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# BRITISH FIRM IN FACE OF TURK SHELLING

## MAJORITY FOR UNION LOCALLY

Kingston Presbytery Receives Returns

The total vote on church union in the Presbytery of Kingston to date is shown in a statement issued at the meeting of the Presbytery in Kingston Hall, yesterday, by the Rev. W. T. Wilkins, Trenton, clerk of the Presbytery. There were 3,970 votes cast. Of the number 2,169 favored union and 1,801 opposed it, or a percentage of 54.63 in favor and 45.37 against, or a total majority of 9.26 per cent.

Of the 34 mission fields that voted twenty favored union and four opposed it, while twenty sessions were in favor and eight against and five were tied. The majority in favor as shown by the ballots cast by adherents was 152, ballots cast by communicants 290, and by elders 26.

Other important business was taken up including the Presbytery's approval of the call from Cooke's church to the Rev. E. R. McLean, of Bonar church, Toronto.

The stipend was fixed at \$1600. Induction takes place Jan. 19. There are seven vacancies in the Presbytery.

The financial statement was presented by Professor Matheson and showed a balance on hand of \$317.23 as compared with a balance of \$412.49 last year. The decrease was attributed to the failure of several churches to pay the 1915 rate.

A report on the Home Mission work was presented by the Rev. Henry Bruce of Gananoque, and was very satisfactory. It also mentioned the fact that because of unfavorable conditions at Hillier and Concession winter services were out of the question. The report recommended that students be in charge of the work in various places. Mr. Snider was authorized to make change of Hancock, Mr. O'Brien at Father White, and Mr. Day was placed under the care of Desautels.

## Horse Jumped Over Bridge Girder

Mr. James A. Roy's fine team of horses ran away yesterday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock. Careering up Front street, they swung on to the upper bridge. Not being able to turn in the space at their disposal, one of the heavy animals was compelled to jump over the iron girders on the north side. As a result he was suspended in the walk devoted to pedestrians while the other was drawn against the girder on the other side. With some difficulty the equines were liberated. Fortunately no one was on the walk at the time. The horses escaped serious injury.

## Horses Ran Away

On Tuesday a team of horses belonging to Mr. H. E. Fairfield ran away from the G.T.R. depot, breaking away from the sleigh. The animals ran down town and were somewhat out of control.

## Death of Sister

Mrs. W. E. Griffith of the McPhee's Bank apartment, Belleville, has been called to Niagara Falls, Ontario, on account of the sudden death of her sister, Mrs. F. P. Sumner, which occurred on Monday morning.

## Estimated Losses

Mr. William Alford was in Pictou yesterday approving the loss on several properties destroyed in last Friday's fire.

## Rifle Shooting at Armouries

Last night's scores, possible 100.

W. J. Davison	97
J. G. Wille	95
D. D. Gratton	95
H. Hall	95
W. J. Andrews	94
J. Doseh	94
B. Smith	93
J. V. White	93
Dr. Clarke	93
A. Sneyd	93
A. B. Symons	93
A. Harman	93
J. J. Symons	93
J. A. Fook	88
C. J. Wills	88
M. G. Weene	86
M. Wright	87

## Latest Phases of the Temperance Movement

Conservative Comment.

The Hamilton Spectator (Con): "The popular approval of special regulations to keep the soldiers under training out of temptation, has led many a citizen who heretofore has not given much attention to the temperance question, to wonder whether the Province is not ripe for a change as radical as that which has supervened in Russia. Certainly the vote that would be cast in favor of prohibition outright would be larger in Ontario today than ever before."

The Peterborough Review, (Con): "The result of the present campaign for prohibition hardly admits of a reasonable doubt. Ontario just now seems to show an inclination to follow the West. When the people of Ontario, by a plebiscite vote, declare for prohibition, there is nothing left for any Legislature that may be in power at the time to do but to give the mandate attention with all legal expedition."

Local Opinion. Over two hundred licenses in the Province are being assailed in the present Local Option campaign. What makes the contest this winter even more spectacular than generally is the unusually large number of cities which are to vote on the question. There are eight of these: Belleville, Brantford, Fort William, Niagara Falls, Port Arthur, Sarnia, Stratford, and Woodstock, with a total of one hundred and fifteen licenses.

Committee of One Hundred. Already the Committee of One Hundred, the strictly non-partisan organization whose motto is "Ontario Dry by First of July," has at least two big accomplishments to its credit. First, the bringing of Billy Sunday to Toronto, which caused more shake up and commotion than any event in Ontario for some time, and secondly, the appointment, as its general organizer, of Mr. George A. Warburton, the General Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in Toronto, and one of the best organizers of philanthropic and patriotic movements in the country.

With such a stimulus and under such leadership the movement is bound to be vigorous and effective.

Saskatchewan. Striking reductions in the arrests for drunkenness is the report from Regina since the new law went into effect in Saskatchewan. All bars are closed, with only 23 Government-controlled shops left in the province—two in Regina. It was on the first of July that the bars were closed and the arrests for July, August and September, compared with the same period of 1914, were as follows:—Regina, 1914—220; 1915—52. Moose Jaw, 1914—294; 1915—74.

## Two Belleville Officers Appointed

Lieut. Col. C. A. Lowe, O.C. 146th Battalion, Kingston, has two Belleville men among his officers. Lieut. J. J. Bennett, and Lieut. D. L. Bennett. The two young officers are brothers and are members of the 15th Regiment.

## Election of Officers

Royal Black Preceptory No. 853, R.B.K. of I. at its last meeting held in the Orange Hall, Friday, Dec. 10 elected the following officers for the ensuing year.

Preceptor—Sir Knight George P. Rutan  
Deputy Preceptor—S.K. Simon Kerr  
Chaplain—S.K. Everett Bell  
Registrar—S.K. F. M. Clarke  
Treasurer—S.K. Louis Soule  
1st Lecturer—S.K. Fred Bell  
2nd Lecturer—S.K. Simon Lemeun  
1st Censor—S.K. Geo. A. Reid  
2nd Censor—S.K. C. B. Boyle  
1st Sten. Br.—S.K. R. A. Adams  
2nd Sten. Br.—S.K. Joe Alexander  
Furnivant—S.K. C. B. Donistoeel  
Committee Sir Knights W. C. Mikel, R. J. Graham, A. H. Walker, Henry Brown, E. Guss Porter, Geo. Phillips and A. Collins.

## Rose Remanded

Oliver Rose, charged with bigamy, has been further remanded owing to the crown attorney being busy at the county court.

## GERMAN DESIGNS ON EGYPT MATURING? BRITISH ENTRENCH ON SUEZ CANAL

Liners Abandon Suez Canal and Follow Cape Route—Bulgars Remain on Serbian Side of Greek Boundary—British Forces Firm at Kut El Amara After Three Days' Shelling—Nearly Two-and-Half Million Men Enlisted Under Lord Derby's Scheme—Lull on the Serbian Front Today.

### GERMAN DESIGNS ON EGYPT REPORTED MATURING.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—A Rotterdam despatch says the announcement that the Dutch East Indies liners and mail boats will abandon the Suez Canal and follow the Cape route together with reports of trench construction by the British on both sides of the Canal is regarded as confirming reports or rapidly maturing German designs on Egypt.

### BULGARS HAVE NOT ENTERED GREEK TERRITORY.

ATHENS, Dec. 15.—The Greek government denies reports of the entrenching of Bulgarian forces in Greek territory.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Athens official despatches today report a lull in the fighting on the Serbo-Greek border and declares that no Bulgars have yet crossed the frontier. The allied lines extend to Kukus, 25 miles north of Saloniki.

### CONSTANTINE IS TAKEN ILL.

ATHENS, Dec. 15.—King Constantine, who contracted influenza and has been ordered to abstain from state affairs.

### BRITISH FORCES STILL HOLD FIRM AT KUL-EL-AMARA.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—A despatch from Kul-el-Amara reports the British forces holding firmly after three days' shelling by the Turks.

### MILLIONS ENLISTED UNDER LORD DERBY'S SYSTEM.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Between two million and two million five hundred thousand have enlisted under the Earl of Derby's recruiting plan according to the Daily Sketch.

## Christmas Dinner for the Soldiers

To have no Christmas dinner is about the most unfortunate experience that one could have and to be away from home at Christmas is almost as unpleasant. The latter is to be the case with about two hundred of the soldiers located here, but the former will not be if it is within the power of the citizens to avoid it. To this end a committee of ladies representing the various churches is to meet at the Y. M. C. A. on Thursday at 10.00 a.m. to arrange for a Christmas supper for the men in the barracks on Christmas Day. The scheme is being promoted jointly by the ladies of the Khaki Club who have done so much for the soldiers and the military Y. M. C. A. which is bending every effort to help the men here and at the other points as well. As these two organizations have been closely in touch with the men since they came they are in a position to know just what is required on such an occasion and how best to go about it. To provide supper for two hundred men on Christmas Day is a large order, but with the ready assistance of everyone it will be a burden on none. Here is the menu, 50 pies, 20 cakes, 15 puddings, 15 dozen oranges, 50 lbs of nuts, 50 lbs of raisins and 250 lbs of turkey. Definite plans in regard to securing these items will be available before the end of the week. In the meantime enquiries or offers of assistance may be addressed to Mrs. Falkner of the Khaki Club or Mr. Sharpe of the Militia Y. M. C. A. Up to date nothing official has been received by the Headquarters of the 80th Battalion here in regard to extras for the men at Christmas, which would be provided by the Government. This will assure us that there will be no danger of overlapping or double providing.

Private Segalowitz, 80th, was discharged from Pictou Hospital yesterday.

Private W. J. Luck, 80th, was admitted to Napanee Hospital.

The 80th Battalion are giving their vaudeville concert at Stirling tonight, exactly as presented here.

The regular concert will be given at the Khaki Club tonight.

Four banks were today invaded by soldiers with pay cheques for cashing.

So far the 80th Battalion have received no instructions as to the transfer of Lt. J. M. Phelan to the 155th as announced several days ago.

## The Call For Recruits

Many young men are holding themselves back on the plea that nobody has asked them to enlist. A matter of this description should not, of necessity, have to be commented on as there is one main cure and that can easily be effected, by the men themselves offering their services without fear of being turned down unless deemed medically unfit. Any man having the misfortune to be turned down would have the satisfaction of knowing that he willingly offered his services in the great struggle being carried on in Europe.

Now, lads, there are vacancies for 150 men in the ranks of the 80th overseas battalion, O.E.F. which is providing itself second to none. Just consider for a minute which carries the better prospects, the fact of having enlisted when the call was most urgent, or to be pointed out, after the war, as one of the civilians who 'would rather let other lads do it for them'!

There is far more honor in being in a voluntary battalion than in a conscript battalion. Join now, lads, when the opportunities are richest for a trip to Europe with the 80th overseas Battalion O.E.F. with everything supplied, including rifle and ammunition, free of cost. Duck shooting and other sports cost money, this does not. Don't hesitate, enlist now with the 80th overseas battalion, O.E.F. in your own home town.

## Wants Trial by County Judge

Lee How the Chinaman accused of taking a letter belonging to another Chinaman, yesterday requested to be tried by the County Judge on Jan. 31st.

Lieut. W. E. Turnbull of 16th Regiment, Pictou, has been appointed to the 155th Battalion.

## Military Notes

Mr. W. A. MacInnes, who has been operator in the Grand Trunk offices, Belleville, for the past four years, has joined the 155th Battalion and is now at work in the orderly office.

The headquarters of the 155th Battalion have been removed to the upper part of the armouries. Lt. Col. Adams occupies one room of the 15th Regiment's headquarters and the orderly office is now located in the Sergeants' mess. The rooms are bright and cheery.

Col. Adams went to Pictou this afternoon to visit D company of the 80th Battalion.

A number of new officers have been taken on the strength of the 155th. Among them is Lieut. Phillip H. Wills, 15th Regiment, a Belleville boy who has been resident in the west. Others are Lt. Harry L. Wallace, 15th Regt.; Lt. W. Davern, 16th Regt., transferred from the 139th and Lt. J. H. Davy, 58th Regt., member of a firm of Chartered Accountants, of Montreal.

Recruits for the 155th are coming in well in the rural districts of Hastings and Prince Edward. Over one hundred have been secured.

Recruiting for the new battalion is not well under way at Belleville as the local officers have not yet got into harness. They have however secured many promises and once they get on the khaki, the ranks of the men will fill up.

Lt. Percy B. Harris, 466th Regt., has been attached to the 80th for duty.

Private Segalowitz, 80th, was discharged from Pictou Hospital yesterday.

All N.C.O.'s and men leaving the precincts of the Barracks to attend any parade, must do so by the exit used in case of Fire Alarm and return the same way.

The second pair of boots are being issued to the troops, and it must be thoroughly understood, that the two pairs of boots that are being issued have got to last for the first twelve months' service. It is absolutely necessary that the new boots be thoroughly dubbed at once before being used. Men are also required to have their old boots repaired as soon as possible, so that they will each have two pairs or serviceable boots.

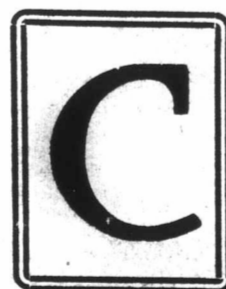
The sale of boots is contrary to regulations, and each man will be held strictly responsible that he has in his possession, the two pairs of government boots and no others. Commanders of companies and sections will be held responsible that these instructions are carried out.

Retreat for the ensuing week will be sounded at 4.30 p.m.

It is published for general information that Winter Uniform will be taken into wear from this date. No N.C.O.'s or men will be permitted to proceed outside the barracks without wearing the great-coat.

When we make a sale our aims are to satisfy the purchaser and delight the recipient.

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