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MAJOR GEN. HUGHES INSPECTS 132nd BATT.

Companies "B" and "C" and Wireless Company in March Past—Splendid Lot of Men, Says General

The visit of Major General Sir Sam Hughes, and his staff, to Newcastle on Monday, on his tour of inspection of the Maritime Province troops, attracted quite a stir about the C. G. R. depot, many citizens and ladies of the town turning out to welcome Canada's war Chief.

The special train conveying Gen. Hughes arrived about 12.15. "B" Co. of Chatham, Capt. Holmes, and "C" Co. of Newcastle, Capt. Barry, were lined up on the road, and on the arrival of the train they were joined by the men of the Wireless Garrison, headed by their own band, and in command of Lieut. McNaughton, in the absence of Major Cameron.

Gen. Hughes was met on the platform by Lt. Col. Mersereau and staff and escorted to where the men were lined up. To the strains of the "Maple Leaf," by the 132nd band, the General and staff passed down the front line, reviewing the men, the General having a friendly chat here and there, and then up the second line. The scrutinizing eye of the General missed nothing. In apologizing to General Hughes for the muddy appearance of the clothes and boots of the Chatham company, who he explained, had marched up the dusty road, Col. Mersereau received the curt but kindly reply that the clothes did not make the man—if the eye was right, the heart was in its right place, and he was further overheard to remark to the battalion's colonel, that he had a splendid bunch of men.

Passing through B Company, his attention was attracted by a man in uniform whose hair was almost silvery grey, but who stood erect and withstood the steady gaze of the man of iron who stood before him, answering each question with marked precision. The grey-haired veteran was none other than Harry Brobeck, of Chatham.

Headed by the Bugle Band, and the band of the battalion, the Wireless Band and men of the Garrison following in the rear, the men were marched to the Wireless grounds where they were put through the general march-past. The first formation was in column of route order, the second in quarter column and the third facing left advance in column. As the men passed by their every movement was noted by the eagle eye of Gen. Hughes, and here and there his face would cloud, or brighten up with an expression of supreme satisfaction. The writer, occupying a front line trench, is pleased to state, however, that the latter expression was mostly seen upon his face, which is good evidence of Gen. Hughes' entire satisfaction with the men of Col. Mersereau's battalion.

One very noticeable incident that brought a gleam of satisfaction to Gen. Hughes was the coming to "eyes right" of the men of "C" Company and the Wireless Garrison, the officers saluting and the men responding to the order given by the officers commanding the platoons. This military mark of honor was so quickly noticed and admired by Gen. Hughes that in returning their salute he complimented them with the remark, "Well done, men, very well done, indeed." Lieut. Jardine, commanding platoon No. 9, Lieut. Lawlor, platoon No. 10, and Lieut. Benn, platoon No. 11, had beforehand been instructed in this particular movement, and in the march past when the proper moment came, the order "eyes right" was given and obeyed with a military precision that brought honor to them and to their efficient officer, Capt. Barry.

After the march past, Major Gen. Hughes made a few short remarks, addressing them to Lt. Col. Mersereau, officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the 132nd battalion. He said he had reviewed the companies at Campbellton, Bathurst, and other points along the line, and congratulated Col. Mersereau on having such a fine body of strong, healthy men, men who had been eyes and their hearts in the right place. He also congratulated the North Shore on being able to raise this battalion, as facilities here were not the best. The officers and men were soldiers and gentlemen, and he would see them all in a few days at Valcartier. He wished them all to bear in mind that it was the pride and honor of a soldier that carried him



MAJOR GEN. SIR SAM HUGHES



LT.-COL. GEO. W. MERSEREAU

Officer Commanding the 132nd Batt., which was praised by Gen. Hughes

advancing in a charge, but at close range they should then give him the bayonet into use. He also cautioned them against advancing on a charging party, but to pick them off until at close range; and then to bring into play the cold steel of the bayonet. With a few closing remarks, he then called upon Col. Mersereau to bring his officers to the front that he might personally meet and shake hands with them. The following officers came forward and were introduced by Col. Mersereau who had a complimentary remark to offer for each one. The first in line was Major Fred Mersereau, second in command, and a son of Col. Mersereau; then came Major Jones, Major Sterling, Capt. Barry, Capt. Holmes, Lieut. Schryer, Jardine and Lawlor, Capt. Davies, adjutant, Quartermaster Duncan, Lieut. McKnight, Benn, Mersereau, Allan, Capt. Burr, paymaster; Lieut. Love and Maher, all of the 132nd battalion and Lieut. McNaughton and De Laparrelle, of the Wireless Garrison.

After a few complimentary remarks to the officers, Major Gen. Hughes called upon the whole body to give three cheers for King George, which was responded to with hearty

Deserter Gets One Year in Dorchester

Private Andrew Sumakeransa, Russian, of C. Company the Offender

A court martial case for desertion from C Company of the 132nd battalion, came up before Police Magistrate Lawlor here on Saturday morning. The offender being Pte. Andrew Sumakeransa, a Russian. The charge was laid by Capt. H. P. Davies, adjutant of the battalion.

Pte. E. Keelin, also of C Company, was interpreter, and sworn, gave the prisoner's answers as follows:

Prisoner was asked if he was a member of the 132nd battalion, to which he replied he was.

Asked if he was absent from his company from May 31st until June 9th, said yes, without leave.

Asked if he had any excuse for being away, said no.

Asked if he knew he was liable to be put in jail for being absent, prisoner said he did not know, and answered further that he intended to come back again.

He was then asked how deserters in the Russian army were treated. He said they were made prisoners. This concluded the evidence.

Capt. Davies then addressed the court, saying that prisoner had deserted before and had been let off. He had at one time been a soldier in the Russian army and knew what the offence meant. Just at this time it was necessary to keep all the men they could get, and extremely hard to keep them to their duty. He would therefore ask the court to give the prisoner the extreme penalty of one year in the penitentiary. The prisoner was ordered to serve one year in Dorchester penitentiary.

Boston Comedy Co. Delights Audience

The Ever-Popular Price Webber and Company Comes Back Better than Ever

After an absence of four years, the most widely known and popular comedian of the days gone by, and the present, Price Webber, with his Boston Comedy, comes back, as from the grave, and delights his Newcastle friends both old and new, with one of his most entertaining plays, "The Governor's Wife" in the Opera House on Tuesday night.

His coming was greeted by a crowd of house, only a few seats remaining empty in the front, while a large number stood the play out in the rear.

In fulfillment of the reputation he has always carried with him, his present company is still up to the mark of efficiency, and despite the fact of the age of both he and his ever popular and talented wife, known on the stage as Edwina Grey, they still seem to have not lost any of their old-time vigor, ease or originality, which has always stood them in good stead during the years of their earlier stage life.

These talented people are all the more popular for having been associated with the doings of the Maritime Provinces in the earlier days, and before their advent on the stage. They are very kindly remembered by the remaining few older residents, the others of their acquaintance of the earlier days having crossed the great divide.

In 1875 Mr. Webber came to this province, and when a boy, with the late W. C. Anslow, one of the founders of The Advocate, worked as an apprentice on the St. John Globe. Mr. Webber also served as a printer on the Moncton Times and with the Hon. W. S. Fielding worked on a paper in Nova Scotia. He was also a member of the famous 71st band of Fredericton in the earlier days.

Price Webber and his talented company have again carried away with them the best wishes of the people of Newcastle, and will receive the same royal welcome on the occasion of their next visit.

It will be kindly remembered that last winter, through illness, Mr. Webber was on the brink of the grave, but through a kind Providence his life was spared, and now today, judging by his fine robust condition, we believe he is a better man than ever, and long may he and his talented wife live to enjoy the pleasures of their happy union.

Mr. D. W. Copeland, a member of the company, is the son of Mr. David Copeland, now of Jamaica Plain, Mass., but who will be remembered by some of our citizens as having served on the staff of the Advocate some thirty years ago. Newcastle citizens welcome the son, in remembrance of the father.

Volunteer Married

The marriage of Pte. Peter Thompson of the 132nd battalion and Miss Frances May Green, was solemnized at St. Mary's Chapel-of-Ease on Tuesday evening by Ven. Archdeacon Forsyth. They were attended by Miss Lillian Green and Pte. McKay Dickson of the 132nd battalion.—Commercial.

Matthews-Ward

Rev. Walter McN. Matthews, the popular pastor of St. Luke's Presbyterian church, Bathurst, and son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Matthews of Chatham, was married at Wakefield, Mass., on Monday last, June 6th, to Miss Alena A. Ward, a former Miss Cou, N. B. girl, who has been engaged in the nursing profession in the States.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Kenneth Munroe of Boston, a class mate of Mr. Matthews at Pine Hill College.

Jack Woods Seriously Wounded

A telegram received by Mrs. John C. Woods from Ottawa this morning says that her husband, Lance Corporal John Woods, was seriously wounded in the left thigh on June 4th. Further particulars will be received later. Jack's many Chatham and Newcastle friends will regret to hear this, and will hope that his wounds will not prove so serious as at first thought. He left Canada a member of the 6th Mounted Rifles, but after arriving in England, owing to his fine physical make-up, he was transferred to the ranks of the bomb-throwers. These men are picked from the most physically fit and their work is of the most dangerous kind. Over there they are known as the "Suicide Club."

Miss Margaret Arsenau left Monday for Bangor to spend the summer.

Mr. A. L. Kerr Honored by Sydney Mines

The New Manager of the Bank of N. S. Here Given a Hearty Send off

Mr. A. L. Kerr who has been the manager of the Bank of N. S. the last two years, and who is stated to shortly succeed Mr. W. J. Jardine, who is being transferred to New Carlisle, P. Q., was, on the eve of his departure from Sydney, honored with an address and presentation of a chest of silver. Mr. Kerr was very highly esteemed by the business men and citizens of Sydney, and no doubt will maintain his high record here.

The address was as follows: June 1st, 1916.

Dear Mr. Kerr.—We learn with regret that you are about to leave us for other fields, and we avail ourselves of this opportunity in voicing our sincere appreciation of the many good qualities you have shown while residing in our midst.

During your regime our town has grown from a small country hamlet to be one of the largest manufacturing centers of our Province, and we must give the institution of which you are the representative due share of credit for helping us to increased prosperity.

We know that your presentation of our requirements has been such that they were considered favorably by your principals.

You have always been ready to assume the full duties of citizenship and your counsel has been in accordance with the highest ideals of civic government.

We trust that the future may bring every success to you and yours and that you may have a kind remembrance of our citizens who will always have a warm spot in their hearts for the Kerr family.

Please accept the accompanying tangible evidence of our appreciation of your sterling worth as man and citizen.

On behalf of the merchants, professional men and citizens of the town of Sydney Mines.

(Sgd.) A. C. McORMICK, Mayor, THOS. J. BROWN, AMBROSE MCNEIL, FRANK B. DUNLAP, GEO. WHITE, L. W. JOHNSTONE, E. G. MCKAY.

Hughes and Fairbanks The Candidates

Roosevelt Declines Progressive Nomination, and The Republican Split is Healed

Chicago, June 10.—Justice Chas. Evans Hughes of New York was today nominated by the Republican Convention for President and Chas. Warren Fairbanks of Indiana for vice-president. On the third ballot the vote was: Hughes 949; Roosevelt 184; others 14.

At the same moment Theodore Roosevelt was nominated by the Progressive Convention, with John M. Parker of Louisiana for vice-president. In view of the fact that Justice Hughes is considered a safe and sane and not too pro-German a candidate, Roosevelt declines the Progressive nomination, and will support Hughes.

CALLERS AT AGENT GENERAL'S OFFICE, LONDON

During the latter part of May the following were among the callers at the New Brunswick Government offices in London: Capt. J. D. K. McNaughton, Chatham, N. B. Private H. A. McDonald, 8th C. F. A., Newcastle, N. B.; Private J. Lynch, 48th Highlanders, Newcastle.

Levi Richardson, Fredericton's oldest citizen, celebrated his 105th birthday on Tuesday.

BULGARIANS OCCUPY GREEK TOWNS

On the 26th May, the Bulgarian troops occupied the Greek forts of Roupel, Gragouin and Spatovo, and were advancing from Demir-Hissar towards Kavalla. Athens newspapers say that the deputation of German and Bulgarian officers, in demanding the surrender of Fort Roupel, explained that its occupation was necessary to secure the Bulgarian left wing against an eventual Entente Allied attack.

COM'R RICHARDS CAPTURES AUDIENCE

Rescue Work of The Salvation Army Graphically Described and The Great Value of The Army Shown

Commissioner Richards, officer commanding the Salvation Army in Canada, visited Newcastle, Friday night, in company with his private secretary and Major Barr of St. John's. A meeting was held in St. James' Hall, Mayor Fish presiding, and Rev. S. J. MacArthur also on the platform.

There was but a small audience, but these were all delighted with the Commissioner's address.

The Commissioner, who joined the Christian mission, since known as the Salvation Army, in 1878, at a time when it meant mobbing and bloodshed for one to identify himself with that organization, and who has commanded the Army in Denmark, South Africa and New Zealand, and the last two years in Canada, held his audience at the closest attention.

Very interesting was his description of the Army's work reclaiming inebriates in Britain. A government officer had reported that 52% of those treated by the Army were permanently cured. Army workers waited in Police Courts, and at prison gates to take charge of unfortunates. In Australia, the whole charge of incorrigibles is given to the Army by the Government.

Dr. C.W. Squires Comes to Newcastle

Will be Pastor of Methodist Church.—Dr. Harrison goes to Marysville

The annual Methodist conference of N. B. and P. E. I. opened at Summerside, on Thursday, June 8th, a ministerial session having been previously held.

Rev. Thos. Hicks was elected president.

Rev. Dr. Squires was elected secretary vice Rev. D. R. Chown, whose resignation after five years faithful service was reluctantly accepted.

The afternoon session was opened at 1.30. The president conducted the devotional exercises. The Rev. Ernest Styles was appointed Journal Secretary and Revs. H. A. Brown and J. B. Gough were appointed assistant secretaries. Conference adjourned at 2.30 to attend civic celebration of the departure of a portion of 105th regiment from Summerside. The conference proceeded in a body to the grounds where the farewell meeting was held.

The feature of Friday's session was the address of Rev. Dr. Birney, Dean of the Boston school of Theology, on "Some Personal Elements of Redemption," dealing mainly with the great influence of personality.

Upon invitation from Moncton, it was decided to meet there next year on the second Thursday in June.

The Laymen's Association elected the following officers today: President, A. C. M. Lawson, Fredericton; vice president, J. M. Lamont, Fredericton; secretary-treasurer, R. D. Smith, St. John; additional members of the executive, C. A. Hampson, Fredericton; Dr. J. M. Palmer, Sackville; William Kingston, St. John; H. T. Pickering, Grandville; I. J. Gamble, Apshequid.

Statistics of the conference show a total membership of 14,824, an increase of 71 over 1915, number of Sunday schools, 212, an increase of 2; total Sunday school force, 16,895, a decrease of 367. Over 120 members and adherents have enlisted.

The funds raised for all purposes from the various districts were: St. John, \$53,874; Fredericton, \$19,822; Woodstock, \$13,992; Chatham, \$15,994; Sackville, \$54,276; St. Stephen, \$8,604; Charlottetown, \$26,903; Summerside, \$18,623; a total of \$211,898, an increase of \$14,301.

The station sheet of Chatham District is as follows: Newcastle—Rev. Dr. C. W. Squires; Chatham—Rev. J. J. Pinkerton; Tabusintac—Probationer A. C. Motzer.

Derby—Rev. E. Rowlands; Campbellton—Rev. Geo. M. Young; Bathurst—Rev. F. A. Wightman; Harcourt—Rev. C. F. Stebbings; Richibucto—Rev. A. E. Chasman; Buctouche—Rev. Wm. Lawson.

ment, and after 15 years work there the reports give 72% of the incorrigibles as turned out good citizens, and at a much less cost than the prisons would demoralize and ruin the same people.

In London, S. A. workers gather in hundreds of human derelicts about 1 or 2 a.m., give them a hot breakfast, then let them sleep undisturbed till 9, then hold a meeting and try to persuade them to enter the industrial home and begin to climb up to good citizenship.

At the end of 50 years work the S. A. had 16835 paid preachers, its program was the pure gospel of the Bible. It had no use for German materialism.

Commissioner Richards is a very forceful and pleasing speaker and easily convinced his audience of his intense enthusiasm and sincerity.

In an eloquent speech praising the Army and its work, Postmaster Jas. M. Troy, moved a vote of thanks to the Commissioner.

This was seconded in another able address by Rev. S. J. MacArthur, and warmly presented by Mayor Fish.

Major Barr thanked the Mayor for the kindly manner in which he had presided.

Women's Institute Annual Meeting

Society Has Made Great Strides in Its First Year—Officers Elected

Newcastle Women's Institute held its annual meeting last night. Two new members joined. Starting last June with 8 members it now has 47. Each member responded to Roll Call last night with an original poem.

The following ladies were present: Mesdames Bessie Gough, president; H. H. Stuart, secretary; C. C. Hayward, M. S. Richardson, W. F. Copp, D. W. Stothart, G. G. Stothart, H. S. Leard, A. E. Petrie, John Russell, C. J. Morrissey, C. C. Hubbard, A. J. Ferguson, Charles Sarreant, A. E. Shaw, H. Williston, J. A. Rundle and Fitzmaurice; and Misses Minnie Stothart, Helen Stables, Kathleen Moore and Mollie Hennessy.

The following officers were elected Mrs. Gough and Mrs. Stuart declining to serve again as President and secretary:

Pres.—Mrs. C. C. Hayward; Vice-Pres.—Mrs. Bessie Gough; Sec.—Mrs. G. G. Stothart; Board of Directors—Mesdames C. J. Morrissey, H. Williston and J. A. Rundle.

Auditors—Mrs. A. J. Ferguson and Miss M. Hennessy.

Extension of Work Committee—Mrs. H. H. Stuart, Mrs. C. C. Hubbard, Mrs. W. F. Copp.

Program Committee—Mrs. H. S. Leard, Mrs. John Russell, Mrs. C. Sarreant, Mrs. D. W. Stothart, Mrs. C. J. Morrissey.

Finance Committee—Miss Helen Stables, Mrs. A. S. Shaw Miss Kathleen Moore.

The retiring president gave an address on the work of the year. It had had very small beginnings but had prospered greatly.

The retiring president and Secretary were given hearty and unanimous votes of thanks for their faithful and efficient work during the first and hardest year of the Institute's history.

Mrs. Williston spoke of the Hospital being in need of old cotton, linen, etc. This was referred to the extension of Work Committee.

Refreshments were served. It was decided not to hold regular meetings in July and August.

Adjourned.

Gaspé and Cape Ozo—Rev. W. B. Leard.

The ministers who are leaving Chatham District this year, are removing as follows:

Rev. Dr. Harrison—Newcastle to Marysville

Rev. A. D. MacLeod—Harcourt to Gibson

Rev. B. O. Hartman—Richibucto to Westford

Rev. J. A. Ives—Derby to Bayfield