

Pte. Russell Pearce Killed In Action

Was Struck By Trench Torpedo. The sad intelligence was received here by telegram on Tuesday morning of the death of Pte. Russell S. Pearce of this village, and nephew of J. W. Pearce ex-M.P.P. of Belleville. The message came from the Militia Department at Ottawa and stated that Pte. Pearce had been officially reported killed in action on the 27th of December.

The news quickly spread about town and was received with universal regret. Pte. Pearce enlisted at Edmonton and was a member of the 31st Battalion, Mounted Rifles, 2nd Canadian Expeditionary Force. No extensive particulars are to hand, except that Pte. Pearce, together with another young man named Kempt, were struck with a trench torpedo, while on active service at the front in Western Europe. Pte. Pearce was removed to the base hospital but expired soon after from his wounds.

He is the first native son of this village to lay down his life for his country in the present war. While his loss is deeply mourned by his parents and other members of the family, they have the consoling recompense that he fell doing his duty in the struggle for liberty and right.

It is a touching coincidence to note that Mr. and Mrs. Pearce were just sitting down to breakfast on their 54th wedding anniversary, when Dr. Ford conveyed to them the sad particulars. Another coincidence is that Russell bid goodbye to his home and friends here just eight months ago to the very day the news was received here of his death. He spent Victoria Day here, leaving on May 25th, having received a few days leave of absence from his regiment which had reached Montreal, in order that he might particularly see his mother who was ill at Georgetown at the time.

Pte. Pearce, who was in his 34th year, attended the local schools and spent the greater part of his life in this village. He was a young man of good heart and strong physique. In athletic circles he was widely known in this district, being a member of the town's once famous hockey and football teams. He also was a veteran of the South African War.—Norwood Register.

Sudden transition from a hot to a cold temperature, exposure to rain, sitting in a draught, unseasonable substitution of light for heavy clothing, are fruitful causes of colds and the resultant cough so perilous to persons of weak lungs. Among the many medicines for bronchial disorders so arising, there is none better than Bickie's Anti-Consumptive Syrup. Try it and become convinced. Price 25 cents.

Ontario Governed To Death

Says Prominent Tory in objecting to Payment Towards Dr. Clinton's Department

Barris, Jan. 28.—Dr. Clinton, District Medical Officer of Health, got a rather warm reception at Simcoe County Council today, when he appeared at the request of the department to explain to the Council what the county gets for its \$900 charged annually as its share of his salary and expenses. His explanations were not considered at all satisfactory, and the department came in for some very sharp criticism, particularly from Reeve Bennet of Barrie, Reeve Simpson of Tins and Deputy Reeve Bonding of Essa, all strong Conservatives. Dr. Clinton himself was not blamed, but the legislation which created the office was strongly condemned.

Councillor Banting, who is President of the South Simcoe Conservative Association, declared that there are too many officials, the Province being governed to death. The local officers of health, he said, are quite able to do the work that these district officials are paid to do.

The account for this work will amount to \$3,600 on August 1 next. Nothing has yet been paid on this, but will be paid until the matter is thoroughly gone into with the Government.

MILITARY NOTES.

A large number of recruits for the 80th Battalion are expected down from Ottawa.

An invitation has been extended by the 80th Battalion to the 155th to attend church parades at the armories on Sundays at ten-thirty.

The members of the band who have been away on pass are due back today. They will attend divine service tomorrow.

The public is cordially invited to the service at the armories.

The 80th Battalion is about 60 men short of full strength.

The latest recruits of the 80th were inducted yesterday.

Trench or winter caps were issued to "A" Co. of the 80th yesterday. The men find them most comfortable.

Last evening a lecture was delivered on "Bombs and Bombthrowing" by Capt. Watson, 80th Battalion. Many valuable points were gleaned from the address. At the termination of the lecture illustrations were given by Capt. Ketcheson, styles of bombs used in the present war.

A patriotic and recruiting rally was held last evening at Wellman's Corners for the 155th Battalion. Addresses were delivered by Col. Ad-

ams, Capt. Gilmore, Capt. Hyman, Capt. Doyle and Lt. Sandford.

The 155th men in Belleville have been fitted out with new winter caps.

The provisional school for 155th N.C.O.'s is in full swing in this city, with 50 in attendance.

The Salvation Army barracks has been offered to the 155th provisional school for lecture purposes. The offer has been accepted and is now in use.

Major Wilson, D.A.A., and Q.M.G., is in the city this afternoon.

Prince Edward County Council yesterday granted \$1,000 towards the 155th Battalion.

Lieut. P. H. Walla is laid up with his gripe.

The 155th will hold a public meeting in Rednersville tonight. Tomorrow patriotic films will be shown at Griffin's Front Street theater afternoon and evening for the 155th Battalion.

Lieut. Burwash is in charge of the A.S.C. here. Lieut. Raby is returning to Kingston to act as adjutant of the corps in that city.

The following provisional lieutenants are attending the P.S.I., Kingston.

- 15th Regiment.
 - Pro. Lt. G. P. Armstrong
 - W. P. Allen
 - G. A. Butler
 - R. A. Cumming
 - A. B. Gribble
 - R. S. Harder
 - H. L. Ingram
 - E. O. Keeler
 - H. M. Pattison
 - T. A. Pratt
 - R. B. Cooper

- 16th Regiment.
 - C. T. Botford
 - J. F. Haggerty
 - C. H. Marvin
 - G. S. Taylor
 - R. H. Wilson

- 40th Regiment.
 - W. T. Nugent

The following have qualified as Lieutenants at the last class of the P.S.I., Kingston.

- R. S. Carter, 14th
- J. E. Cole, 15th
- A. A. Dedor, 49th
- G. S. Smith, 15th
- R. E. Noble, 18th

Lieut. Noble has since been promoted Captain in the 155th Battalion.

Capt. Stanley Powell, adjutant of 180th Battalion Perth, is in the city today.

Lt. Wagnemaker of the 80th is on sick leave.

Ptes. Dempsey and Wilder of the 155th, Belleville, were on Saturday evening presented with wrist watches by their friends at Rednersville at the patriotic rally. Mr. Nelson Parliament, M.P.P., Prince Edward, delivered a stirring oration.

The 155th Battalion attended divine service yesterday with the 80th at the armories.

Col. Adams and Capt. Gilmore spent Sunday in Picton.

Lt. Sandford delivered a recruiting address at the Tabernacle Sunday School at three-thirty. Rev. S. C. Moore also spoke.

Lieut. Walls, 155th has reported for duty after being indisposed.

Pte. Bishop, who resides near Wall-bridge walked eight miles to Belleville on Saturday to enlist in the 155th Battalion. He was accepted.

Lt. McGie has been in Toronto. He is anxious to secure recruits in Belleville for the machine gun section of the 155th Battalion.

There are some openings in the Battalion for signallers. Twenty-five are already on duty.

Three cousins are now members of the 155th Battalion. They are Lieut. Henry L. Wallace, son of Mr. Robert Wallace, Sergt. "Ted" Wallace of the paymaster's office staff, son of Mr. A. Wallace, and Mr. Claude Wallace, son of the late James Wallace. Claude is a brother of Lieut. Wm. Wallace.

Enlistment around the city is rather slow. For a place of 12,000 the record of 61 Belleville recruits among 510 in the 155th is small. There are more than one thousand available young men in the city yet.

The Sunday rallies at Griffin's Palace theater yesterday attracted good crowds, who contributed to the 155th Fund.

Pte. Moram, 80th has been admitted to the Napanee hospital. Ptes. Smith and Whitefoot have been discharged from the same institution.

Roy White has returned to the 33rd Battery, Kingston after leave in Belleville.

Splendid films have been secured for next Sunday's meetings under the auspices of the 80th Battalion at Griffin's Palace Theater. One film shows King George in the trenches at Ypres. There are three other reels "Fighting in the Trenches."

A large number of bandmen for the 155th report on Wednesday.

Mr. Wm. Mitts reported for duty with the 155th Band this morning. He has been a member of the Salvation Army Band. Captain Ruston is losing a good many of his best musicians.

Thankful For Gifts From Belleville

Bramshott Camp, Eng., Jan. 14 Editor The Ontario.—

The Belleville boys serving in the 8th C.M.R. at present undergoing training in England, wish to thank fully acknowledge through your paper the receipt of the Xmas gifts sent by the Ladies of the Patriotic League. The pleasing variety of gifts which the boxes contained, were all most acceptable and were appreciated both for their own usefulness and for the proof they gave of the thoughtfulness for our welfare. When we have finished our task on the great continent of Europe, we hope to return speedily and thank the givers face to face. At present we are all well, and in good spirits.

Signed on behalf of the Belleville boys in our regiment. Piper D. McIntosh, 8th C. M. R.

The Path To Progress

Special to The Ontario.

TORONTO, Jan. 31.—Manitoba women have been given the vote by the Legislature of that province,—the first one in the Dominion to adopt this progressive measure.

The historical importance of the event affords a timely opportunity to examine, not as a matter of partisanship, but of actual record, whether Liberal or Conservative provincial governments are the more progressive.

From 1905 to 1915 there was Conservative government in Manitoba. Prohibition, women's suffrage, direct legislation and other advanced measures were blocked.

Last year Manitoba went Liberal. Already it has women's suffrage; direct legislation will be passed this session and a referendum on prohibition will be taken on March 15th. More reforms have come under Liberal Government in a few months than came under Roblin in ten years.

Both Saskatchewan and Alberta also have Liberal governments and have had since 1905. It is common knowledge that up to the time Manitoba joined the same procession these two provinces had the most advanced legislation in the country. Alberta has direct legislation and prohibition. Saskatchewan has wiped out the bars and in both provinces women's suffrage is on the eve of adoption.

From a survey of such facts it is evident that Ontario too, if it wants to be listed among the progressive communities, must do as the three

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