

MAJOR CROCKER HOME Major Randolph Crocker, of the 28th Field Battery, who has been on active service for about a year, returned to his home in Millerton this (Thursday) morning on a two month's leave of absence.

PROF. MUNSTERBERG DROPPED DEAD Hugo Munsterberg, professor of psychology of Harvard University, died suddenly at Cambridge, Mass., on Saturday, while lecturing before a class at Radcliffe College.



Masonic Notice

The officers and members of Northumberland Lodge No. 7 A. F. & A. M., are requested to be present at the regular meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 27th (St. John's Day) for the purpose of assisting Past Master A. L. Kerr to install the officers.

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BASIC SLAG All members of Agricultural Society No. 122 can obtain Basic Slag Fertilizer, from car, now at Town Siding, by applying to the Secretary, G. G. STOTHART.

WILL JOIN THE 104th Letters received this week from members of the 132nd Battalion state that two drafts, one of 150 men and the other of 400, have already gone to France.

FISHING OPERATIONS Fishing operations along the river commenced about December first. When the Miramichi fishing is at its height, about 1000 men are employed.

THE CHRISTMAS MARKET The Christmas market in Fredericton yesterday was very large and the following prices prevailed: Turkeys—33 to 40 cents per pound.

MASONS ELECT OFFICERS At the regular meeting of Northumberland Lodge, A. F. and A. M., held on Tuesday evening the 5th inst., the officers were elected for the coming year as follows:

W. M.—John H. Troy S. W.—A. H. Cole J. W.—G. E. Burchill Chap.—Rev. H. Tally Montgomery Sec'y.—H. R. Moody Treas.—Jas. Falconer

NEW MATRON AT THE HOSPITAL Mrs. Mabel Richards of Fredericton, the new matron of the Miramichi Hospital, arrived on Monday night, and has taken over the charge of the institution.

A special meeting of the Hospital trustees was held Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of meeting the new matron. After informal greetings and a conference with Mrs. Richards, the trustees held a short business meeting at which it was decided to go on at once with the training school for nurses, and to accept suitable probationers as applications are received.

Several patients were admitted to the hospital last week. Miss Curtis, who has been temporarily engaged as a nurse at the hospital, while awaiting instructions to proceed overseas on nursing service, will leave shortly for the zone, and has gone to her home in Bathurst to complete her preparations for her journey and new work.

Newcastle in Wake of Worst Storm in Twenty Years

An easterly gale struck the Maritime Provinces Friday night and continued till about noon Saturday. The wind blew nearly 40 miles an hour, and was accompanied by a blinding snow storm. About nine inches of snow fell in Northumberland County, but the driest in many places were four to six feet deep. Much damage was done.

The street lighting circuit in the east end of Chatham was disrupted. The public telephone exchange was shut down for want of men, the first time on this account since its erection 20 years ago—the men could not get over from Chatham. One or two men were on the ice from 6.30 till 9 Saturday morning, seeking to find their way across.

Many nets all along the river were lost, and smelt nets going adrift from East Point alone, as a result of the ice breaking up and moving out to sea. Only a few have been recovered.

In St. John 14 inches of snow fell, and the wind blew from 40 to 50 miles an hour. The schooner Jennie A. Stubbins, coal laden from New York for St. John port, sank at her mooring in Bliss's harbor.

The Anchor Line wharf at Reed's Point was damaged to the extent of about \$500, and the ferry steamer Governor Carter lost part of her railing by being thrown against the wharf. There was much trouble with the telephone wires.

The St. John schooner Jost went ashore at Spencer's Island as did the schooner Coral Leaf. The Jost was refloated.

At Campbell Island the steamer Susan, Capt. Matthews, was totally wrecked. Twelve power boats of Wilson's Beach went adrift. Four yachts drifted ashore and filled. Large trees were blown down, harrine the travel in many places for a time, while all communication with the outside world was shut off by the wires being blown down. The storm was the worst witnessed for many years.

At Grandmanan the storm was still worse. One mail driver took 12 hours to go 12 miles. The Grandmanan telephone Co. lost all but about a dozen poles, being damaged \$5,000. Wild geese were driven ashore at Whole Cove. Railroads and highways were blocked all along the valleys of the St. John and St. Croix.

An accident occurred to the freight train at Millerton and an engine was sent from Fredericton. The train reached Fredericton 15 hours late. Several plate glass windows were broken in Fredericton.

The loss to the lobster fishermen of Yarmouth county will total \$100,000 or more. The same storm was general throughout Quebec.

The American schr. William Mason, 388 tons, Capt. Patters n, from Perth Amboy, N. J., for Yarmouth with coal, is believed to have been lost with all on board. The top of the cabin, with the bodies of two of the crew, was washed ashore at Meteghan river, St. Mary's Bay.

MR. HUTCHINSON'S CONDITION SATISFACTORY Mr. Ernest Hutchinson of Douc last week, who has been seriously ill at his home for two weeks, is getting along fairly well, and his condition today is reported to be satisfactory. He is being attended by Dr. D. R. Moore.

HAD AN EYE REMOVED Mr. Keith Anderson, whose eye was recently hurt by a splinter of steel, returned on Saturday from Montreal Hospital, where he had the eye removed. He is doing as well as can be expected.

PERSONALS

W F Copp was in Halifax on a business trip last week. Miss Annie Underhill of Blackville was a visitor in town Monday.

Thos. R. Kent of St. George, was a visitor in Newcastle this week. Mrs. Oran Jardine of Chatham, was among the visitors in town on Tuesday.

Mr and Mrs Alex Astle were among the visitors to Fredericton this week. Miss Jewel Fleigher of St. Stephen, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gleigher.

Mr. Thomas Howard of Moncton is spending a few days with Mrs. Howard here. Lawrence Murphy who has been working in St John, is spending a few days at his home here.

Miss Gladys Whitney of Lawrence, Mass., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Moses Whitney of the Royal Hotel. Richard Hutchinson who was called here on account of the illness of his father, Mr. Ernest Hutchinson, has returned to his home in Boston.

Gunner Wesley Dobson of the 12th Field Battery, Newcastle Mass., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Dobson, returned to duty on Friday's Limited. Gunner Dobson has a brother Russell who has been in the trenches for eight months.

BOIESTOWN Snow Banks High A large snow storm and northeasterly wind visited our community on Saturday and left behind about twenty-two inches of snow, and drifts as high as a small house. Our roads resemble the portage road to Dugarsvon, generally known as the "horse-back."

Miss Mildred R. Brown who has been training for a nurse has returned home to nurse her father, Mr. William R. Brown, who is recovering from pneumonia at his home. Dr. W. T. Ryan is in attendance.

Mr John A. Whalen was the guest of his aunt, Mrs. Wm A. Brown of Bloomfield on Sunday. Among the visitors to town this week from the rural districts was Mr. Benajah Norrad, Mrs. Benjamin Brow, Mrs. Frederick W. Fairley and Mrs. R. A. Norrad.

Mr James Murphy drove to Bloomfield on Thursday. Grave Boys to the Front Word was received here this week of a draft taken from the 104th Battalion under Col. Fowler, now in England. Seventy-five men were taken from each Company. We are sorry to hear that two of our local boys, Murry and Irvine McCloskey have gone. Both are sons of Mrs. Frank McElroy. Murry's name was on the draft at first, and when Irvine learned his brother was to go, went and had his name added also. They will make splendid soldiers and will do their part nobly and make Boiestown famous by their noble deeds.

The Inspector Mr. P. G. McFarlane visited our school on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. John F. MacDonald, Mrs. Kenney MacDonald were calling at Jec Nonds on Friday evening. Mrs. L.G. Allan was the guest of Miss Carrie E. Ferguson one day this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Mac donald will leave for Minto on Monday where they will spend Christmas with Mrs. MacDonald's parents, Mr and Mrs A. McThurrott at Minto. Mr Alex Carson made his usual trip to Boiestown on Saturday, in spite of the inclemency of the weather, also our other portagers, Nicholas Delaney and Archy Greer.

Mr Howard Taylor has hired for foreman, for Donald McKay at Gillman Brook. Mrs. Norrad Munn visited this place on Thursday. Miss Margaret Field is spending the winter with her.

Surprise Party An enjoyable surprise party was held at the residence of Mrs. Chas. Clowater one evening last week. Mrs. Clowater and daughter Vilda, are going away to Campbellton, to be with Mr. Clowater, who is employed up there, and the many friends will regret their departure. Mrs. Clowater was made a present of a handsome club bag. Mrs Russell McKay visited this place one day this week.

CHATHAM Most Worshipful Grand Master Dr. H. V. Bridges and Worshipful Director of Ceremonies of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick Geo. H. Ellis, both of St. John, paid an official visit Monday evening to Miramichi Lodge, F. & A. M. Action for Assault Wong Ning, the proprietor of the Chinese restaurant, has taken action against the young man who assaulted him Friday night. The case was adjourned and may be settled out of court.

Silver Jubilee Rt. Rev. Monsignor O'Keefe, parish priest of Chatham, on Tuesday, celebrated the silver jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood. The celebration took place in St. Michael's cathedral commencing at nine o'clock and the celebrant was assisted by Fr. Crumley of Blackville as deacon, and Fr. Flourde of the College as sub-deacon, and Fr. Hart, Master of Ceremonies. His Lordship Bishop Barry occupied the throne and was assisted by Fr. Murdoch of Renous and Fr. Hawkes of Bathouque.

The preacher for the occasion was Rev. Fr. Hawkes who delivered an able and eloquent sermon. A feature of the celebration was the presentation to Fr. O'Keefe of an

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address read by Mayor Hickey, and a purse of \$300 by Mr. Babineau on behalf of the congregation. Fr. O'Keefe made a happy reply expressive of his appreciation. In the afternoon there was a concert and banquet given by the Sisters of the Hotel Dieu in honor of the event. Mr. and Mrs. Jas. McCallum have gone to Ottawa for the winter. Miss Josephine Shanahan of Boston, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Shanahan.

HAZELTON The weather for the past few days has been very disagreeable. There has been about six inches of snow. Mrs. James Parker is visiting her mother, Mrs. William Price, who has been sick for some time. Mrs. Nat Beek has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Fred Rushton of Fredericton last week. Mr. Percy was visiting Boiestown on Monday. Mrs. Duncan Munn is spending Xmas with her mother, Mrs. Nat Beek. Boston on Tuesday endorsed League Licenses by a slightly increased majority—53,459 for; 29,997 against.

John F. McCarthy, a prominent and popular druggist of Bathurst, was found dead in bed Tuesday. Death was caused by heart disease, from which he had been suffering for some time. Deceased was 27 years old and leaves a wife, formerly Miss Maud Nickerson of Campbellton, and two small children. He was a native of Moncton and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. McCarthy, and part of the family still reside there. Dec. 19 Berlin—The American steamer Columbian was torpedoed because, being once released after stoppage by a German submarine, she sent out wireless warnings of the submarine's zone of operations in violation of neutrality.

Best Wishes for a MERRY XMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE Happy Hour Theatre THE HOUSE OF HIGH CLASS PRODUCTIONS FRIDAY THE FAMOUS PLAYERS PRESENT DUSTIN FARNUM IN THE PARSON OF PANAMINT OR "THE FIGHTING PARSON" Without casting any reflections on other productions of recent issue it may be confidently asserted that it is some time since the public have been offered a picture so thoroughly good in all respects as The Parson of Panamint. MATINEE XMAS DAY

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