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### TRIBUTES TO CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Expressions of high esteem of the fighting ability of the first Canadian contingent in France multiply. Two strong expressions, one from a German source, the other from an American capitalist, who was a personal guest of Sir John French at the front, have recently been published in the daily press. Both were couched in almost extreme languages. It is to be noted too, that these are not intended for Canadian consumption, primarily at least. The British and American papers contain the same tributes, the same expressions.

But some have said that the great majority of the first Canadian contingent are British born, and the question has been asked more than once why the British born who enlisted in Canada should be regarded as better fighters than the men of Kitchener's armies. To some the question may perhaps seem somewhat of a "poser," but it is not by any means incapable of answer.

Britishers—English, Scotch or Irish—come to Canada. Quite a lot of them come practically penniless, practically all of them come with their fortunes to make. They do not find gold in the streets, though some of them have been led to expect it. They have to fight for their sustenance, harder than do the native born. They learn resourcefulness, grow hardy and self-reliant, inured to hardship, and if their work is of the out-of-doors variety, they develop muscular strength. Many seem to lose the British view point only with a great deal of difficulty and trouble but the great majority inside of two or three years begin to see things through Canadian spectacles, and call themselves Canadians. "The golden gleams of opportunity," the thing they have most missed in the Old Land, beckons to their manhood, to the ungrained, inbred British courage that over comes all obstacles. Who can say that such men after two or three years in this country, are not as proud to call themselves Canadians, as the native born?

### THE WAR CONTRACT ENQUIRY

At Ottawa, an enquiry into something over 25,000 war contracts has been begun by a well known Quebec Judge, Sir Charles Davidson, the Crown being represented by Mr. Thompson, K. C. son of the late Sir John Thompson, at one time Prime Minister of Canada, who is a highly competent lawyer. Not even the most partisan Liberal will doubt the honesty and integrity of this tribunal. For one thing, purchases by the patronage list system, which has been in force under both parties, from time immemorial, will probably be done away with, and named business men appointed in certain branches of the Departments with instructions to buy the best goods for the least money, no matter what the politics of the seller may be.

Yet even this reform will not be without its drawbacks. Some years ago some scandal occurred in the conduct of purchases for the British war office and it was found that they arose chiefly from the circumstance that certain articles cannot always be supplied by the "general trade" at a regulation price. The upshot of it all was that the Government started factories of its own. But here again abuses of a new kind soon made their appearance, and in the end, the factories were in a large part abolished. At present purchases are made from all who have goods to sell, and can comply with the price fixed by the experts; but even so, and while this method is entirely free from politics and apparently the best that human ingenuity can devise, wasted impropriety on a considerable scale are reported.

Since the war broke out, the Military Department at Ottawa has had so much to do in a hurry, that the wonder is it has done it so well. To enter into 25,000 separate and distinct contracts embracing all sorts of articles from liver pills to automobiles, besides enlisting upwards of 100,000 soldiers, in a country not used to raising armies, was a task of prodigious magnitude; yet General Hughes, all the time under a hailstorm of innuendoes and lies from an extremely partisan press has accomplished it with such remarkable success that his assailants no longer find it profitable to malign him.

### CORRESPONDENCE

MR. POUPAERT DENIES  
BEING BELGIAN RESERVIST

Editor Advocate:  
Dear Sir:—I am very disappointed to hear that several persons in Newcastle think that I am a reservist in the Belgian Army and thus supposed to be on duty in my country instead of here.

This is a great error and I will try and explain in a few words how the situation is:—

I was born in 1888, which means in our country that I belong to the class of 1908.—Before that class and two years after same, there used to be a law by which all Belgian citizens of 19 years of age had to call at a certain date (generally in the beginning of the year, about February) at the City Hall of their respective locality where a sort of a big drawing (tirage an sort) was held. This drawing was arranged as follows:— Say from 1 to 800 were the numbers supposed to be soldiers; from 801 to 1400 were doubtful; from 1401 to 2000 or more were those entirely free of military service, the doubtful numbers were taken to replace those of the low numbers which were considered "no good for service" the numbers "free of service" are supposed to do service in the "Home Guard" which is not recognized in war time (especially by the Germans).

Starting from 1911, a new law was proclaimed which abolished the above one and by which every Belgian of 19 years of age and "fit for service," was obliged to do military duty.

The number I drew was about 2700 which released me from the military duty.

Should this not be right I would never have been in Canada, as the different Consuls in European parts received at the time special instructions not to deliver any passports to Belgians of military age without making special inquiries, but I possess a passport in due form from our Consuls in London.

The conditions in which this war has thrown us for about eleven months, made us really too unhappy to support this kind of a new shock and I dare hope that this explanation will put a stop to the rumors now circulating. Should there be anybody who wishes to have the above statement proved, I am quite prepared to do so.

I should feel obliged to you if you would kindly give hospitality to this letter in your next issue.

With my best thanks, I am,  
Yours faithfully,  
P. O. Box 241. J. POUPAERT.

[It is trusted by the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Poupaert that the good people of the Miramichi will continue to show their Samaritan spirit to our Belgian friends as was the case upon their arrival in Newcastle and put at rest such rumors as may cause them to think our confidence in them was misplaced.—Ed.]

### RICHIBUCTO NEWS

#### Personal and Local Happenings at the Shiretown of Kent County

July 5—F. J. Robidoux, M. P., and Mrs. Robidoux have returned to Shediac after spending a short stay at their home here.

At the request of the president Mrs. F. J. Robidoux, the Red Cross Society at their last meeting elected a new president, Mrs. B. E. Johnson, one of the most devoted members was elected to the office. The other officers remain the same, viz: Miss Marguerite O'Leary, vice president; Miss Agnes Ferguson, secretary and Mrs. Geo. A. Hutchinson, treasurer.

Miss Anna C. Kelley, B. A., for the past year principal of the Grammar school, here, but who has resigned her position, was presented by her pupils on Tuesday afternoon with a brooch set with pearls, as a token of appreciation.

Miss I. J. Cale for the past ten years principal of the Superior school at Milford, St. John Co., came out Saturday to spend vacation at the home of her father, John T. Cale. She was accompanied by her nephew, Weldon C. Cale, of Roxbury, Mass., who will remain throughout the summer.

Private James W. MacKie, of the 55th Battalion, Sussex, recently spent a five day's furlough at his home at St. Louis and with friends in this vicinity. All were pleased to see him looking so well.

## Grading List of Harkins Academy

In The High School Entrance Examinations Elva  
McCurdy Made 969 Out of Possible 1048

### HIGH SCHOOL

Grade XI—Louise Atcheson, Jessie Black, Dora Ross, Muriel Atcheson, Iris Howe, Bert Coughlan, Harold Bate, Charles Sargeant, Douglas Thompson, Silas Williams, George Masson.  
Promoted from Grade IX to Grade X—Randall McLean, 80% per cent; Eulah Stuart, 78%; Frank Morell, Jack McKeen, Grace Savage, Evelyn Price, Wm. Hall, Eddie McEvoy, Hilda Robertson, Herbert Ashford, Edward Butler, Annie Bell, Mona Lindon, Helen Armstrong, Ida Dutcher, Hazel McMaster, Wm. Murray, Myron Nicholson, Ray Ashford, Michael Mitchell, Gordon McKenzie; conditionally—James Carrigan and Karl Major.

### J. H. Drummie's Dept.

Grade VII to Grade IX (High School Entrance Examination): Division 1: Division 1 and 2 graded; Division 3: Division 3 (conditionally)—Division 1: Elva McCurdy 969 out of a possible 1048; Jack Nicholson, 936; Marion MacArthur, 909; Laurence Fitzmaurice, 854; Ethel Crocker, 796; Elsie White, 793; Annie Dickson 671, Division 2: Hubert Craik 664, Hugh Morrill 647, Victor Moody 645, Roy Creamer, 625, John Gough 602, Jennie Copp 585, Alexander Ryan 580, Redvers Bate 554, Charles Donovan 553, Carroll Dolan (Nelson), 508. Division 3: Nicholas Gorman 482.

### Mrs. J. B. Gremley's Dept.

Grade VII to Grade VIII—Helen MacMichael 99.3, Aileen Ingram 95.4, Helen Savage 93.2, Josie Jeffrey 92.6, Willis Petrie 92, Geo. Doucet 88.4, Arthur McLaughlin 88.3, Lillian Rundle 87.3, Dorothy Everton 84.3, Leo Black 82.8, Blanchard McCurdy 79.4, Annie Robertson 77.6, Frank Major 76.7, Beatrice Kitchen 74.6, Earl Petrie 73.8, Wilfred Russell 72.2, Mildred Somers 71.2, Mark Hachey 69.8, Hubert Murphy 69.7, Leonard Hachey 65.4, Albert Dickson 55.3.

### Miss Ryan's Dept.

Grade VI to Grade VII—Marjorie Kennedy, Annie Cassidy, Muriel Scribner, Joseph Campbell, Gwendolyn Robinson, Jean Fitzmaurice, Sadie Cassidy, Jack Corbett, Edwin A. Stuart, Minnie Russell, Florence Jardine, Christie Ashford, Charlie Dickson, Willis Murray, Arthur Major, Joseph McIntosh, Arthur Crocker, Edna Benson, Janie Matheson.

### Miss Dunnet's Dept.

Grade V to Grade VI—Jack MacKay 82%, Elizabeth Nicholson 77%, Frank McAuley 71, Marjorie Lindon 68, James Foxan 73%, Wilson Treadwell 65%, Ritchie Ingram 65, Hubert Black 62%, Katie McKenzie 61, Robert Sutherland 60%, James Sargeant 58%, Clarke Dickson 57%, Osborne Murray and Katie Cassidy 54%, Irene Treadwell 54.

Prize winners Grade V:  
1st—Elizabeth Nicholson  
2nd—Katie McKenzie  
3rd—Marjorie Lindon and Frank McAuley.

Prize for boy making highest grading marks—Jack McKay.  
Winner of \$25.00 gold piece given by Aleck Ingram (per the late Mrs. Henry Ingram) for the best story of the "Causes of the Great War."—Jack McKay.

Prize donors—Mrs. O. Nicholson, Miss Roberta Nicholson, Mrs. J. E. T. Lindon, Mrs. A. H. McKay.

### Miss McMaster's Dept.

Grade IV to Grade V—Gordon Petrie 85.5, Frank MacMichael 75, Richard Corbett 70%, Stafford Russell 64%, Geo. MacArthur and Alexis McCarron 60, Eddie Shaw 59, Barry Young 58%, Prize for perfect attendance and highest standing—Gordon Petrie.

Grade III to Grade IV—Addison White and Edna Whitney 90, Earl Black 83, James Bethune 71.7, Ralph MacMichael 89.7, Iris Lewis 86.3, Alex LeBreton 74, Oscar Tjader 73, Leo Gahan 72.7, Elizabeth Craig 71.3, Hubert Fraser 67.7, Janie White 66.3, Lawlor Dolan 67.3, Edith Russell 70.3, Gordon Ross 72.7, Eileen Scribner 69, Vera Gelkie 65, Eva Hare 60. First prize, Addison White, 2nd, Earl Black; 3rd, Edna Whitney and James Bethune; 4th, Iris Lewis and Frank MacMichael.

### Miss Lawlor's Dept.

Grade III to Grade IV—Harold Barron 92.3, Wm. Campbell 89.2, Katherine Maltby 87.8, Mary McCormick 85.3, Geo. Stothart 84.2, Hazel Johnson 82.2, Viola Dutcher 79.8, Harold White 79.3, Constance Hayward 78.3, Marion Gough 75, Edward Hachey 71.8, Chester Murray 71.5, Althea Dutcher 71.3, Anna Palmer 70.8, Aileen McKenzie 70.3, Gordon Mackay 67.8, Florence Graham 67, John Hogan 66.6, Waldo McCormick 64.8, Charles Matheson 63.8, Wm. Bernard, 65.2, Ted Williston and Byron Taylor 62.2, Willis White 60.8.

Prize List—H. Barron, W. Bernard, K. Maltby, M. McCormick, G. Stothart. Perfect attendance—H. Barron, Chas. Dunn, H. Johnson, Margaret McKenzie (till death.)

### Miss Hogan's Dept.

Grade II to Grade III—Edith Williston 98%, Arthur Ramsay, 97%, Eileen Stuart and Jessie MacArthur 93%, Cora Whitney 90%, Margaret Murray 90, Lillian Crammond and Clarence Nief 87%, Gerald Ryan 87%, Clive Lindon 86%, Geo. Gillespie 85, Jessie Wood, Robt. Gelkie and Myrtle Delano 83%, Leland Sprout 82%, Elizabeth Hill 80%, Eddie McGowan 79, Cecil Murray 75, Berton Forrest 74%, Elizabeth Jardine 73, Chas. Daughney 72%, Hedley Williston 66%, Harry Robertson 66, Plus Tardy 65%, Jessie Masson 63%, Vincent Donahue 63, Clayton Ashford 56%, Melbourne Delano 54%, Thos. Hill 53%.

Prize winners—Edith Williston, Jessie MacArthur, Eileen Stuart, Lillian Crammond and Jessie Wood.

### Miss Craig's Dept.

Grade II to Grade III—Melbourne Stothart 98, Margaret Maltby 96, Phyllis Fitzmaurice and Raymond Gabriel 84, Jack Allen 79, Percy McArthur 69, Michael Kingston 55%, Gerald Hachey 52, Robt. Shaw 50.

Grade I to Grade II—Hattie White 98, Emery Macdonald 96, Myrtle Ashford and Reginald Sutherland 92, Fred Stothart and John Gabriel 90, Allan McLean 89, Harold Stothart 87, Jean Cassidy 84, Geo. Gremley 76%, Lillian Brooks 73%, Eloff Bjurstrom 55, Weldon McCafferty 52, Della Savage 51.

Prize for Highest standing in Grade II—1st, M. Stothart 2nd, M. Maltby.  
Grade I—1st, H. White; 2nd, E. Macdonald, R. Sutherland.

### Miss Davidson's Department

Promoted from Grade I to II—Margaret Stables, Mildred Barron, Max Forrest, Gies Whalen, Albert Farrah, John Keating, James Gelkie, Andrew McCormick, Percy Beckwith, Eldon Hayward, Katie McCormick, Charles McGowan, Hannah Miller, Dorothy Harris, Marion Matheson, Douglas Kennedy, Dickson Ashford, Cora McCullum.

### BUIE SCHOOL

Grade V to VI—Lillian Croft 86, Eddie Barry 79, Ernest Barry 70, Lottie Russell 70, Elwood Boyle 67, Allan Morell 67, Percy Boyle 61, Jessie McKay 52.

Grade IV to V—William Curtis 82, Earl Delano 79, Wilfred Vye 74, Michael Abraham 66, Thomas Abraham 65, Mowry Crocker 57.

Grade III to IV—Earl Russell 79, Michael Richardson 78, Michael Foran 70, Eddie Boyle 69, Raymond Roy 67, Russell Allison 65, Mary Barry 63, Joseph Nevin 57.

Grade II to III—Birdie Croft 86, Dick Jones 84, Sydney McCafferty 77, Emma McKay 69, James Morell 65, Hersel McLellan 65, Anna Crocker 60.

Grade I to II—Teresa Foran 82, Lizzie Morrison 78, Beatrice Henderson 75, Greta Morrison 71, Ralph Croft 71, Margaret McKay 69, Cecil Nevin 62, Veni Oleskivis 60, George Foran 54, May McCafferty 54.

### Becker Will Tell Where Money Went

Will Give the Names of Officials  
High Up with Whom Cash  
Was Divided

New York, July 3.—Charles Becker, in the death house at Sing Sing, will reveal before he goes to the electric chair the names of the police department officials living and dead with whom he divided the \$100,000 graft money that was wrung from the gamblers and illegal resort keepers in his violent career as commander of the strong arm squad.

This was the prediction made today by the condemned man's lawyer, Martin T. Manton, who gave to the governor on Thursday the names of six men who worked in the background and took the cash that Becker ground out of evil doers and who ought to be shaking in their shoes, according to Mr. Manton because Becker is desperate now that hope is practically gone.

The lawyer himself would not make public the names of the officials accused by Becker. He is certain, however, that Becker intends to tell all and explains that Becker is swayed mostly by the feeling that he does not want other men to be used as tools and then cast aside when they are no longer useful and merely dangerous.

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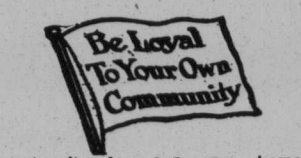
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### Navigable Waters Protection Act

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that John Maloney of the Parish of Roserville in the County of Northumberland in the Province of New Brunswick, Lumber Merchant, is applying to His Excellency the Governor General of Canada in Council for approval of the area plans site and description of a proposed extension to his Mill Site and Wharf situated on the Southern side of the Miramichi River in front of his mill at Chatham-Head in the Parish of Chatham in the said County of Northumberland, and has deposited the area and site plans of the proposed work and description thereof with the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa and a duplicate thereof in the office of the Registrar of Deeds in and for the said County of Northumberland.

DATED this tenth day of June, A. D. 1915.

JOHN MALONEY, Applicant.

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28th Leaving Today  
The 28th Battery of Field Artillery are leaving Fredericton this afternoon at 3 o'clock on a special train for Valcartier.

Mr. Willis Nicholson did the honors as best man at the marriage of Mr. William Mansfield Humphrey to Miss Augusta Rebecca Barnes, which took place last Wednesday afternoon at the bride's home, Woodpoint, Westmorland county.

Further Improvements  
Mr. Neil O'Brien is having further improvements made to his house at the junction of Pleasant and Castle streets.