

## AN INDIAN BATTALION AUTHORIZED

Gen. Sir Sam Hughes accedes to request of loyal Redmen for a Regiment of their own.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 13.—Enthusiasm prevails on the Indian reserves over the decision of General Hughes to allow the formation of a battalion of Indians for overseas service. Although there are many Indians in the contingents that have gone, the policy generally has been to discourage enlistment. All over the Dominion loyal Indians have offered their services and have been refused, and today the Indian Department states that there will not be the slightest difficulty in raising a full regiment—and there might be a second.

The Seneca Indians of Brantford have sent 24 young braves to the front and one of these men, Capt. A. G. E. Smith, who went with the second contingent, is regarded as a most capable officer and is a warm favorite with the men under him. Lieut. Cameron Brant, a grandson of the famous General Brant, went from Brantford and was killed at Ypres.

Another brilliant officer whom General Hughes is warmly praising is Capt. L. P. O. Picard, of the 12th Battalion, one of three Hurons who went from Lorette.

One company for the proposed Indian regiment is being organized in western Ontario.

## SEVERAL HURT WHEN CARS COLLIDE ON VICTORIA BRIDGE, MONTREAL

Montreal, Dec. 19.—Mortimer A. J. Jamin and F. Mayer, of the Montreal and Southern Counties Railway, are suffering from a fractured leg each and ten passengers were more or less injured, but none seriously, as a result of a collision between two electric cars on the Montreal and Southern Counties Railroad on the Victoria bridge shortly before eight o'clock Saturday morning. The front vestibules of the cars were badly smashed. The accident was due to a misunderstanding of orders.

## PRESENTATION TO LIEUT. B. LAWRENCE

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Dec. 18.—Lieut. Beverly Lawrence was on Saturday honored by the men of No. 4 Platoon of the 104th Battalion, which he commands, being presented with a handsome meerschaum pipe and a case of tobacco. The presentation was made in the drill shed, the men being lined up after their morning parade had been completed.

In making the presentation at this season the men of No. 4 Platoon not only desired to remember the commanding officer at Christmas time, but also wished to show their pleasure at having Lieut. Lawrence with them having his transfer to the 140th Battalion having been cancelled.

## OBITUARY.

John Brittain.

The death occurred on Saturday at his late residence 38 St. Patrick street of John Brittain, in the ninetieth year of his age. The deceased was well known and much respected. He resided on the West Side until a few years ago and had many friends both there and in other parts of St. John, as well as in various parts of the province. He leaves besides his wife, three sons, William, of Welsford, and James and Ernest, of West St. John; one daughter, Miss Bertha at home, and one sister, Mrs. Margaret Totten, of Westfield. The remains of deceased will be taken to Nerepis tomorrow morning for interment.

Walter T. Hart.

Sympathy will be extended by many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hart, of 126 River street, in the death yesterday morning of their eldest child, Walter T., who succumbed to diphtheria, aged three years and three months. Interment will take place today.

Died in Medford.

The death is announced in Medford, Mass., of Thomas F. Gaffney, formerly of St. John. Mr. Gaffney is survived by a wife, who was Miss Ellen A. Connolly.

Received Watch.

Arthur O. Hickson, assistant bookkeeper with W. F. Hatheway and Co., Ltd., was presented by his employers and the staff with a handsome wrist watch on Saturday morning. He has enlisted as a signaller with the 115th Battalion.

## VICE-ADMIRAL KINGSMILL PRESIDENT OF NAVAL PENSIONS BOARD

Peter Smith and Willard A. Ingalls, appointed Harbor Masters at Buctouche and Grand Harbor.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 13.—Vice Admiral Charles E. Kingsmill, director of the naval service, has been appointed president of the naval pensions board, and Dr. R. H. Parent has been appointed a member of the board.

## STR. ORDUNE IN ENGLAND WITH MORE CANADIAN TROOPS

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—It is officially announced through the press, censor's office that the troop ship "Orduna," which sailed from Canada on December 6th has arrived safely in England. She has on board the following troops: The Second Canadian Pioneer Battalion, 28 officers, 1,040 men, Naval ratings, 3 officers and 42 men, Belgian reservists, 2 men.

## IN COUNTY COURT.

In the case of the King vs. a Lancaster boy aged thirteen years of age, the prisoner was found guilty Saturday morning of attempting to break into the Milford post office. His Honor, Judge Armstrong, remanded him severely and let him go on suspended sentence, on recognition of his parents as to his future good behavior. Wm. M. Ryan appeared for the defendant.

In the case of the King of William McAleer, the defendant selected to be tried under the Speedy Trials Act and pleaded guilty.

John McAleer, out on bail, is charged with assaulting Paul Randall, and will be tried this morning at 11 o'clock. No judgment has yet been given in the case of the King vs. Agnes Graham.

## FUNERALS.

The funeral of Miss Bridget McDonald took place on Saturday morning, at 8.30 o'clock, from her late residence, 140 Brussels street, to the Cathedral, where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Dr. Bourgeois. Interment was in the new Catholic cemetery.

The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon, of Mrs. Elizabeth Davis, from her late residence, 94 Waterloo street. Services were conducted by the Venerable Archdeacon Raymond and Rev. R. P. McKim. Burial took place in Fernhill cemetery.

## Deaths Last Week.

Fifteen deaths were recorded at the Board of Health office last week. They included three from heart disease, two each from senility and pneumonia, and one each from Bright's disease, premature birth, fractured skull, bronchopneumonia, carcinoma ventriculi, pulmonary embolism, mitral regurgitation and nephritis.

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## 1,930 AUTOS IN NEW BRUNSWICK THIS SEASON.

Dept of Public Works looks for big increase next year — Preparing for issue of new tags.

## Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, Dec. 19.—New Brunswick has 1,930 automobiles in operation during the season of 1913, an increase of 649 over the preceding year, but a still greater increase is expected in 1914.

The year just closing has been the greatest automobile season in the history of the province, despite the fact that it is a war year, more automobiles being purchased during 1915 than in any one year previous.

The outlook for 1914 is even brighter, and the department of public works is preparing to register over 1,000 new cars during the coming year, their estimate being 3,300 automobiles for 1914.

These figures were given by Harry M. Blair, secretary of the Board of Public Works, who stated that the receipts of the past season had reached over \$23,000, or more than \$7,000 greater than that estimate of the department. In 1914 the department received \$15,330 through automobile registrations and taxes, and thus it can be seen that last year was an exceptionally successful one.

The new registration of the automobiles in New Brunswick must be made with the department of public works on or before January 1st, 1914. Under section 13 of the motor vehicle law all motor vehicles must be registered every third year and new tags will be issued to be used necessary. The tags for the coming year will have dark blue letter and figures with a light blue background and samples registered by the department are very attractive.

The war has had its effect on one end of automobile business, however, and that is by creating a shortage of registered chauffeurs. There were over 400 chauffeurs registered last year, but of this number over 40 enlisted with various units in Canada with overseas forces and are now at the front.

## A Pilotage Case.

Hearing in the matter of a suspension of Pilot Bartholomew Rogers by the St. John Pilotage Commission was had before Mr. Justice McKeown on Saturday morning on certiorari. The application was made by M. G. Teed, K. C., who argued that as the commission only found Pilot Rogers guilty of an error of judgment, he could not be suspended. To make him liable to suspension, he said, there would have to be a neglect of duty causing damage to the ship. He asked that the order of the commission be set aside for want of jurisdiction. Attorney General Baxter, K. C., for the Pilotage Commission, contended that while powers had been given to the commission, under which they had the power to disqualify a man whom they thought incompetent, and appoint another in his place, J. E. Cowan appeared with Dr. Baxter for the commission. The suspension was for thirty days, dating from Nov. 20th last. His Honor stated that he would give judgment some day this week.

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## CORRESPONDENCE

## ASKS AUTHORITY TO AMEND ASSESSMENT ACT OF NEWCASTLE

Newcastle, Dec. 17.—At the meeting of the Town Council \$100 was voted to the local recruiting committee.

At the meeting of the council on the 17th the following resolution was passed: That this council hereby authorize and instruct the mayor and town clerk to have a bill prepared and the necessary steps taken to have the same moved and seconded in the legislature and properly supported in committee thereon, asking for such amendment, if any act or acts relating to the town of Newcastle as will enable the said town upon a majority vote of its qualified ratepayers—such vote to be taken at the time of the next town election after the passing of such bill, and at any subsequent town election when the same shall be demanded in writing by not less than 15 per cent. of the qualified ratepayers, at least one month before the date of such election—to

1. Reduce the assessment on buildings and other improvements of real estate by 25 per cent. of the full value for 1914, and by an additional 25 per cent. for 1915, and an additional 25 per cent. for 1916; and an additional 25 per cent. for 1917; and an additional 25 per cent. for 1918; and an additional 25 per cent. for 1919;
2. Exempt from taxation all incomes up to \$400;
3. Abolish income qualification for voting and allow all persons who pay poll tax to vote as well as those who pay an additional form of tax;
4. Exempt personal property from taxation and substitute therefor, if desired, a business license;
5. Abolish the property qualification for office of alderman;
6. Abolish the property qualification for office of mayor.

## WELSFORD

Welsford, Dec. 18.—The social evening in connection with the Methodist Ladies' Aid came off last Tuesday. Fancy work, ice cream and candy was sold and resulted in the amount of about \$12 being realized.

At the weekly meeting of the S. of T. Lodge No. 428, held in the Victoria Hall on Wednesday evening last, eighteen members were present and a very interesting Never Despair Star Paper, edited by Miss Hazel Henry, was read by Miss Alice Nason. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for a Christmas tree to be placed during the ensuing week.

The members of the Boy's Scout Movement met at the Victoria Hall on Thursday evening last. There were eleven scouts present. Review work was taken up and preparatory steps for the examination towards obtaining the Tenderfoot Test Badge were commenced. The members will again meet in a fortnight's time.

Private Fred Baillie paid a visit to Welsford on Thursday last returning the same evening. Whilst here he gave the members of the Boy's Scout Movement great pleasure in paying them a visit at the hall on Thursday evening.

Private Edward Wheaton is spending a short furlough at his home at Clarendon. Mr. Wheaton attended the funeral of his father which took place at Harcourt, Kent Co., on Wednesday last.

Private Stephen Speight, who went to the front with the Ammunition Column, writes home interestingly, saying he is well and happy. He is a farmer and has, with five more, charge of 210 horses.

The closing exercises took place at Welsford school yesterday afternoon. There were ten visitors present. A well arranged programme of readings, recitations and dialogues was gone through. Miss Burrell, the teacher, has resigned and returned to her home at Harvey Station, York Co., last evening. Miss Lawson of Fowler's Corner school also returned home last evening to Fredericton for the Christmas vacation. Miss Wilkins of Clarendon school returns home this morning.

## Ready's Lager Beer

## Ready's Pale Ale

## Ready's Extra Stout