

SURPLUS CANADIAN OFFICERS AT HALIFAX

Fifty-Five Arrive on the Grampian—Offered Commissions in Kitchener's Army But Preferred to Take Chances of Joining Another Contingent from the Dominion—Some Lieut. Colonels and Majors Among the Arrivals.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 20.—Fifty-five surplus officers from the first Canadian expeditionary force at Salisbury Plain arrived at Halifax today by the Allan line Grampian from Liverpool. These officers are from many different regiments of the first contingent, it having been found in some cases that there were more officers in a number of these regiments than the British establishment permitted. A large number of the returning officers were sent from the 9th battalion. This battalion was formed at Valcartier from a number of cavalry regiments, including the 18th Mounted Rifles, the 20th Cavalry Horse, the 20th Border Horse, the 2nd Manitoba Horse, and others. Though an infantry regiment requires far less officers comparatively than does a cavalry regiment, the surplus officers accompanied the contingent to England. There it was decided to reduce the number of officers of the battalion to the proper establishment. Not one officer of the 18th Mounted Rifles remained with the battalion, and there is hardly a non-

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WEDDINGS

Colpitts-McAuley.

A wedding of much interest took place at Forest Glen on December 16, when Mrs. Helen McAuley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McAuley, was united in marriage to Beverly Hildyard Colpitts. The bride wore a navy blue travelling suit with hat to match and carried white roses. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Colpitts came to St. John, where they intend to reside.

Howard-Scourrah.

On Thursday evening at the home of the officiating clergyman, Rev. J. J. McCaskill, Frederick H. Howard, of Douglas street, was united in marriage to Miss Helen Scourrah, of High street, which was married. The young couple were unattended.

Allen-Lobb.

An interesting event took place yesterday afternoon at the residence of the officiating clergyman, Rev. F. H. Wentworth, when Joe James Allen of the 20th battalion, was united in marriage to Miss Sadie Lobb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Lobb, 168 Brussels street. The bride was supported by her sister Mary, and the groomsmen were Walter Armstrong, also of the 20th.

Shupe-Gare.

A very pretty but quiet wedding took place at the home of Mr. Charles P. Clare, Woodstock, on December 16, at 9 o'clock, when her daughter, E. Janie, was united in marriage to Alexander M. Shupe. The bride was unattended and wore her travelling suit of olive chiffon broadcloth. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Richard Opie in the presence of the immediate relatives of the contracting parties. Daily refreshments were served and the happy couple left on the evening train for St. John.

Taber-Shidley.

Bathurst, Dec. 18.—A very pretty wedding of more than usual interest took place on Wednesday evening, Dec. 16, at 9 o'clock at the home of Mrs. S. R. Shirley, when their eldest daughter, Mabel Anna, was united in marriage to Elmer Edward Taber, only son of Mrs. H. Douglas Baird, of the Robertson Hotel, Woodstock. Rev. W. M. Matthews, pastor of St. Luke's Presbyterian church, performed the ceremony, assisted by Rev. J. A. Cooper, rector of St. George's.

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The bride was becomingly gowned in white satin du chene with overtones of chiffon, and wore the usual bride's veil caught with pearls, and carried a snow-bought bouquet of carnations and maiden-hair fern. She was attended by Miss Stella McDonald, of Campbellton, who wore a pretty gown of embroidered chiffon over yellow satin and carried a bouquet of pink and white carnations. The bride entered the parlor on the arm of her father, while Mendelssohn's wedding march was delightfully rendered by Miss Margaret Hill, and Mrs. E. J. Lezer on the violin. The pastor was very prettily decorated with ferns and cut flowers, and the groom was supported by his immediate relatives of the bride.

Mrs. James Orlvan.

The body of the late Mrs. James Orlvan, who died on Dec. 15 at Atlantic City, was interred at Fairhill on Saturday. Mrs. Orlvan was born on his side journey, returned to New York on Saturday. Mr. Orlvan formerly lived in this city, being at one time in the well known firm of Logan & Lindsay. Mr. and Mrs. Orlvan went to New York to live in 1882, and on July 4, 1912, Mr. Orlvan died from business and they moved to Newton (Mass.), "the Garden City," and established their home. Mrs. Orlvan became ill in February of last year, and thereafter was a great sufferer, but in vain. The sufferer bore the anguish with Christian resignation, sustained by her sublime faith and a wonderful disposition. Mr. and Mrs. Orlvan were married in 1872, and were a most devoted couple for more than forty years.

Mrs. Catherine Collins.

Monday, Dec. 21.—A well known Fairville resident passed away yesterday in the person of Catherine Cullinan. She leaves a brother, John, of Fairville, and one sister, Mrs. Patrick Logan, in the North End, to mourn. The funeral is for tomorrow to St. Rose's church, at 8 o'clock, at which her many friends are invited to attend.

Samuel McConkey.

St. Stephen, Dec. 20.—(Special)—Samuel McConkey, aged 63 years, merchant tailor of this town, passed away at an early hour this morning at his residence. He was a well known resident of this town, and for the past two weeks had been confined to his home. He was engaged in business on Water street for many years and was most popular with his patrons. He leaves a wife and two sons, Reed and Arthur, in and eight years respectively, and one brother in England and one in Montreal.

William F. McCoy, K. C.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 20.—William F. McCoy, K. C., former recorder of the city of Halifax, and for many years a leader of the bar of Nova Scotia, died at Brighton (Eng.) today. This intelligence was conveyed in a cablegram to his son, W. B. McCoy, barrister of this city.

Rev. Edward Roberts.

The death occurred in St. John (N. B.) on Tuesday, Dec. 15, of Rev. Edward Roberts, for many years a retired minister of the Presbyterian church in Canada. He had attained the advanced age of ninety-two years, being at the time of his death the oldest Presbyterian minister in the province of New Brunswick, and so far as the writer knows, the oldest in the whole Presbyterian church in Canada. Born in Wales in 1822; educated in the schools and colleges of his native country; he was ordained to the ministry of the Presbyterian church in 1845. In the land of his adoption he ministered in the gospel for well nigh a score of years, laboring at different periods in Harvey (N. B.), Milson (N. S.), and Douglasville (N. B.), retiring from active service a little more than twenty years ago. His continued vigor of mind and body enabled him to fill appointments

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BELGIAN KING THANKS CANADA FOR ITS GIFTS

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—M. Goor, Consul of Belgium in Canada, has received the following message from the secretary of King Albert of Belgium: "His Majesty has learned with deep sense of gratitude of the practical sympathy of the Canadian people shown in such generous consignments from numerous committees, which will afford valuable relief for the people of those portions of Belgium which have been cruelly tried by the occupation of the enemy. I am directed by His Majesty to express, through your intermediary, his personal thanks to all the generous benefactors for the magnificent aid sent from Canada to our unfortunate compatriots."

(Signed) "INGENBLEEK, King's Secretary."

M. Goor, stated to the Canadian Press that over \$1,000,000 of Canadian funds had already been forwarded to Belgium.

THIRD BELGIAN RELIEF STEAMER LEAVES HALIFAX

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 20.—The third Belgian relief steamer left Halifax Saturday afternoon, carrying food and supplies for the Belgian people. The steamer is the Calcutta, and the bulk of her cargo was from Montreal, and included 119,000 bushels of wheat, 20,000 bags and barrels of flour, general provisions, and 100 cases of clothing. Shortly before the steamer sailed E. B. Elderkin, in Rotterdam, representing the Nova Scotia government, called that day in announcing the fact of cargo of seized vessels and urges the government to endeavor to expedite the business.

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ALLIES GAINING STEADILY SINCE DECEMBER 15

(Continued from page 10) "On the 11th, to the east of the road to Lille we blew up by a mine a German sapping tunnel. Our Zouaves and Sappers were quick in springing into the excavation made by the explosion. Once there we bombarded the German trenches with machine pistols.

GERMAN SAPPERS THROWN INTO AIR

"The same day near Lillers one of our mines was detonated and blew up and destroyed a German counter-mine. The enemy's sappers were thrown into the air in the midst of a cloud of smoke.

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When removing cake baker in tin pan place a wet cloth over the inverted pan an dice cake will drop out nicely, never sticking to the pan.