BRITAIN CALLING TO CANADA FOR TRAINED FACTORY WORKERS

Experts in Saddle Making and Horseshoeing Asked to Go From St. John to Take Posts Under British Government—Recruiting Campaign Needed to Fill Up Ranks of 55th—Lieut. Col. Kirkpatrick to Command—Railway Construction Corps to Have Headquarters at Christopher's Cove.

Monday, March 15.

It was officially announced on Saturday that Lieut.-Colonel J. R. Kirkpatrick had been given the command of the 55th Battalion. He has been lieutenant-colonel in command of the 67th Carleton Light Infantry for some years and indeed has been associated with the regiment since boyhood. He has risen "from the ranks." He has held a commission in the regiment since 1885, rising through all the steps in due course without hurry or delay. He is therefore in every way qualified to undertake the command that has now been given to him in the second of the New Brunswick battalions. Lieut.-Colonel Kirkpatrick went to Salisbury Plain last fall with the first contingent but returned to take up another office, which as it seems, has now led to the command of the battalion.

Saddle-makers Wanted.

Lieut.-Colonel Massie, who, it will be remembered, is in charge of the 6th divisional train, has received an urgent request from the British war office via Ottawa to find many saddlery workers who can handle army work. He wants farrier sergeants, saddle tree makers, saddlers, shoeing smiths and fitters to go on service with the permanent army in England until the end of the war. This means in the main a splendid opening for men who might not be ready to undertake other work to show their patriotism by entering an English factory, run as they now are in conjunction with the war office. Everything will be found for suitable men as well as passage from St. John, etc., and good pay. All information will be given by Lieut.-Colonel Massie.

The detachment of three officers and seventy-two men for Halifax will leave tomorrow night by the late train. They are for home defence duty under the ordinary regulations of the Canada Militia Act. Nothing has been heard of the men for overseas service.

For the coming week the 26th Battalion are going to have a busy time if the weather is suitable. The officer commanding, Lieut.-Colonel J. L. McArity, is keen upon keeping the officers and men in the splendid physical condition in which they now are and in addition to hard marching the battalion will undertake some extensive tactical schemes. In fact, if all the conditions present themselves, one plan will give the men a notion of what a full twenty-four hour day in active service actually means. As the men have almost all been re-booted it is thought that they will be in fine shape to stand the test.

Railway Construction Corps.

Preparations are going forward rapidly for receiving the 510 men of the Railway Construction Corps on the west side. They will likely be housed in colonist cars and the commissariat will be supplied by the use of box cars. Electric lighting and heating is being arranged for and the expectation is that some at least of the men will be in the city soon. The cars for the corps will be placed at Christopher's Cove during the period of training.

It is not thought likely that these men will be given much in the way of military training as their work will be similar to that of the pioneer corps, and consist it is more than likely of the repair of the tracks and bridges in the railway area of Flanders and Belgium when the Germans are routed out by Kitchener's army and the Allies. The taking of the corps from Canada shows the adaptability of the British war office in making its large army, for they have accepted the offer of a Canadian company to furnish the needed men who are already experts at bridge and road construction. The value of these corps was amply proved in the South African campaign.

Major A. E. G. McKenzie, second in command of the 26th, was called to Ottawa on Saturday to give evidence in the army boot inquiry. It is thought that his evidence will be given tomorrow. Lieut. Forbes has also been notified that he will be called upon to testify before the inquiry.

The week-end was spent by the various detachments in useful drill, the most interesting perhaps being that of the 26th Battalion which undertook outpost and attack tactics in the neighborhood of Crescent Lake.

Many Church Parades.

Yesterday was a day of church parades. There were not fewer than seven parades all told. St. Paul's, St. Stephen's, St. John Presbyterian and the cathedral were visited by detachments of the 26th with the 62nd and City Cornet bands; the 6th Mounted Rifles squadron went to St. John's (Stone) church, and the No. 5 Co., Army Service Corps, went to the last named church and the cathedral. All the commanding officers were on parade with their men.. Rev. E. B. Hooper preached at St. Paul's, Rev. Gordon Dickie at St. Stephen's, Rev. J. H. A. Anderson at St. John Presbyterian, and Rev. G. A. Kuhring at the Stone church.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Rideout.

Dorchester, Mass., March 10—Mrs. Elizabeth M. Rideout formerly of Hartland (N. B.), passed away this morning after a short illness with pneumonia. The deceased had been in failing health for some months. She was the widow of Amos W. Rideout, who for twelve years was proprietor of the Commercial Hotel at Hartland and was well known by the travelling public. She is survived by two sons, Rev. Allan A., of Dorchester, with whom she made her home, and Lieut. Charles M., with the garrison at Halifax; also by one sister, Mrs. Belle Daggett, of Houlton (Me.) The body will be taken to Hartland on Friday for burial.

George Perrault.

Friday, March 12.

Sad news came over the wires yesterday to Mrs. L. H. Cortright, 70 Queen street, in a telegram anouncing the death of her father, George Perrault, in New Bedford (Mass.) It had been previously announced that he was ill with pneumonia and Mrs. Cortright went to her home, spending some days there. His condition was made more precarious by a stroke of paralysis, but even in spite of this there seemed no immediate danger of death. The physicians advising that death was not near, Mrs. Cortright returned to St. John just a few days ago, only to be grieved yesterday morning by the sad tidings of her fathers' death. Mr. Perrault is survived by his wife and his daughter, Mrs. Cortright. The funeral was held yesterday.

Mrs. T. J. Caldwell.

At New Carlisle (Que.), on Saturday, March 6, Mrs. T. J. Caldwell quietly passed away after a lingering illness of six months. She had been a prominent member of the Zion Presbyterian church here for many years, president of the missionary society, secretary-treasurer of the Sunday school; also an active member of the I. O. G. T.

A bereaved husband, two sons and one daughter are left to mourn. Nathan Richey, New Bandon (N. B.), and W. J. Richey, Boston (Mass.), are brothers.

The funeral service was held at the church on Tuesday, March 9, by Rev. J. F. McCurdy assisted by Rev. Mr. Sutherland, interment taking place in the church cemetery. The floral offerings were very beautiful among them one from the Sunday school.

James H. Murphy.

The funeral of the lat. James H. Murphy took place from his home in Norton on Monday, 8th inst., at 10 a.m., to the Sacred Heart church where a solemn requiem high mass was celebrated by Rev. Father McDermott. Interment took place in the Sacred Heart cemetery.

The deceased was the father of eleven children all of whom are living and leaves his widow, residing at Norton. Of the eight sons, John P., Fred M., Luke, Warren and Charles are located in the western provinces; Walter, a member of the first Canadian contingent, having enlisted last September; Ambrose, of Toronto, and Mark, recently of St. Francis Xavier College, Antigonish. Of the daughters, Mrs. F. Cogger resides in North Battleford (Sask.); Annie is attending Mt. St. Bernard and Evelyn at home. There are also three sisters and three brothers, Mrs. M. J. Sullivan, Mrs. A. J. Fennell and Mrs. P. J. Danaby, Patrick, Timothy and Andrew. The pallbearers were James Loughery, P. Cogger, J. S. Byron, A. Ryan, John Gallagher, all residents of Norton, and M. J. Sullivan, of Sussex.

Mrs. J. R. H. Simms.

Bath, N. B., March 10—The death of Ida M. Simms, of Bright's disease, wife of J. R. H. Simms, barrister-at-law, of this town, took place at her home here on Sunday morning last at the age of 39 years.

Mrs. Simms was the youngest of the late John Buckley's family, and was born at Holmesville (N. B.), and on the death of her mother in her infancy was adopted by F. F. Shaw, stipendiary magistrate of this town. She was educated at the village schools here and at the Provincial Normal School, where she prepared for the teaching profession which she followed for some time. On June 30, 1894, she was united in marriage to her surviving husband. Of the union of their marriage there are left to mourn the loss of a kind and loving mother, four children, Miss M. Ethel Simms, principal of the Bristol (N. B.) schools; F. Webster, Dorothy A. and Eldon F., aged 12, 10 and seven years respectively.

The deceased was for thirteen years organist for the Baptist church here, until a short time ago when her health compelled her to retire.

Many tokens of regard for the deceased was shown by the many floral offerings, from The King's Daughters, Bath (N. B.), from Hartland (N. B.) friends, and from Houlton (Me.) friends.

The funeral service was very largely attended, many coming from distances, which was held in the Baptist church yesterday afternoon, Rev. Wm. Amos, pastor of the Baptist church, assisted by Rev. G. A. Giberson were the officiating clergymen. Interment was made in Bath cemetery. The schools, stores and places of business were closed during the services, the funeral procession being the largest ever seen here. Much sympathy is expressed to the bereaved husband and family.

Mrs. John Whalen.

Moncton, N. B., March 11—Suffering from a broken leg and other effects of a fall about four months ago, Mrs. John Whalen, aged fifty-eight, died this morning. She leaves her husband, one daughter, Mrs. Frederick Wilson, of St. John, and three other daughters, Mrs. John O'Connor of Boston, Mrs. Francis Stevenson and Mrs. Charles Loudon of Moncton; also one son Arthur, at home.

R. P. McGivern.

Friday, March 12.

The death took place yesterday of Richard P. McGivern, barrister at law, son of the late Richard P. McGivern. He was born at St. John in 1856 and educated at the St. John Grammar School, where he won the Corporation gold medal in 1872. Previous to entering the University of New Brunswick, he was tutored by the late Dr. Coster, of St. John. He was graduated from the University of New Brunswick, obtaining the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1875, studied law with the late Charles W. Weldon, Q. C., and was admitted an attorney in 1878 and barrister in 1880. Mr. McGivern married Miss Emma Louise, daughter of the late Charles S. Taylor, St. John, by whom he had one child, Margaret Constance. Besides his wife and daughter, two sisters and one brother survive. The sisters are Mrs. George McKean and Miss Clare O. McGivern, and the brother, James S. McGivern of this city. Judge Savary, of Annapolis (N. S.), is an uncle. The late Mr. McGivern was an alderman from Kings ward from 1886 until the union in 1889.

Philip Breen.

St. Stephen, N. B., March 11—Philip Breen, aged eighty-five years, a prominent citizen of this town, died early this morning at his home in Marks street. For many years he was engaged in the hotel business and erected the fine brick building now known as the Johnson Hotel, at the corner of King and Water streets. Mr. Breen retired from business some years ago. Until within the last few days he had been able to go out daily. He leaves one son, Philip, in business in Butte, Montana, and who arrived home two days before his father's death; and a daughter, Mrs. Bogue, who tenderly cared for her father during his declining years.

The funeral will be held from the Church of the Holy Rosary on Saturday morning at nine o'clock, and interment will be in the Catholic cemetery.

Peter Donovan.

News has reached the city telling of the death of a former St. John resident, Peter Donovan, in Boston, after a week's illness, from pneumonia. Mr. Donovan will be remembered by many old friends although it is some thirty-five years ago since he left St. John. He was a carpenter here and followed this when he went to the United States. His wife, formerly Miss Maria W. Durant, survives, with one daughter, Miss Mary who has visited here several times, and who is employed on the staff of the Boston School commitee. Burial was in New Calvary cemetery following a high mass of requiem in St. Vincent's church. Mr. Donovan was an active member of St. Patrick's Court, M. C. of F.

Mrs. C. L. Titus.

On Feb. 26, the death of Mrs. C. L. Titus occurred at her home in Midland, Kings county (N. B.), at the age of fifty-nine years. She had been an invalid for upwards of twenty years, and during the last four years had been confined to her bed. Her long illness was borne with a marked degree of patience and cheerfulness. The funeral, which was largely attended, took place on the afternoon of the 27th; interment being made at Midland, after which a service was held in the Baptist church and addresses given by Rev. Mr. Walden (Baptist), and Rev. Mr. Ramsey (Methodist). Mrs. Titus was formerly Miss Annie M. Fowler, daughter of the late Elisha Fowler, of Norton (N. B.)

Samuel J. McGowan.

Saturday, March 13.

The death of Samuel James McGowan occurred at 5 o'clock yesterday morning at his residence in Hampton, following an illness extending over more than two years, and which had confined him to bed for the last five weeks.

Mr. McGowan, who was forty-three years of age, was the son of the late Thomas McGowan, for many years in the government service on Partridge Island. He is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Belle Malcolm, daughter of the late Andrew Malcolm of this city, and seven children, two girls, Phyllis and Helen, and five boys, Malcolm, Allan, Douglas, James and Harry. He also leaves two brothers, Harry L. McGowan of this city and Major John T. McGowan, of the first Canadian overseas contingent; and three sisters, Mrs. Samuel Hepburn, of California; Mrs. Frederick Hargrove, of Partridge Island, and Mrs. James Hargrove, of Chance Harbor.

At one time Mr. McGowan was accountant, and later business manager of The Telegraph Publishing Company, and afterwards entered business for himself, carrying on a large business as printer, binder and publisher of loose-leaf accounting systems. Then ill-health forced him to retire.

Mr. McGowan was prominent in musical circles, and for many years was choir leader in St. David's Presbyterian church, besides lending his aid generously in public entertainments, and concerts. He was a member of St. Andrew's Society, the Sons of Scotland, and the Order of Moose. By his strict integrity in business, the uprightness of his private life, and his many other admirable qualities, Mr. McGowan won the sinicere respect and esteem of many friends, and his loss will be sincerely regretted.

Matthew Robinson.

Sussex, N. B., March 12—(Special)—Matthew Robinson, a respected citizen and farmer of Rockville, five miles from Sussex, died early this morning of heart trouble, aged 59 years. Deceased is survived by a wife, one daughter, Mrs. John Lisson, of Roachville, and one son at home.

The funeral will take place Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, interment at the Upper Corner. Rev. Frank B. Gaskill, of Waterford will officiate.

Mrs. John D. Rockefeller.

New York, March 12.—Mrs. John D. Rockefeller died this morning at the Rockefeller country home at Pocantico Hills just outside Tarrytown, where she had been ill for some time.

James McLay.

The Daily Boomerang, Laramie, Wyoming, contains an account of the death recently of James McLay, president of the McLay, Bunting Sheep Co. and who was for many years associated with Chamcook Farm at St. Andrews, and was well known throughout this province. He was associated with F. E. Came of Montreal, and was a frequent exhibitor at our exhibitions and also attracted some attention by the exhibition of his collie dog "Henry" at local dog shows. Mr. McLay's death took place in Laramie. He was found lying face downward on the sidewalk where he had been overcome by an apoleptic attack. Mr. McLay is survived by his wife and three small children. He was a native of Scotland, spent many years in Canada, finally moving to Colorado and thence to Wyoming, six years ago. He was a successful and well known breeder of sheep. Many friends in St. John and throughout New Brunswick will regret to hear of his death.

John Drury.

Halifax, March 12—John Drury, manager of the Consumers Cordage Company of Dartmouth, died today after a brief illness, following an operation. He was 64 years of age, and is survived by his widow and two sons.

Alonzo B. Gardner.

Saturday, March 13.

The death of Alonzo B. Gardner occurred last night at his residence, 5 Celebration street, after a short illness with pneumonia. He was in his 70th year and is survived by his wife, one son, Robert O. Gardner, of Montreal; and by three daughters, Mrs. Alice M. Macklin at home, Mrs. Beverly I. Leonard of this city, and Miss Zepha M. Gardner, superintendent of nurses in the Consumptive Hospital of Boston.

The late Mr. Gardner was a native of Montreal, and came to this city twelve years ago, to take charge of the tanning department of Peter's Tannery, where he remained a valued member of the executive staff until his last illness. He was a man of fine character, and was highly regarded by a large number of friends and business acquaintances. He was a regular attendant at the Centenary Methodist church.

The funeral will take place on Monday at 2.30 from his late residence. Interment will be in Montreal.

Mrs. Hannah Flewelling.

The death of Mrs. Hannah Flewelling, wife of the late Enos H. Flewelling, took place at the Old Ladies' Home on Thursday. She had been living at the home for thirteen years. Formerly she resided at Clifton, where she had the distinction of being the second oldest resident, having nearly reached her 92nd birthday. She is survived by two children, Mrs. A. P. Wetmore, of Clifton, and John R. Flewelling, residing in Cambridge (Mass.), ten grand children, and thirteen great grand children. Funeral services were conducted at the home yesterday morning at 10.30 o'clock by Rev. H. A. Cody, following which the body was conveyed on the noon train to Clifton, where interment took place yesterday afternoon.

Ronald E. Hamilton.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton will sympathize with them in the death, early on Saturday morning, of their infant son, Ronald Edwin. The little one was a year old and had been unwell for some time past, death being not unexpected. Mr. and Mrs. William J. Hamilton, of Harrison street, and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Nicole, of City Road, are the grandparents. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 2.30 from Murray street.

Daniel J. O'Neil.

The death occurred on Saturday at his home, 67 St. David street, of one of the best known business men in the city in Daniel J. O'Neil. He was a native of the city, having been born here 61 years ago. The late Mr. O'Neil was the head of the firm of D. J. O'Neil & Co., of the city market, was a member of the slaughter house committee, of the Knights of Columbus and of the Irish Literary Society. He had always been prominent in these societies and was well known in the province. He leaves a wife, five sons and two daughters. The sons are C. P. (in the firm); James C., with the National Drug Company, St. John; John J., with the C. P. R., St. John; Daniel Roy, associated with the firm, and Louis M., with the Dominion Coal & Steel Company, Sydney (C. B.); and the daughters are the Misses Katherine and Evelyn, both at home. The funeral is arranged for tomorrow morning from the residence to the cathedral for high mass of requiem.

Audrey W. Kerr.

Friends will extend sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. William H. Kerr, 114 Charlotte street, in the loss of their only child, Audrey W., whose death occurred Saturday, at the age of four months.

Mrs. Eliza McLean.

Monday, March 15.

Mrs. Eliza McLean, widow of the late James McLean, a builder who was well known in the city, died at her residence, 139 Duke street, last evening. She had attained a very advanced age—just over ninety-two years. Her husband died several years ago. She left no family. She had been in poor health for some time. The funeral has been arranged for tomorrow afternoon.

Miss Sadie Baillie.

Monday, March 15.

Friends will greatly regret to hear of the death of Miss Sadie Baillie which occurred early yesterday morning at the residence of her father, John Baillie, Lancaster Ave., Beaconsfield, after a somewhat lengthy illness. Miss Baillie was a faithful worker in the First Presbyterian church, Carleton, and will be greatly missed. Her father is a retired C. P. R. agent on the West Side. Besides her father, she is survived by three brothers, William and Robert, of the West Side, and George M., C. P. R. station agent at Fairville, and two sisters, Mrs. Jarvis Wilson, of the West Side, and Miss Annie, at home. The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon.

Frederick A. Graham.

Monday, March 15.

Frederick A. Graham, formerly C. P. R. shed foreman at Montreal died at his residence, 160 Queen street, West side, yesterday after a long illness dating back to a severe attack of typhoid from which he never fully recovered. He was a member of Branch 183, C. M. B. A., and was very popular with his associates. His father, Thomas Graham, of the West side, and his mother survives with six sisters and three brothers. The sisters are Mrs. Edward Flannagan, of the West side, Mrs. E. B. Welsh, of Mulgrave (N. S.), Misses Minnie, Kittie, Louise and Margaret at home. The brothers, Edward, John and Lewis, all of this city. The funeral will be held Tuesday morning with requiem mass at the Church of the Assumption.

Edward R. Losier.

The death took place at Tracadie, of Edward R. Losier, father of Dr. Losier of Chatham, who is now in Europe with one of the medical corps from Canada. Mr. Losier was about 69 years of age, twice married and is survived by a large family.

Mrs. William Porter.

St. Stephen, March 14—(Special)—Mrs. William Porter, of this town, passed away at her home last night after a brief illness from double pneumonia. Mrs. Porter was sixty-eight years of age and leaves her husband and three sons—Frank, Ernest, of Millton, William at home; and a daughter, Mrs. Hugh McBride, of Winnipeg. The funeral will take place Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

Mrs. Joseph Read.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., March 14—Mrs. Read, wife of Captain Joseph Read, Summerside, mother of Captain J. L. Read, of the steamer Minto, died here today at the home of her brother, Dr. George Carruthers.

James King.

James King, a young man of twenty-seven, who was visiting his mother and other members of the family, died here on Saturday after only a few days' illness of pneumonia. He had been working with his brother, Edward, in Portland (Me.) He died at his mother's house, 41 Brook street. There are two brothers in St. John, Walter and William, at home, and four sisters, Mrs. James Doyle, Portland (Me.), Mrs. Louis Martin, Douglas street, St. John, and the Misses Blanche and Elizabeth at home. The funeral is timed for tomorrow morning to St. Peter's church.

Mrs. Annie Mahoney.

Monday, March 15.

Mrs. Annie Mahoney, widow of the late John Mahoney, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Conway, 121 Sheriff street, yesterday. She leaves two sons, Michael, and J. J. (the latter in the 26th Battalion) and three daughters, Mrs. Conway, Mrs. Thomas Keighan, of Bangor (Me.), and Mrs. Walter Roddy. The funeral will take place tomorow afternoon.

WEDDINGS

Loughery-Burns.

Norton, March 11—A very quiet but pretty wedding took place here yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock when Miss Margaret Lillian, second daughter of Captain and Mrs. W. W. Burns was united in marriage with Nelson Loughery, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Loughery. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. H. Stavert in the presence of their immediate relatives and friends of the connecting parties. The young couple were unattended. The wedding march was well rendered by Miss Edith Myers. To the beautiful strains of Lohengrin the bride entered the room leaning on the arm of her sister, Mrs. James T. Cumming, of New Glasgow (N. S.) The bride's gown was of pretty white silk with shadow lace. She wore a veil and orange blossoms and carried a bouquet of white carnations. The groom's present to the bride was a beautiful pendant and to the organist a gold bracelet. The young couple received many beautiful presents. Mr. and Mrs. Loughery will reside in Norton where Mr. Loughery is engaged in the livery stable business.

ALLIES ARE LEADING ON LAND AND SEA

(Continued from page 1.)

plateau. We captured noe hundred prisoners, including several officers and some non-commissioned officers, destroyed two machine guns and blew up an ammunition store."

Russian Progress.

Petrograd, March 15, via London, 7.50 p.m.—The Russian war office today issued the following statement:

"In the whole front in the region of Przasnysz, from the Mlawa railway to the Orzyc river, and on the left bank of the latter river, we progressed fighting all the way. German counter-attacks everywhere have been repulsed.

"The guns of the Ossowetz fortress have put out of action several German siege batteries of heavy calibre which had been installed within range of the fortress.

"On the left bank of the Vistula rives there has been no fighting.

"In the Carpathians, generally speaking, there have been no changes.

"Austrian attacks in the direction of Baligrad, and German attacks on Hill No. 992, near Koziowka, have been repulsed.

"In East Galicia our troops threw the enemy back in the region to the north of Obertyn.

"There has been an artillery duel at Przemysl."

The Austrian Statement.

Vienna, via Amsterdam to London, March 15, 11.30 p.m.—The following official communication was issued today:

"In the Carpathians Sunday was calm.

"North of the Uszok Pass there was fighting of a furious character. Strong Russian forces made an attack there yesterday, and advanced to near our positions, where for atime they maintained themselves. Our troops during the afternoon made a counter-attack, throwing back the enemy on the entire front, and capturing four officers and 500 men.

"On our positions on both sides of the Opir Valley the enemy, reinforced, repeatedly tried to gain the heights, but failed with heavy losses. A very heavy attack collapsed Sunday, and in view of the losses these offensives probably will not be repeated. A thousand prisoners were taken in this battle.

"South of the Dneister, our counter-attacks gained groud, the Russians being pushed back from several front sectors.

"In Poland and West Galicia there have been only artillery duels."

Swedish Steamer Taken.

London, March 15, 11.55 p. m.—The Swedish steamer, grain laden from La Plata for Stockholm has been captured by the Germans and taken into Swinemunde, according to a despatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from Copenhagen.

Italy and Austria.

Rome, Sunday, March 14, via Paris, March 15—The report current in Rome today that Francis Joseph, Emperor of Austria, had absolutely rejected the idea of any territorial concessions to Italy has been given authoritative denial. The situation in this regard seems to be that the little, Austria is reluctantly disposed to concede, is so inadequate, compared to what Italy would accept, that an understanding seems hopeless.

Premier Salandra spoke briefly in the Chamber of Deputies today on this subject. His remarks are interpreted as meaning that the efforts to induce. Austria to make concessions to Italy are proceeding under the guidance of Prince Von Buelow, the German Ambassador to Italy.

Preparing For It.

Rome, March 15, via Paris, 8.50 p. m.—According to a despatch from Vienna to the Messaggero, Emperor Francis Joseph today had an extended conversation with General Ritter Von Krobatin, the Austro-Hungarian Minister of War, on the subject of the defence of the Dual Monarchy on the Italian frontier.

GERMAN COMMANDER A VERY INDEPENDENT MAN

Newport News, March 13—It developed today that commander Thierichens of the German cruiser Prinz Eitel Frederich, plans to make his own repairs with his own machinists and plans to get the supplies from the local shipyards. So far he has not complied with the request of collector Hamilton for a statement of the time he will require. None of the repair work had been begun today and that strengthens the belief here that the German ship was to be interned, despite insistence of the commander that it is his intention to put to sea.

In proportion to population Japan has more suicides than any other civilized nation.

ARTERIES OF SEA COMMERCE TO AND FROM GERMANY SEALED

(Continued from page 1.)

with in such a manner as the court may in the circumstances deem to be just, provided that no proceeds of the sale of such goods shall be paid out of the court until the conclusion of peace, except on the application of a proper officer of the crown, unless it be shown that the goods had become neutral property before the issue of this order, and provided also that nothing herein shall prevent the release of neutral property laden at such enemy ports on the application of the proper officer of the crown.

"Third—Every merchant vessel which sailed from her port of departure after March 1, 1915, on her way to a port other than a German port and carrying goods with an enemy destination, or which are enemy property, may be required to discharge such goods in a British or allied port. Any goods so discharged in a British port shall be placed in the custody of the marshal of the prize court, and unless they are contraband of war shall if not requisitioned for the use of his majesty, be reloaded by an order of the court upon such terms as the court may in the circumstances deem to be just to the person entitled thereto, and provided that this article shall not apply in any case falling within articles two or four of this order.

"Fourth—Every merchant vessel which sailed from a port other than a German port after March 1, 1915, and having on board goods which are of enemy origin or are enemy property may be required to discharge such goods in a British or allied port. Goods so discharged in a British port shall be placed in the custody of the marshal of the prize court and, if not requisitioned for the use of his majesty, shall be detained or sold under the direction of the prize court.

The proceeds of the goods so sold shall be paid into the court and be dealt with in such a manner as the court may in the circumstances deem to be just, provided that no proceeds of the sale of such goods shall be paid out of the court until the conclusion of peace except on the application of a proper officer of the crown, unless it be shown that the goods had become neutral property before the issue of this order, and provided also that nothing herein shall prevent the release of neutral property of enemy origin on application of the proper officer of the crown.

Neutral Interests Guarded.

"Fifth—Any person claiming to be interested in or to have any claim in respect of any goods not being contraband of war placed in the custody of the marshal of the prize court under this order or in the proceeds of such goods may forthwith issue a writ in the prize court against the proper officer of the crown and apply for an order that the goods should be restored to him, or that their proceeds should be paid to him, or for such other order as the circumstances of the case may require.

"The practice and proceedure of the prize court shall, so far as applicable, be followed Mutatis Mutandis in any proceedings consequential upon this order.

"Sixth—A merchant vessel which has cleared for a neutral port from a British or allied port or which has been allowed to pass as having an ostensible destination to a neutral port and proceeds to an enemy port shall, if captured on any subsequent voyage, be liable to condemnation.

"Seventh—Nothing in this order shall be deemed to affect the liability of any vessel or goods to capture or condemnation independently of this order.

"Eighth—Nothing in this order shall prevent the relaxation of the provisions of this order in respect of the merchant vessels of any country which declares that no commerce intended for or originating in Germany or belonging to German subjects shall enjoy the protection of its flag."

Great Britain's Refusal.

London, March 15—The British foreign office delivered today to Ambassador Page its reply to the American note proposing to Great Britain and Germany the withdrawal of the German submarine blockade provided England would permit food to reach German civilians. Great Britain's reply is an absolute refusal.

The foreign office also delivered to the ambassador Great Britain's reply to the American note inquiring for further information in regard to the measures to be taken by the allied powers to cut off trade to and from Germany. The reply to this note is based largely upon the order-in-council which was issued today.

Great Britain's refusal to accept the American proposals to this country and Germany is due to the reasons outlined several days ago.

Washington, March 15—The text of the British order-in-council was received with keenest interest today by officials of the state department, and while it has not been decided as yet whether a formal protest will be made by the U. S. government against the order, it is reasonably certain that efforts will be made to secure a construction of its terms which will minimize injury to American commerce.

Officials were particularly anxious to learn whether a formal and regular blockade of German ports was contemplated. The preliminary notice of the order given out here by the British embassy recently lacked definition as to the character of restrictions to be imposed. Since the order itself does not contain the word "blockade," officials are still in doubt as to the legal status of the British plan.

The order apparently affects the complete exclusion from American commerce of all goods of German origin, and this is viewed by American officials as probably the most immediately important provision of the order. Industries such as woolen mills, dependent upon German dyestuffs, will be seriously affected if some relaxation of the order cannot be secured by diplomatic correspondence. If British manufacturers are permitted to receive these or similar German products as essential to their business as they are to American mills, it is certain that emphatic protest against such discrimination will be made by the state department. It is probable a note of inquiry will be directed by the state department to the British foreign office to secure a more exact definition of the extent of the interference with American commerce, the length of time prize courts are likely to hold goods clearly exempt from seizure, and as to the other points.

The death has taken place at Cradley (Worcestershire) of Thos. Tibbelts, a brewer, who weighed 30 stone and measured 6 feet round the stomach.

STEADY INCREASE IN TEACHERS' PAY

First-class Males Command $340 More Than They Did Ten Years Ago—Chief Superintendent Recommends Approval of School Building Plans by Inspectors.

Increases of teachers' salaries ranging from $57.85 increase to third-class females to $340.66 for first-class males are reported by Chief Superintendent Carter in his annual report, as having taken place within the last ten years. The chief superintendent deplores the tendency to fill the higher schools with female teachers but remarks that some fine classes of young men trained at the Normal School last year, some of whom were unable to obtain schools.

There are 1,922 schools in operation in the province, 2,082 teachers and 64,310 pupils with an average daily attendance of 48,432.

Dr. Carter in concluding his report says: In former reports I have recommended that legislation be passed to provide free text books. That all property, wherever situate, be taxed for the support of schools. Parish school boards instead of district. That the County Fund be 60c. per head, instead of 30c. as at present, in order that strong district should help the weak.

I would also recommend: That trustees should be required to obtain the sanction of the inspector for any proposed plans of new school buildings. That hereafter rural school grounds, where possible, shall not be less than one acre in area. To permit each school district at the annual meeting to elect one or more representatives to Teachers' Institutes, and to vote money to pay their expenses. That the board of education should be empowered to authorize the inspector to act in the place of a school board, in school districts in which it is not possible to secure an acting school board.

Inspector William McLean reports St. John city schools efficient but much overcrowding, particularly in the North End. Of St. John county schools he says:

In Dipper Harbor a new and commodious school house has been completed and occupied. New outhouses also have been built. The grounds should be graded and enclosed with wire fence.

At Chance Harbor the grounds have not yet been cleared and it is almost impossible to drive up to the school house on account of the stumps still remaining.

The schools at S. Musquash and Prince of Wales, were open for only part of the year, as many of the pupils reside sof ar from the school house that it is difficult for them to attend during the winter season.

In Coldbrook district there are two schools, viz., Coldbrook and Brookville. Good work is being done in both.

I am in hopes that in the near future a new school house to accommodate a graded school of at least two departments will be erected in the neighborhood of Glen Falls near Moosepath. Such a school would be within easy reach of all the children of the district as well as those of the adjoining district of Frog Pond.

SHORT SESSION OF LOCAL HOUSE

Fredericton, N. B., March 16—The house met at 8.30 p. m.

Mr. Graham presented the petition of the City of St. John in favor of a bill to amend the city assessment act and laws relating to civic franchise.

The house went into committee, with Mr. Young in the chair, and agreed to bills to authorize municipal grants to the Canadian Patriotic Fund; to amend a clerical error in the registry act; in aid of cold storage; to provide for moratorium and relating to the provincial hospital.

Hon. Mr. Clarke said he would call attention to the rule which provided that all bills should be introduced within ten days of opening of session, otherwise a double fee was payable. It was absolutely essential for the business of the house, to progress as it should do, that private bills should be brought in within the time limit. It was the intention of the government to bring down such of their measures as they could at the earliest date in order that members might have plenty of time to familiarize themselves with their contents and he hoped members would bring down their private bills, for the same object.

Hon. Dr. Landry presented a statement of the bonded indebtedness of the city of Fredericton.

Hon. Mr. Clarke presented the annual report of the crown land department. The house adjourned at 9.30 p. m.

FOOT OF SNOW CHEERS ALBERT LUMBERMEN

Hopewell Hill, March 14—The snowy weather, which broke in on Friday, has continued intermittently for two days, to the great satisfaction of the lumbermen. There is still wheeling on the front roads, but the fall of snow in the woods has aggregated nearly a foot in depth, which will improve conditions much. Many parties have been unable hitherto, to get out their cord wood on account of scarcity of snow.

Dr. Carnwath, of Riverside, was in Fredericton the past week, on a professional visit, arriving home today.

Guilford Steeves, a well-known and respected resident of Weldon, Albert county, has been in the Moncton hospital for some time and underwent an operation for internal trouble on Tuesday. Latest reports received from him are favorable.

W. R. Calhoun, of Cape Station, who has been quite ill, is improving.

Miss Lizzie Tucker, of Memel, who has had diphtheria, is recovering satisfactorily. The house has been quarantined.