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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

AMERICANS IN FRANCE
More than 500,000 American soldiers are now in France. It is expected that 2,000,000 will be there before the end of this year.

CALL TO BLACKVILLE
Rev. G. A. Grant, who was for some years pastor of St. Stephen's church, Black River, and at present located at Economy, N. S., has received a call from Blackville congregation and will likely return to Miramichi presbytery in the near future.

G. H. LOCKE ALUMNI ORATOR
Mr. George H. Locke, who is to deliver the Alumni Oration at the Convocation of the University of New Brunswick, this week is the grandson of the late George Prevost McKay of Catham, N. B., whom some of our older residents may remember. Mr. Locke's mother, Lizzie McKay, left Catham when she was a girl, but she always kept up her interest in the friends of her girlhood. Mr. Locke is the chief librarian of the city of Toronto, for many years was a professor in Harvard and Chicago Universities, and prominent in Educational life in the province of Ontario, being in the Senate of the Provincial University and on the Board of regents of Victoria College.

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London, May 9.—Former Premier Asquith's motion for the appointment of a select committee to investigate charges made by General Maurice was rejected in the House of Commons tonight by a vote of 293 to 196. Mr. Lloyd George said that if the motion was carried Mr. Asquith would again be responsible for the conduct of the war. Former Premier Asquith denied that his motion was designed to obtain a vote of censure of the Government, saying it was absurd to describe it as such.

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Death's Hand Has Been Busy

Many Homes Called Upon to Mourn the Loss of Loved Ones

ALBERT COLLINS
The death of Albert Collins of South Nelson, occurred on Saturday. Deceased was 76 years of age and had been ailing all winter. He was a native of Albert County but had lived many years in Nelson. He leaves his wife, who was formerly Miss Margaret Connick of South Nelson, and the following children: Ernest and Albert at home; Thomas and James, Campbellton; Joseph Lower Derby; and Perley, at home. Mrs. Collins (Mrs. Frank Power), Newlin Settlement; and Clara (Mrs. Wm. H. Smith), South Nelson. The funeral was held at South Nelson R. C. Church, Monday morning, interment in the adjoining cemetery.

LESTER PARKER
The death occurred at Derby on Monday evening after an illness extending over several months of Mr. Lester Parker, one of the most respected and best known residents of the Miramichi.

The late Mr. Parker was Fishery Overseer for the South West Miramichi, and on discharge of his duties made hosts of friends along the river, who will learn with regret of his demise.

Deceased was fifty-two years of age, and is survived by four brothers: Clarence, Vancouver; B. C. Elmer, Calgary; Clinton and Conn, Everett; and Parker, Derby; also three sisters, Ethel, (Mrs. Collier) Boston; Misses Bertha and Nesta, at home. The funeral, which was under the auspices of the Oddfellows took place on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, services were conducted at the house and grave by Rev. Ernest Rowlands.

MRS OLIVER LAROSE
The death of Mrs. Oliver LaRose, formerly Muriel Russell, occurred very suddenly on Sunday at the home here of her parents, Mr and Mrs James B. Russell, whom she had been visiting the last month or two. Mrs. LaRose took an internal hemorrhage on Sunday afternoon and died at 10:30 p. m.

Deceased was but 32 years of age. She leaves besides her parents and husband, two children, Russell, aged 5 years, and Olive, aged two. The following brothers and sisters also survive: Alderman Perley Russell and Harold, Newcastle; Wallace, Cardiff, Sask.; Ray also in the West; Annie (Mrs. Fred Ucles), Newcastle; Florence (Mrs. Guy LaPrak), Montreal; and Miss Lena, Newcastle. Funeral services were held at the home of deceased's parents, Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Rev. W. J. Bate officiating. The remains were sent to Toronto on Monday night.

MRS THOMAS GAFFNEY
The death of Mrs. Thomas Gaffney of Semiwaggon Ridge, Barnaby River occurred on Friday afternoon, after a severe illness of more than a month. Deceased was formerly Miss Ellen Brennan of Barnaby River, and was 56 years old. She is survived by her husband; one son, Thomas, at home; and the following brothers and sisters: John, Thomas and William Brennan, Barnaby River; Patrick, Cheimaford; Johannah, (Mrs. Thomas Mullin), Newcastle; Mary (Mrs. William McEachern), Newcastle; Margaret (Mrs. John Harkins), Bangor, Me.; Julia (Mrs. John Barke), Douglasfield; Annie (Mrs. Collins), New York; Miss Elizabeth Brennan, Boston; and Miss Katie Brennan, Portland Me. The funeral took place Sunday afternoon, at Barnaby River R. C. church, Rev. Father Bancon conducting services.

DEATH OF A RELIGIOUS

The Sisters of Charity have sustained a great loss in the death of Sister Mary Thecla, which took place Saturday morning. Until a few months ago Sister Thecla was principal of St. Peter's Girls' School, her failing health obliging her to give up her work with the hope of recuperating. She was a good religious as well as a good teacher gentle and kind to all, and her death will be heard with regret by her many and loving pupils. At the time of her death she was the superior of St. Peter's Convent, Sister Thecla is a native of Chatham, and is survived by one sister, Sister M. Fyall, her father and two brothers, John and Joseph Cassidy, of Chatham, and Gordon Cassidy of Sydney. She is a niece of Sister M. Beatrice, superior of the Mater Misericordiae Home on Sydney street.

Requiem Mass will be at eight o'clock on Monday morning, in St. Peter's church, North End, and the funeral will take place after the Mass—St. John Globe.

WILL BE MUCH MISSED
Douglas Dower of Chatham, who has enrolled in the Canadian Army Dental Corps, will be much missed in the C. S. E. T. and boys work in Chatham.

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