

General City News

A. K. Cates, K.C., barrister at Reson, Man., is here on a visit.

Miss Mary Irving left Thursday for Nova Scotia where she will spend a three months holiday.

Mr. W. M. Lidster, of Winnipeg, is spending a few days at the home of his parents, 839 Sixteenth street.

The new snow-remover is on its way to Brandon, according to Superintendent Boden of the street railway.

The city council passed a resolution Wednesday evening urging the federal authorities to establish a nickel refinery in Canada.

Mayor Cates states that the total contributions made by Brandon citizens to the British Sailors' relief fund will probably total about \$3,500.

Brandon's new contrivance for cleaning the ice from the street railway tracks has arrived, but no use has been found for it thus far.

Following a request of Lieut.-Col. Beaubien, the non-commissioned officers and men of the 181st Battalion will henceforth have the privilege of using workmen's tickets on the street railway system.

Pte. A. Shaw, a former member of the 79th Battalion now at the front, has written to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Shaw, telling of the receipt of Christmas parcels from the I.O.D.E. and First Methodist church.

Word was received this morning by Mrs. A. Donaldson that Private James McOnstra, of the A. and S. Highlanders, has been killed in action. He was only twenty years of age. It transpires that Private McOnstra was wounded and, along with three comrades, was crawling along to the nearest dressing station when a shell burst and killed them all. He was the nephew of Mrs. A. Donaldson, 817 Tenth street, and Mrs. Robert Swinton 1055 Ninth street.

The Souris Curling Club announces its annual bonspiel commencing January 22nd.

Mr. Norman Gerry left Tuesday for his home in Edmonton after visiting friends and relatives in Brandon.

Miss Ruth Robertson, of Toronto, is spending a few weeks the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Melhuish, 158 Fifth street.

Master Sam Sodomsy left for a trip to Minneapolis whence he will attend the Rush Medical College in Chicago.

Miss Josephine McGuire, formerly a nurse in this city, has been operated on for appendicitis at the hospital in Lethbridge. Miss McGuire is expected to recover.

The Brandon post office staff received much appreciated parcels of confectionery, cigars, etc., during the holiday season as Christmas and New Year presents.

There are many cases of measles in the city today and this is considered likely to considerably affect the attendance of children at the public schools for the present week.

Following a powerful sermon by Rev. A. E. Smith on "National Service" on Sunday night, the congregation, by resolution, endorsed the efforts of the government in connection with national service, and pledged its support thereto.

The Rex Cafe is entertaining all the returned soldiers in this city and district to a dinner at 7:30 on Friday evening. All returned men who can attend are invited to attach their names to the notice in the Association rooms, or to notify Mr. George Stordy before mid-day on Thursday.

The returned soldiers are planning their first annual gathering in the Reception Association rooms at 7:45 Wednesday evening. There will be a special program and the men are bringing their wives and sweethearts. All returned men in the city and district are invited to attend.

Correspondence from overseas states that Captain (Rev.) George Edmonson has been notified to be in readiness to go to and is now likely to be in France. Dr. Beer is said to be doing good work at No. 12 General Hospital at Staples.

Private D. Churchill, formerly of this city, who left with the 45th Battalion, has written a letter to a friend stating that he is still lying in hospital suffering from a broken ankle sustained by jumping a deep German trench when making a charge against the enemy, but he is now doing well. He also mentions that two friends of Major Whillier had figured on the casualty list, Lieut. Pierce was killed at Ypres, and the other, Lieut. Dykeman, was missing.

The second meeting of the older boys at the Y.M.C.A. was held on Friday night and proved a most instructive and enjoyable character. After a light luncheon, five of the boys led in the devotional exercises and were followed by Principal Whidden of Brandon College, who delivered an address on "The Meaning and Value of True Education."

Dr. Whidden held that the great value of education lay in the fact that it increased one's power for service in the world, not as Germany's idea that education and efficiency had been sent to increase its own power.

One of the most artistic calendars that have reached The Sun office this season is one sent by J. A. Wilson, of the Canada Life Assurance Co. It is an excellent reproduction of Sir John Reynolds' picture "The Infant Samuel." As a portrait of the innocent beauty of youth, the painting was said to be unexcelled.

OBITUARY

Nichola Nazar

The death occurred on Tuesday of Nichola Nazar, the seven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. O. Nazar, 1213 Stickney avenue. The funeral took place on Wednesday from the Greek Catholic church.

Harry M. Eames

One of the most successful and respected farmers of the Brandon Hills district passed away Monday in the person of Mr. Harry M. Eames at the age of fifty-four years. He leaves a widow and four children to mourn his loss. They are Claude, Olive and Mrs. McCann, living at Dauphin. Three brothers and one sister are Frank, of Arden, Fred of Los Angeles, Cal., and David, of Brantford, Ont., and Mrs. William Wallace, Detroit, Mich. The funeral took place Tuesday from the family residence to the Brandon cemetery. Rev. W. Nichol officiated. Mr. and Mrs. George Wood, of Harding, were here attending the funeral.

Mrs. Elizabeth Curle

Mrs. Elizabeth Curle, one of the pioneer settlers of the North Brandon district died on Monday. The deceased lady, who was predeceased by her husband a year ago, leaves a large family to mourn her loss. The funeral took place Tuesday to Humesville cemetery.

Mrs. Mary Wilkie

The funeral took place Monday at Wawanesa of Mrs. Mary Wilkie, aged eighty-one years and nine months, who died at her home in Winnipeg. The late Mrs. Wilkie was born in Wellington county and lived in Manitoba thirty-seven years. She leaves to mourn her loss three brothers, two sons and six daughters, two of whom reside in Brandon; Mrs. Robert Park and Mrs. D. H. Chambers.

Mr. Hugh Pearson, of this city, has received word of the death of his brother, Robert M. Pearson, which took place at Hazenmore, Sask., Dec. 16th. The deceased was one of seven brothers, all of whom left their home in the old land to come to Canada. The father and mother and sister still reside in Scotland. The other brothers are: David, Jack, George, James and William. The deceased was buried at Kincaird, Sask. He had only been ailing for some time, but his last sickness came suddenly and only lasted for three days. Deceased farmed with his brother William and was highly respected.

The death occurred in the city on Thursday of Mrs. Woods, wife of Mr. Divie Woods, after an illness of about three weeks. The deceased lady was thirty-six years of age and besides her husband, leaves a family of three young children to mourn their loss. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Mellor. The funeral took place Saturday afternoon from the family residence at 2340 Princess avenue, to Brandon cemetery. Rev. C. W. Morrow officiated.

Donald Fraser

One of the pioneers of the Carrievale district, in the person of Mr. Donald Fraser, passed away in this city on Friday. He had farmed in Carrievale for the last twenty-five years and had met with considerable success. He is survived by three sisters, Mrs. T. W. Jones, Mrs. R. J. Fry, of Brandon, and Mrs. J. Young, of Carrievale.

ACKNOWLEDGES DONATIONS

The honorary secretary of the Brandon General Hospital begs to acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of the following donations from the Hebrew residents of Brandon, collected by Mrs. A. L. Spector and Mrs. B. Isman:

Mrs. D. Cristall, \$5.00; Mrs. A. L. Spector, \$3.00; Mrs. P. Cristall, \$2.00; Mrs. Cooperman, \$2.00; Mr. M. Fine (Ottawa), \$2.00; Mrs. B. Isman, \$2.00; Mrs. S. Kiser, \$2.00; Mrs. Snider, \$1.50; Mrs. B. Visler, \$1.50; Mrs. Aronovsky (Regina), \$1.00; Mrs. L. Cohen, \$1.00; H. Ceri, \$1.00; Mrs. G. Cristall, \$1.00; Mrs. B. Cristall, \$1.00; Mrs. Freedman, \$1.00; J. Goldenburg, \$1.00; I. Giller, \$1.00; Mrs. K. Isman (Rocanville), \$1.00; L. Kohn, \$1.00; S. Roseman, \$1.00; W. D. Roch, \$1.00; S. Tonkin, \$1.00; H. Edessa, \$1.00; D. Brandes, \$1.00; A. Fratkan, \$1.00; Z. Feldman, \$1.00; Mrs. Lerman, \$1.00; S. Spector, \$1.00; J. Stain, \$1.00; M. Visler \$1.00; Mrs. Zasles, \$1.00; Messrs. Swartz & Cristall, \$1.00; S. Serl, \$1.00; H. Stern, \$1.00; Anon., \$1.00. Total \$40.40.

TWO MASONIC LODGES INSTALL NEW OFFICERS

The Masonic hall was filled to its capacity Wednesday evening, when the Masons of the city gathered to celebrate the festival of St. John's and to install their officers for the ensuing year. The ceremony was conducted by M.W. Bros. W. Fenwick and H. J. Pugh, assisted by a number of other prominent Masons, the following brethren were duly installed:

Brandon Lodge No. 19
E. Bolton, W.M.; A. Trotter, S.W.; C. S. Marshall, J.W.; N. W. Kerr, Sec.; A. McLeod, Treas.; A. C. Mitchell, I.G.; F. E. Wright, S.D.; W. E. Ferguson, J.D.; N. E. Johnson, D.C.; J. J. McComb, Chaplain; R. Reid, Tyler; A. Stretton, G.S.; F. Dennett, J.S.
Tweed Lodge No. 113
C. H. Sperrin, W.M.; J. Gilbey, S.W.; D. H. Taylor, J.W.; W. Fenwick, Sec.; H. J. Pugh, Treas.; F. Hurst, J.G.; J. Tucker, S.D.
R. J. Alexander, J.D.; W. E. Crawford, D. of C.; Theo. A. Miller, Chaplain; I. Cookman, Tyler; W. Turner, S.S.; A. McLeod, J.S.

The ladies of the O.E.S. then served a most enjoyable supper, and a very entertaining program concluded one of the most interesting evenings witnessed in Masonic circles for a considerable period.

AUSTRIAN TO STAND TRIAL ASSAULT CHARGE

Preliminary Hearing Given at Virden—Alien Had Large Sum of Money

An Austrian named Nick Hukoria Valoruski was brought into the city by Provincial Constable Ross, of Virden, to await his trial on the charge of attempting grievous bodily harm.

The preliminary hearing had been gone through at the police court in Virden. It appears that the Austrian quarrelled with his employers, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Grant, on a farm at Cromer, Man., when making settlement of wages, and in turn assaulted Mrs. Grant and then her husband. The defendant held that he had only been paid \$15 instead of \$25 which was due him. He was searched and it was found that he did not have the bills on him that would make up the smaller amount, and on Mrs. Grant identifying a twenty dollar and a five dollar bill, the latter admitted that he had received payment in full.

On defendant being subjected to the usual search by the police authorities, it was found that he had cash in his possession to the amount of \$500.

MAJ. BLAKE'S RAPID PROMOTION AT FRONT

Promoted Since Going Overseas from Rank of Lieutenant to that of Major

Rapid promotion has attended the career of a young Brandon lawyer who left the city for active service shortly after the outbreak of the war. The then Lieut. (now Major) Charles Blake left Brandon in August, 1914, and with the members of the 99th Manitoba Rangers, who left at that time, was at Vancort and Salisbury Plains.

He was afterwards promoted for distinguished service on the field to the rank of captain, and afterwards to that of major.

Major Blake is at present with the 99th Rifles who are in the Eighth Battalion, second brigade, of the Canadian expeditionary forces. Before entering the army Major Blake was a member of the law firm of Adolphe and Blake.

A number of men of the 79th Battalion were transferred to the 8th Battalion and among them was Private E. A. Kaminski, who has been severely wounded and is now lying at the Netley hospital, England.

JOHN SPAIN TO STAND TRIAL FOR DOUBLE MURDER

Sixteen Year Old Youth Laughed Heartily During Evidence at Preliminary Hearing

Winnipeg, Dec. 29—"Not guilty, and I have no statement to make at present," said John P. Spain, the sixteen-year-old lad who was late last night committed by Magistrate Noble to stand his trial at the next assizes as the alleged murderer of his employers, James Vincent and wife, at their farm near Stonewall early this month.

Throughout the preliminary hearing Spain displayed little concern as the witnesses called by Deputy Attorney General John Allen told of the discovery of the gruesome tragedy. He laughed heartily at times when evidence of his movements after leaving the scene of the murder was given.

The crown called nearly twenty witnesses and about sixty exhibits, comprised principally of blood-stained clothing and other apparel which witnesses identified as having been purchased by Spain on December 9th after the murder is alleged to have been committed.

Coroner's Evidence.

At the morning sitting of the court Coroner McLeod related how he had on December 11th found the body of James Vincent in the granary on his farm, covered with a horse blanket, and the body of his wife in the house, lying on the floor of the dining room, between the stove and wall. Vincent had been shot in the face with a shotgun, the face below the eyes being shot away. Shot and gun wads were found in the brain, which was in a pulpy state. There was also a bullet wound in the right breast, the missile having broken a rib, penetrated the lung and left the body in the back near the spine. There was also an abrasion of the skin on the right side of the body and there were holes in the clothes as though a bullet had passed through them. Either of the main wounds, Dr. McLeod said, would produce death. Mrs. Vincent, he said, was killed by a bullet wound in the head. The bullet had entered the head near the base of the skull and had come out on the left side of the face near the ear. She was lying on the floor between the stove and wall, having evidently fallen there when she received the fatal wound. The bullet in passing through her head had broken both her jaws. He had known both the Vincents for years and knew both to be people of good dispositions. Vincent, he said, was a good tempered man.

Provincial Police Constable Snell, of Stonewall, told of going to the Vincent farm on being apprised of the murder of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent and finding the double-barrelled shotgun and bullets.

The witness stated that he saw no evidence of a struggle when he arrived at the Vincent farm.

James Bain told of bringing Spain from Toronto to Winnipeg.

LIEUT. ESSELMONT MET DEATH LIKE THE HERO HE WAS

Unexpected testimony that the late Lieut. Jack Esslemont met his death like the hero he was, appears in letters that have just been received by his bereaved parents. Rather than be helped when he lay stricken on the battlefield, "Carry on" he told the corporal who came to his assistance, "I am done for."

The letter from Major Turner Lee, major of Lieut. Esslemont's battalion, was as follows:

"Dear Mr. Esslemont: "I very much regret to hear that your son, Lieut. Esslemont, is reported to have died from wounds received in action. I knew that he was very seriously wounded in head from our M.O., who dressed him at the clearing station. He was hit, I understand, soon after our men got out of the trench, and he told one of my corporals who went to him to 'carry on,' and he added, 'I am done for.' However, he was safely got down by the Red Cross men, and I had hoped from that that his wound was not so serious as he feared, as he was not unconscious, though struck in the head."

"He had been about six weeks with us in my company, and had proved himself a very efficient and painstaking officer. The last night I was with him, about three nights before the attack, I had a bad fall in the trenches owing to an injured knee, and the way he picked me up and piloted me back to the dug-out was kindness itself."

"I offer you my sincerest sympathy in the blow you have sustained, and can only hope that you may have some solace in the fact that he met his end doing his duty like a man."

WANT SALE AND EXCHANGE

All advertisements under the headings of Horses, Cattle, Pigs, Poultry Dogs and Miscellaneous Wants of all kinds will be accepted under this head. The rates will be 1 cent per word per insertion. Minimum charge 25 cents. Payable in advance.

STRAYED

An Alredale Terrier from Matheson farm, Forrest. Black saddle and tan chest and legs, very hairy on face.—Finder please phone 23, Brandon—J. W. Fleming.

FARM LANDS

WANTED—TO HEAR FROM OWNER of good farm for sale. State cash price and description. D. F. Bush, Minneapolis, Minn. 3-10-17

TO RENT OR FOR SALE—HALF section of land. Stock and implements for sale. Box 14, Sun. 1tw

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH WEST LAND REGULATIONS

The sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years old, may homestead a quarter-section of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, or Alberta. Applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-Agency for the District. Entry by proxy may be made at any Dominion Lands Agency (but not Sub-Agency), on certain conditions.

Duties—Six months residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 80 acres, on certain conditions. A habitable house is required except where residence is performed in the vicinity.

Livestock may be substituted for cultivation under certain conditions. In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter-section alongside his homestead. Price \$3.00 per acre.

Duties—Six months residence in each of three years cultivate 50 acres and erect a house worth \$300.

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W. W. CORBY, Deputy of the Minister of Interior. N.B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.—4438

HAWK FLEW 3,700 MILES

Red Lodge, Mont., Dec. 28.—Eddie Hotchkiss caught a large hawk in his net August 19th, tied a bottle containing his name and address about the bird's neck, and released it. By October 29th the same bird had flown at least 3,700 miles to Bogota, Colombia, South America, where it was killed by Louis Felipe Rulda, according to a letter received from the latter.

BELGIAN SHIP SAFE

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 27.—The Belgian motor ship Emanuel Novel, which sent out signals of distress on Saturday from the vicinity of Sober Island, has been towed into Sheet harbor by steamers that went to her assistance.

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New Magistrates For Manitoba

Winnipeg, Dec. 27.—Twenty appointments, one dismissal and one registration comprise the changes in the Manitoba civil service last week, according to the latest issue of the Manitoba Gazette.

All are of minor character, except the following appointments:

To be magistrates in and for the province:
David Williamson Yull, of Melita; Israel Putman Cheney, of Lyleton; Etienne Balze, Jr., of Notre Dame de Lourdes.

To be police magistrates under the provisions of "The Small Debts Recovery Act":

Charles A. Ingersoll, of Shoal Lake; David Williamson Yull, of Melita; Israel Putman Cheney, of Lyleton; W. F. Sirett, of Neepawa.

EVERY REASON TO REMEMBER BRANDON

The city of Brandon and the patriotism of her citizens will not be forgotten by the prime minister of Canada, or the director of National Service, according to a letter received from Mr. E. L. Chapman, director of National Service, for Military District No. 10, by Mayor Cates.

"The Prime Minister and Director-General were certainly astounded," writes Mr. Chapman, "to see such a large meeting at such an early hour on such a cold morning. I saw by their reports that their meeting in 1916 last night did not have anything like the attendance that our meeting did in Brandon. I think that if the facts were known, the Brandon meeting was the greatest meeting of their tour."

HAPPY NEW YEAR



WE DO NOT HAVE TO "BLOW OUR OWN HORN." THE UP-GRADE HARDWARE AND THE LOW DOWN PRICE WE SELL IT FOR, SPEAK FOR US.

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