

Recruiting Sunday

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may the spirits of the mighty dead, who have fought and died for you and me, for the coming generations, animate you!

"Where Blake and mighty Nelson fell Their manly hearts do glow, As ye sweep through the deep While the stormy winds do blow. While the battle rages loud and long And the stormy winds do blow."

This call for help makes an appeal to the crusading spirit. The Crusaders thought that they had a worthy object to fight for and die for in the saving of Christ's sepulchre from the heathen. Young men, if you grasp the deep meaning of this present conflict you will find you are fighting for the principles of Christianity. It is Christianity vs. Prussianism, Militarism, Tyranny and a false Philosophy that has no place for the Crucified One. See nothing incongruous in that act of the British gunners who, when they trained their guns upon the Huns sang, "Onward Christian soldiers." Young men will you give yourselves to this great cause? Will you give your lives if need be, believing that "he that saveth his life shall lose it and he that loseth his life shall find it."

The speaker then applied the text to the Church and made an appeal for volunteers of enlistment. He said that there are some living who are not doing anything for their country or the church of Christ? In fighting against the powers of darkness, we have a "far flung battle line." Step in somewhere and do something for the cause that lacks assistance.

The little town of Merroz probably argued that the victory would be won without them and then when Deborah returned from the battle, victorious, they probably "Howay for Deborah." However, nothing could hide the crime of their indifference and cowardice.

Will you, like the inhabitants of Merroz, say, "Christ will at last gain the victory over sin in this world, the time will come when He shall reign from the river to the ends of the earth, but all this will go on without us? Will you dare let all this go on without having a hand in it? If you do, where will you be when God opens his books? Will you find you a slacker, one deserving the ancient malediction, "Curse ye Merroz, saith the angel of the Lord: curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof, because they came not to the help of the Lord to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

St. Mary's Church

The Rev. Father Dixon officiating at the morning services in the St. Mary's Church made the usual announcements, after which he prefaced his remarks by saying that one in his position was expected to counsel peace, the manner so, when the world was intent on honoring Him who is justly known as the Prince of Peace.

But the predominant note, said the speaker in substance, is not one of peace in these our days. The nations are engaged in a death struggle, the end of which no one can predict. You and I and all of us are playing our part in this struggle, in this frightful carnage. The patriotic spirit innate in every man asserts itself, when his country is in danger. His country, the home of his birth, is to him a second mother whom he cherishes, whose honor and welfare he dearly prizes. We have a country bounded by two oceans, magnificent in every respect, but now threatened by an enemy merciless in his savagery, by an enemy who tramples under foot every law, human and divine. I say this country is threatened, for when England is threatened, all the colonies and Nations acknowledging her supremacy, gather around her, feeling that her danger is theirs, and that if she be doomed to occupy an inferior place on the map, they also go down with her.

History is said to be the witness of the past, the example and instructor of the present, and monitor to the future; but never has history presented us with anything comparable to that which is being enacted these very days, and before our eyes. We see a country very limited in area, a country whose early downfall has been so often predicted by its enemies; we see it rendered every assistance which a grateful child can render its mother. What can be more inspiring than the action of Indian Princes and their subjects leaving their East Indian homes, offering men and money for the purpose of conserving a civilization in some respects the very opposite of their own. The union of East and West and the enthusiasm which it excites, is to the student of history the great event of this wonderful age, in which we live.

Let us come to more recent civilizations—to this country which we proudly call ours. What do we find? A people moved to the highest pitch of enthusiasm in its determination to put an end to the despotism which would fain make liberty a thing of the past, and ignore the moral law in its dealings with other people and nations. Hence the battalions ever moving toward one common centre. We here in Canada have done a good deal. Canada has given men and money; but much as she has given, she has not equalled Australia, New Zealand, nor as far as I know, South Africa which but a few years ago contended with England in the field of battle. South Africa is no longer an enemy. Her sons are fighting England's battles, and the once famous Boer Warrior is now the English General who gives a practical attestation of what is meant by liberty without license. This feeling permeates the civilized world of today.

We may well ask ourselves if we are, each of us, doing our part in this work of defense. Does it occur to us that if England is defeated in this world-wide struggle, we also suffer defeat?—that if England is fated to pay a huge indemnity, we al-

so must pay our share, that if the various nations go down in defeat, we go down with them, and must become, in all probability, Prussian subjects, the victims of German tyranny. Wherefore must the spirit of patriotism fill us with a sense of duty. The young man who says to his country calling upon him for aid: Here I am! What will you give me? do? and is ready to do it, is the son of whom his mother is justly proud. Your country which is your second mother calls upon you in her hour of need. You have a country which is destined to be the home of some two hundred and fifty millions of people, a land in which there is liberty without license, whose laws are the most perfect, a land stretching from ocean to ocean. Save this country, for yourselves, for your children and for the generations which in the future will proudly refer to your deeds of valor, to the heroism with which you fought when danger threatened. Go forth then and offer yourselves in the hour of your country's need; and the God of Battle will bless your sword and bring you home victorious.

The Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. Harrison, taking his text from Numbers XXII:6—"Shall ye sit here?"—spoke in part, as follows:

When Moses was asked by the tribes of Reuben and Gad for the land east of Jordan before the other tribes had won their inheritance, Moses indignantly used the words of the text. But the two tribes manfully met the crisis and agreed that their warriors should not settle down till the war was over for all.

Times of crisis have not passed away. Many brave ones have been left to die alone. Britain has never forgiven those who left Gen. Gordon alone to die at Khartoum.

Christ was left unsupported at Gethsemane, and we are coming up against something very similar now. Our nation has never had such a crisis. She is in her Gethsemane, is she battling for territory? No! For fame? No! For wealth? No! But for her existence, for the preservation of the fabric of civilization that has grown up under the British constitution.

Our own homes are threatened. The creed of the Prussian is horrible, hard, degrading, cruel, godless through and through. It lies at the bottom of this awful strife. This war was no accident. The Germans intended to dominate the world.

A Charlottetown man returned from the front recently, tells of a sign posted up by Germans, reading: "Canadians beware! Remember Belgium! What we have done to Belgium we propose doing to you men and women of Canada."

Why did so any Germans leave Germany years ago? Because they couldn't stand the oppression any longer. He prayed that Canadians might never know such bondage here.

Had Canada done her duty? Her 200,000 recruits looked small alongside of Britain's 11 per cent. Our per centage was only 2½—not enough. He was not the judge of who should go, but the call is insistent. Thousands were trifling, endangering the whole campaign. God grant they might see their duty for the danger point was not yet passed.

As a comparatively small church, the Methodists of Britain had no cause for shame. 350,000 of them had done their bit in this struggle. It was no desecration of the sanctuary or of the Sabbath to speak of these things.

Evidently the voluntary system in Britain had been saved. May Canada never have to say that she missed the opportunity of helping Britain in her hour of need!

BLACKVILLE NOTES

Dec. 20—Miss Lydia Bean and Mr. Simon Bean spent a few days of the past week in St. John.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stephens are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby boy.

The schools closed here on Friday for the Christmas holidays. After the exercises very pleasing programs were given by the pupils in each of the rooms. Miss Powers held her examinations on Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Underhill on Friday morning, and Mr. Bonnell on Friday afternoon.

Mr. Bonnell left for his home in St. Stephen on Saturday morning. Miss Stella Powers left for her home in Nelson Friday night.

Mr. Dumas of Quebec was in town on Wednesday.

Mr. John Davidson of Fredericton, was visiting friends in town the past week.

Miss Bessie Arbeau is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Arbeau. She has been teaching school at Myres Brook, Gloucester Co., and expects to return after the holidays.

Miss Gladys Crawford who has been teaching school at Wayerton, is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Crawford.

Mr. and Mrs. John Walls of Halbright, are the guests of Mrs. Wall's sister, Mrs. James Walls.

Miss Edna Vye spent Thursday in Mr. Roy Underhill of Campbellton, was visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Beverly Underhill on Wednesday. He was accompanied by his friend, Mr. McKenzie.

Miss Jennie Jewett is spending her vacation at her home here.

The Misses Rita and Mamie McDonald who have been teaching school at Quarryville and Bryenton, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James McDonald.

Miss Isabelle Savoy spent Thursday in Newcastle.

Mr. N. W. Gladwin has enlisted with 132nd Battalion.

Mrs. W. Mitchell of Vancouver is

the guest of Mrs. W. J. McLaggan. Mr. John Walls brought home the remains of his father, the late Mr. George Walls who died in Halbright twelve years ago. Interment was made in the St. Andrew's cemetery.

Much sympathy is felt for Mr. Jas. McKenzie for the sudden death of his little daughter Grace, aged two years and eight months, which occurred on Sunday night.

The little one ate some tablets which it got on the dresser in its grandmother's room. The tablets contained poison. Dr. Beaton was called but nothing could be done to save its life so it passed away about one o'clock.

Mr. Hayward Jardine of Quarryville was in town on Monday night.

HARBOUR DREDGING AT BUCTOUCHE

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While the outer part of this shoal consisted of sand a considerable section was formed of a flat rock ledge almost bare of sand or other covering material. Vessels entering the harbour were liable to strike and sustain damage here through the action of the waves, the site being exposed to the Northumberland Strait and winds from the East and North.

In order to improve the channel and benefit shipping at Buctouche a new plant consisting of the Dominion Government Rock Breaker No. 3 with attendant tug has been employed in the last three seasons, which, working by the constant dropping of a 21-ton steel weight with a conical point, has penetrated and broken the rock ledge to an average depth of 4 feet throughout the whole area. In the last two seasons a new and powerful dipper dredge—Department Dredge No. 13—has been employed in removing the broken rock and during the summer of 1915 has completed a channel about 120 feet wide across the whole length of the ledge giving a depth of fully 12½ feet at low water or 18½ feet at high water of Spring tides. This cut extended a distance of nearly 2000 feet.

During rough weather and also after completion of the rock work the dredge operated inside the harbour making a cut with about the same depth through the worst section of the middle shoal.

The new rock breaking plant which received its trial work at Buctouche, is supported by a barge, a scow 100 feet long by 36 feet wide and is operated by heavy steam winches both for raising the weight and also controlling the mooring lines which hold the vessel in exact position. Its work proved very successful.

These improvements were carried under the direction of Mr. Geoffrey Stead, the resident engineer of the Department of Public Works, at Charlottetown, N. B., who is an expert in that line of work.

Great credit is due Mr. F. J. Robitoux, M. P. for Kent, who impressed upon the Government the necessity of deepening the Buctouche Harbour and was able to secure the grants of money required to carry on the work.

The harbour works will likely be continued next summer.

RECRUITING MEETING FRIDAY NIGHT

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Mr. Park said music was wanted at the meetings.

Capt. Barry said that Private Kingston was a great violinist. He grant they might see their duty for the danger point was not yet passed.

The following recruiting rallies were then arranged for, and music and several speakers set down for each:

Monday, Dec. 20—Doughlastown Tuesday, 21st—Millerton. Wednesday, 22nd—Foresters Hall, Nelson.

Thursday, 23rd—Redbank Friday, 24th—Committee meeting here

Monday, 25th—Whitneyville Tuesday, 26th—Lytleton Wednesday, 29th—Chelmsford Thursday, 30th—Dunbray River.

Ladies are invited to all meetings, and J. W. Davidson local recruiting officer, will swear in recruits, at Commercial Hotel, Newcastle.

Public Notice

The Collectors of rates are required by law to file their returns with the Under-Signed on or before the THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER in each and every year.

Collectors of rates will take notice and file their returns accordingly. All persons having any claim against the County will please file the same with the undersigned and any persons indebted to the said County are requested to make immediate payment.

The regular annual sitting of the Municipal Council will be held at their Chamber in the Courthouse, Newcastle, on Tuesday the eighteenth day of January next. The Warden will take the chair at ten o'clock a.m. Dated the eighteenth day of December, A. D. 1915.

E. P. WILLISTON, Secretary Treasurer

Disolution of Partnership

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the co-partnership hitherto existing between William G. Thurber and Randolph Crocker each of Myarton, in the County of Northumberland in the Province of New Brunswick has been dissolved by mutual consent as from the 23rd day of November last by the retirement of the said Randolph Crocker and that the said business will be continued by the said William G. Thurber who assumes all liabilities of the said Firm and to whom all indebtedness must be paid. DATED the 1st day of December, A. D. 1915.

WILLIAM G. THURBER, RANDOLPH CROCKER.

SUNNY CORNER

Dec. 20—Miss Bernetta Hyland is visiting in Redbank.

Mrs. John Sherard called on friends here one day last week.

Miss Emma Gelliver has returned from Douglastown quite well and strong again.

Miss Mary Nowlan has gone to Trout Brook for a few weeks.

Miss Rose Tozer spent Sunday evening with Miss Edith Tozer.

Santa Claus

has made our store his headquarters and you will find a full range of Toys, etc., including—Dolls, Dorothy Bags, Collar, Handkerchief and Glove Boxes, Child's Silver Sets, Knife, Fork and Spoon, Toy Furniture, Xmas Stockings, Wagons, Doll's Beds, Cradles, Pop Guns, Saw Horses, Horses and Carts, Books, Horses, Camels, Elephants, Dogs, Rabbits, Trains, Snakes, Sulkies, Water Wagons, Butterflies, Crumb Trays, Baskets, Straw Mats, etc. etc.



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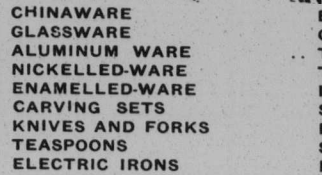
TOBLER'S Real Swiss Milk Chocolate with Hazelnuts, 5 and 10c Bars. Real Swiss Berna Chocolate, 5 and 10c Bars. Mol's Plain Pound, Sultana and Currant Cake 35, 30 and 25c each. Also a beautiful line of their Chocolates in Bulk and 1 and ½ lb Boxes. Something to make your best girl remember you for a year. Think of

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The grand Xmas rush is now on, and a cordial invitation is extended to all to come here and inspect the very many different lines of Christmas Novelties for the Xmas trade. Our line of Groceries is one of the best. If you have never bought at our store, we cordially invite you to come and see us—We know we can please you. Beside our immense stock of Groceries, we carry a large and varied line of

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