

MEMBERS OF 26TH SPLENDID SOLDIERS AND FIGHTING MEN

Chaplain Hooper Pays Tribute to New Brunswick's First Contingent as They Take Places in Firing Line

Himself Transferred Temporarily to Ambulance Corps He Feels the Stir in His Blood as Men and Transport Move Up to Front—'Keep Stream of Men, Munitions and Material Coming,' His Message to New Brunswick.

Writing from "Somewhere in France" to a friend in St. John on Sept. 3, and dating his letter at the headquarters of the 6th Field Ambulance, Second Division, Canadian Expeditionary Force, Rev. E. B. Hooper, chaplain of the 26th battalion, announced that he had been transferred temporarily from the 26th to the 6th Field Ambulance. This field ambulance is the one which will look after the sick and wounded of the 26th battalion, so that the chaplain will be directly in touch with his own regiment, to which it is expected he will be transferred again a little later on.

Captain Hooper was appointed senior chaplain of the 5th Brigade early in September, but on Sept. 10 the director of chaplains assigned Captain Shaftford, of the 24th battalion, Montreal, who had been in France for three months, to the 5th Brigade, and asked the Rev. Mr. Hooper to join the 6th Field Ambulance. It is understood that Chaplain Shaftford's term of service only extends for a short time longer, whereas Chaplain Hooper volunteered for the whole period of the war. Rev. Mr. Hooper joined the 6th Field Ambulance on the morning of Sept. 14 and was then evidently on his way to the front.

Chaplain Hooper speaks in the highest terms of Chaplain Shaftford. Rev. Mr. Hooper's letter coming at a time when St. John bears that the 2nd Division of Canadians are in the firing line, is of most timely interest. He writes:

"It may be some satisfaction to those who have dear ones in the 26th and who think of me more kindly than I deserve, to know that when any of the men are sick, wounded or dying, it is my field ambulance which will look after them, and I, their old chaplain, who loves them, will minister to them. This is a comfort to me and it may be to some others.

"I wish that their friends could see our 26th men today. Excitement and most splendid spirits abound. No holding back, but only intense desire to get to the very front. God bless the lads, I am very fond of them. They are a credit to the province which sent them and to the fathers and mothers whose sons they are.

REAL SPLENDID SOLDIERS AND FIGHTING MEN.

"Your men are fine men and have developed into real splendid soldiers and fighting men. As I sit in my quiet quarters writing there is an increasing sound in the road a hundred yards away of the transport train moving. The road is filled with horses and wagons of every military description; the air is full of busy and cheerful sound. The old chaplain, sitting alone in the midst of all the turmoil, realizes the seriousness of it all, more than any of the younger men can possibly realize it. Still, it stirs the blood when one sees and hears the utter abandon with which these men from Canada and our New Brunswick are throwing themselves into this fearful yet glorious struggle in which the might and majesty—and the existence—of the British Empire are involved.

"THESE MEN HAVE DONE THE RIGHT THING IN COMING FORWARD INTO THE FIGHT; AND THEY ARE GOING TO DO THINGS BEFORE THEIR RETURN WHICH WILL MAKE THEIR COUNTRY RING WITH ACCLAMATION. THEIR DEAR ONES PROUD OF THE MEN THEY HAVE GIVEN, AND THE SHIRKERS GREEN WITH ENVY AND FILLED WITH SHAME THAT THEY REMAIN AT HOME TO CHEER WHILE OTHERS WENT IN THEIR PLACES TO FIGHT AND PERCHANCE TO DIE FOR BRITISH LIBERTY AND IN PUNISHING THE IMPERIAL MURDERER AND HIS CRUEL FORCES AND THEIR ALLIES.

"MEN AND WOMEN OF NEW BRUNSWICK, THANK GOD THAT YOU ARE ALREADY SPLENDIDLY REPRESENTED ON THE FIELD OF ACTION, AND KEEP A STEADFAST AND BRAVE HEART, MAINTAINING A STEADY SUPPLY OF MEN, MUNITIONS AND MATERIAL UNTIL AT LAST GOD GIVES US THE VICTORY AND THE FOES OF CIVILIZATION AND RIGHTEOUS PEACE ARE LAID LOW FOREVER.

"Friends who gave to my hospital fund may be sure of its being spent for those for whom it was given."

OBITUARY

Edward Beattie.

Friday, Oct. 1. The death of Edward Beattie, of Cambridge (Mass.), and a native of West St. John, at his home in Cambridge, yesterday morning, will be learned with regret by many friends here. Mr. Beattie, who was in his 89th year, leaves a wife, two sons and two daughters, all at home.

There survive four brothers and two sisters, all of West St. John—John, James, William, Walter, Mrs. Wellington Lord and Mrs. J. L. Wright.

The news of the death of Edward Beattie was a shock to his family as he was supposed to have been in good health. James Beattie left St. John Wednesday morning on a visit to his brother's home, and arrived shortly after he had passed away.

Edward Beattie resided in West St. John until manhood when he removed to Cambridge, where he carried on a successful business as carriage builder.

Mrs. Maria E. Magilton.

Friday, Oct. 1. Mrs. Maria E. Magilton, widow of Joseph A. Magilton, died at her residence, 28 Adelaide street, yesterday, after an illness only since Monday. The late Mrs. Magilton was a native of Nova Scotia and leaves one surviving daughter, Miss Bessie F., at home. The funeral has been arranged for tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. when the service at the home will be taken by Rev. J. A. MacKie.

Mabel Jennie Francis Hazen.

The death of little Mabel Hazen, only child of Frank G. and Jessie Hazen, occurred at her parents' residence, 98 Marsh road, St. John, on the morning of September 26, after only twenty-four hours' illness, and came entirely unlooked for. Death was due to cholera infantum. The funeral took place Sunday afternoon and was largely attended. Four little girls acted as pall bearers. Safe in the Arms of Jesus and When He Cometh, were the favorite hymns sung. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. R. F. McKim and interment took place in Fernhill.

Miss Mary F. Coholan.

Friday, Oct. 1. The death of Miss Mary F. Coholan took place yesterday morning at her residence in Main street, after a lengthy illness. She was a daughter of John and the late Alice Coholan. Besides her father she is survived by one brother, John E. Coholan, who is in the employ of the I. C. R., and two sisters, Mrs. Alexander McCullin and Miss Nellie Coholan. The former is organist in Holy

Lieut. F. M. Smith Missing in Great Drive in France

Woodstock, Oct. 2.—Jeremiah Sullivan, an old and respected resident of Woodstock, dropped dead at Portage Lake, Maine, where he was employed. His body was brought here and the funeral was held this morning in St. Gertrude's church. Requiem masses were sung by Rev. J. J. McMurray. Mr. Sullivan is survived by his wife and three sons and one daughter.

William J. Smith.

Woodstock, Oct. 2.—The sudden death occurred here Thursday afternoon, of William J. Smith, one of the town's best known and most respected citizens. Mr. Smith, who was in poor health some months, but was able to be about until he contracted a cold and passed away quite unexpectedly. Mr. Smith was born here seventy-six years ago, and was the son of the late John Smith. He was twice married, his first wife being Miss Maine of this town and his second wife was Miss Livingstone, of Richibucto, who survives him. Besides Mrs. Smith there live to mourn one son and five daughters. Harry Smith, of Chatham is the son and the daughters are Mrs. Jean Holding, of Montreal, Miss Lola Smith, of Chatham, Mrs. Stinson, of Montreal, Mrs. Lloyd Knowles, of Boston and Miss Norma at home.

For a number of years Mr. Smith was in the employ of the late George McLeod here and later conducted a furniture business in Richibucto, afterwards moving to Chatham as bookkeeper for J. B. Snowball Co. He returned to Rexton, a few years ago and filled the position of station agent until a few months ago when ill health compelled him to resign.

Charles N. McLeod.

Spadye (N. S.), Oct. 8.—Charles N. McLeod, of the auditor's staff of the Dominion Coal Company, died at his residence here on Saturday morning after an illness of only one day. The funeral took place this afternoon. The late Mr. McLeod, who was 37 years of age, was a native of Mulgrave, where he leaves a sister, Mrs. Hedy. He is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Hattie Munn, and two children. Mr. McLeod was to have left Sydney for Springfield the day on which he took ill.

MUCH ALARM IN DORCHESTER OVER EPIDEMIC

Dorchester (N. B.), Oct. 3.—The epidemic of typhoid fever, which has been prevalent here for the past two weeks, has grown gradually worse and there are some forty-three cases in the shiretown tonight. An emergency meeting of the citizens of the town was held here this Sabbath afternoon in the court house, with J. H. Hickman as chairman, to try and devise ways and means to cope with the disease, as it was thought the county board of health was not doing all in its power to prevent the spread of the disease. Several prominent citizens were heard at the meeting regarding the sanitary conditions in the town today and the following resolutions were unanimously passed:

"Whereas there now prevails in this locality an epidemic, pronounced by the members of the local board of health to be typhoid fever, which has assumed alarming proportions and is attended by fatal results; and

"Whereas Dr. W. A. Cameron has succumbed to the disease, and the only other resident medical doctor has been forbidden by the department of justice to administer to the sick, and

"Resolved, that in the opinion of this public health board the measures taken by the board of health for the county have been attended by unnecessary delay and are still inadequate to cope with the disease or stamp it out, and further steps are possible and immediately necessary.

Resolved, that the following resolutions be adopted: That the local board of health be requested and required to exercise its power in taking steps to cause a duly qualified medical doctor to be provided, who shall remain constantly in the affected district while the epidemic lasts. And also to procure additional nurses and other necessary aid forthwith. And that a copy of this resolution be communicated at once to the chairman of the local board of health and the secretary of the provincial board of health and to the attorney-general of the province."

Moved by Chief Justice Estey and seconded by M. G. Teed, K. C.

That the chairman of the board of health be notified by telephone of the passing of the first resolution and that Dr. Atkinson is now here at our request and in the desire of the board that he remain here until the disease is stamped out.

And further, that Dr. Atkinson be requested to remain and continue his services and to visit the patients, and further resolved, that a committee of three be appointed to lay the last resolution before the board of health, also the attorney-general, if they deem it advisable, and to cooperate with the board in regard to the matters, also to request the board to take the necessary steps to examine into the sanitary conditions of the town."

Under the above resolutions the following committee was appointed: J. H. Hickman, C. Lionel Hanington, and James Friel, who are the town board of health representatives of the citizens during the epidemic.

The resolution referring to the procuring of Dr. C. F. Atkinson, of Moncton, as resident physician during the epidemic is occasioned by the death of Dr. W. A. Cameron, who succumbed to the disease in Richibucto on Friday last. Dr. Teed, who is the provincial physician, has been instructed by the justice department not to attend any of the cases.

Five deaths have already taken place from the fever and it is stated by the medical men tonight that several of those afflicted are in a precarious state. Just what the outcome of the disease will be is difficult to surmise, but it is hoped that Dr. Atkinson and Dr. Gaudet, of St. Joseph's with the assistance of the large staff of nurses they have at their disposal will be able to confine the disease to the houses which are now affected.

LIEUTENANT FRANCIS MORTON SMITH

chester Regiment, reported missing, September 25-27. Not necessarily meant wounded or killed."

It is believed that Lieutenant Smith was in the great drive which was in progress during the time from the 26th, to the 27th, of the 26th Battalion, York and Lancaster, was taken at the front for less than a month, and it is the opinion that it was one of the many units sent forward to execute the general offensive movement.

He was a Rhodes scholar at Oxford at the time the war broke out, and enlisted in the King Edward Horse. Later he received the commissions of 2nd lieutenant in the York and Lancaster. From that time until about a month ago the regiment was in England.

Ronald Smith, his brother, is at the front with the 26th Battalion. He left here as sergeant. R. Morton Smith has been in England on business and he saw his two sons before they left for the front. He sailed on Saturday, so that it is not probable he knows of his son being missing.

Friends in the city will regret to hear of the war office announcement and will eagerly await word of his safety. Lieutenant Smith is a High School graduate, a brilliant alumnus of Mount Allison University and had won honors both as a student and as an athlete.

WEDDINGS

Christie-Dennison.

At Fredericton, Wednesday, at the residence of the bride, Miss Violet Dennison, daughter of M. Dennison, was united in marriage to R. Allan Dennison, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Christie of St. John. Rev. Thomas Marshall performed the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Christie and two daughters, Misses Marjorie and Dorothy Christie, of St. John, were in Fredericton for the wedding.

Lea-Coffey.

A pretty home wedding took place on Wednesday evening, September 29, at the home of Richard Coffey at Reed's Point in the parish of Kingston, when his daughter, Mabel Florence, was given in marriage to Arthur W. Long, of South Bay, N. B. The bride was becomingly attired in a dainty dress of white silk, and was given away by her father in the presence of a gathering of relatives and friends. After a wedding supper, Mr. and Mrs. Coffey left by auto for their new home, carrying with them the best wishes of many friends.

Fletcher-Titus.

A pretty wedding took place Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Armstrong, Bryden street, when her sister, Miss Violet Pearl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Titus, of this city, was united in marriage by the Rev. J. C. B. Appel to Corporal Thomas Fletcher of the 56th Battalion. The bride was becomingly attired in crepe-de-chine and all over lace, and carried a bouquet of roses. A dainty luncheon was served and many congratulations were extended to the bride and groom.

Estey-Crisp.

A wedding of interest took place at the home of Rev. Robert S. and Mrs. Crisp, 259 Carmarthen street, yesterday afternoon, when their daughter, Bertha Maud, was united in marriage to Alfred Winstow Estey. A pleasing feature of the event was that the father of the bride officiated at the ceremony. The bride was given away by her brother-in-law, Frederick G. Williams, of Moncton. She was attired in a beautiful dress of duchess satin, with pearl and lace trimmings, and carried a shower bouquet of cream roses. She was attended by little Miss Ellen Deacon of St. Stephen, who wore a dainty costume of white, and carried a basket of sweet peas.

Lloyd Estey, trustee of the groom, acted as best man. The wedding march was played by Mrs. Frederick G. Williams, sister of the bride.

Following the ceremony a dainty wedding luncheon was served, after which the bride and groom left on a honeymoon trip to Quebec, Montreal, Toronto and Niagara Falls. Returning they will reside in Douglas avenue. About forty invited guests were present at the ceremony, and Mr. and Mrs. Estey were showered with congratulations and good wishes by the guests.

The house was artistically decorated with pink and white and cut flowers, and presented a very pretty scene.

The popular young people were the recipients of a large number of magnificent presents. The groom's present to the bride was a pretty gold pin set with pearls and emeralds, and to the flower girl a gold chain and locket.

Hoffman-Steinberg.

Benjamin Hoffman of Adelaide street and Miss Ross Steinberg, of New York, were united in marriage on Tuesday evening by Rev. M. Rutenberg. The ceremony took place at the groom's residence, 182 Adelaide street, in the presence of immediate friends. The bride looked charming in a traveling suit of blue with hat to match. She was attended by Mrs. and Mrs. F. Goldstein. The groom was attended by Mr. and Mrs. S. Budovich.

Moilin-Cain.

Newcastle, Sept. 28.—Miss Bella Cain, only daughter of Mrs. Bella Cain, of St. John, was married at the manse, Redbank, last night to David Moilin, of the same place, the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. P. McMurphy. The couple were unattended. The bride looked charming in a gown of cream silk and wore a black velvet picture hat. Mr. and Mrs. Moilin will live at Lower Brook Road.

GERMANS ROUTED FROM DUGOUTS MADE READY FOR WINTER QUARTERS

The distances of the last ranges at which they were fired before the British infantry engulfed them are chalked on some of the gun shields. Perhaps the most interesting trophy is a Russian machine gun taken by the Germans from the Russians on the eastern front, and now retaken by the British.

The German prisoners were well clothed, neat and fresh in their comfortable dugouts, where they were caught by surprise, but evidently they appreciated the generosity of the British officers. Three thousand prisoners were taken by the British, which was a small percentage of the German loss.

The captured German trenches still continue under shell fire.

MORE CASUALTIES IN 2ND DIVISION; NONE IN 26TH SHARP CRITICISM OF CLARKE GOVT

Ottawa, Oct. 4.—More casualties in the 2nd Division, including the R. C. R., which forms a part of the corps troops commanded by General Mercer and includes the 6th Mounted Rifles, are reported tonight.

The mid-night list of casualties follows:

FIRST BATTALION.

Wounded.

J. E. Millwood, 152 Blucher street, Berlin (Ont.)

THIRD BATTALION.

Slightly Wounded.

Lance Corporal Arthur W. Andrews (formerly 38th Battalion), England.

FOURTH BATTALION.

Killed in Action.

Lance Corporal William Irving, Scotland.

Wounded.

Thomas Gale, England; A. G. Flowers, England.

SEVENTH BATTALION.

Wounded.

J. Reid, Scotland.

TENTH BATTALION.

Killed in Action.

John Martin, England.

THIRTEENTH BATTALION.

Slightly Wounded.

Wm. Fitzgerald, Merrickville (Ont.)

FOURTEENTH BATTALION.

Wounded.

Sergt. Robert J. Boyd, Scotland.

FIFTEENTH BATTALION.

Wounded.

Edward Hastings Cole, England.

NINETEENTH BATTALION.

Wounded.

Charles Kibby, England.

TWENTY-FIRST BATTALION.

Wounded.

Jake Brooks, England.

FORTY-NINTH BATTALION.

Seriously Ill.

Robert C. Simpson, Buck Lane Ranch, Innisbree (Alb.)

ROYAL CANADIAN REGIMENT.

Slightly Wounded.

CLIFFORD ROGERS, MISCOUCHE (P. E. I.)

PRINCESS PATS.

Slightly Wounded.

Charles J. Swann, England.

Previously Reported Slightly Wounded, Now With Unit.

H. H. Swan, Scotland.

LORD STRATHCONA'S HORSE.

Died of Wounds.

Sergt. Charles A. MacFarlane, Yorkton (Sask.); shrapnel in leg, September 25.

Killed in Action.

Bertram D. Pinder, England; Fred C. Mayo, England.

THIRD FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

Wounded.

Driver George Pratt, Fort Nelson (Ont.)

SECOND FIELD COMPANY CANADIAN ENGINEERS.

Slightly Wounded.

Lance Corporal Grey R. Denton, England.

AUTO MACHINE GUN BRIGADE, NO. 1.

Wounded.

Harry Gawthrup, England.

COUNTY SECRETARY TO KEEP OFFICIAL BILLS OF COUNTY TAX BILLS

At the session of the municipal council today, a resolution will be introduced by the finance committee that the county treasurer, hereafter make out all tax bills. A resolution of this sort was adopted and made a standing rule in 1912, but some of the collectors continue making out their own bills, and confusion naturally has resulted. The finance committee will recommend that hereafter the official bills of the county be filed in the secretary's office and be numbered and each taxpayer be given a number and a bill corresponding to the number on the assessment roll issued by the county treasurer, and that no other tax bill be assessed or served by any collector. The penalty for violation of this rule by a collector, it is said, will be dismissal.

NO BOARD MEETING.

The patriotic auction and other matters of that kind are taking too much of the citizens' time to make a board of directors meet possible these days. The first meeting of the season, the date of which was fixed at the time of the last meeting in the spring, was called for yesterday afternoon at 8:30 but the attendance was so small that the session was cancelled. As there was little business to come before the board no meeting will be held until the next regular date, the first Monday in November. In the meantime the council carries on the business of the board and has been accomplishing considerable work in a quiet way.

TALK TO FISHERMEN.

J. J. Cowie of the department of marine and fisheries, with West Side fishermen, in the Temperance Hall, West St. John, last night, on the matter of sealing for sardine fishing. Seining for sardine fishing is permitted in St. John county and is prohibited in Charlotte county. Views of fishermen were heard in the matter at meetings this week in different parts of the county convenient for fishermen. Mr. Cowie has just completed a tour of Charlotte county, inquiring into the sardine situation. He was accompanied by J. F. Calder, B. S. Brittain, fishery inspector for the district, will accompany Mr. Cowie on his trip through St. John county.

MAJOR C. W. W. McLEAN WOUNDED BUT REFUSED TO LEAVE HIS BATTERY

Brigadier General McLean Hears That Gallant Son Remains in Command of Unit Although Struck in Arm on Field.

H. N. Stetson yesterday received a message from Brigadier General H. H. McLean stating that he had received a cablegram from Europe in which he was informed that his son, Major Cedric McLean, was wounded in the arm but refused to leave his battery and continued to command the battery. It is, therefore, hoped that the gallant officer's wound was not of a serious nature as it was probably dressed on the field but it is one of the fine actions of the Canadian officers in this great war for him to decline to retire when wounded, knowing as he must the danger of delay in treatment. The Royal Artillery, to which the St. John officer is attached, has few deeds in its long pages of gallantry that can outstrip the spirit of this one.

Mayor Frink yesterday wired General McLean and the citizens' sympathy expressing the hope that his son's wounds would not prove serious.

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AUSTRIANS

FRENCH BEARS TURTLE

London, Oct. 7.—The records the continuation of the front. At various points driven back.

The text of the statement.

"A violent bombardment by the Germans on the south of the front."

"A sudden attack, near Poppoicourt, to the north of the front."

"On the Aisne offensive in the enemy line at Guisencourt."

"In Champagne the counter-attacks against the British were both repulsed."

"Engagements with the enemy continued near Arracourt, to the north of the front."

"In the Vosges we started to attack on the 27th."

"One of our aeroplanes was shot down near the front."

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