

Personals.**General.**

F. J. Alexander, of the Department of the Naval Service, leaves this week on a trip to the Old Country.

N. J. Ogilvie, assistant superintendent of the Geodetic Survey, has gone to the Pacific coast on official business.

Leo G. Denis, B.Sc., of the Commission of Conservation, has completed and issued a most useful book on "Water Works and Sewerage Systems of Canada."

The engagement is announced of Ethel May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Snow, to Samuel Rettie, of the Auditor-General's Office. The marriage will take place early in June.

Hon. Major A. G. Doughty, deputy head of the Department of the Public Archives, is now in England commencing his work of compiling the permanent official history of the Canadian troops engaged in the war.

Narcisse Cartier, of the British aerial service, who won honour by conquering a German aeroplane on April 27th, is a son of Dr. A. P. Cartier, Collector of Inland Revenue at St. Hyacinthe.

The wife of Thos. L. Leckie, of the staff of the Laboratory of the Inland Revenue Department, is making good progress to recovery from a serious operation performed on her, on April 28th, at the Protestant Hospital. She returned home on May 11th.

J. H. Johnston, of the Department of Customs, who has been ill for several weeks, is now improving.

Capt. R. D. Sutherland, reported injured at the front, is a son of Major E. D. Sutherland, Assistant Auditor General.

Obituary.

Lucy Peachy, beloved wife of Francis McDonald, and mother of Arthur McDonald, of the Post Office Department, died in Montreal on May 14th.

Oscar Fitzalwyn Wilkins, an officer of the Bridgeburg customs staff since 1884, died recently, aged eighty years.

John E. Meister, an employee of the Printing Bureau, died on May 12th after a long illness of metal poisoning. He has two sons at the front, one of whom has been missing for a year.

Edward Henry Hare, of the Topographical Surveys staff, died recently from complications following an operation. He was thirty years of age and had been in the Service for six years. He leaves a widow and young son.

Athletics.

The Dominion Football Association has suspended official football for the season. Every provincial unit voted to discontinue. Well done!

Sergt. Walter Binney, well known in Ottawa and New Ontario as a soccer star, has won honour at the front by carrying a wounded officer in from "No Man's Land" under German fire. That's playing the game!

Artie Edmunds, wrestler and boxer, has enlisted. He has a weak eye and was turned down by the surgeons more than once, but he kept trying until he passed. He's happy now.

THE ANSWER.

Alone he lies, and see, his outstretched hand

Would strive to grasp the meaning of the hours

That are; to know again the brave command

That led him on against the awful powers

Of battle. Lo, he plainly sees ahead

The Road of Silence, but his feet are lead.

He dies—alone? Ah, no, a Figure stands

Upon the road, and closer to him comes.

The blast of battle ceases; and the drums
Are naught but distant echoes. Is he lone?

Death, bending o'er him, holds the mystic key

That opes the door to great eternity.

And One is near him, with a quiet mien

And starry eyes, reflecting bliss unseen.

His Captain? Yes. The eyelids drooped—
a breeze

With whispered songs of Heaven stirred the trees,

And bore life's cares away forever. Peace

Led him to heights where Love shall but increase.

—Aileen Ward.

"This play was actually written in the trenches."

"How interesting. I hope the author will take his call."

"Indeed, he won't. He's far too nervous."—London Opinion.