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COMPOSITION OF NEW 155TH BAY OF QUINTE BATTALION

Suggestion Made That Hastings Raise Entire Battalion—Lt.-Col. Adams Names Some of His Staff for 155th.

The question of a county battalion from Hastings loomed large at this morning's session of the county council. Dr. Harper of Madoc brought in the following motion—

"That in view of the great need of the Empire it is desirable that this County Council, of the County of Hastings assist in every way possible to aid recruiting and be it resolved that this County Council of the County of Hastings extend the offer to the Minister of Militia and Defence of the Dominion of Canada that the County of Hastings desires to undertake the recruiting of a battalion to be known as the County of Hastings Overseas' Battalion."

Considerable discussion followed the motion, until at 12.20 p.m. the council arose, the mover stating that in view of the facts brought out that Hastings was to be the center, he might withdraw his motion.

Dr. Harper in introducing the motion said the country had been 16 months at war and the end is not in sight and the call is still for recruits. He thought that in the course of perhaps three or four or six months Hastings with Belleville and Trenton could recruit an entire battalion. Many young men would go if they could go together. Hastings is peaceful and we sorely realize that there is a war. We do not have to go overseas to find Germans who are willing to do us harm in every way.

Hastings should do its duty to help the government to secure the 100,000 men. The government expects the smaller bodies to come forward and aid in obtaining the men.

The expense would not be great. If the county council undertook the work

as an organized body, a full battalion of 1100 men could be recruited within six months. The county is rich in wealth, but best of all it has a superior class of young men. Many have gone, some never to return.

Mr. Thomas Naylor of Deseronto, thought the reeve of Madoc's suggestion an admirable one. He expected that Lt.-Col. Adams the officer commanding the newly authorized 155th Battalion would attend the council meeting.

Warden Ketcheson said the county had averaged about 80 men per month and Col. Ketcheson had expressed the opinion that Hastings could not raise a battalion within the required time.

"How can you run the farms if you take many more men out, Thurlow has sent about fifty men. If we let the government carry on the enlistment as it has been doing and attend to those things that the Premier urged—the aid of the patriotic fund and the Red Cross, we shall perhaps be doing best," said Mr. N. Vermilyea.

Dr. Harper said nearly every county in Ontario was raising a battalion. Mr. Coulter of Stirling said Hastings had not done its best in matters of recruiting. For instance the willing material in Stirling seems to have been used up. There are many left who are not available but do not seem inclined to offer. Would a committee have as much influence with this class as a recruiting officer?

Hastings does not get credit for all its recruits. Some go to Kingston and enlist, said Mr. Naylor.

Mr. Montgomery—"The big county of Hastings should not make itself small in the eyes of the Dominion at

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POINT ANNE POST OFFICE WAS BURNED

On Monday Afternoon, As Well As Daniel McDonald General Store.

Fire yesterday afternoon destroyed the post office and general store of Mr. Daniel McDonald at Point Anne. How the conflagration arose is not known. Some school children saw smoke coming from the roof near the chimney and gave the alarm. The neighbors did everything possible to save the building but it was of no avail. The store and dwelling were totally destroyed as well as the post office. It was a two story frame structure.

GOVERNMENT FIXES THE PRICE OF WHEAT

OTTAWA, Nov. 30.—The sub-committee of the Dominion Cabinet today fixed the prices which are to be paid the farmers whose wheat has been prematurely commandeered. After prolonged consideration and conferences with the representatives of the interests affected, it was decided that the prices to be applied are those which ruled at the closing of the markets in Winnipeg on Saturday, namely \$1.04½ per bushel for No. 1 Northern, \$1.08½ for No. 2 Northern and 98 ¾c for No. 3 Northern.

The claims put forward by dealers today for extra compensation on the ground that they will be unable to execute contracts with millers and others for a supply of wheat are not to be entertained, and on payment of the government is to be dismissed.

Something like 20,000,000 bushels are to be taken over in this consignment, and it is stated here by competent officials that it would not be surprising if the bulk of Canada's exportable surplus is acquired in this manner, although the commandeering process may not again be invoked.

KITCHENER TO ATTEND COUNCIL OF WAR IN PARIS

PARIS, Nov. 30.—The Temps, speaking of the visit of Earl Kitchener, who arrived from Italy yesterday, says: "Lord Kitchener will now be able to communicate to the French government the impressions gained on his trip of inspection to the Orient. A war council of the allies will be held in Paris. It is now a question of decision. The yielding of Greece to the demands of the entente powers can no longer be an obstacle to the liberty of our movements."

To the time already lost, delays resulting from long discussions cannot be added. Action is necessary, and this must, consist, before all, in reinforcing the army guarding Salonika. So long as the allies maintain themselves the German allies will not be victorious in the Balkans.

During the day Lord Kitchener was received by President Poincaré.

WARDEN KETCHESON MAKES PATRIOTIC APPEAL TO COUNCIL

"It affords me much pleasure to greet you," said Warden Ketcheson, when County Council assembled yesterday afternoon "at this last session of the council for the year 1915, and see you enjoying good health and congratulate you upon the very bountiful harvest that a generous Providence has bestowed upon the County of Hastings. Considering the most excellent prices for all products of the farm and in particular those of these and pork, there is no reason why you should not be satisfied from a financial standpoint, and on account of the prevailing agricultural situation, all other business seems to be stimulated."

"But on the other hand we turn to Europe and we see the greatest tragedy being enacted the world has ever gazed upon, which demands all the generosity and loyalty that a liberty-loving people can extend to the most outraged people of modern or medieval times. I refer to Belgium, Poland, France, and that brave little country Serbia. And I would not forget our own brave volunteers who have left comfortable homes and dear ones to go to the front to defend and sacrifice their lives if necessary to uphold the principles of honor, truth and justice in a manner equal to the most glorious traditions ever recorded in history."

The warden closed, hoping the business would be conducted in the same amiable and good natured manner, which has prevailed at other sessions. At the conclusion of the warden's address, the National Anthem was sung by the council.

COUNTY COUNCIL WON'T INTERFERE

With City's Increased Charges on Out-of-Town Water Consumers.

The question of increased water charges by the Belleville water works on out-of-town consumers was discussed at some length by the county council on Tuesday afternoon.

Lieut.-Col. W. N. Ponton had written pointing out that the city water service on the front of Sidney was on the county road.

The suggestion was made that the council take up the matter.

Mr. A. M. Chapman said some of the non-residents contended that the county road was at times damaged by leaks in the main on the Trent road, and for that and other reasons they argued the county would be interested.

Warden Ketcheson said it seemed unwise to interfere with the city to defend private interests.

Mr. Vermilyea declared that it seemed to be a purely city matter.

"It appears like going into matters that don't concern us," declared Reeve Coulter of Stirling. "Until the county has a grievance it should not interfere."

Mr. Tumbson declared that it looked as if the non-residents desired to avail themselves of city privileges and moved that no action be taken.

Reeve Vermilyea stated that Thurlow residents had an agreement with Belleville for water services and he had heard no complaints. He seconded the motion.

The resolution carried unanimously.

Marmor's New Fire System

The work on Marmor's new fire protection system has been practically completed and from the test given last week it is all that was hoped for. The pressure at all the hydrants was found to be sufficient to throw a very heavy stream of water over any building in its vicinity. Enough hose has been secured to protect at least 85 per cent of the assessable property of the village and the chemical engines furnish protection for the remainder. As years go on it will be found to be one of the best investments ever made by the village.

—Herald.

Final Warning Given to Lord Northcliffe

LONDON, Dec. 1.—Sir John Simon Secretary for Home Affairs, served notice on Lord Northcliffe, yesterday in the House of Commons, that if the gentleman who heretofore pursued to injure his newspapers to stop the "continual fouling of his own nest" did not prove effective, "it was perfectly possible to take stronger measures."

"I do not know Lord Northcliffe," said the Home Secretary, "but he appears to be a gentleman with the peculiar habit of always itching to destroy the things he has made. Like the prophets of Babel, he leaps on the matters he has made. We in this country know how to estimate the value of these jaundiced prints, but they are a disappointment to our allies, and a source of disgust to neutrals."

The subject arose over an attack by Northcliffe papers on Sir John Simon, in consequence of a reply the latter recently made to a question in the House of Commons, in which the Home Secretary intimated that utterances in The Times were quoted gleefully by newspapers in hostile countries, and were proving harmful to the national interests. The Times intimated that the whole matter was a conspiracy to injure the newspaper and yesterday Sir John Simon made a personal explanation to the Commons.

BIG MOVES IN BALKAN FIGHT ARE EXPECTED

LONDON, Nov. 30.—The campaign in the near east is about to enter a new phase, upon which the visits of Lord Kitchener to Paris and Emperor William to Vienna, it is believed, will have an important effect.

Presumably it is expected whether the central powers will attack the Anglo-French forces in southern Serbia, or concentrate in western Bulgaria to meet the threat of a Russian invasion from the east and the possibility of Roumania taking sides against her old enemies, Bulgaria and Turkey.

The official French statement says: "Calm prevails on our front. The Serbians have not been attacked at Monastir. Between that town and Kalkandelen (Tetovo) the operations of the Bulgarians have been impeded by the snow. The British report a number of Bulgarian deserters."

So far as Serbia is concerned, winter appears virtually to have put an end to any important movements.

No details of the Greek reply to the Allies' note demanding facilities for their troops are given out, but despatches from Athens say it is couched in friendly terms.

Welcome to High School Students by Hastings Council

Novel Feature of Tuesday Afternoon Session—Reeve Predicts Votes For Women.

A novel feature of the opening session of Hastings' County Council on Tuesday afternoon was the attendance of the students of Form IIIA debating society or mock parliament. This innovation was the happy idea of Miss E. J. Guest, M.A., who had asked the County Clerk, Mr. A. M. Chapman if there was any objection to the students sitting in the gallery of Shire Hall and listening to the debate. The clerk expressed the view that the council would be delighted to have them pay a visit.

Shortly after three o'clock the students, both girls and boys entered the council chamber and took seats at the bar. After they listened for sometime to the proceedings, Warden Ketcheson welcomed them and congratulated them on their interest in public business. "I hope it will not be far distant when the ladies will have the right to vote as well as the men."

"I have sat for nine years in the council, but this is the first time we have been favored with the attendance of students. It is, I think, the sign of a great advance in civilization. I wish you all success in life and hope your interest will be along the lines of history and political economy."

Reeve Vermilyea as an old school teacher in West Belleville, where he had as associate the man who is now General Sir Sam Hughes, added his word of welcome to the students.

A happy, humorous address was given by Reeve Thomas Montgomery. "Your visit brings us back to the school days of which we have pleasant memories. The day seems to have arrived when only the youthful class can get to the front in all lines of activity. The time is not far distant when the ladies will have the vote. What would the county do if the women had not risen to the occasion and quite surpassed the interests of the men."

On behalf of the girls, Miss Lazier thanked the council for their kind welcome. Mr. Carl Brownson for the boys expressed the belief that the visit would help a great deal in their mock parliament proceedings.

The Warden on the suggestion of the reeve of Stirling, Mr. Coulter, invited the students of the High school to attend the sessions at their pleasure and listen to the debates.

Council then resumed business to which the young visitors listened with deep interest.

Mr. J. Gihrist and Mr. H. P. Cliffe, business managers of the Queen's Dramatic Club were in the city Wednesday completing arrangements for the production of the comedy drama "An Ideal Husband" which is to be presented in Scott's Palace, City Hall, Tuesday, Nov. 7th

ALLIES CAN FIRE TWO SHELLS FOR FOE'S ONE IN FLANDERS

LONDON, Dec. 1.—Andrew Bonar Law, Secretary for the Colonies, presiding last night at the St. Andrew's Day banquet, declared that he felt more hopeful as to the outcome of the war than he had for months past. In reply to statements in German newspapers that he had said Great Britain was on the point of bankruptcy, Mr. Law said the country was a long way from it, but that he did not pretend that it could go on indefinitely on the present scale. But the wealth of Great Britain, he added, had not been even touched as yet, and she could bear the strain for a longer period than her enemies.

Speaking of the great armies which Great Britain had raised, Mr. Law said the number of men killed or wounded up to the present was three-fold greater than the entire expeditionary force at the outbreak of the war.

Referring to the condition of affairs in the near east, the colonial secretary said that it was no better than could be gathered from the newspapers. "I can go further," he continued, "and say that I look for especially good news for many months to come. And we may have had news long before we have good,

but that does not alter my opinion. This war is not going to be won or lost in the east.

"If you look at the tendency as a whole, I am convinced we are moving slowly but inexorably towards victory."

He expressed the opinion that there was nothing further to fear either in the western or eastern theatres of the war, adding:

"In Flanders we are now able not only to fire shell for shell, but two for the enemy's one. A similar condition will soon prevail at the Russian front, and I firmly believe that the danger of invasion will not arise again in that quarter."

"Economic conditions in Germany produced by the silent pressure of the British navy are beginning to tell most strongly in our favor, and the German people are ceasing to believe that victory is within their grasp."

"All the heroism which has been shown, all the blood that has been sacrificed, will have been in vain unless we get the result that never again for generations to come will it be within the power of any man or in any group of men to turn the world into the charnel house it has become."

County Raising \$20,000 for Bridges

At the Hastings County Council on Tuesday afternoon a bylaw was passed through its various stages to authorize the sum of \$20,000.00 to be raised on the credit of the county for the building of new bridges and the making of extraordinary repairs on other bridges on county roads during 1915, to be repayable in twenty annual instalments.

The bylaw had to be passed before December 1st. Accordingly the final session was called earlier than usual.

Grants to High School.

The following are the amounts of the grants apportioned to the High Schools in the County of Hastings for the year 1915—

Stirling	\$579.83
Madoc	591.41
Deseronto	607.37

Body Discovered

Japanese Cook, Harry Yips, Was One of the Barnes' Crew.

PICTON, Nov. 30.—Another body from the tug Frank C. Barnes, identified by Chief Engineer Noadon of the steamer Turbina, who arrived here today, as that of Harry Yips, a Japanese cook, aged about 35 years, was found on the lake shore at Cressey on the farm of H. P. Horsey on Sunday. Yips was cook on the steamer Middleton all summer, and shipped from Collingwood. The body was in a good state of preservation. On him were found a small amount of money and a gold watch and chain, with a \$10 gold piece as charm. No one appearing to claim the body, it was buried here today in Glenwood Cemetery. The man who found Yips' body was another floating in the lake a short distance from shore, but was unable to reach it owing to the high seas.

Soldier Believed to Have Been Drugged

Private E. H. Beatty, Toronto, a member of B Company of the 80th Battalion died last evening under very suspicious circumstances. He was in rear of premises of an uptown hotel in a stupor condition, evidently under influence of a drug. As soon as possible he was taken by ambulance to the hospital, but twenty minutes after he entered the institution he passed away without recovering consciousness.

This morning he was brought to the undertaking establishment of Messrs. Tickell and Sons and at 2.30 this afternoon Dr. Yeoman, coroner, swore in a jury to conduct the inquest.

The inquest into the causes of the death of Private Beatty was begun at the undertaking rooms of Tickell and Sons this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Dr. Yeoman, coroner, presiding.

The following jury was empanelled: Chas. Walters (foreman), Frank Sharpe, Jno. Lafferty, W. H. Day, C. Rathman, J. Barnum, L. C. Pascoe and Jno. B. Archibald.

Dr. A. E. MacColl made a general statement in regard to this and similar cases he had experience with among the soldiers, but his statement was not put in as evidence.

The only witness heard was Acting Sergt.-Major Fielding who testified that Pte. Beatty had not been in very good health but had been apparently suffering from some affection of the chest similar to asthma. As far as he knew Beatty was temperate in his habits.

The inquest then adjourned to be resumed on Friday, Dec. 3rd at 10 o'clock.

Commutation of Attorney's Fees

Mr. R. P. Coulter at the County Council yesterday read an agreement entered into June 15, 1903, between the County and the late P. J. M. Anderson, for a commutation of County fees by the payment of \$1,050 annually.

Mr. Vermilyea said he was present when the agreement was made. The attorney's fees were continually going up. The council agreed that it was better to have a commutation of the fees instead of the fee system, which was so uncertain.

The clerk said Crown Attorney Carnew had called him up agreeing to enter into an agreement with the council for the same amount although the fees had gone up. The fees have increased.

"It is a saving for the County," said Mr. Coulter.

There is not only a saving in a financial way, but a saving of a great amount of worry, said Mr. Vermilyea.

Mr. Coulter moved that the warden be authorized to execute an agreement with Mr. Carnew for a commutation of fees. The resolution carried.

Mr. Douglas Wright, an old Albert College boy, was in the city today. Mr. Wright is playing with the Queen's Dramatic Club in "An Ideal Husband" on Tuesday night in the city hall.

MONASTIR HAD NOT SURRENDERED YESTERDAY.

LONDON, Dec. 1.—Although Monastir is reported to have been formally surrendered to the Bulgarians on Monday a Saloniki despatch to the Times dated Nov 30 says communication with the Serbian telegraph director at Monastir continued up to that time, which seemed to indicate that the town had not then passed into the possession of the Bulgarians.

FALL OF GORIZIA HOURLY EXPECTED.

ROME, Dec. 1.—The Italians are increasing the fury of their attack on Gorizia and news of the city's fall is expected here almost hourly. The Austrians are making desperate but fruitless counter attacks.

ROUMANIA WAITS FOR OPPORTUNITY.

LONDON, Dec. 1.—Roumania will deliver an ultimatum to Austria as soon as the entente allies have 50,000 men in the Balkans, according to a Central News despatch from Bucharest.

Lt.-Col. Adams to Command New Batt.

A new battalion is to be raised in the Counties of Hastings and Prince Edward with Lt.-Col. M. K. Adams of the 16th Regiment as commanding officer. Col. Adams who has been Sr. Major of the 80th Battalion, C.E.F., received word this morning of his appointment to the new Battalion. He left at noon today for Kingston to meet Col. T. D. R. Hemming, O.C. the 3rd Division regarding his duties.

Lt.-Col. Adams was gazetted officer commanding the 16th Prince Edward Regiment, Dec. 3rd, 1913. His son Lt. E. A. Adams left Belleville in June with the 39th Battalion C.E.F.

Whether the soldiers of the new battalion for the two counties will be quartered at villages and towns throughout Hastings and Prince Edward is not known.

The new battalion will be known as the 155th and will have its headquarters in Pictou.

An Italian today complains that he lost \$70 in bills on Friday last.

Miss Edna Lowrey leaves tomorrow for her home in Frankford after a week's visit in this city the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Meagher.

THIRTY KILLED BY EXPLOSION GERMAN PLOT IS SUSPECTED

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 1.—Thirty workmen were killed and seven fatally injured yesterday in a terrible explosion of about four tons of black powder at the Upper Hagley yard of the Dupont Powder Company. It was the worst accident that has occurred in any of the company's plants in a quarter of a century.

The cause of the explosion is not known. According to a statement by the company the origin "will probably always a mystery." Nevertheless a most searching investigation has been instituted by the officials of the company.

Nearly all the victims of the blast were young men between 16 and 21 years of age. The greatest number of them lived in and about Wilmington.

The explosion occurred in a packing house where black powder pellets are prepared for shipments,

These pellets are used for rifles and other purposes, much of the powder, if not all, being shipped to the warring nations. The packing house was situated about three miles northwest of the city.

Workmen who survived the tremendous blast said the scene was one of horror. From every tree left standing in the neighborhood there were hanging pieces of flesh or parts of clothing worn by the unfortunate men.

Twenty-six men were in the packing house when the powder went off, and not enough of any of them was left for identification, with the exception of Allan A. Thaxton, the foreman, whose home is given as Portland, Me.

For more than a quarter of a mile about the scene of the explosion the ground was strewn with arms, legs and bits of flesh.

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