

Bruce County News

Lt. Col. Weir, late in command of the 160th (Bruce) Battalion, returned to Toronto last Friday from England and will shortly resume his former position as manager of the big starch works at Port Credit.

Pte. David Seiling, who left Walkerton with the 71st Battalion, and Pte. Norman Webb who departed with the 160th arrived in Halifax on Monday on their way home from England. It is expected that they will arrive in town this week.

At a Patriotic picnic at Lints school last Friday night, Mr. John Rowland, the whirlwind enthusiast of Bruce County patriotic hot stuff, was chairman. In the course of some of his remarks as chairman he is reputed to have used the expression "To H— with politics."

Major Arthur McConnell, who left Canada with a New Ontario Battalion and has been in France since February last, has been granted leave of absence and expects to sail for his home here next month. Major McConnell, who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver McConnell of Walkerton, was placed second in command of his Battalion after reaching the front.

As the war wears on the sacrifices of the young men from this neighbourhood increase. On Monday afternoon a wire was received by Mr. and Mrs. John McPhail of the Otter Creek settlement, stating that their youngest son, Private Dan McPhail, formerly of Walkerton, had been killed in action on Sept. 20th. The announcement of his death enshrouded his home in sorrow and caused much regret in town, where he was greatly esteemed by all who knew him.

Matthew Johnston of Chesley received a telegram on Monday that his son Herbert who enlisted from Meaford, was seriously ill. The first report stated Herbert was dangerously ill. We will all hope for a favorable turn in his condition.

Both Col. Hugh Clark, M. P. and his opponent, John Macaulay, of Wiarton, have the two spokes and when they get up among the McLays, McDonalds and Smiths of Lindsay they can talk to the men from the land o' the heather in the original language spoken in the Garden of Eden.

After an absence from Canada of over two years, Lieut. Had Robertson, who has been about sixteen months at the front with the 3rd Canadian Engineers, returned to Toronto on Friday with Lt. Col. Weir, formerly commander of the 160th Battalion, who crossed over with him on the same boat. Had was met at Toronto by his father, Mr. David Robertson, K. C., and came up on Saturday night to Walkerton, where a few friends, who were aware of his home-coming, gathered at the G. T. R. station and gave him a rousing welcome.

On a road in Belgium a German Officer met a boy leading a jackass and addressed him in heavy jovial fashion as follows:

"That's a fine Jack-ass you have, my son. What do you call it? Albert, I bet!" "Oh no, Officer," the boy replied quickly. "I think too highly of my king."

The German scowled and returned: "I hope you don't dare to call it William?"

"Oh no, Officer: I think too highly of my jackass."