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Patriotic Sentiment Prevails at Topsail

Women Folk Doing Good Work—All Anxious to Help Along the Great Cause.

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
 Dear Sir.—Kindly allow me permission through your columns to give the general public an idea of the patriotic spirit prevalent here at Topsail.

When the European war broke out in 1914, and recruits for the First Nfld. Regiment were called for, Topsail was represented in the first company that left for England by P. Allan Moses, George Miller, Charles Dawe, Walter Kearley, Lieut. B. Butler, all of whom have witnessed pugilistic operations at the Dardanelles. The latter has been promoted to the rank of Captain since crossing the herring-pond, and there deserves congratulations of his promotion.

When recruiting was re-commenced on a somewhat wider scale, a patriotic wave was again eminent here, and the result was that John Hibbs, Maxwell Barnes, Cecil Parmenter, Richard Gleeson, Gregory Neville, Andrew Brien, Allan Brien, Thos. Drake, James Brien and William Kearley responded nobly and are now on active service in France, except the latter who was rejected on account of physical deficiency.

Recently when activities in recruiting circles seemed to be on the decline, and measures were taken for a more active campaign, five more of our stalwart boys in the persons of Ernest Barnes, William Hibbs, Fred Parmenter, Jno. J. Neville, Alex. Butler answered duty's call and are now in training at St. John's. Two sons of Rev. Canon Netten have also enlisted in Canada, viz: Alex. Edward and Philip Ernest. The former enlisted with the St. Francis Xavier Hospital Unit and the latter with the Lachine Regiment of Montreal.

With regard to the navy, the response from here has been feeble when compared with that of the army. Charles Barnes being the only Naval Reserve who offered his services shortly after war was declared. Charlie has seen active operations, both in the North Sea and the Dardanelles.

And by the way, the women are not behind in their patriotic efforts.

The W. P. A., under its efficient officers, has achieved wonderful results in the way of providing comforts for our soldiers, and the constant click of the knitting-needles in the various homes remind us that they are solving the difficult problem of—to use the words of one of our local composers—"Socks, socks and still more socks, soft grey socks for Tommy." The members of the above Association are intending to provide a tea shortly, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the Patriotic Fund. Well done W. P. A.

The wounded heroes from the front passed through here on Sunday about midnight. Although there was some misunderstanding as to when the train would be due, nevertheless quite a throng of people surrounded the station, and anxiously waited for hours to give the wounded lads a hearty welcome. The brass band of the L. O. A. was present, and as the train pulled in at the station "Home Sweet Home" was splendidly rendered, followed by patriotic airs suitable to the occasion. Private Hibbs of Trinity gave a short inspiring address, also did Dr. Paterson.

After about half an hour's delay, amidst vivacious cheering, the train pulled out for the city. One very marked characteristic of these heroes was their cheery, good humour and light-hearted manner in which they conversed, despite their physical weakness.

Surely to men of this stamp and spirit depends the future well-being of our Empire, therefore it behoves us, who enjoy the privileges these valiant soldiers and sailors are fighting for to cast pessimism aside and view this great struggle in which we are engaged in an optimistic light, knowing that our cause is a just one and that "Britons never, never shall be slaves."

Thanking you in anticipation and wishing The Mail and Advocate success.

Yours, etc.,

G.
 Topsail, April 18th, 1916.

Springdale Shows a Splendid Patriotic Spirit

Loyal Orange Association Turn Over the Proceeds of Annual Soiree, to Help Swell the Patriotic Funds.

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
 Dear Sir.—Please oblige me by inserting in your esteemed paper a few remarks concerning the success which followed us through our Patriotic Day, which was Friday last, April 7th. The members of the Loyal Orange Association here, set aside a certain day each year for their annual soiree, the proceeds of which always go into the funds of the Lodge. This year it was unanimously decided that the day be made a Patriotic Day and the whole proceeds be given to the Patriotic Fund.

The day was nice and fine, but little chilly, which kept the ice and roads in good condition for our visiting friends from the nearby villages to come along in comfort. We had friends from Little Bay, Wild Light, King's Point, Little Bay Islands, Pilley's Island, Port Anson and Boot Harbour.

At 9 a.m. the little town of Springdale was alive with bunting. At 10 o'clock the members of Loyal Orange Aurora Lodge began to assemble at their lodge room for the purpose of parading after the opening ceremony. A deputation consisting of the Guardians of the Orange Young Britons—branch which under management of Mr. Moore, our esteemed teacher, was organized the present winter—left the hall and proceeded to the school room, where the young Britons were assembled, and escorted them to the Orange Hall. They were welcomed by the Master on behalf of the Lodge. Cheers were called for King and Country. A collection was taken up in the Lodge for the Patriotic Fund. Since writing the Minister gave \$10.00.

After going to church the parade wended its way back to the Hall where the good ladies of the place had refreshments provided for the occasion, which could be had for a 25 cent ticket. Too much praise cannot be given to the ladies. They took the situation at heart and provided nobly.

After all had been served the programme for the evening's concert began which consisted of songs, recitations, dialogues, which kept the crowd in roars of laughter for three hours.

Then the Chairman spoke for a few minutes, which took the attention of the audience. Cheers were called for the King, Allies and Country, which brought the house down. Three cheers were then called for the volunteers, when twenty young stalwart men marched up to the platform and offered themselves to serve their King and Country. After the singing of the National Anthem the meeting closed.

It was indeed a record day in the history of Springdale. Never before has there such a gathering. The handsome sum of \$182.00 was raised for the Patriotic Fund, with twenty recruits to go forward to fight for freedom and liberty.

The writer on behalf of the Orange Lodge wishes to thank the public for their support in making the day a success.

At a meeting of the F. P. U. Council, held on Monday night past, it was decided that they pass to the Secretary of the Orange Lodge the sum of \$31.00, as a subscription from the Council to the P. A. Fund, which speaks well for the union, in uniting with their fellow brethren in making the day a success. This makes a total amount of \$213.00 for the day's proceedings.

Tuesday evening the ladies of Birchville gave the young volunteers a supper in the school room, and Wednesday morning about 5 o'clock, eleven of them went to meet the train at Millertown Junction, 26 miles by dog team. We wish them on and all bon voyage and a safe return.

GUARDIAN.
 Springdale, April 13, 1916.

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Morris and All His Political Boodlers Must Go.

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
 Dear Sir.—Please allow me space in your paper to make a few remarks concerning our union parade which was held on the 13th of March. The day being all that could be desired we met at our Union Hall at 2 p.m. and after a short meeting we started on our parade. We marched around the harbour and back to the L. O. A. Hall, where cheers were called by our Chairman for His Majesty the King, President Coaker and our volunteers, both army and navy, of which there are 11 serving under the grand old Union Jack. When the cheering was over we all stood in line and Mr. J. A. Strong took a snapshot of the crowd. Then we went indoors and we were surprised to see the tables laden with all kinds of cake and dainties, prepared by our kind lady friends. At 5 p.m. we sat down to tea and all did ample justice to what was laid before them.

After tea was over the tables were taken down and the hall put in readiness for the entertainment, which consisted of speeches from our Chairman and Friends Richard Anstey, P. G. Wiseman and Richard Jones. At 10.30 the meeting was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem, after which refreshments were served. The receipts of the evening amounted to \$50.00, part of which will go to finish paying for our Union Hall which we purchased and moved into at the beginning of the New Year.

I see by looking over the columns of your paper where P. T. McGrath is appointed President of the Legislative Council, which is another bareface insult to the electorate of the country. The Union men of this place are disgusted over the matter, and also over the present government for they way they are handling the affairs of our country. The people of this place are more determined than ever to have a fishermen's government in 1917.

And poor old "Star" man he seems to be a little quieter lately. Poor fellow, what ideas he must have to think he is going to injure the Union, but instead of that he is only strengthening it. We had an election for a Road Board

22nd of March, which resulted in six Union men and one non-union man being elected. We are expecting good results from this Board, as all of them know how to handle public matters fairly well.

Must close now by wishing the Union and its President every success and thanking you for space.

Yours truly,
 ONE OF THE BOYS,
 Little Bay Islds, April 5, 1916.

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Harbor Buffett Has Done Well!

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir.—Please allow me space in the columns of your paper to show how much we appreciate the boys of this place who have responded so nobly to the call of King and Country. At first it was thought this place was not giving a good showing, but when the lads had all realized the urgent need of men, thirteen of our brave lads rallied to the call, this making a total of twenty-two from this place; four of these are serving with the Canadians. This place will have nothing to be ashamed of when the final day of victory comes, for out of a total population of 350, twenty-two offered themselves for service which is about one-third per cent. This place is making a big sacrifice, there is hardly a young man left in it who is physically fit for active service, but the more Volunteers the more credit. Well might we say, well done Buffett! May the lads who have been privileged to live in this place for years come back to it again crowned with victory, bringing honor to their parents as well as to good old Terra Nova.
 —J.C.
 Hr. Buffett, April 13, 1916.

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