

### Local Happenings

**DOUGLASTOWN SCHOOL REPORT**  
The Pass List of Douglastown Superior School, crowded out of this issue will appear next week.

**IN MEMORIAM**  
In loving memory of our dear son, Graham Williston, who fell asleep July 16th, 1899. "Until the day break and the shadows flee away."  
MR. AND MRS. D. WILLISTON,  
Newcastle, N. B.

**STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL AND FANCY SALE**  
The ladies of the W. M. S. of Strathadam and South Esk will hold a Strawberry Festival and Fancy Sale in the Union Hall, Whitney, July 25th, afternoon and evening, No. 20-1  
By Order of Committee

**BLEW ENDS OFF HIS FINGERS**  
While playing with dynamite cartridges Sunday evening, Harry Ryan son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ryan of Nordin, accidentally exploded one and had his left hand so badly hurt that the ends of several fingers had to be amputated in the Miramichi Hospital.

**HOSPITAL GROUNDS**  
The work of grading and beautifying the grounds in front of the Miramichi Hospital which has been described in these columns, and has been under the direction of Mr. Albert Hogbin for some weeks, is about completed. A marvellous change for the better has been effected.

**STUMPAGE IS DOUBLED**  
The Provincial Government, at their last meeting, passed an ordinance fixing the Crown Land stumpage rate at \$3 a thousand, and in certain areas in the province at \$4 a thousand, the new rate to become effective the first day of next month. This new rate, it is estimated, will give an annual increase in revenue from stumpage of upwards of \$300,000.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
The Surgical Committee of the local Red Cross Society, who were in charge of the conservation of waste paper, wish to thank their friends for generous donations of paper, the officers and men of the Wireless Garrison for valuable assistance with the work, Mr. C. Sargeant for superintending the loading of the car, and to those who so kindly gave the use of their teams and automobiles for collection and shipment.

**RETAIL MERCHANTS MEET**  
The meeting of the Retail Merchants Association of Newcastle, postponed from July 6th, was held on the 12th. Only a few were present, however and reorganization was not completed. Mr. T. R. S. Smith, secretary of the N. B. Retail Merchants' Association, addressed the meeting. Efforts to thoroughly organize the Retail interests here will be again made in the fall.

**HOME EFFICIENCY CLUBS**  
The Douglastown Girls' Home Efficiency Club met on Monday afternoon, president Miss Annie Jessamin in the chair; Miss Florence Breen secretary. It was reported that all the membership cards on hand had been signed.

A large number of girls met in Harkins Academy, Newcastle, Monday evening, at the call of Miss Fellows, president of the Girls' Club. Eleven signed the membership cards and the four more needed to complete the club will, doubtless, be forthcoming. Miss Jennie MacMaster was elected vice-president and Miss Evelyn Price secretary-treasurer.

**T. I. L. NEXT TUESDAY**  
The regular monthly meeting of the Newcastle T. I. L. will be held in the Police Court Room, next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

**GRAND DIVISION S. O. T.**  
The Grand Division of N. B. Sons of Temperance met at Corn Hill, Kings County, on July 13. A report will be given in our next issue.

**BORN**  
At Newcastle, N. B., July 7th, to the wife of Sgt. John H. Doak of the 12th Field Battery, a son.

**STENOGRAPHER WANTED**  
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**ELECTED A TRUSTEE**  
At the annual meeting of the N. B. Medical Society held in Fredericton this week Dr. D. R. Moore of Newcastle was elected a trustee for the coming year.

**HAROLD GRAY IN HOSPITAL**  
Harold Gray, son of Rev. and Mrs. S. Gray of Newcastle, is in No. 7 Hospital at Boulogne, suffering from gasing, etc., which he received at the front on June 5th. The last word from him is dated June 20th, at which time he was doing well.

**MARRIED AT ST. MARY'S**  
Miss Hazel McLellan and Elmer Bamford, both of Boiestown, were married Wednesday evening of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Blair, St. Mary's, Rev. H. Ferguson performing the ceremony.

**GIRL TO BE SENT HOME**  
The young girl who has been masquerading in boy's clothes, appeared in the police court, Fredericton, Monday morning, and was remanded to jail until arrangements are made for her return to her home, which is said to be at Barnett's Sidg, North. Co.

**JOHN CURTIS IMPROVING**  
John Curtis, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Curtis of Newcastle, who went to Boston a month ago to have the bone of his arm operated upon, is progressing favorably. Though it may be a long time before he recovers the use of his arm, yet his prospects for ultimate recovery are considered good.

**FOR SUMMER WEAR**  
Now that vacation days are here, you will need good cool clothing to enjoy life in the open, and before you take your vacation you should call and see Russell & Morrison's line of Summer Underwear, Sport Shirts, Invisible Braces, Straw and Panama Hats, etc., which they are selling at right prices.

**ORANGE SOLDIERS**  
The committee of the New Brunswick Grand Lodge, L. O. A., appointed to take up the matter of a memorial for Orangemen killed in the present war met at Fredericton on Saturday and elected the following: David Hipwell, P. G. M., President; J. W. S. Bakirk, P. C. M., Loggiewille, Vice-President; Ewart C. Atkinson, Secretary; W. M. Campbell, Treasurer.

**R. S. BARKER AGAIN SEC. TO LIENT-GOVERNOR**  
It was announced at Fredericton on Tuesday that R. S. Barker had been appointed to the office of private secretary to His Honor the Lieut-Governor. The appointment was made by Hon. Mr. Ganong. Mr. Barker for some years was private secretary to successive lieutenant-governors.

### Black River Boy Honored By King

**Sergt-Major Wm. White Awarded Military Cross For Distinguished Service on Field**

Word has been received at Black River, that a former resident of that place, Sergt-Major Wm. White, son of Andrew White, has been awarded the military cross for bravery at the front, the decoration being among those of the King's birthday honor list, issued for distinguished service and ability on the battlefield.

The honored soldier went overseas as Sergt-Major of the 18th Batt., and previous to that was a Sergt-Major instructor at Wolseley Barracks, being a member of the Royal Canadian Regiment (permanent force). He has only recently recovered from a serious illness, having been confined to the hospital for about three months. He is now at Bramshott Camp awaiting the time when he will be sufficiently fit to return to France.

Major Emmerton, who also went to France with the 18th batt., upon hearing of the honor conferred upon Sergt-Major White, expressed his high appreciation of him, stating that he was efficient in every respect and that the battalion owed a lot to his good work as its Sergt-Major.

### TAUGHT BOYS TO STEAL

**Old Woman Who Created Gang of Young Thieves**

An extraordinary story of an organized gang of boy thieves, who made daily raids on grocers' shops and sold the proceeds of their thefts to a tradeswoman, was told at Mary-Jobson. Before the court was Mary O'Neill, an elderly woman, 60, who kept a general store at Princes St., Edgeware Road, and was charged with aiding and abetting several boys to steal. She was a portly woman, suffering from chronic rheumatism, and it was stated that the only time she had left her shop during 17 years was when she was arrested on the present charge and brought to court.

A number of boys were concerned in the case, but only one—a lad of 18, named John Hodges, gave evidence. He said he made the acquaintance of the woman about a month previously when he went to her shop to buy candy. In the course of conversation she suggested that he should steal things from shops, and nearly every day, since then, up to the time when he was arrested for stealing a piece of ham, he had sold to her articles which he and several other boys had stolen from shops in the Edgeware Road. These articles included tins of salmon, milk, cocoa, treacle, and sardines, pots of jam and marmalade, and packets of candles. She paid him 4d. a pot for the jam, 4d. a tin for the salmon and sardines, 3d. a tin for the milk, 2d. for the cocoa, and 3d. a packet for the candles, and all the money he received he shared with the other boys.

Mr. Paul Taylor remarked that prisoner had actually been creating young criminals wholesale, and in spite of her infirmity and her age he sentenced her to six weeks in the second division, in the hope that the effect of the charge and punishment would put an end to the existence of this gang of young thieves.

**Schools That Differ**  
On this continent the idea of absolute uniformity in schools over a large area and amid many diverse interests has had its day. The school in a grading district must be different work from the school among orchardists or market gardeners or fishermen. They cannot be as "like as two peas," much less can they afford to make the same provision on a small scale. The needs of their communities are different.

**Languages Have Roundabout Ways of Saying Things**

It is a strange peculiarity of almost every language that there are certain words which are entirely missing in it, so to speak, and which have to be indicated by roundabout methods. The French, for example, have no verb "to stand," nor can they speak of "kicking" anyone. They have to say that So-and-so "gives a blow with his foot." "Home, Sweet Home" is quite untranslatable into French, for they have no word for "home," or for "comfort" either, while the terms "upstairs" and "downstairs" are also unknown. The Italians are a proud race, and it is perhaps characteristic of them that they should have no word for "humility." But the Hindoos should not be judged by the fact that their language has no equivalent for "friend." As for the Germans, they employ some very comic, roundabout ways of expressing objects. A thimble they call a "finger hat," and a grasshopper a "hay horse." A glove is a "hand shoe," while they call poultry "feather cattle." Oxygen and hydrogen they refer to in very general terms as "sour stuff" and "waist stuff."

### NEEDS OF WEST INDIES

**British Colonies There Might Unite With Canada**

Says a correspondent discussing the situation of the British West Indies: There is the duplication in each colony of paraphernalia of Government, Governors, Colonial Secretaries, chief justices, auditor-generals, commandants, attorney-generals, solicitor-generals are simply jostling one another in the West Indies. The only way out of this is some form of federation, either to form a British West Indies island province, a distinct entity within the Empire, as is New Zealand of South Africa, or to have such a federation attached to the Canadian Dominion administratively. It should reduce the cost of administration, and increase its efficiency. Another seed of the present and future in the British West Indies is the establishment within their borders of technical training centres so well equipped that they can turn out men and women too, fitted to work in moderate agriculture and industry. Commonsense creation and up-growth is a slow thing, and a thine of science

### Young Man Drowned At Black River

**Alfred McDonald Took Weak Spell and Fell From Boat-Body was Recovered**

Alfred McDonald, of Bayside, was drowned off the mouth of Black River about seven o'clock, last Tuesday evening, and his body was recovered on Monday morning about nine near the scene of the accident.

Mr. McDonald had been working in the Reinsborough mill and had wheeled here. About seven o'clock he took his boat on the shore and started to cross to his brother's home on the other side of the Black River, and was seen about seven o'clock or shortly after in the boat. Some time later the boat was seen drifting ashore and while the bicycle was still in the boat, Mr. McDonald was missing and it is surmised that he had taken a weak turn and fallen overboard and been drowned. The finding of the body subsequently tends to corroborate this theory.

The deceased was a son of the late John McDonald, and is survived by his mother, one sister married and living in Boston; and five brothers, Alexander, of Douglastown; James and Joseph, of Black River; and John and Bert, at home. The funeral took place at five o'clock on Monday afternoon, to the Church of England cemetery, Rev. Mr. Foyster conducting the services.

### One Reason For Conscription

The part played by the province of Quebec in the war was astoundingly revealed in parliament a few days ago. An official return brought down by the Minister of Militia discloses the fact that out of the 1,605,339 French-Canadians in Quebec, less than seven thousand—6,979 to be exact—have gone overseas. The figures are from the beginning of the war up to May 1st, 1917.

The return also shows that the number of French-Canadians who have enlisted outside of Quebec is 5,904 this including the Acadians of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The total French speaking enlistment from the whole Dominion is 14,100. The full significance to these figures has aroused deep resentment among English-speaking members, irrespective of party in parliament.

To adequately realize the light in which this return places Quebec to the rest of Canada a few comparisons with enlistments in other provinces are necessary.

For example, Nova Scotia, with only 87,667 men of military age, has enlisted over 20,000 men. Quebec, with 351,000 men of military age has enlisted, including English-speaking recruits only 29,000 men. Toronto with a population of 450,000 has enlisted 65,000 men, or nine times as many men as 1,605,339 French-Canadians in the province of Quebec. But the crowning disclosure is found in the comparison between the enlistments of the English and French sections of Quebec province. The total enlistment of the entire province is 29,000. Of this number the English-speaking section of the population, which is only 311,030, has given 22,000 men. The French population, which is 1,605,339, contributed only 7,000 men.

In other words, one-sixth of the province's population sent seventy five per cent of the total enlistments and five-sixths sent only twenty-five per cent.

Still another comparison may be used to expose the small contribution to the war of Quebec French-Canadians.

The total number of French-Canadians outside the province of Quebec is estimated at less than 400,000. The total number of French-Canadians in Quebec is 1,605,319. Yet according to this official return the 400,000 French-Canadians outside of Quebec have sent more men to the front than the million and a half French-Canadians in the province of Quebec.

The falsehood, copiously indulged in by Quebec apologists, that Quebec French-Canadian enlistments compared favorably with the enlistment among native-born English-Canadians, is irrefutably damned by the above figures which show that 125,000 native-born English-Canadians are actually overseas; while the British born whose number in Canada was infinitely smaller than that of Quebec French-Canadians, have sent to the firing line no less than 145,000 men.

The growing volume of distrust and suspicion of Quebec has been greatly increased by the astonishing revelations of this official report.

**ANNIVERSARY SERVICE**  
An anniversary service will be held in the Oak Point Presbyterian church on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mr. W. S. Loggie, M. P., is expected to be one of the speakers.

**ANNUAL PICNIC**  
The annual picnic of the Methodist Sunday School is being held at Bushville this afternoon.

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