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"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved."—H. M. The King.
TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

THE NEW YEAR'S HONORS.

It is always pleasant to learn of public honors coming to one's fellow citizens, particularly so when they are well merited. The New Year's list insofar as it has been officially announced to date is confined to military men, to those who, in their country's time of peril, have served faithfully and withstood grave personal danger without flinching.

In the list of those receiving the Distinguished Service Order, published this morning, there are at least five New Brunswickers, as follows:

Lieutenant-Colonel Archibald Ernest Graham Mackenzie, of St. John and Campbellton, officer commanding the 26th New Brunswick Battalion.

Major John Mackenzie, St. John, also of the 26th Battalion.

Major Thomas Edward Powers, St. John, of the Canadian Signallers.

Major Eric Whidden MacDonald, St. John and Fredericton, of the 10th Battalion.

Major Charles Fairweather, Sussex, company commander of the 26th Battalion.

These men were all well known to residents of this city and province and had attained more than a little prominence in civil life before donning the uniform to fight the battle of right against might. Colonel Mackenzie was formerly a member of the city teaching staff, entered upon the study of law in the office of Attorney General Baxter, and later removed to his home in Campbellton where he successfully practised his profession. In the election of 1911 he was a Liberal candidate for the federal parliament in the County of Restigouche. Although he had much to keep him in civil life he answered the call to arms when the 26th was authorized and capably filled the rank of major in that battalion, succeeding to the command on the retirement of Col. James L. McAvity. Major A. E. G. Mackenzie is a first class soldier whose work at the front has been fittingly recognized by the honor bestowed upon him.

Major John Mackenzie of the 26th is not so well known in this city as his superior officer but still has very many friends here who will hail with delight the news that his bravery has been officially recognized by his king.

Every young man in St. John who attended High School up to five years ago knows Major "Tommy" Powers, for he was for some years on the staff of that institution. A son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Powers of this city, educated in the local schools and at U. N. B., he became interested in military matters when a youth. For a long time he was identified with the old artillery regiment before devoting himself particularly to signalling. At the time of his enlistment he held the rank of major in the militia and was command signaller for the Maritime Provinces. He enlisted at the outbreak of war and went overseas with the first Canadian contingent with the rank of lieutenant. He won his captaincy and majority for good work done and the D. S. O. comes to him as well merited recognition of particularly arduous service faithfully carried on under most rigorous conditions.

Major Powers "went in" at Arras, France, early in the campaign, passed through Ypres, Festubert, Givenchy, and the Somme, "coming out" at Courcellette in September. He is at present in the city on furlough and will return to his command before the end of the present month. He has probably seen more actual fighting than any New Brunswick officer who has yet returned from the front.

Major MacDonald is a son of Rev. Dr. J. H. MacDonald, formerly editor of the Maritime Baptist. He, too, has been at the front for two years and has seen a great deal of service. His father is now at the front as chaplain of a battalion which went overseas early in the war. Major MacDonald has been mentioned for good work and that he has received the D. S. O. does not come as a surprise.

Major Charles Fairweather, of Sussex, has been a popular and hardworking member of the "Fighting 26th" since it went to the front. He has done excellent work throughout and has distinguished himself by his conspicuous bravery in action. He received his D. S. O. some time ago but his name appears in the list this morning.

The young men who have received the coveted decoration are subjects for hearty congratulations. New Brunswick is also to be congratulated in that she possesses sons who do not shrink to face danger and death in her service. The Standard extends hearty congratulations to the valorous men whose bravery has been the subject of official recognition. They well merit the honor which has come to them at the dawning of the New Year.

The civil list of honors will be announced until the middle of January. The statement published in the Telegraph of yesterday morning, that His Honor Chief Justice McLeod would receive a knighthood on New Year's Day, was therefore decidedly premature and entirely unauthorized.

HOW SIR WILFRID SEEKS RECRUITS.

On various occasions Conservative newspapers have felt called upon to complain that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, despite the failure of recruiting in Quebec, has shown complete disregard for his famous promise to "stump Quebec" if ever the Empire were in peril. However, after reading the widely advertised recruiting speech which the Liberal leader delivered in Quebec East on December 8, the ordinary man will conclude that his failure to stump Quebec is not in itself a great calamity for our participation in the war. An exchange has culled, at random, from the newspaper report of Sir Wilfrid's address, some of his principal statements, which are hereby reproduced so that the public may have an opportunity of studying his peculiar methods of securing recruits:

He talked of the 40 years he had represented Quebec East, of his first election in 1877, of the growth of his riding, of his fifteen years of premiership and defeat in 1911, and the reason thereof.

His friends in St. Sauveur, Sir Wilfrid said, knew that at the last election he was not defeated in the Province of Quebec on the question of reciprocity. "Our adversaries cried 'No Marine!'"

You know that Sir Lomer Gouin has given the best government this province has ever had, and all know that there is no other province has a government so well run as his government.

"There are some faces in her (England's) history that I would like to tear out. I would like to tear out the pages which tell of the part she played in 1870."

Sir Wilfrid pictured the nervousness that existed on the Pacific coast at the outbreak of the war. "Our only defense on the Pacific coast at that time," he said, "was the Rainbow. You have heard them speak of the Rainbow. You all remember the pleasantries that were made about this ship at the time of the last general election."

"We have no conscription here, and will have none."

"I have no unlimited confidence in the present government. As I promised to tell you my thought I will say that I have no confidence in the government at all."

The night before Sir Wilfrid delivered himself of the foregoing, Sir Robert Borden stood in the same city and issued a patriotic appeal on behalf of National Service. Not a word, not a suggestion, of politics passed his lips. His plea was addressed to all Canadians who have set their hearts upon winning the war. He was followed by Sir Wilfrid with a speech of rank partisanship crudely disguised as an appeal for recruits.

Perhaps the only comment that the disagreeable incident calls for is this: that in view of the Liberal contention that a return to office of Sir Wilfrid Laurier would promote a more vigorous prosecution of the war, the country would do well to place these Quebec speeches of the two leaders side by side and then determine which more truly interpreted the national mind.

Alarm of Fire.

The fire department was called out yesterday afternoon at four o'clock by an alarm from box 8. The fire was in an old unoccupied house on George street and owned by the Campbell estate. Considerable damage was done.

A NOTABLE FUNCTION AT AMHERST

Two Hundred Mothers, Wives and Children of Boys Across the Sea Entertained.

Special to The Standard.

Amherst, N. S., Jan. 1.—Two hundred mothers, wives and children of the brave men who represent Amherst overseas sat down to a bountiful and well served dinner at the Terrace Hotel today. The dinner was provided by the Amherst Recruiting Association and was made possible by the generosity of the hotel proprietor.

The dining room was tastefully decorated for the occasion, while flowers adorned the tables. As the guests sat about the table Rev. W. C. Ross invoked the blessing.

Have Boys at Front.

The following members of the executive acted as host: President H. J. Logan, K. C., W. L. Ormond, D. A. Morrison, W. H. Rackham, John A. Laws and C. L. Martin. It may be of interest to note that the following members of the committee each have one or more boys at the front: Messrs. Morrison, Ormond, Laws and Rackham.

During the dinner hour Miss Lucy Logan and Mrs. D. W. Fraser presided at the piano and Mrs. Esty Chapman sang several appropriate songs. Several of the committee gave brief addresses. After enjoying the dinner to the utmost the children present, led by Mr. Logan, who thoroughly entered into the spirit of the gathering, sang many of the popular patriotic songs. Altogether this was one of the most pleasing functions held in Amherst for many a day and was appreciated by all. It was a big kind-hearted act but was fully deserved by the guests present who are sacrificing their loved ones in this struggle. Just before the singing of the National Anthem Mr. D. A. Morrison presented each guest with tickets to the Empress Theatre for the afternoon play.

Lieut. Black Wounded.

News has been received by Mr. William W. Black that his son, Lieut. Lloyd W. Black, had been wounded. No particulars as to the severity of his wounds have been received. Gerald, another son of Mr. and Mrs. Black, who went overseas with one of the first battalions, was also wounded some time ago. Their daughter, Miss Frances, was last week operated on for appendicitis in the hospital here.

100 DROWNED IN AUSTRALIA

London, Jan. 1.—One hundred persons are believed to have been drowned in Clermont, Queensland, Australia, by a flood which washed away the main street and all the houses in low lying places, says a Reuter despatch from Brisbane. Fifty bodies have been recovered. The flood was caused by cyclonic weather in Northern and Central Queensland.

FUNERALS

SHIVES.—The funeral of the late Robert Kilgour Shives, R. F. C., will be held at the Chapel in Fernhill cemetery this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

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HOLIDAY QUIET AT PROVINCIAL CAPITAL

York Municipal Council Will Meet Today—Government to Hold Session Tonight.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, Jan. 1.—The holiday was quietly observed in Fredericton. The weather, which was quite cold during the week end, moderated considerably and weather conditions today were excellent. Horsemen amused themselves with short brushes on Queen street.

There were several fast ones out, and as a result of today's racing there seems a likelihood of some snail-like races in Fredericton before the end of winter.

In Presidents vs. Vice-presidents at the Curling rink the former won by two points in the day's playing. On Christmas day the Presidents led by twenty-two points and today's lead gives them a total of twenty-four.

The York Municipal Council will open its semi-annual session tomorrow morning. Mrs. W. J. Glen is to be acting secretary-treasurer until the appointment of a permanent secretary.

The new secretary-treasurer will be appointed at the first meeting of the council. The name of Coun. A. B. Neill of Gibson is mentioned as likely choice for warden.

The York Circuit Court also meets in Fredericton tomorrow.

The provincial government will hold a session in the executive council chamber tomorrow evening. Premier Clarke arrived here on Saturday night accompanied by Mrs. Clarke and other members of the government are expected here tomorrow.

THREE WOMEN LYNCHED IN U. S. IN 1916

Total Number of Mob's Victims in Year Was Fifty-four.

Tuskegee, Ala., Jan. 1.—Fifty-four persons were lynched in the United States during 1916, according to records of Tuskegee Institute here, made public today. Fifty of the victims were negroes and four white people and included in the record are three negro women. Sixty-seven persons were lynched in 1915, thirteen of whom were white men.

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U. S. EPISCOPAL CHURCH GETS \$4,000,000

Fund for Clergymen and Their Dependent Families.

New York, Jan. 1.—Success in obtaining pledges for \$4,000,000 toward the \$5,000,000 church pension fund being raised for Episcopal clergymen and their dependent families was announced here today by Bishop Wm. Lawrence of Massachusetts, chairman of the fund committee. This great sum of money is the largest the church has ever raised in so short a time. Bishop Lawrence said: "The campaign which began March 1, 1916, will end on March 1 of this year. That day the entire \$5,000,000 must be in hand; otherwise we are not entitled to keep the four millions now pledged. We are confident, however, that the extra one million dollars will be raised and that this pension system will be formally established to provide substantial life annuities for aged and disabled clergy and the widows and dependent orphans of deceased clergy."

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