

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Wood will be at home at the Queen Hotel on the afternoon of Wednesday, the 29th March, from four to six o'clock.

J. BACON DICKSON, Private Secretary.

LOCAL NEWS

THE WEATHER. Toronto, March 27.—Morning: Fresh northwest winds, fair, not much change in temperature.

An Arrival. A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Colby at the home of Mrs. Colby's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Dolan, 333 Charlotte street, yesterday.

A Quiet Wedding. A quiet wedding took place at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. Fred Darcus of Williamsburg last week, when Miss Ella M. Ward and Mr. Henry W. Wilkins of York Mills, York County, were united in marriage by Rev. J. B. Young.

Taken Ill in Church. The condition of Mr. Donald Fraser, sr., was reported as much improved today. He was taken suddenly ill with an attack of heart disease while attending St. Paul's church Sunday evening and had to be conveyed to his home.

Visiting Preachers. Rev. R. J. Colpitts, editor of the Maritime Baptist, occupied the pulpit at the Brunswick Street Baptist Church yesterday. Rev. A. F. Newcomb, the pastor, being at Sussex.

The Klark-Urban Company. The Klark-Urban Company completed their engagement here on Saturday night with the performance of the drama At Bay. Their business for the week was well up to the standard and the company left this morning for Calais, Me., where they play this week.

More Men for 140th Batt. Six more recruits have joined the Company of the 140th Battalion, having arrived here on Saturday night from St. John. They are: Harry Sullivan, Edward Daplisie, Alex. Brown, R. O. Brewer and Harry Grant. All these men enlisted in Fredericton last week.

Wedding at Bear Island. The wedding took place at St. John's Church, Bear Island on March 22nd, when Miss Alice Gertrude, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Earle, of Queensbury, was united in marriage to Mr. George Cork, junior, of Prince William, Rev. W. J. Wilkinson, of Springhill, performed the ceremony.

For the Belgians. The Tay Settlement Women's Institute has collected \$52.25 for the Belgian Relief Fund, the following donations having been received: Tay Settlement, Miss Henderson and Miss Tomlinson, \$21.25; Miss Boyd, \$8.50; Currieburg—Miss Douler, \$11.75; North Tay—Miss Keen and Miss Wilkin, \$5.25; Fredericksburg—Miss Ward, \$6.50.

In England on Leave. Bombardier John F. Harvey, of this city, who has been on the firing line with the 1st Divisional Ammunition Column since last May, is in England on leave, his mother, Mrs. John Harvey, having received a cable from him at London yesterday. Bomb Harvey was formerly with the 24th Battery and stated in his cable that he was leaving for Berwick to visit his father's relatives.

Now A Sergeant Major. Sergeant Albert Finnermore, of the 64th, who has been notified of his promotion to company sergeant-major, was in the city on Saturday visiting his family, and looked very fit and dandy. He said the 64th, although composed mostly of Nova Scotians, were practically in overseas shape and were ready to the last man to swear by their commander, a New Brunswick man, Lieut. Col. H. Montgomery Campbell.—St. John Telegraph.

Students' Mass Meeting. On Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock a special mass meeting of the Y. W. C. A. and the Y. M. C. A. of the Normal School was held in the Auld Kirk. The service was addressed by the Rev. C. Flemington, who took as his subject a Spring Message. In addition to this a reading was given by Dow White and a special programme of music was carried out. Miss Dorothy Boyea sang a solo, and a musical quartet, consisting of Misses Hazel Bell and Margaret Baird and Messrs. D. J. Gulliver and W. T. Ross Flemington rendered several selections.

A Winter Picnic. One of the most pleasing social events of the season was a winter picnic held in the woods on the University lands a few miles back of the city, on Saturday and was attended by about thirty society people, including His Honor the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Wood and officers of the overseas units in training in this city. The picnic was similar to that held two years ago and the success attained on that occasion led to Saturday's event being brought about. Mr. J. B. Armstrong was mainly instrumental in arranging the picnic and he received able assistance from a number of women who were also interested in the affair. Some of the picnickers drove to the scene of the picnic, while others went on snowshoes or rode on horse-back. A supper was served by Indian cooks and a huge bonfire was lighted.

RECRUITING IS STILL BOOMING IN THIS DISTRICT

Nine Volunteers Offered for Overseas Service Here This Morning.

LT. COL. GREY GETS TWELVE RECRUITS

Military Headquarters Wants the Forestry Battalion Quickly Filled Up.

Two volunteers were sworn in this morning and seven others are expected to enlist at the local recruiting office this afternoon, which is evidence of the fact that the spurt taken in recruiting work last week is likely to continue. Five of the seven volunteers who will doubtless enlist this afternoon have passed the medical examination, while the other two are to go through this procedure during the day.

Last week 34 recruits enlisted here, the largest number for some weeks, and this morning two others signed the honor roll at the local office. On Saturday afternoon one recruit enlisted and up to noon today the following had been sworn in since Saturday:—J. H. Barry, 44, of Fredericton.

A. Fraser, 19, of Prince William. C. D. Allen, 22, of Burt's Corner. The local recruiting officers have been ordered to devote their energies to filling up the ranks of the 224th Forestry Battalion this week. All the recruits for this battalion are to be billeted here until order to report at the point of mobilization in the Maritime Provinces. Up to date seventeen recruits have enlisted here for that unit.

Tomorrow night Lieut. Col. W. H. Gray, Major Pincombe and Sergt. Norman Knight are to hold a recruiting meeting at Lower Gasquetown. Sergt. Knight is to accompany Lt. Col. Gray on a tour of Queens County this week and if possible meetings will be held every evening. Last week Lieut. Col. Gray secured ten recruits for overseas and sent two to Halifax for home service.

On Wednesday night Rev. A. F. Brown, Corp. Billingsby and Lance Corp. Haines are to hold a meeting at Middle Southampton. The meeting scheduled for Waasals on Saturday night had to be called off on account of weather conditions. Lieut. P. de L. Clements and Lance Corp. Bettany are to hold a recruiting meeting near Harvey Station this evening.

Presentation to Volunteer. Among the volunteers who enlisted here on Saturday was Thomas Mills of the shipping department of the John Palmer Company, Ltd. He has joined the 140th Battalion and was presented by the Company with a pair of their celebrated knee-high putty boots. "Tommy" who was a popular employee of the company, had been with them for a number of years, and makes the twenty-first enlistment from that concern and showing that this company has contributed their share of men for the defence of the Empire. Of more than a score of their employees who have donned the khaki, some are already in the trenches and the others are training in England and in Canada.

RETURNED SOLDIER MEETS HEAVY LOSS

Pte. John Watson, Who Was Wounded at Festubert, Loses Home in Fire.

The farm residence of Private John Watson, one of the returned heroes going duty at the Provincial Parliament Buildings, was burned to the ground near Fredericton Junction on Saturday afternoon. The house and furniture were completely destroyed and the loss is estimated at about \$900.

As far as can be learned the fire started on the roof from sparks flying from the chimney and it was only a short time before the building was in flames. Mrs. Watson and two children were in the house at the time and it was one with the greatest difficulty that one of the children, who is a cripple, was brought out of the burning building. The other child attempted to bring her crippled brother, who is fourteen months old, out of the house, but she was driven back by the smoke and Mrs. Watson had to rush into the house to save the young child. Nothing was saved, the personal effects of every member of the family being lost in the fire.

Saturday's fire is only one of the many pieces of hard luck Private Watson has encountered during the past year or more. While he was in England with the 12th Battalion he lost a valuable horse and cow, and only a few months ago he lost two other horses. He went to England with the 12th Battalion and later joined the 16th Battalion in a draft that went to the front from the 12th Battalion. Private Watson was wounded at Festubert and later invalided home. He has been one of the guards at the Parliament Buildings for several weeks past and has made many friends in this city, who will regret to learn of his continued hard luck.

At the Police Court. A local milkman was fined \$5 and costs in the police court this morning for driving a horse and sleigh on the sidewalk on Charlotte street.

On Thursday and Friday of this week and the following days Mrs. E. Johnston will hold her Millinery Opening at her Millinery Parlors, Gibson.

The Valley Railway Trains Running Again Today After Storm Trouble and Wreck

First Through Train from Centreville Since Thursday to Arrive This Afternoon—The Miraculous Escape of Engineer Scott Cowperthwaite and Fireman Harry Lawson.

The first through train on the St. John Valley Railway from Centreville since Thursday is expected to reach Fredericton about 4.30 o'clock this afternoon. This morning a work train arrived here after being engaged in clearing the wreckage from the track at Bull's Creek yesterday, and the rails are now cleared for traffic from Centreville to this city. The regular express left Centreville at 11.35 this morning, is due to arrive here at 4.30 p. m., and will leave on the return trip soon afterwards.

Saturday afternoon's wreck at Bull's Creek was one of the worst that has occurred in this section of the province in years. One engine and a snow plough were damaged almost beyond repair, and it was only by a miracle that Engineer Scott Cowperthwaite, of this city, and Fireman Harry Lawson, of Gibson, who were on the forward engine, were not seriously, or fatally injured.

As it happened—the two men referred to were only badly shaken up, Fireman Lawson suffering the worst of the two. He was thrown from the cab and found in an unconscious condition after a search lasting probably twenty minutes buried underneath two feet of snow and narrowly escaped being drowned, while the other trainmen walked over the snowpile where he was buried a dozen times before one of them noticed a portion of his hair sticking through the snow. The water from the tender had been falling upon him and gradually wore the snow away or he doubtless would have drowned. He suffered considerably from the cold, however, but was able to return to his home in Gibson this morning.

It was exactly 5.20 o'clock on Saturday afternoon when the train en route south from Centreville with two locomotives, reached the mouth of the cut at Bull's Creek. As soon as the snowplough hit the ice that had formed there it left the rails completely and dashed into the right side of the cut. Then the locomotive struck the plough, turning it completely around so that the nose of the plough was rammed through the locomotive cab.

The engine was hurled from the rails by the impact and crashed into the opposite side of the cut. The collision, of course, sent the rear engine off the rails also and it was only a matter of a few seconds before the wreckage filled the cut. All the other members of the train crew, except Fireman Lawson, reached here by C. P. R. on Saturday night and took out another train yesterday, spending all day Sunday to clear the wreck. Engineer Cowperthwaite gave The Gleaner his story of the wreck at his home yesterday.

Engineer Cowperthwaite's Story. "We were running at probably 20 miles an hour when we reached the

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