y. M. C. A. rooms are being much used by the soldier boys, and no less than 235 letters were written there by the soldiers yesterday.

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OBITUARY

William Gray, M. P.
London, Ont., Dec. 12.—William Gray, M. P., for London, since 1915, when he was elected by acclamation, following the death of Major Beattie, died this morning. He was 64 years of age.

Father Lacombe.

Calgary, Alta., Dec. 12.—Pere Lacombe died this morning at Midnapore, near here.

FUNERALS

The funeral of James H. Myles took place yesterday afternoon from the Mortuary chambers of N. W. Brennan & Son, to Fernhill cemetery. Rev. W. G. Lane conducted the service.

Mrs. Sina O'Brien was buried yesterday afternoon in Cedar Hill cemetery. Rev. W. H. Sampson conducted the service.

Peter W. Anderson's remains were interred yesterday afternoon in Cedar Hill cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. R. P. McKim.

PRESBYTERY OF ST. JOHN IN QUARTERLY SESSION

Rev. W. W. Malcom Accepts Call to St. Stephen— Ministerial Conference in January— Assembly Representation and Other Matters Dealt With.

The St. John Presbytery met yesterday in the school room of St. Andrew's church in regular quarterly session, several matters of importance being taken up both in the morning and afternoon.

One of the first matters considered in the afternoon was the call from St. Stephen's church, St. Stephen, to Rev. W. W. Malcom, who for some time past has been successfully engaged in ministerial work at East St. John. The call having been accepted was upheld and arrangements were made for induction on December 23 at 8 p. m., when the moderator, Rev. W. M. Fraser, will preside and induct. The charge to the minister will be delivered by Rev. A. J. W. Back, and to the people by Rev. J. F. McKay.

Rev. A. P. Logan presented a report of the work done during the present year in St. Martin's, the record being most encouraging.

There was a long discussion following the reading of the report of the executive on "The Church and After the War Situation." Some of the recommendations were for more reality in public worship and more definiteness and purposefulness in prayer, a fresh recognition of the privileges and responsibilities of St. John's church membership, more regular meetings of ministers, emphasis of prayer meetings, joint meetings of churches and consideration by presbyteries.

Rev. J. A. MacKegan made an appeal for more reality and more vitality in the spiritual life of the church to respond to the higher religious convictions aroused among the soldiers. He said he believed the church was passing through an unprecedented opportunity. It was agreed to hold a ministerial conference of the church on the subjects dealt with by the report, to take place on January 9. It is expected that at this conference addresses will be given by Dr. Falconer and Prof. Shaw. Details as to the arrangements of the conference were left with a committee.

The matter of the propriety of selling the church property at Humphrey's was considered. It was pointed out that the building is in bad repair, and that the people who formerly worshipped in it had moved away. Sale authorized.

Rev. M. H. Manuel read the report on systematic giving, which embodied, amongst other things, recommendations for the allocation of funds in the different mission fields, and the printing and distribution of the report. The report was accepted and endorsed.

A committee to nominate standing committees was appointed as follows: Rev. A. P. Logan, Rev. J. A. MacKegan, Rev. J. Hardwick, W. S. Clawson. The matter of carrying on the work of St. John's was left with Rev. J. Ross, as representing home missions. Various other matters of detail having been disposed of the Presbytery adjourned to meet in March in St. Andrew's church.

In the morning Rev. J. S. Sutherland, of St. Paul's, Fredericton, was welcomed to the Presbytery. Rev. Dr. Morrison, interim moderator, reported that Rev. T. Harrison's year absence as pastor of St. George had expired. He recommended that Mr. Harrison was serving as chaplain abroad the present arrangements be continued. Approved. The resignation of Rev. R. Dewar, minister of the congregation of Prince William, was accepted with regret. Temporary arrangements were made for carrying on the work of the church in St. George.

A remit from the general assembly that the basis of representation be made one in each eight, for both ministers and elders, instead of one in six, was presented. Rev. James Rias moved that the presbytery do not approve of the remit, saying that he did not know of any better investment for the church than \$30,000 required for travelling expenses. Rev. Mr. Sutherland strongly supported the motion. Dr. Morrison agreed. The motion carried.

Another remit, on the recommendation of the Maritime Synod, that retired ministers may be made members of any presbyteries which may make the request, was approved. A recommendation that any ordained minister acting as an assistant for a term of at least one year may become a member of the presbytery and one providing for the addition of elders to an equal number to the additional members was, on motion of Rev. Mr. MacKegan referred to committee.

The committee was appointed as follows: Rev. Mr. MacKegan, Rev. Mr. Anderson and W. S. Clawson.

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MAJOR A. J. MARKHAM WRITES TO "THE BOYS"

Former Standard Man Sends Greetings from Shorncliffe to Friends on this Newspaper.

From Shorncliffe, England, on December 1st, Major A. J. Markham, of the Fort Garry Horse Reserve Regiment, and a former member of the Standard staff writes to the employees of this paper, thanking them for remembrance recently received by him. He also wishes his fellow employees a very merry Christmas. The remembrance was a Christmas box, a similar one being sent to every one of the twenty-six Standard men who have enlisted for overseas.

In addition to the letter of thanks the Major sent the staff a neatly arranged Christmas and New Year's greeting. On the front cover in raised gold letters are the words, "Canadian Cavalry Training Brigade." On the second page are the lines:—"Royal Canadian Dragoons Reserve Regiment." "Lord Strathcona's Horse (R. C.) Reserve Regiment." "Fort Garry Horse Reserve Regiment."

On the next page are the words:—"Christmas, 1916. New Year, 1917." "With Best of Good Wishes for Christmas and the New Year."

Major A. J. Markham left St. John with the rank of major in the 6th Mounted Rifles. After being in action for some time in France, he was recalled to England, owing to his knowledge as a cavalry officer, and was placed in charge with the Canadian Cavalry Training Brigade, which position he has held for some months. As a cavalry officer, those who are in a position to judge, state he is second to none in the service, and no matter how much he would wish to be on the battlefields in France, it is found that for the present at least he can serve the Empire much better at the training quarters in fitting others to go into action.

It might also be mentioned that Major Markham has two sons now in England, ready to proceed to France, viz. Cecil, a lieutenant with the Nova Scotia Highland regiment, and Ralph, who is a member of the 180th Sportsman's Battalion.

COMPLAINS AGAINST ADMINISTRATION OF THE PATRIOTIC FUND

Allan Gundry Cancels His Subscription and Writes Open Letter to the Public—What C. B. Allan Says.

A complaint against the administration of the Patriotic Fund has been made by Allan Gundry. Mr. Gundry's letter which follows is self-explanatory:

St. John, N. B., Dec. 12 1916.

Several days ago I received a letter from Miss Smith re my subscription of \$10.00 monthly for Canadian Patriotic Fund, stating that I was \$30.00 down in my payments and that for various reasons they were eager to collect all moneys possible as quickly as possible. Shortly after I called up the office and was answered by C. B. Allan. I explained that owing to unusual expenses connected with my business at this season I regretted to be behind but that as I usually gave no moneys in the shape of presents, etc. after Dec. 25th and before Jan. 1st I should be pleased if he would make a draft on me for \$100.00, dated Dec. 25th, due Dec. 25th, and that I would look after it. This draft was presented by Bank of Nova Scotia and was accepted immediately and returned with presenter. No notice has been made of the payment and C. B. Allan informs me that no notice can be made until they receive the cash as they have as yet not received any cash from me. On my suggestion that the date was discounted, I am informed that they do not discount. I should like to know if they are really short of money, also if the treatment handed out by Mr. Allan is responsible for the difficulties the committee has experienced in raising the amounts considered necessary?

I cancelled my \$10.00 monthly subscription this a.m. and shall devote it to some other object next year if C. B. Allan is continued in his present office.

ALLAN GUNDY.

Apologies of Mr. Gundry's complaint a reporter from The Standard talking with Mr. Allan last evening. "It is quite true as Mr. Gundry says that we made the payment and C. B. Allan has not been notified by the bank that the draft has been accepted. Would you acknowledge as paid an amount that the promisor promises to pay? Mr. Gundry's promise may be as good as the cash, but it is not our policy to acknowledge a promise as paid until the amount involved has been actually placed to our credit in the banks."

"We are carrying out the policy of making drafts on several St. John business houses for the amount of their subscriptions to the Patriotic Fund and we never acknowledge the payment until we have actually received the money."

"I am not surprised at the tone of Mr. Gundry's letter as he has already

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF WILLIS L.O.L.

Interesting Occasion in Fairville Last Evening Marked by Presentation to Robert Catherwood.

Willis Lodge, No. 70, L. O. L., last night celebrated their 40th anniversary in their hall, Fairville. The lodge room was filled with the members and their friends who gathered to observe the anniversary, and to honor one of their members, Robert Catherwood, who for 31 years has acted as treasurer of the lodge. Mr. Catherwood joined the lodge in 1884 and the following year was elected to the office of treasurer which he has filled ever since.

H. P. Allingham presided and made the opening address, after which he called on Attorney-General Baxter, who presented a Grand Lodge collar to Mr. Catherwood in appreciation of his long service to the lodge.

Mr. Catherwood made a suitable reply, thanking the brothers for the kindly thought expressed in the gift. The following programme was then carried out:

Solo, Miss Fenton.
Address, Nell J. Morrison, grand secretary.

Song, ladies' quartette.
Address, Rev. W. P. Dunham.
Solo, Mrs. Murray Loe.

Address, Commissioner Wigmore.
Solo, Mr. McEachern.
Address, Rev. Gilbert Earle.
Solo, Miss Spencer.

Address, Rev. P. R. Hayward.
Instrumental duet, Misses Beveridge and Stynes.
Reading, Miss Ross.
Reading, Mr. Spencer.
Recitation, Little Miss Moore.
God Save the King.

WESTMORLAND

Westmorland Point, Dec. 12.—Mr. Parker of Windsor is spending a few days here as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Loeide Miner.

Mr. Walter I. Dickson of Sackville, was here Monday on a business trip. Mr. Amos Etter of Amherst, was here on Tuesday.

Mr. Percy Lowerison of Amherst, spent Sunday as the guest of his sister, Mrs. Herbert Patterson.

Mrs. Murray Siddall and Miss Rhoda Chappell spent some time in Mount Whately, as the guests of Mr. Robert Moir.

Mr. Edward Buck spent some time in Beech Hill recently, as the guest of friends.

Miss Mamie Smith of Port Lawrenc, visited friends here on Sunday. Pte. Karl Brown of the 173rd Quebec Battalion, passed through here on Thursday morning, en route overseas. Several from here drove to Sackville to see Pte. Brown.

Mr. H. Eetter, who intended raising his barn on Wednesday last was prevented by an early snow storm. How ever the people of this vicinity are enjoying good sleighing provided by the recent heavy storm.

The Red Cross workers held their weekly meeting at the home of Mrs. Lorne Wells, on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Etter spent some time recently in Sackville. Several from here attended the Red Cross tea at the home of Mrs. Alexander Carter at Point du Bute, on Tuesday evening.

A number of friends of Mrs. Mariner Fowler surprised her on Thursday evening and spent a very enjoyable evening. The event was Mrs. Fowler's birthday.

Friends are sorry to learn that Mrs. Rufus Carter is not improving as fast as they wish for.

Miss C. Eetter, of Amherst, spent Sunday here the guest of friends.

Ladies' Auxiliary met on Thursday at the home of Mrs. David Carter. Pte. Charles Fillmore, who has been spending a few days here, left on Friday for overseas.

Word was recently received from England that Sergt. Robt. Cove, Ptes. Earle Cove and Arnold Carter were in the first draft of the 146th Battalion, and it is expected the boys are now in the firing line.

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visiting in Wales, according to letters received in Westmorland Point. Mrs. McCord writes very favorably of the Welsh country, and may spend the winter there.

Several of the young people enjoyed a skate on the mill pond one evening of this week.

Mrs. Charles N. Black entertained the Red Cross ladies on Tuesday afternoon.

Rev. Canon Smithers of Fredericton, preached at St. Mark's church on Sunday. Holy Communion was administered. Canon Smithers preached at Bale Verte in the afternoon at 3.30.

Mrs. Robert Moir entertained the Dramatic club recently at her home in Mount Whately, and a very enjoyable evening was spent by all present.

Mr. Hazen Etter had a "barn raising" on Thursday.

Mr. George H. Siddall, son of Mr. Francis Siddall of Sackville, who is foreman of the dredge Tiger at Providence, R. I., has collected from the crews of the dredge and tug, the sum of thirty-eight dollars for the Red Cross.

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Word has been received that Wm. D. Munroe of Vancouver, B. C., a former Tabusintac boy, has enlisted with a construction corps in the west. His younger brother, Eric, who is a member of the 122nd Battalion, is at present in England.

Mr. Robert Buchanan and daughter, Miss Muriel, have returned from a brief visit to Montreal.

Miss Mamie McEachern, who spent several months with her sister, Mrs. J. Robert Simpson, has gone to Bermuda for the winter.

The members of the W. F. M. S. of St. Andrew's church gave a concert Wednesday evening.

Mr. Clarence J. Dempsey of Stonehaven is visiting his sister, Mrs. J. W. Huxley.

Miss McLeod of Tracadie has accepted a position in the store recently opened in the H. T. Graham building

by the W. S. Loggie Co. of Chatham.

Many friends here learned with regret of the death of Mr. Daniel McEachern of Chatham, who was born and spent his boyhood in this place.

He had been for over forty years a trusted employee of the J. B. Snowball Co. Deceased, who was about sixty-eight years of age, had been ill for several months, death being caused by internal cancer. His widow, who was formerly Miss Margaret Styliet, is also a native of Tabusintac. He also leaves to mourn two daughters, Mrs. Fowles of Hopewell, and Miss Belle of Boston, and three sons, Norman and James, residing in the U. S. A. and Robert of Chatham.

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Soldiers' Comfort Meeting.

The monthly meeting of the Soldiers' Comfort Association will be held in the Centenary church parlors this afternoon at three o'clock.

**REPORTED GREEK
MOBILIZATION**

London, Dec. 12.—An Exchange Telegraph despatch from Copenhagen says that the Greek government has received from the Swiss legation in Athens a general mobilization.

Italy will put the consumption of fresh meat under government control after January. Meat and poultry will be available only on two days a week.

The production of Kathryn Williams' initial subject for the Oliver Morosco Photoplay Company, "Re-deeming Love," is now rapidly nearing completion and will be released on the Paramount programme the end of December.

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HOUSE OF ADJOURN

Premier Lloyd-George, Made P

London, Dec. 12.—Through illness of George and former P the principal figures in the cabinet to postpone its statement of policy session of the House the interest which us the first meeting of a with parliament. A number of members don for the session. those whose position was indicated by the either behind the cabinet opposition forces.

Meanwhile the n mastering their de most of them took of J. Balfour, however transfer until this r assumed charge of For the moment the is occupied with the ing with the Athens

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