and Mrs. F. R. DeBoo, enjoyed themselves thoroughly Wednesday evening, at an informal gathering in the Odd Fellows' Hall.

Miss Winifred Fowler was a visitor to St. John, Wednesday.

Dr. D. H. McAllister attended the Dugal-Carvell banquet in Fredericton Thursday evening

Mrs. Percy P. Gunn has returned from a visit at her old home in Calais (Me.)

Mrs. Wilson and little grand-daughter, Miss Constance Jacobi, of Toronto, who have been spending the summer here with Mrs. Wilson's daughter, Mrs. G. W. Fowler, expect to leave for their home this week.

Miss Marion Reid spent the week-end in St. John with her aunt, Mrs. B. Robertson.

Miss Mary McIntyre is visiting relatives in St. John.

Miss Caroline Parlee, of Smith's Creek, was the guest of Miss Nettie Campbell this week.

Mr. William McGorman, of Hopewell Hill, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Adair.

Miss Bertha Brown, of Beverley (Mass.), was a visitor here Wednesday.

The turkey supper given by the ladies of Chalmers Presbyterian church, Thursday, was very successful; about $125 was realized.

The W. A. of the Methodist church met with Mrs. Stephen Taylor Wednesday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock.

Major L. R. Murray and Lieutenant R. W. Morison, St. John, visited their homes here this week.

Miss Annie Huestis is the guest of friends in St. John.

Mrs. H. H. Reid very pleasantly entertained the lady teachers of the school staff Friday evening.

Mrs. Grover Keith and little sons, of Bangor (Me.), are guests of Mrs. Samuel Keith, Church avenue.

Rev. H. C. Rice was in Chatham last week as the guest of Rev. G. R. Fulton.

Major Guy S. Kinnear left Wednesday for St. John.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Fenwick, of Millstream, were guests of Dr. J. H. Ryan, Wednesday.

CHATHAM

Chatham, N. B., Dec. 8—Mac Marquis, who has been attending Acadia University, has been compelled to return home on account of illness. Mac is still confined to the house.

Mr. Douglas B. Hooper, of St. John, who for the past two years has been on the Bank of Montreal staff here, has enlisted in the 26th Battalion. On the eve of his departure for St. John, he was presented with a handsome wrist watch, a gift from the local staff of the Bank, Mr. Donald acting manager, making the presentation.

Max Phinney went to Fredericton last Wednesday, where he will attend the U. N. B.

Reggie Peacock, of St. John, was the guest of Mrs. A. H. Marquis over the week end. Mr. Peacock returned home on Wednesday.

The Rev. H. T. Montgomery, rector of Derby and Blackville, is spending a few days with Archdeacon Forsyth at St. Paul's Rectory.

Mayor Tweedie has been spending the past few days with friends in St. John.

Miss Minnie Duncan, who has been visiting her parents Sergt. Major and Mrs. Duncan for the past month, has returned to Whitfield (N. B.), to resume her studies at the Morrison Hospital.

The many Chatham friends of Don Grimmer, formerly of the N. B. Docks & Terminal Co., Newcastle (N. B.), and now with the Canadian Contingent's Cycle Corps, Salisbury Plain, England, will be sorry to hear that he has met with an accident, the breaking of his ankle, which will probably keep him from going to the front with the contingent.

Mr. Mac Fraser, student at the U. N. B., spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Fraser. Mac went to St. John Wednesday to join the 2nd contingent. Mac has a brother, Brydone, with the Cameron Highlanders, of Winnipeg, and was one of two chosen from that regiment to represent them in the lord mayor's procession in London.

Mr. Norman D. Cass another U. N. B. student to enlist is spending a few days in town with friends before reporting at St. John. Mr. Cass was formerly principal of the Nelson and Coatham Head schools.

Miss Jeanette McCormack is spending a few days in Sussex the guest of her brother.

Capt. Arthur Mackenzie, of the 78rd, has gone to Halifax to take a special course at the Royal Military school.

Torence Stewart, who was at one time connected with the Maritime Sulphite Coy's. staff here, spent the latter part of last week with friends, renewing old acquaintances. He was enroute to Sussex, from Hamilton, Ont.

Mr. Chandler Lobban, of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Sackville, spent Sunday at his home here.

Mrs. Moffatt, of Dalhousie, is visiting friends in town.

Mrs. M. S. Benson, and Mrs. Burr, were called to Moncton on account of the death of their brother, Mr. A. E. Wilkinson.

Mrs. W. White, of Bathurst, is spending a few days in town with friends.

Miss Flossie Heckbert entertained a large number of her friends on Tuesday evening, in honor of Mr. R. Peacock of St. John. Among those present were Misses Dorothy Loggie, Dorothy Fraser, Kataleen Fisher, Greta Godfrey, Verne Maclaughlan, Mary Merritt, Vera Murray, Francis Goggin, Grace Hewson and Miss Mersereau, and Messrs. R. Peacock, L. Snowball, F. Rae A. McConnell, B. Murray, R. Weldon, H. Thurber, L. Bailey, H. Morrison and F. Merritt.

Miss Heckbert proved a delightful hostess.

AMHERST

Amherst, Dec. 2—Miss Laura Johnstone, who has been visiting Mrs. C. E. Ratchford for the past few weeks, has returned to her home in Boston.

Miss Kathleen Brown, of Moncton, was the guest of her, brother, Rev. Father Brown, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Robertson, who have been spending the past year in Charlottetown (P. E. I.), have returned to Amherst, for the winter months.

Mrs. F. L. Davison, who has been the guest of Miss Mina Davison, left for her home in Vancouver (B. C.), last week.

Mr. J. K. Morrison, of Vancouver, is spending a few days in town with his brothers, Messrs. John and Neil Morrison.

Miss Tweedie, of Sackville, who has been visiting Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Hewson, has returned home.

Miss Effie Johnston, who has been the guest of Mrs. D. S. Biggs, returned to her home in Sackville on Monday.

The Young Men's Catholic Club gave their annual ball in their club rooms on Wednesday evening last, and was very largely attended, many being present from Moncton, Dorchester and Sackville. The chaperones were Mrs. W. L. Ormond, beautifully gowned in black satin; Mrs. George Gallant, in a lovely gown of flowered crepe de chine; Mrs. R. K. Smith, in yellow satin, and mauve chiffon, and Mrs. W. C. Muise in a very charming gown of yellow satin with black lace tunic. The ballroom was decorated with flags and bunting, while the supper room was lovely with yellow and white 'mums.

Mrs. C. W. Hewson entertained at four tables of auction on Wednesday last, in honor of her guest, Miss Tweedie of Sackville. The very dainty prizes were won by Mrs. H. R. McCully and Mrs. R. C. Macpherson. Mrs. Hewson entertained again at the tea hour on Thursday.

Mrs. C. W. Rose was at-home for the first time since coming to Amherst, at the Baptist parsonage on Friday afternoon. Mrs. A. J. Christie and Mrs. D. W. Freeman assisted Mrs. Rose in receiving her guests. Mrs. B. J. Lawson and Mrs. J. F. Christie poured tea at a table beautifully decorated with pink and white carnations, and the assistants were Miss Florence Black, Miss Freda Freeman, and Miss Kate Gillespie.

Senator N. Curry and Mrs. Curry and Mrs. Victor Curry passed through Amherst yesterday en route to Halifax, where they will sail today for England.

Miss Vessie Siddall left last week for Ottawa, where she will spend the winter.

Miss Victoria Thompson, who has been spending the past six months with her mother, Mrs. F. W. Thompson, at Fort Lawrence, left on Monday for Fall River (Mass.), where she will resume her duties as professional nurse in the hospital in that city.

Mrs. Purdy, wife of the late Dr. Purdy, has returned to Amherst to spend the winter months.

PARRSBORO

Parrsboro, Dec. 3—Mrs. T. J. Sullivan with her little son, Fred, is visiting her sister, Mrs. James Brown, in Moncton.

Miss Annie Cameron, of Boston, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. G. Holmes.

Miss Flossie Bentley, of Port Greville, was the guest of Miss Edna Thompson last week.

Mrs. Harrison, of Maccan, and Mr. and Mrs. George Oxley, of Oxford, were in town on Tuesday to attend the funeral of the late Garnet Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Collins, of Los Angeles, spent last week in town with Mrs. Collins' sister, Mrs. James Rutherford.

Miss Elizabeth Dyas went to Amherst last week to attend the marriage of her cousin, Miss Hattie Campbell, to Mr. Ezra Bird.

Mrs. J. G. McLean arrived from St. John on Saturday to spend the winter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Eaton.

Mr. Newell C. Corbett, of Stewiacke, with his son, Mr. Murray Corbett, has been visiting his mother, Mrs. George Corbett.

Miss Myrtle Morrison, of Truro, is spending a few days in town with her sister, Miss Clara Kirkpatrick.

Miss Black, who has been spending the past few weeks in town with Mrs. C. A. Huntley, returned to Amherst on Monday.

Mr. Ralph McDade went to Halifax on Monday to take a position as railway mail clerk on the I. C. R.

Miss Rita Corbett, of Shelburne, who has been visiting her grandmother, Mrs. George Corbett, left today for Brockton (Mass.), where she will train for the nursing profession. She was accompanied to Brockton by her aunt, Miss Ella Corbett.

On Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dickinson were surprised by a number of their friends at their residence in Spring street and presented with a purse of gold, the occasion being the forty-eighth anniversary of their marriage.

The death occurred on Saturday afternoon of Garnet, only son of Mr. and Ms. Harley T. Smth, aged three years and ten months.

Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Proctor are spending a few days in Halifax.

Harry McKay, one of the Parrsboro boys who is at Salisbury Plain with the Canadian expeditionary forces, has been promoted to the rank of corporal.

One of the largest audiences ever seen in Parrsboro gathered at Palmer's Opera House on Monday evening to enjoy the patriotic concert given by the school children for the benefit of the Red Cross fund.

Capt. Gilbert B. Dexter, one of Parrsboro's most esteemed citizens, died at his residence, Church street, on Wednesday morning. The deceased leaves a widow and five children—Elsie, Maurice and Bert, at home, and Elizabeth and William, in Los Angeles (Cal.), for whom sincere sympathy is expressed.

HARVEY STATION

Harvey Station, Dec. 4—The ladies of the Sewing Circle held a supper and sale in Taylor's hall on Wednesday evening which was well attended despite the muddy roads. A considerable quantity of aprons and other clothing made by the ladies was sold. About $40 was realized.

The recruiting meeting which was to have been held here on Monday evening by Major Gray did not take place, word having been sent that no more recruits for the second contingent were needed. It is believed that there are some young men here who will offer for military service if needed.

Mrs. Jas. Cayley, of Acton, who is the oldest resident of this parish, was badly injured by a fall a few days ago and her recovery is very doubtful. She is said to be ninety-seven years of age and has had remarkably good health up till this time.

Albert Robinson, of Port MacNichol (Ont.), arrived on Wednesday to visit his mother, Mrs. Jane Robison, and other relatives and friends here. He is a machinist employed by the C. P. R. He reports work quite dull in that section as compared with other years.

HAMPTON

Hampton, N. B., Dec. 3—Yesterday was observed by the Hampton Anglican church as a day of intercessory prayer for our soldiers and sailors engaged or in preparation to engage in the great world-wide war now in progress. Rev. A. J. Crowfoot conducted special services for all who desired to attend. In the evening he was assisted by the Rev. W. P. Dunham, who delivered an address on the war, its causes, outcome, and lessons.

Miss Cora Bennett, teacher in the advanced department of the Hampton Consolidated school, has been laid aside from her duties during the past week by illness, and her place has been filled very acceptably by Douglas Dickson, who was formerly the principal of the Superior school at Petitcodiac.

Members of the Hampton Tennis Club presented their secretary-treasurer, R. W. Otty Barnes, with a handsome engraved wrist watch, on his joining the troops now in course of training for the second contingent.

Mr. and Mrs. George O. Dickson Otty, with the heroic patriotism of Spartan parents, have granted leave for three of their sons—George, the eldest; Courtland, and Harold, the youngest male members of the family, to join the force of the second contingent.

Walter Ross, the second brother of his family to enlist, left yesterday to go into training at St. John.

Dr. Stanley S. King has returned from Halifax, having passed his qualifying examination for militia service.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Davidson left yesterday for a trip to the United States, and will visit Boston, New York, Pittsburg, Chicago, Detroit and other cities, returning in about two weeks by way of Montreal and St. John.

HOPEWELL HILL

Hopewell Hill, Dec. 1—A very successful lecture, with basket social, was held in the hall at Curryville, on Saturday evening, under the auspices of the Curryvile Methodist church. Rev. Mr. Pierce, of Surrey, delivered a fine discourse on the subject of Hymns, that was much appreciated. Altogether upwards of $88 were realized for church purposes.

Miss Stewart, of St. John, came to Harvey on Monday, and intends spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. Frank S. Reid.

Miss O. J. Moore returned on Saturday from Sussex, where she has been the guest of Mrs. George J. Vaughan.

Eli Robinson shot a deer yesterday, the second he has got this season.

PETITCODIAC

Petitcodiac, Dec. 4—Will R. Lockhart spent Sunday in St. John with his brother, Lieut. Frank Lockhart.

The Red Cross Society met Friday and packed a box to be forwarded to the winter depot at Halifax.

Miss Ella Lockhart returned home from Sussex on Saturday.

Mrs. David Killen returned home from River Glade where she has been very ill at the home of her son.

Mrs. William Jones ,of Moncton, is the guest of Mrs. G. Fred Fowler.

Mrs. McKnight, of Truro) and family are guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. Allison Jonah en route to Boston, where they will in future reside.

Harold Chapman, eldest son of Joseph Chapman, Manhurst, met with a painful accident on Tuesday. He was driving a spike which glanced and struck him in the eye. He is now in the Moncton hospital and it is feared the eye will have to be removed.

Mrs. Hammond, of St. John, spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Ray.

WESTFIELD

Westfield, Dec. 3—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Spencer, Mrs. Gilmour, Mrs. Kerr, of St. John, and Miss Jenks, of Amherst, were at Mr. Spencer's summer house, Ononette, on Sunday last.

The Women's Auxiliary were entertained this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Hoyt.

Percy Leonard, St. John, was the week-end guest of Frank Gillland.

Mrs. Ronald Machum left for Fredericton this morning to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Walker.

In spite of the depression caused by the war building is booming here. There are three houses under construction in a comparatively short distance. The Presbyterian church will be a large building for a country church and when completed will be a great addition to the village. G. W. Crawford is having a summer house erected on his property which, it is said, will be occupied by Montreal people, and Mr. Parker, who so recently lost his home by fire, has his new home well under way.

An auto party from St. John on Monday last, consisting of Mrs. Frank Peters, Mrs. B. R. Macaulay and Mrs. George Smith, were guests of Mrs. Ballentine.

Chas. Warwick, of Kingston (Ont.), but a former suburbanite in Ononette, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gilliland on Wednesday.

Miss Dorothy Finley spent the week-end with her cousin, Miss Mildred Lister, St. John West.

HARCOURT

Harcourt, Dec. 2—Mrs. Harry Barrieau, of Moncton, and Mrs. D. J. McDonald, of New Glasgow, who have been spending the past ten days with their mother, Mrs. James Buckley, returned to their respective homes on Saturday last.

Miss Lillian Warman, of Bass River, entered Moncton hospital this week to take a course in professional nursing.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Dunn and Mrs. S. M. Dunn returned on Monday from their camp at Salmon River. On Friday evening Mrs. Melvin Dunn shot a moose weighing more than 600 pounds, and with an antler spread of 52 inches.

The sympathy of many friends is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Powell in the loss of their only daughter, Gladys, whose death occurred on Sunday last, after a short illness of scarlatina. The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon. A little son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Symms died on Tuesday morning with the same disease, and three others are ill with it.

HARTLAND.

Hartland, N. B., Dec. 2—Mrs. George Wilkinson, Centreville, Carleton county, is visiting at her parents' home here.

Rev. Mr. Flewwelling, rector at Benton, and Rev. N. Franchette exchanged pulpits last Sunday, Mr. Flewwelling preaching here morning and evening.

Over forty of the Hartland ladies met in Burtts hall Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 2, for the purpose of organizing a Red Cross society. Mrs. L. E. McFarlane conducted the meeting and after several interesting and enthusiastic addresses were given in connection with the work the following officers were appointed: Mrs. John H. Reid,president; Mrs. Percy Graham, 1st vice-president; Mrs. C. Humphrey Taylor, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. S. S. Miller, secretary, and Mrs. T. Hammond, treasurer. Misses Georgia Reid, Martha McCollum, Mrs. Charles Stevens, Mrs. G. Large and Mrs. Henry Bradley were appointed a committee to interest others in the work. The society is to meet every Tuesday afternoon from 2 o'clock until 6 in the armory over the post office.

Reuben Hagerman, Florenceville,spent the week-end in Hartland, the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hagerman.

ST. GEORGE

St. George, Dec. 4—Miss Alice Chase entertained a large number of her young friends on Tuesday morning, the occasion being her sixteenth birthday. Games, music and songs made the time fly quickly and an elaborate lunch wound up a very pleasant evening.

Mrs. George Murray has accepted a position with the moving pictures, presiding at the piano.

Miss Powers, of Portland (Me.), teacher in the schools at Woodlawn (Me.), has been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Callaghan.

Miss Sawyer, of St. John, of the N. B. Telephone Company, has been here on a tour of inspection.

A convention of Sunday school teachers and workers will meet here on Taursday, December 10. The opening session will be held in St. Mark's church, basement.

The sudden cold snap caused anchor ice to make in the river this morning—resulting in the closing down of the mills—pulp and granite, for a few hours.

Miss Annie O'Neill visited friends in St. John during the week.

A box supper and dance was held on Friday night at the Canal school house in aid of the Red Cross.

CHIPMAN

Chipman, N. B., Dec. 4—Gilchrist Allen, Dalhousie Junction, was the guest of friends in the village for the week-end.

Mrs. H. L. Goslin, Fredericton, arrived here Monday and will spend some time with her daughter, Mrs. Beverly Ferris.

Miss Ida Butler is spending a couple of weeks with friends in Newcastle.

Mrs. William McDonald, Sunny Brae, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Parkhill.

Mrs. M. P. King was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. King, Minto, this week.

Hon. L. P. Ferris and Dr. Hugh Ferris, White's Cove, were in the village Thursday on their way to Fredericton to attend the Carvell-Dugal banquet. Among those going from here were Dr. H. B. Hay, George H. King and E. S. Alexander.

PORT ELGIN

Port Elgin, N. B., Dec. 4—Mrs. Hunter, of Boston, who came to Port Elgin about a week ago to attend the funeral of the late E. B. Allan, left on Wednesday for her home again.

Mrs. Trueman Trenholm received her friends for the first time since her marriage, Thursday afternoon and evening. Mrs. J. H. Brownell received with the bride. Mrs. R. N. Anderson poured tea and Miss Agnes Grant served.

Miss Alice Thistle, of Hillsboro, who has spent the past month the guest of Mrs. B. C. Atkinson, returned to her home on Monday.

Earl Woodbury, of Westaskiwin, Alberta, spent a few days recently, the guest of C. R. Oulton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Copp are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a baby boy.

Miss Chris MacLeod had a few of her girl friends to spend the evening on Thursday.

G. A. Anderson, of Calgary, was a visitor in town this week.

C. H. Read and daughter, Miss Isabelle, of Amherst, paid a short visit to Port Elgin this week.

GAGETOWN

Gagetown, N. B., Dec. 3—One of the most impressive features of the farewell to the volunteers this week was the service held in St. John's church, at which the body of new volunteers was present and occupied seats in the front of the church. Hymns suitable to the occasion were sung, and the sermon, preached by the Rev. William Smith, from the text, "Lo, I am with you always," was a most helpful and inspiring one.

At the conclusion of the service special prayers were offered for the soldier boys going to overseas service, after which the National Anthem was sung.

Stanley Le Gallais, who has been in the Bank of Nova Scotia here for the past six months, has been transferred to St. Andrews, and his place will be filled by Coburn Harrison.

M. Walter Marsh, whose home has been in Gagetown for several years, was among the volunteers who enlisted at Fredericton last week.

ROUSING SEND-OFF TO GAGETOWN VOLUNTEERS

Gagetown, Dec. 1—The volunteers who enlisted for service over seas, last Thursday, left for St. John today, and Gagetown has probably never witnessed a greater demonstration than that which was accorded them. Like those who left with the first contingent, today's soldier boys were among the most popular and best known young men of the town, and the fact that they have felt the call of duty leaves a profound impression behind them of the critical nature of the present situation.

The departure took place on the front street, opposite the post office, and the street at that point was draped with large Union Jacks and smaller Canadian flags, forming an archway under which the carriages stood.

The school children, who were given a half holiday, carried flags of all sizes, so that everywhere through the crowd that thronged the sidewalk and street the flags of England and Canada were to be seen. Loud cheers were given as the volunteers lined up, and, in the name of the people of Gagetown, F. L. Corey presented them with a supply of cigars, nuts and chocolates sufficient to last them during their long drive to Welsford, and longer. All then joined in singing the National Anthem, after which the "boys" got into the waiting carriages, which were gayly decorated with flags, and drove away amid the singing of It's a Long, Long Way to Tipperary.

Those leaving today were: Sergeant William Parry, Allen Otty, William Fox, James McNevan, Bert Edwards, Alfred Ashburn and John Meredith. Transportation was provided to Welsford through the courtesy of Gabriel Deveber, F. C. Ebbett and J. Frank Reid. On their arrival in Welsford the party was entertained by H. W. Woods, M. P. P.

Harry Moffatt, who volunteered while in Gagetown working on the new engine house for the Valley railroad, left on Friday last for his home in Chatham to spend a few days before reporting in St. John.

E. Percy Babbitt, son of Mrs. R. T. Babbitt, of this place, was one of the few New Brunswickers honored by being chosen to march with the Canadian picked force of 300 men which formed part of the lord mayor's procession in London.

Miss Arthura Babbitt, after spending a short time in St. John, has gone on to Montreal to resume her work in the Montreal General Hospital.

WESTMORLAND MAN DIES FROM INJURIES.

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 5—As a result of injuries received while tending a hay press on Thursday, Arthur Smith, of Upper Dorchester, died in the Moncton hospital this morning. His right arm had been amputated in hope of saving his life. He was thirty-five years of age and leaves his mother, one brother and three

ARMSTRONG'S CORNER SUPPER NETS $100 FOR BELGIAN FUND

Armstrong's Corner, N. B., Dec. 1—The Ladies' Aid Society of Armstrong's Corner held a very successful supper and sale in the hall at this place on the evening of Nov. 26 in aid of the Belgian relief fund. A large crowd from the surrounding country gathered to partake of the splendid supper provided by the ladies. After the good things had been disposed of what remained on the sale tables was auctioned off by Wm. J. Smith. The bidding was very brisk, the men and boys seeming determined to do their share to make the sale a success, every article being sold at high prices. The following cash contributions were also received: R. Anderson,$5; C. Marsh, $1; Mrs. Mary Armstrong, $1; Misses Shrouds, $1; J. Francis, 50c.; T. Graham, 50c.

The announcement was then made that the sum of $104 had been taken in, the Ladies' Aid adding $6 from their funds. The organist, J. B. Barton, then rendered the national anthem, the audience singing lustily. One hundred dollars goes to the Belgians and $10 to the Red Cross fund. The ladies feel justly proud of the results and encouraged to continue in their good work.

CAMPBELLTON SCOTS CELEBRATE ST. ANDREWS DAY BY A SMOKER

Campbellton, N. B., Dec. 1—Scotland's patron saint was not forgotten this year by the Campbellton St. Andrew's Society but instead of the annual dinner with customary toasts, the local society met in the town hall for a smoker. The purpose of this economical change was due to the patriotic spirit of the members that they might make their offering for the patriotic fund a liberal one.

Nearly a couple of score of the laddies were present and the usual national airs were furnished by the piper. The chief business of the evening was the election of the officers for the ensuing year, who were as follows: Judge McLatchy, president; Thomas Bustee, vice-president; John McCall, secretary-treasurer; Harvey McClennan, piper.

A hearty resolution was passed that the surplus funds of the society, with an additional tax of $1.50 per member, be paid into the Prince of Wales' Patriotic Fund.

After an hour's indulgence of the best brand of cigars and patriotic reminiscences, the social hour closed with the National Anthem.

ALBERT RECRUITS LEAVE FOR ST. JOHN

Hopewell Hill, Dec. 2—This morning's train carried away three of Albert country's soldiers, who will join the New Brunswick regiment in St. John. The young men are Orlin A. Reid, of Albert, and S. C. Wright and Clyde Newcombe, of this place. Mr. Reid, is a member of the well known mercantile firm of Reid, McIntyre Co., and probably a husdred and fifty residents of Albert were at the station this morning to see him off, although the train leaves at the early hour of 6.30. In addition to the above mentioned and H. C. Wright now in St. John, two other former Albert county boys, Willis Crocker, son of Custom's Collector Crocker, of Albert, and Roy Hunter, son of Jas. Hunter, of Riverside, have joined the second contingent.

At the annual meeting of Albert Lodge, No. 34, F. & A. M., of Albert, held last evening, the following officers were elected: M. D. Fullerton, W. M.; E. J. Fullerton, treasurer; I. C. Prescott, secretary; J. S. Hayward, tyler. The lodge voted $25.00 for the Belgian Relief Fund.

BACK BAY PATRIOTIC SUPPER REALIZES $56

Back Bay, Charlotte county, Dec. 4—On Saturday evening last, the ladies of the Red Cross Society held a supper and entertainment in the hall. An enjoyable evening was spent with music and readings. Mrs. J. Sutton Clark, of St. George, rendered a solo, which was much enjoyed, and called forth rounds of applause. Mrs. George McGee sang a solo in her usual pleasing manner. The amount realized from the supper was $36. J. Sutton Clark added $20 to the amount, making a total of $56, which will be used in buying supplies of Red Cross work.

The ladies of Back Bay are doing a splendid work and deserve much credit.

There may be pleasures in being poor, but it takes a rich man to see them.

SCOTT ACT RAID ON FREDERICTON HOTEL.

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 5—At the Waverley hotel yesterday afternoon Chief of Police McCollum seized $1,000 worth of ale and whiskey, mostly bottled goods. A complaint will be lodged for keeping liquor for sale.

Parrsboro Shipping Notes.

Parrsboro, N. S., Dec. 4—Steamer Briardene arrived at Parrsboro Roads Dec. 2 from Barcelona, Spain, and loads deals for U. K. She will be the last deal vessel of the season.

Schooners Abbie Keast, from Minasville for Salem, and Anne Lord, from Walton for New York, are in here for harbor.

Schooner Hartney W. is loading potatoes at Port Williams (N. S.) for Havana.

Schooner Citizen has been purchased by Captain Randall Merriam, of Port Greville (N. S.)

Alma Items.

Alma, N. B., Dec. 4—Mrs. Fred Hafner arrived here from Springfield (Mass.), yesterday, and is visiting her parents.

Telford Dixon cut his finger Tuesday and Dr. Carnwath amputated it yesterday.

EVERYONE DETERMINED TO SEE WAR THROUGH TO THE BITTER END

Col. McLean Surprised and Delighted at the Fine Spirit of the British People—Tells About St. John Boys at Salisbury Plain—The Training of the Troops—Confidence in the Navy.

"The St. John officers are doing excellent work on Salisbury Plain and the men are taking the difficulties of the camp in excellent spirit. I am proud of the way in which they are all behaving under the new conditions."

These were the words of sincere tribute to the St. John section of the Canadian first contingent paid by Colonel H. H. McLean, who has returned from Ottawa, where he had gone on his trip home from England via New York. He had been away since October 14 and had spent much of the time in the military atmosphere that now pervades England from Land's End to John O'Groats. He had primarily intended to see his son, Major Weldon McLean, who was captain of a battery of Royal Artillery in India when war was declared, and who had first obtained leave to transfer to the Canadian contingent. Subsequently Major McLean was given his majority and he therefore decided to remain in the artillery. Colonel McLean went to Salisbury Plain several times and saw the whole of the vast preparations for the still more strenuous encampments on the continental side of the Straits of Dover.

He says that up to the time he was there the St. John officers in the artillery, Major Magee and Lieut. Inches, had not left the camp for even one day's leave. They were working very hard and hoped to be able to do creditably when the battle line was reached. Colonel McLean says that artillery tactics today have been radically changed. There is no longer the chance to fire at a foe's open position. All fire discipline is done indirectly. A battery is now posted in cover almost as effectually as infantry in trenches. Usually it is behind a hill and from this position it has to fire over the hill crest at an unseen foe. The fire has to be directed from a long distance by signal or by aeroplane scout. All this takes new training and the Canadian artillery like some of the others have to learn this drill from A to Z.

Infantry Doing Well.

The infantry are also doing splendidly on the plain and Major H. E. C. Sturdee spoke highly of the way the men from St. John under his command were taking to the heavy drill. Capt. McAvity was also pleased. They were all expecting to go into the "huts" as they were called. These are long sheds of wood covered with corrugated iron roofs well warmed and in every way comfortable.

"I saw Major Clinch, a St. John officer, who had been wounded in the shoulder while in an engagement in France. I saw him in a military hospital in London when he was recovering and he was anxious to go back to the front again.

"But what is striking in England now," continued Colonel McLean, "is the wonderful spirit of determination to see this war right through to the end even if it takes twenty years. The people are absolutely at one and every sacrifice is being willingly borne. No one complains. I was glad to find that the English people everywhere were so generous in their recognition of the part that the overseas dominions were taking in the war. It was good to see the enthusiasm that links all the people of the empire to each other in the middle place of the chain.

"I only heard words of praise for the action of Canada, Australia and New Zealand there. Then another thing that I was impressed with was the way in which they all view the fine stand that is being made by the loyalists in South Africa. The English people seem to know by instinct that South Africa is in a difficult position and the feeling is that there above all the British campaign is all right in spite of the detractions of a few. I had not received that impression of strength so well before.

"Then in German West Africa we have done well," added Col. McLean. "The brigadier-general there is a Canadian—Colonel Charles MacPherson Dobell, who is a son of the late Hon. R. R. Dobell, of Quebec. We have done well there too."

"Did you hear when there was a likelihood of the Canadians going to France?" the reporter asked.

"No, nothing is of course allowed to get of the plans beforhand, but as some of the Territorials, and a fine body of men they are without exception, besides the London Scottish have been sent over the feeling is that the Canadians will go in the New Year.

"I do not think that these men sent to France are sent to the front, but that they are sent there to make room for the second million men army now being raised in England. Every available space in English barracks is now occupied, for it must be remembered that this is an unexampled thing for England, and they have not the accommodation for so large an army. What happens to them when they get to France we do not know as the censor draws a tight line over everything and the men are there practically under service conditions.

"But it is the general tone of determination to win at all costs that has made England another land from what I used to think. It is an education in patriotism and a fine inspiration to go there now."

Attending the Fighting Man.

Col. McLean mentioned a little-known fact when he added that it takes about five men to attend to the one on the fighting line. The train of the communication is so long and there are so many things wanted in modern warfare, that that seems to be about the proportion. Yet the cost is not counted; the only thing is to win, and there is every confidence now in the army. The English people have never lost confidence in the splendid navy for they seem now as secure as in peace time.

"There is no impatience there for the new armies to go to the front. No one thinks that the men can be trained for this supreme work before the best prepared army in a few weeks. They prefer to wait and be sure of winning when the time comes. It is the same in France. General Joffre is said to have declared that he is not going to waste his men, but will wait until the British army is ready to strike the decisive blow. They are quite satisfied to know their own strength is being able to keep back the Germans until that time comes."

The Navy.

Colonel McLean said that not a word had been published in any English newspaper of the accident to the Adacious, though it was pretty openly talked about. The general idea was that the battleship had been struck by a mine and had sunk in shallow water, but that it had been got off and drydocked. However, the admiralty had not issued any denial nor noticed the fact publicly at all, and there was still some doubt about the whole matter. Let Col. McLean had not met anyone who took the worst assumption with any fear; there was ample confidence in the navy to meet all demands in time.

"No one can do other than marvel at the undeniable fact that shipping in the United Kingdom is almost normal. That is the best proof that the navy has done its duty splendidly so far. The army will do it as soon as it gets the big chance all the men are anxious to get."

THE WHOOPER'S CALL TO ARMS.

(Contributed to the Chatham World.)

I heard the Whooper's call last night
among the distant hills,
There was sadness in the tremor of
his cry.
He was calling up his country's sons to
aid the Motherland
Where the loom of war was black
against the sky.

He had heard the roar of conflict and
the cannon's spume of flame.
And the shrapnel shriek their message
of despair,
When the reddened crest of battle breaks
against old England's shores
And the anguished cry of wounded
fills the air.

He knows the world has tracked its way
from darkness up to light
Because the power of love has vanquished pride;
That liberty has stretched her bounds
upon the land and sea
Because somewhere the sons of Britain
died.

Again he sees that "thin red line" dread-
bolted on the front,
Again that holy flag has been unfurled.
And once again the sacred fires are lighted on the hills
That flashed the light of freedom
round the world.

It's now the rod of righteousness and
rapture of the free,
Or conquest by the iron glove of
hate—
If England's peaceful sceptre shall be
stricken from her hands,
Or Galilee or Corsica the fate.

The Whooper's call to Canada is sounding through the night,
He is crying to the wind and to the
wave,
From the foam of roaring Puget to the
thresh on Sable sands,
It's a bugle call of duty to the brave.

Fall in! a dozen centuries are calling
through the mist
To keep that flag of freedom from the
dust,
Where England hurls her armaments
there tyranny must break;
Her blood has been the nurture of the
just.

We have thrown aside the peavey and
taken up the sword,
Our sons are tightly jumpered for the
fight,
Where the flame-lit skies are reddest
there Dungarvon wants to stand
To buttress up the empire with her
might.

When the battle's crash has ended and
the smoke has cleared away,
And the drums of war have sounded
their last tap,
You will see our banners lifted where
they floated through the years,
The empire hasn't shifted and Dungarvon's on the map.

Dungarvon River, Nov. 26, 1914.

Mr. Flemming's Poor Expedient.

(Manitoba Free Press.)

Mr. Flemming sheds fresh light upon the all too common chaos produced in the minds of devotees of party by their party zeal, by the challenge he has issued to F. B. Carvell, M. P. for Carleton (N. B.), who has taken a leading part in the proceedings before the royal commission, to resign his seat in the dominion house and "make a test of public confidence at the ballot box."

This proposal, that there should be a reversion, in a sort, to the "trial by combat," which was recognized of old and figures in Shakespeare, can hardly be regarded seriously as bettering Mr. Flemming's position, to say nothing of the illumination it casts upon his opinion of the moral judgment and mental processes of those of the electors in the constituency of Carleton whom he regards as belonging to his party. Plainly he counts upon their sticking by him because the wrong-doing he was guilty of was for the benefit and advantage of the party.

What sort of hope could there be for the future of a country where the majority of the electorate would thus let party "loyalty" blind them to a crime against the state? In this war the issue is, at bottom, self-government against despotic militarism, democracy against Kaiserism. If it were true of our Canadian democracy that the electors brought no more moral sense or common ordinary horse sense to the marking of their ballots than Premier Flemming appears to believe so confidently the electors of his party in Carleton constituency do, would it not mean a collapse of self-government in this country which would leave us without any vantage ground from which to pronounce upon the German people because they are not self-governing?