ston, Jamaica, and sailed from New the first of the month.

and Mrs. D. Forest, of Bathurst, pending a few days in town visit- elatives.

s Etta Maher, of New York, has called home on account of the ill- of her mother, Mrs. James F. r.

s. D. G. Smith and Mrs. Vaughan he guests of Mrs. J. B. Snowball week.

MONCTON

nncton, Dec. 9—Miss E. D. Hodge, has been spending the summer at Island is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur.

ter spending three months in the hospitals in France, Miss Lottie ett has returned to the city and resume her duties as head nurse in Moncton hospital.

s Myrtle Rushton has returned Newcastle where she was visiting is.

Percy Higgins has arrived from west and will make his home here e future. Mrs. Higgings and little nter have been in the city for sev- months.

and Mrs. Arthur Metcalfe, and son, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allen at Newcastle.

s. H. S. Thomson and little daugh- re spending a few days with friends alisbury.

ss Edith Myers, of Norton is spend- few weeks with her aunt, Mrs. am Dawson.

v. A. D. McLeod, of Harcourt, Saturday in the city en route from to P. E. Island.

and Mrs. Fred. Fitzpatrick and nter, Miss Helen, have arrived from Elgin and will make their home in city.

s. W. N. Ingram is spending a few with relatives at Harcourt.

s. J. J. Matthews has returned to home in Fredericton after spending w weeks with her daughters, Mrs. red Pickard.

ss Bertha Cuthbertson is spending ek with friends in Amherst.

s. Harry Hoben and Miss Bessie itt, of Fredericton, are the guests eir sister, Mrs. W. K. C. Parlee.

ss Marion Lea has returned from on where she was visiting her sister, Dodd.

s. George McSweeney has gone to York where she will spend the er.

s. C. T. Purdy and Master William are spending a few days with ives at Amherst.

and Mrs. D. S. Biggs, of Amherst in the city recently attending the al of Mrs. Biggs' mother, the late Edward Rodd.

ss Blanche O'Brien has returned Dorchester, where she was the t of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Burnett.

rs. E. W. Jarvis has returned to e in Woodstock after a visit at the e of her brother, Mr. J. H. Harris.

ss Imogene Chapman, of Dor- er spent the week with relatives in city.

s. C. A. Hayes has returned from p to Montreal and Chicago.

ss Nan Chapman entertained a friends at tea on Saturday afternoon nor of Miss Phyllis Taylor, who is guest of Miss Margaret Price. ng others to entertain for Miss Tay- ere Mrs. J. McD. Cooke, Mrs. C. T. y and Miss Price.

rs. C. D. Thompson has gone to ericton to visit her daughter, Mrs. night.

ss Nan Chapman is spending a days with friends in Montreal.

ss Hazel Alward, of the Aberdeen ol staff, spent the week-end in Dor- er, the guest of the Misses Thomas.

ss Beryl Jones and Miss Bernice , of Dorchester, spent Sunday with ds in the city.

ss Clara Hennessey, who has been ng in the city for some time has re- ed to her home in Bridgeport n.)

and Mrs. A. L. Wright, of Salis- are spending the winter with rela- in the city.

ss Edith Gayton, who has been the of friends for a few days has re- ed to her home in Hillsboro.

and Mrs. Trueman Colpitts have ned from Amherst, where they spending a few days with friends.

and Mrs. Fitzmaurice, of New- spent part of the week in the

e tea and sale under the auspices George's Church Guild, which was on Tuesday afternoon at the resi- of Mrs. L. H. Price, was very suc- ul. Mrs. A. R. Macgowan and G. B. Willett presided over the work table. Mrs. W. B. Sisam d. The Misses Daisy Weldon, aret Holstead, Florence Newman Dot Buden served. The apron was in charge of Mrs. A. C. Baker.

s. Walter Davidson and little hter, Margaret, have returned from ohn, where they were spending the end with relatives.

s. H. M. Fairweather has returned a trip to Montreal and Boston.

and Mrs. Fairbanks, of Harcourt, part of the week in the city.

and Mrs. Martin Rae announce ngagement of their daughter, Ag- McKechine to Mr. Delbert Briggan, is city, the marriage to take place soon.

. A. F. Burt, of Shediac, spent of the week with friends in the

and Mrs. C. A. Patterson and lit- n have gone to Montreal, where intend residing.

and Mrs. J. V. [illegible] d from Amherst, [illegible] ng friends.

ss Louise Burns [illegible] with relatives at [illegible]

s. Percy Turner and [illegible] son, have been spending several weeks Mrs. Turner's parents, [illegible] d to their home [illegible] O'Leary (P. E.

e many friends of Mrs. C. S. Mc- y, who has been so seriously ill in hospital are glad to know her con- n is somewhat improved.

AMHERST

nherst, Dec. 9—Mr. and Mrs. A. S. have returned from a visit to ax and Sydney.

s. A. Bigney, of Truro, is the guest r sister, Mrs. J. P. Baxter.

J. G. MacDougall and Mrs. Mac- all, of Halifax, are visiting Mrs. Dougall's mother, Mrs. Jones. The r will return to Halifax the end e week, and Mrs. MacDougall will n for a week longer.

W. L. Patterson, of Fergus Fall n.), is visiting his parents, Mr. and Charles Patterson, and is being med by many old friends.

s Harriet Potter, of Springhill, the guest of Mrs. William Beatty week.

s Milma Henderson returned to ome in Parrsboro on Friday, after ing some weeks with her aunt, Mrs. Smith, Colonial Hall.

Roland Robb has left for Mont- where he intends to join the Mc-

Gill unit to reinforce the Princess Pats. regiment.

Miss Eileen Bryan, of Truro, is the guest of Miss Margaret Fraser.

Mrs. A. D. Ross has returned from Annapolis Royal, where she was attending the funeral of her mother, Mrs. Charles H. Goldsmith, of Dorchester (Mass.), and formerly a resident of Annapolis.

Mrs. E. T. Higgins, of Wentworth, is spending a few days with her son, Mr. Frank Higgins.

Miss Alice Smith, of Parrsboro, is a guest of the St. Regis Hotel, for a few weeks.

Bugler Wallace Brownell, of R. C. R., is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Brownell.

Miss Muriel Wright and Miss Jean Cook, of Mount Allison University, were week-end guests of their aunt, Mrs. Rupert Black.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham Gordon, of St. John, are visitors to Amherst today.

Mrs. William Fraser and children, of Stellerton, are visiting her mother, Mrs. George Mumford.

Miss Dorothy Silver, who has been a patient in Highland View Hospital, was able to be removed to her home today, and her many friends are hoping for a speedy convalescence.

Mrs. H. A. B. Glendenning and her sister, Mrs. Hance Hunter, are visiting friends in town.

Miss Tweedie, of Sackville, is the guest of Dr. C. W. and Mrs. Hewson.

Mrs. Harry Brown, of Port Elgin, is the guest of Mrs. A. A. Barker today.

Miss Helen Murray, of Boston, niece of Hon. James Murray, Sussex (N. B.), is the guest of Dr. E. L. and Mrs. Fuller.

The engagement is announced of Anna Heath, daughter of Mrs. Parsons, and the late E. H. Parsons, of Springhill, to Mr. W. Albert Broatch, of Hortlack (Sask.) The marriage will take place in December.

Miss P. Gallant, of Summerside (P. E. I.), is the guest of her brother, Mr. Charles Gallant.

PARRSBORO

Parrsboro, Dec. 9—Mrs. Thomas Day, of New Glasgow, is visiting Mrs. C. E. Day.

Miss Rose Smith, of Amherst, was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. J. S. Henderson, last week.

Mr. J. I. Coll, of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, has been transferred to the branch at Campbellton (N. B.)

Miss Mary McLaughlin has accepted the position of superintendent of the Nurses' Rest Home, Halifax.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Wylie, who have been visiting friends in Stellarton and Halifax, returned on Tuesday.

Miss Winnie Davis, of Lunenburg, is visiting Dr. J. A. and Mrs. Johnson.

Mrs. James Howard, of Amherst, has been visiting Mrs. C. C. Langill and Mrs. S. S. Harvie.

Miss Annie Cameron spent a few days in Athol last week with her sister, Mrs. J. W. Boss.

Miss Wilma Henderson returned on Friday from Amherst, where she spent the past two months with her aunt, Mrs. C. R. Smith.

Miss Laura Salter is home from St. John visiting her sisters, Misses Mary and Vivian Salter.

Mrs. T. O'Regan spent a couple of days in Springhill last week with Mr. and Mrs. M. Chapman.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton P. Holmes and Mr. and Mrs. W. Irvine Holmes, of Amherst, and Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Carter, of Maccan, were in town this week to attend the funeral of the late Mrs. Alfred Holmes. They were guests of Mrs. E. E. Bigelow, Eastern avenue.

Albert Burnton, of Port Lorne, is visiting his aunt, Mrs. M. C. Foster.

Mrs. J. Guest spent a few days in Westbrook last week with her sister, Mrs. Chesley Dickinson.

Pte. T. W. E. Carter, of the R. C. R., Halifax, spent a few days in town this week with his family.

Mrs. Oliver Cameron is suffering from a severe attack of muscular rheumatism.

Mrs. G. I. McNamara, who has been spending some time in St. John with her husband, Capt. McNamara, returned on Saturday.

Prof. F. E. Wheelock, of Mt. Allison University, was the guest of Rev. B. J. and Mrs. Porter this week. He occupied the pulpit in Grace Methodist church on Sunday.

Pte. Arthur Forbes, guard at the detention camp, Amherst, is home for a few weeks on sick leave.

F. Lawson Jenks, H. C. Jenks and C. E. Day were among the visitors at the Maritime Winter Fair, Amherst, this week.

HAMPTON

Hampton, N. B., Dec. 9—Hampton friends of soldiers at the front are in receipt of Christmas parcels from "Somewhere in France" and other places where our troops or individual officers are located. Some of the gifts are beautiful specimens of the handiwork of the artificers of these countries, and will form souvenirs of the great war for the wonder and admiration of future generations. The Christmas gifts and comforts sent to individual soldiers from their New Brunswick homes, though of a different character to the articles they have sent here, will form for them a very real and acceptable reminder that they are in constantly in the loving thoughts of their friends at home, and will cheer them on to do their duty amid all the perils to which they are exposed.

The next meeting of the Hampton Branch Red Cross Society will be held Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. G. Flewwelling, Hampton Village, and will be the last until after New Year's, it having been decided to adjourn over the Christmas season.

Mr. Harold Ryan, who has been confined to his bed with what threatened to be a serious illness for a week or so, has sufficiently improved to move about the house, though he has not yet undertaken to take up his usual duties.

Lieut. T. Wm. Barnes and Mrs. Barnes went to Sackville for the week-end to visit their two daughters, who are students in the Mt. Allison institutions, returning on Tuesday, Lieutenant Barnes leaving the train at Sussex to join his regiment, the 104th.

A missionary institute under the direction of the Missionary Forward Movement, Toronto, is to be held in the Methodist church, Hampton Station, in the afternoons and evenings of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, Dec. 13 to 15 inclusive. The proceedings will be under the management of the following staff: Rev. J. F. Rowley, superintendent of Hampton circuit; Rev. W. H. Barraclough, a missionary to the Indians of British Columbia and the Yukon; Rev. G. Earle, a missionary to the West Indies.

The afternoon sessions each day will consist of Bible readings on missionary topics, by Rev. J. A. Rowley; a study class on the book, Our Share in China, led by Rev. G. Earle, and a juniors' half hour, illustrated by Rev. W. H. Barraclough. At the evening sessions, which commence at 7.15 o'clock, the study class on Our Share in China will be continued, and in addition Our Missionary Task will be discussed by Rev. W. H. Barraclough. Monday, Why?; Tuesday, Where, and Wednesday, How? Rev. G. Earle will also take up in order: The Missionary Bible, the Missionary Prayer and The Missionary Idea and Life Investment. Monday and Tuesday evenings' course will close by Rev. W. H. Barraclough's addresses, illustrated, on Up and Down the Pacific Coast, and John Chinaman at Home.

HAMPTON VILLAGE

Hampton Village, Dec. 9—Mrs. Sarah Appleby, of St. John, is the guest of her father, William Logue.

Miss Gaunce, of Apohaqui, a missionary on furlough, was a guest this week at the Baptist parsonage. Wednesday afternoon was observed as Crusade day by the Missionary Aid Society. The meeting was held at the parsonage and was addressed by Miss Gaunce, who also spoke in the Baptist church on Wednesday evening.

Rev. Mr. Kerr preached in the Presbyterian church here on Sunday last, Rev. Mr. Mortimer spending that day in St. John.

S. Alward, of Moncton, spent part of last week in Hampton.

The death occurred at her home here on Friday, Dec. 3, of heart trouble, of Mrs. Durant, widow of Alexander Durant. Mrs. Durant, formerly Miss Rachel Alward, of Butternut Ridge, was in her 79th year, and had been a resident of Hampton for about thirty-five years. She is survived by four daughters and two sons. The sons are J. C., of Amherst, and Samuel, of High River, Alberta. The daughters are Mrs. James Ray, of Medford (Mass.); Mrs. George Chase, of Mansfield (Mass.); Mrs. James Keenan, of Haverhill (Mass.), and Mrs. Ray Chase, of Fall River (Mass.) She also leaves three brothers, M. Alward, of Dobson's Corner; W. C. Alward, of Maine, and S. C. Alward, of Moncton. The funeral took place from her late residence on Monday afternoon, the service being conducted by her pastor, Rev. O. N. Chipman. Interment was made at Norton.

HARVEY STATION

Harvey Station, Dec. 9—Mr. and Mrs. James Hunter have received letters from their son Fred., who is a soldier in the 10th battalion in the trenches in France. He gives a very interesting account of french fighting and thus far has escaped injury.

S. B. Hunter has also received word from his son, Ernest, who is with the 55th battalion, now in England. He gives a detailed description of the voyage across and was well satisfied with the treatment which the men are receiving in their new quarters in England.

Miss Elizabeth Robinson, a professional nurse, of Boston, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Thomas Robison, at Robison's hotel, and her brother, Paul, who has been an invalid for some time and is not making any progress towards recovery.

Henry T. Swan, of Tweedside, has purchased the boiler and machinery of the Beach saw mill at Honeydale, which has been shipped here by rail. Mr. Swan has a number of teams engaged taking the mil lto Tweedside, where he will erect it on the site of the mill that was destroyed by fire some time ago.

On Monday morning a large deer was found dead in the water near the shore of the lake, a short distance from the Lake George road. It seems that the animal had been chased by dogs and taken refuge in the water, which was covered with ice thick enough to prevent it from swimming. The dogs remained there the greater part of the night, keeping the deer in the water until it perished with cold.

ST. GEORGE

St. George, Dec. 10—Captain Dan Gillmor is home for a few days. Captain in the 148th, a Montreal regiment, he is anxious to have a few of his home boys go overseas with him. He expects to get a couple of young men now and when active recruiting starts for his regiment in January to add a number of Charlotte county boys to the muster roll.

The opening of the new Imperial picture house added $50 to the Patriotic fund, the management having generously donated the proceeds to the fund.

The lecture given in the Baptist church on Wednesday evening by the Rev. W. J. Johnson, on A Trip to England in the Time of War, was liberally patronized and proved instructive and entertaining.

Miss Ida Spear attended the convention of telephone operators held in St. John this week.

Mrs. James Southards and Mrs. Nelson Dodds visited the border towns this week.

Mrs. L. Murphy met with a bad accident the other evening, while going into the house in the dark, she fell breaking one rib and injuring herself severely.

A new orchestra has been organized in town with James Watts first violin; William Southard, second violin; Gabriel Craig, cornet; Vess Southard, bass violin, and Mrs. G. Murray, accompanist.

WESTFIELD

Westfield, Dec. 9—Mrs. I. Nase and daughters, Mrs. Woodman and Miss Nase, of Woodman's Point, moved to St. John on Tuesday for the winter months.

Miss M. Porter spent Sunday with friends in West St. John.

Captain Mabee, of the 48th Highlanders, Toronto, arrived from England on Sunday and was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Machum for a short time before leaving Monday evening for his home in Ontario to spend a short time before returning to the front.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Emery, of St. John, wer recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Finley.

Miss Helen Hayter is visiting her sister, Mrs. Arthurs, St. John.

Edward Cosman met with a painful accident on Tuesday afternoon. While alone working in the woods about two miles from home in some way he cut his foot, almost severing it at the instep. As his efforts to arouse help failed, he showed great presence of mind by tying his handkerchief tight around his leg and putting his sweater around the injured foot, he crawled for some distance. Finally help reached him and he was taken to his home in a very weak condition. Dr. Allingham was summoned and did what he could to make him comfortable. Mr. Cosman was taken to the St. John Hospital on the early train Wednesday morning. Physicians hope to save the foot and reports are that he is resting easier this evening. Much sympathy is felt for Mrs. Cosman and family over this unfortunate affair, as only recently they were called upon to mourn the death of husband and father, the result of an automobile accident.

REXTON

Rexton, N. B., Dec. 10—A quiet but interesting wedding took place at the home of Mrs. John McNulty at Mundleville, Wednesday afternoon, when her youngest daughter, Katie, was married to Thomas Irving, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Irving, of Mundleville. The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. S. Gardner, in the presence of a number of invited guests. The bride wore a pretty gown of blue silk. She was unattended. Immediately after the ceremony, the wedding supper was served, and the evening spent in games and music. Mr. and Mrs. Irving will reside at Mundleville.

The funeral of George Hannay was held yesterday afternoon and was under the auspices of the Sons of Temperance Society, of which deceased was a member. Rev. G. S. Gardner also conducted services at the house and grave. Interment was made in the Presbyterian cemetery. The pall-bearers were Graham Hannay, Forrest Hudson, George Mitchell, William Glendenning and Geo. Cail.

Word received from Lance-Corporal Edgar Weston, who is ill with pneumonia in England, states that he is improving.

Harry Glencross, of the 104th at Sussex, is visiting his parents at Upper Rexton.

John Conroy went to Moncton Wednesday to consult a specialist, suffering from an abcess in his head.

PORT ELGIN

Port Elgin, Dec. 9—Mrs. John Wells was called to Amherst on Monday morning on account of the illness of her father.

Miss Chris MacLeod left Monday for Amherst and Sackville.

Miss Gladys Graves is spending a few days in Maccan and Amherst.

T. W. Wells, Walter Turner and A. J. Murray attended the winter fair in Amherst this week. Others who also attended the fair were C. C. Raworth, Charles Fleet, Mrs. Tuttle Taylor, Chas. Walton and A. R. Moore.

K. K. Munro, of the 64th battalion, Halifax, left on Monday morning for Halifax, after spending a few days at his home here.

Mrs. Wm. Johnson and little daughter Doris are spending a few days in Amherst.

The many friends of Fred. Magee will be pleased to learn that he is improving from his recent illness.

Mrs. Wm. Read went to Dorchester on Saturday to visit her daughter.

M. G. Siddall returned home on Thursday from a trip to Ottawa.

Geoffrey Stead, district engineer, Chatham, was in town this week.

The teachers of the local schools and those from the surrounding districts held their second meeting for professional study in the local high school building on Saturday evening. The text book at present being taken u pis Everybody's Pedagogy, by Miss Lincon. This course was suggested by Inspector O'Blenes at the last county institute which met at Moncton.

C. D. Lucas, of Bathurst, is visiting his family here and intends staying until after Christmas.

Mr. Smith, of Toronto, secretary of the Temperance and Moral Reform League, lectured in the Methodist church on Monday evening.

Miss Nason, who for several years past has been on the school staff here, has resigned her position. This has been learned with very sincere regret by her many friends here. Miss Huston, of Tidnish, will fill her place next term.

Rev. J. H. Brownell and A. S. Robinson addressed a meeting in the Bale Verte Methodist church on Tuesday evening in the interests of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

Harry Redmond, of Halifax, arrived in town on Thursday and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. Spence. Mrs. Redmond has been at her home here for some time past.

GAGETOWN

Gagetown, N. B., Dec. 10—Mrs. R. T. Babbitt has recently received from her daughter, Nursing Sister E. Pearl Babbitt, of the No. 3 General Hospital (McGill) a letter stating that she and her unit had all their equipment packed ready for "a short land journey to an unknown destination." Although their new situation was not known, it was thought that the McGill hospital would be sent to an old Jesuit mission house in Boulogne. Up to the time of writing, all nursing work had been carried on in tents, which in stormy weather were not very comfortable and sometimes not very stable. Nurse Babbitt said that, thanks to the Red Cross workers, their patients had been provided with every comfort except heat.

At the Red Cross meeting which was held at the home of the vice-president, Miss Harrison, on Thursday afternoon, forty members were present and much work was acomplished. Seven dollars and twenty cents was made by the afternoon tea, in which Miss Harrison was assisted by Mrs. H. B. Bridges, Miss Nellie Bulyea, Miss Weyman, Miss Matthews and Miss Mary Harrison.

The news that the Saxonia had landed safely in England was heard with pleasure by the friends of Sergeant E. A. Dickie, who went from Halifax with the No. 1 Heavy Siege Battery.

Five dollars and fifty cents has been forwarded to Mrs. Richard O'Brien, St. John, by Mrs. T. S. Peters, as Gagetown's contribuion to the Duchess of Connaught's Canadan war prsoners' fund for November.

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held on Monday evening in the guild hall. Mrs. H. B. Bridges presided. The members worked at soldiers' comforts work and considerable business was also transacted. It was decided to send the balance of the funds left from the Christmas boxes for Gagetown soldiers in the trenches, to those who are now training in England. The Women's Institute is also having the street lamps lit during the darker months, and some new ones are to be installed. During the evening Miss Pearl Peters read an article, The Value of Music at the Front, and Miss Harrison read The Middy. A novel Christmas tree contest provided amusement, tch prize for which was won by Miss Molly Otty. The shawl donated by Mrs. E. P. Whitcombe, of Upper Gagetown, to the soldiers' comforts, was drawn for an dticket No. 48, held by Mrs. H. E. Merrithew, Upper Gagetown, won the shawl; $7.20 was realized.

Lieutenant W. H. Teed, of the 104th battalion, recruiting officer for Queens-Sunbury, was here on Tuesday. Later he will return and spend some time in this vicinity, where there are still some, no doubt, who do not want the Gagetown boys in the trenches to feel that they are forgotten, as they bear the burden of protecting our homes.

Private Walter McAllister, of the 104th battalion, came down from Fredericton on Tuesday to spend the day.

Rev. T. E. Marshall left on Tuesday for Sussex, where he will attend the meeting of the Kingston Deanery.

T. Sherman Peters left this week for Montreal, to spend a few days with his sisters, Mrs. Bayfield and Miss Margaret Peters, who were passing through to Prince Rupert (B. C.)

Captain R. H. Weston was a visitor in Fredericton on Tuesday.

Miss Mary Harrison went to Fredericton on Tuesday to spend the day.

Rev. William Armstrong arrived on Tuesday to be the guest of his sister, Mrs. T. Sherman Peters.

Frank Du Vernett left on Tuesday for St. John, where he will spend some time.

Mrs. George McDermott and Miss A. Dingee were in Upper Gagetown on Tuesday to spend the day with friends.

Among those who took advantage of Tuesday's train to spend the day in Fredericton were W. A. McKeague, N. H. Otty, George McDermott, James Law and James Hamilton.

The members of the Ladies' Aid of St. John's church are busily preparing for tehir annual sale which comes off on the afternoon of Dec. 15.

HOPEWELL HILL

Hopewell Hill, Dec. 9—Gilbert Powers, of Caledonia, Albert county, died quite suddenly at his home there this morning. He had been ill but a short time. The deceased belonged in Elgin parish, but had been living in Caledonia for some years. He leaves his wife and quite a large family, mostly grown up.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Brewster, of Moncton, were here this week attending the funeral of the former's aunt, the late Miss Josephine Moore.

Ingram Bishop, who has been living in the States, came to the village recently and intends spending the winter with his sister, Mrs. Josiah McRae.

Miss Meta Steeves has returned to her home at Hillsboro, from the Moncton hospital, where she has been in training for a nurse, and was quite ill with an attack of fever the past few weeks. Her friends will be glad to know that she is gaining satisfactorily.

Rev. R. Opie returned today from a trip to Amherst and Fredericton.

George Milburn and his sister, Mrs. Knettle, left recently for Wyoming, where the latter will join her husband and the former will locate, for a time at least.

CANADIAN PARCELS GIVEN THE SAME RATE AS BRITISH

The post office department at Ottawa issues the following:

The Hon. T. Chase Casgrain, postmaster-general of Canada, has been successful, as a result of negotiations entered into with the imperial postal autnorities, in effecting an arrangement with the British government whereby parcels from Canada for Canadian soldiers in France and Flanders will be carried at the same rate of postage as applies to parcels from the United Kingdom for the expeditionary forces on the continent that is:

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This means a material reduction on the cost of parcels, and it is hoped it will be a source of satisfaction to the Canadian public. This reduction has been brought about by Canada foregoing all postal charges for the conveyance of these parcels in Canada and on the Atlantic.

The public are reminded, however, in accordance with the circular issued by the department recently, that until further notice, no parcel can be sent weighing over seven pounds.

LORD ROSEBERRY ON HENRY FORD'S MISSION

Edinburgh, Dec. 12—"At this moment there is coming over a vessel fraught with peace," said the Earl of Rosebery, the former prime minister, in a speech here last night. "It is propelled apparently by a gentleman named Ford, who makes, I think, perambulators. He is coming over to pour oil on troubled waters at the inspiration of a Dr. Aked, of whom we know something here, and who, by voice more potent than that of any mortal heard in this world, is going to call the soldiers from the trenches and bid the waves be still.

"The expedition will fail, but that the eighty passengers receiving free passages may enjoy themselves, and do no mischief, is our earnest solicitation."

Petitcodiac Recruiting Committee.

Petitcodiac, Dec. 8—A meeting to appoint a recruiting committee for the different parts of this section of Westmorland county was held in the vestry of the Baptist church last evening, and was well represented. In the absence of Councillor Killam, who was ill, J. E. Humphrey took the chair. A very enthusiastic meeting followed, and the following were appointed a committee: G. Fred. Fowler, Jos. Yeomans, Robert Wilmott, C. A. King, T. T. Goodwin, W. S. Bleakney, James Paterson, Irvine Lounsberry, Edward Wheaton, Samuel Douglas.

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SWIFT SUMMONS TO NELSON MAN

Newcastle, Dec. 12—(Special)—The death of John B. Robertson, of Nelson, one of the oldest and most prominent members of Newcastle Freemasons and Sons of Temperance, occurred with tragic suddenness on the Morrissy bridge yesterday afternoon.

Deceased, in apparently good health, had started to walk to Newcastle and on the bridge was given a lift by Thomas Scott of the Canadian Gear Works. The chill of riding after a brisk walk must have acted on a weak heart, for very soon deceased suddenly pitched forward and fell off the wagon. Dr. Park was summoned but life was gone.

An inquiry held last night by Coroner Desmond, who decided an inquest was not necessary. Deceased was 72 years old last July, and was born in Glasgow, coming to this country sixty years ago, where, until retiring lately, he was a milling engineer, his last employment of twenty-five years being with D. & J. Ritchie, Newcastle. He was an elder of St. James Presbyterian church. By his first wife, formerly Miss Grace Lynn, of Nelson, he leaves two daughters, Mrs. H. W. Card, Everett (Mass.), and Mrs. Donald MacTavish, Strathadam. His second wife, formerly Miss Isabella MacLeod, of Montague (P. E. I.), and one sister, Mrs. Katherine Hollen, Boston, also survive.

SLOW TO ENLIST IN NORTH SHORE RURAL DISTRICTS.

Recruiting Committee Discuss Matters to Wake the Laggards Up—Newcastle has Quarters for 250 Men.

Newcastle, Dec. 10—At the meeting of the recruiting committee last night, Judge J. R. Lawlor, A. A. Davidson and E. A. McCurdy were appointed a committee to nominate reception, advertising, financial and other committees to get down to active and earnest recruiting work at once.

Chairman Park reported that Lieut. Cavanaugh, from Halifax, had arrived yesterday and would have the armory fixed up at once for 250 men. The town would install water and sewerage.

Capt. Barry reported recruits coming in two or three a day. The first of the week seventy-five to eighty men would be at drill here. Twenty cases of uniforms had arrived. Stores were being placed in Mechanics Institute, lent by the town. Subsistence allowance for single men outside of barracks had been increased to 60 cents a day and for married men to 85 cents. He would go with any civilians to recruit.

Rev. S. J. Macarthur, C. E. Fish and Capt. Barry spoke of the great indifference to recruiting in rural sections. With A. A. Davidson, Mr. Park, E. A. McCurdy and others, they agreed that this must be overcome with literature and frequent meetings.

Rev. Dr. Harrison, Postmaster Troy and others insisted that chief recruiting agents must be military men, who can say: "Come with us to the front."

Rev. Mr. Macarthur suggested two or three meetings a week be held in such centres as Redbank, Doaktown and Blackville.

The town council and county circuit will each be asked for a money grant.

MEMBER OF 9TH C.M.R. BRUTALLY MURDERED

About three weeks after leaving St. John for the front, Jacques Marcus Ozanne of the Ninth Canadian Mounted Rifles, was brutally murdered in a stable at Grayshott, Hampton, England.

This is described by press despatches as "the most grim and sensational tragedy which has marked the history of the Canadian troops in England." Ozanne was murdered in the stable which was adjacent to a house used as a mess room by some officers of the battalion.

Lieut. Coderre of the 41st Battalion, the only occupant of the house when the body of the seargeant was found was taken into custody and handed over to the county police. Corderre is being held pending the inquest which takes place tonight.

Lieut. Coderre strenuously denies that he had had anything to do with the murder. The body of the sergeant, who is believed to be a native of the Channel Isles, was terribly mutilated. The head was almost severed. A carving knife and a blood stained towel were found in the vicinity of the body.

Coderre said when hailed before a magistrate: "I am not guilty. You got the wrong man."

The Ninth Canadian Mounted Rifles, it will be remembered, passed through St. John a few weeks ago en route to the old country. They left one of their men, Private Brennan, here at the hospital who later died. This is the second casualty reported in their ranks since leaving the west for the front.

They gave the lady the only unoccupied room in the hotel—one with a private bath adjoining. The next morning, reports Harper's Magazine, when the guest was ready to leave, the clerk asked: "Well, did you have a good night's rest, madam?"

"No, I didn't," rejoined the lady, emphatically. "I was afraid some one would want to take a bath and the only way to it was through my room."

BORDEN STARTS ON HOLIDAY TRIP

Liberals Willing for an Extension of Parliamentary Term for a Year if Government Confines Itself to Measures for Carrying on the War—Otherwise There May Be a Hitch in the Agreement.

Ottawa, Dec. 12—Sir Robert and Lady Borden left this afternoon for ten days holiday at Virginia Hot Springs, where the prime minister will seek needed rest and recreation away from the cares of politics and statecraft, and will renew his acquaintanceship with the golf course and the baths. He will return to New York on Dec. 22, where he will keep an engagement for a public address and will be home for Christmas.

Although the legislative programme for the session of parliament will be a light one, there are a number of questions to come up that will undoubtedly require careful steering and probably some protracted discussion. It is officially intimated that the government's legislative proposals have to do only with the war and the domestic problems arising out of the war. The voting of a further war credit of probably $250,000,000 will, of course, not be opposed, although there will doubtless be considerable debate as to the ways and means of providing that credit.

The problem of raising necessary additional revenue for domestic needs by additional taxation, fiscal or otherwise, may also be expected to cause some cleavage of opinion, as was the case last session. Similarly there will also be investigations demanded as to how the funds provided, both for war and for domestic purposes, have been expended. The public accounts committee will have a busy time, and if a special committee is appointed to investigate all war purchase it is certain there will be some decidedly interesting revelations.

In regard to transportation problems, the issues are simplified by a government intimation that there will be no railway subsidies and no bond guarantees. Apparently this disposes of the rumored application of the Canadian Northern for another needed measure of government assistance. But it may be that some form of assistance other than this way of subsidy or bond guarantee will be brought down towards the end of the session.

The Parliamentary Extension.

The main question which the government will first bring up, however, is as to the extension of the life of parliament. The original request for an extension for the duration of the war and until six months after the conclusion of peace has now been abandoned. The action of the British government in asking for only one year's etxension from January next has, of course, practically taken the ground away from those who were contending that it was necessary to have in Canada an agreement covering the whole duration of the war. The government's request for an extension of one year from October next is, as Sir Wilfrid Laurier has intimated to Sir Robert Borden, open "to fair consideration and fair acceptance."

The principle of a year's extension, and of avoiding an election, during the critical period of the war, at least, is endorsed by both Liberals and Conservatives. The only hitch may be in connection with the government's legislative proposals, apart altogether from the war. If the proposed extension of the life of parliament until October, 1917, involves domestic legislation during the interval which the Liberal members believe would be clearly against the interests and the wishes of the great majority of the people then naturally there will be "a hitch" in the negotiations for an extension. If there is such a disagreement then it is more than likely that the government members who want an election, before the public accounts committee has had a chance to investigate the facts of numerous transactions of the spending ministers, will get their way. In that case a March or April election will be sprung. The early developments of the session will disclose which way the government is heading.

$6,000 FIRE IN HALIFAX.

Halifax, Dec 12—Fire, smoke and water combined to effect damage to the extent of about $6,00 0today in the building at the corner of Granville and Sackville street, occupied by the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, the Soulis Typewriter Company, the National Cash Register Company and others. While the northern end of the building was badly damaged by fire, the flames did not make their way into the offices of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, at the southern end of the building, and most of the loss there was occasioned by some water and the hurried moving of furniture to the street. The little building adjoining this property on the north and occupied by J. T. Dorey, electrical supplies, and Thomas Lloyd, also suffered severely from the fire.

Soldiers and sailors figured prominently in the work of salving office furniture from the buildings.

Woodstock Man Seriously Ill.

Woodstock, N. B., Dec. 9—(Special)—Hugh Gallagher, the well known liveryman and senior member of the firm of Gallagher Bros., was seized with illness late this afternoon and tonight his condition is causing his relatives mucb anxiety.

WANT PLEBISCITE ON PROHIBITION

Fredericton, Dec. 10—A delegation from the New Brunswick branch of the Dominion Alliance waited upon the provincial government this afternoon and asked for a referendum on the question of prohibition of the liquor traffic in New Brunswick, the referendum to be held in the latter part of February next.

Donald Fraser, jr., of Plaster Rock, president of New Brunswick branch of the alliance, introduced the delegation to Premier Clarke. Among the spokesmen were the Bishop of Fredericton, Rev. W. H. Smith, Rev. Thomas Marshall and Rev. W. C. Kierstead, of Fredericton; J. Willard Smith and Rev. W. R. Robinson, of St. John; Rev. R. H. Stavert, of Norton; Mr. White, of Sussex; Mr. Ryan, of Victoria county.

The premier promised sympathetic consideration of the memorial presented by the delegation, the text of which is as follows:

1—The New Brunswick branch of the Dominion Alliance, representing the various temperance interests of the province, respectfully asks the government of New Brunswick to enact a law prohibiting the liquor traffic for the whole province.

2—The alliance begs to state that a committee of the alliance is prepared to meet with the government to draft a satisfactory bill and respectfully asks for that privilege.

3—The alliance requests that the bill so prepared be submitted to the people of the province in the form of a referendum not earlier than the middle of February and not later than the first of March.

4—The alliance asks further that providing a majority of all the votes cast is in favor of the prohibitory bill submitted, the government will at once during the then session of the house secure its enactment.

President, Donald Fraser, jr.
Secretary, C. F. Wellington.

The government concluded its session here this afternoon and adjourned to meet in St. John on Wednesday night and Thursday next.

SEES PERMANENT PEACE AFTER WAR

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 10—President Wilson today expressed the opinion that there will be "no patched up peace," following the European war. In a comprehensive and forceful address before the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, he urged American business men to mobilize their resources, in order that the United States might be pr