

BLACKVILLE NOTES

Dec. 13—Mr. Haley of St. John, traveller for Willet, St. John, was in town on Tuesday.

Mrs. Jos. Arbeau has been visiting her father, Mr. H. Steele for the past week.

Mr. W. J. McLaggan attended the fair held in Amherst, N. E.

Mrs. Jos. Grady is visiting her son Mr. Otto Grady at Quarryville.

Mr. Hogan of Chatham, traveller for Bird & Peters, St. John, was in town on Thursday.

Mr. McKnight of Newcastle, was in town on Friday.

Miss Hazel Curtis of McGivney's Jet, has been visiting her cousin, Miss Linda Sturgeon.

Miss Lena Arbeau of St. John, has been visiting at her old home here for a few days.

Mrs. Chas. Campbell is seriously ill at her father's, Mr. Jas. Gillespie's home.

Mr. Chas. Grady who has been working in Millerton for some time has returned home.

Mr. Thos. Mooney of St. John has completed the work of installing the new boilers in the Partington Company's mill here, and has returned to St. John.

Mr. Eliza Arbeau left for St. John on Saturday morning, accompanying his sister Miss Lena Arbeau. He expects to attend the blind school in Halifax after Christmas.

Miss Bell of Taymouth has relieved Miss Banford as nurse for Miss Clara Walls. Miss Banford returned to her home in Hillsfield on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. McKrae of Hillsfield are visiting relatives here.

Mr. Harry Sturgeon who has been working in Bridgetown for some time is visiting his father, Mr. Geo. Sturgeon.

Quite a number of the young people look advantage of the fine weather and good ice in the pond on Monday afternoon and evening.

Most of the stores have taken on their Christmas appearance and business is getting brisk.

A number of letters and cards have been received by the relatives and friends of the boys of the 53rd Battalion. The boys all seem in good spirits and like the country fine.

Rev. Mr. Montgomery preached his farewell service in the church of England on Sunday, Dec. 12th.

Mrs. Fleisher of Chatham has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. J. Underhill.

Barn Burned

The Daniel Alton barn, next to Stothart's new grist mill, was badly gutted by fire Friday morning. There was \$250 insurance on building and contents.

Remember your own home town merchants when choosing a Xmas present.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S QUEER SPEECH

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have chosen to remain neutral in this war, which is their right to do, that circumstance does not carry with it the proscription of the individual conscience. Are free born citizens to cease to think for themselves and refrain from weighing the merits of the issues and suppress the prompting of their minds and hearts just because the people as a nation are not participating in the struggle? Such a principle may obtain in Germany, but it is utterly incompatible with the honour and dignity of a free and democratic people—and a self governing people at that.

President Wilson waxes indignant because some of the citizens of the Republic have so far forgotten their duty—as he enunciates it—as members of a neutral nation as to place their sympathies with the forces of civilization engaged in the war. While it is the duty of the President as head of the State, to maintain the position of neutrality the Government has taken up, when he insists that the duty of individual citizenship requires an even respect for each group of warring nations, he lays down a principle which is as discreditable to himself as it is unjust to Britain and her Allies. He counsels the American people to hold in equal esteem the nation which for forty years has been conspiring against the peace of the world, and those nations, which all unprepared, stood in the path of the aggressor. They are to think just as highly of those who, wantonly and without any aggravation ravaged Belgium as they think of those who went to Belgium's assistance, and are fighting to restore her to her former place and obtain compensation for her for the wrongs she has suffered. They are to place in the same category the barbarous methods of warfare employed by the Hun, his poisonous gases and his bombs designed to hurl death and destruction among innocent women and children, as the chivalrous methods of the Allies. They are to regard and admire alike the nations which have respected the lives and property of non-combatants and the nation which sank the Lusitania and several other passenger vessels and looted and destroyed every city in Belgium.

The expression of such sentiments will not enhance President Wilson's reputation abroad, where it will not unnaturally be concluded that he had more in view the value of the German-American vote in the next Presidential election, than anything else, when he gave utterance to them.

Meeting of Recruiting Committee

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ing committee. There were men who should be here and take their responsibility. The recruiting depended upon this committee.

Capt. Barry and C. E. Fish spoke in same strain.

Rev. Mr. MacArthur said the difficulty would not be in getting speakers, but in getting effective workers. Publicity would be easy. He didn't know why so many prominent citizens were absent. They had better be personally invited.

On motion of Ald. Ritchie following names were added to the committee.

Ald. C. C. Hayward and J. Stables, C. J. Morrissy, Hon. D. Morrison, C. Sargeant, Drs. Spry, Nicholson, Desmond and McMillan; T. W. Crocker, C. M. Dickson, A. McCabe (who already has two recruits to his credit), G. P. Burchill, J. M. Troy, A. H. Cole, W. J. Jardine, P. Hennessey, H. A. Quilty, T. A. Scribner, J. F. Kingston, Geo. Stables, John Ferguson, O. Nicholson, J. N. Creaghan, A. H. Giles, M. McCarron, W. J. Fitzmaurice, H. H. Lamont, L. Doyle, Dr. Wilson (Millerton), H. R. Moody, J. H. Sargeant, Wm. Irving, Ernest Hutchison, F. D. Swim, M. L. A., and committee were given power to add other names.

Lt. De La Parelle spoke of answering Halifax headquarters re J. W. Davidson, telling them that he was ineligible himself for enlistment and had two sons at the front. He (De La Parelle) was general recruiting officer and would help anywhere. The Secretary was asked to notify new members of and publish next meeting to be held Monday evening, 13th, at 8 o'clock.

Lt. De La Parelle said that the Wireless Band would enlist in a body soon as arrangements were made to drill them as stretcher bearers. The wireless strength was 73. 20 young men were waiting to enlist there as soon as hand stepped out. J. W. Davidson should be made a J. P. at once as only J. P.'s or field officers could swear in recruits.

Adjourned.

Dec. 13th

The committee met again on Monday night in much larger numbers, nearly 40 being present. Mr. Park presiding.

Judge Lawlor read the nominating committee's report, which was considered section by section, and adopted, the standing committees being chosen as follows:

Finance Committee—J. D. Creaghan, E. A. McCurdy, Mayor G. G. Stothart.

Publicity Com.—Geo. F. McWilliam, J. H. Brown, R. H. Armstrong.

District Organization—Hon. John Morrissy, D. J. Buckley, E. H. Sinclair, C. J. Morrissy, C. E. Fish, Hon. D. Morrison, Newcastle; Wm. Sullivan, Redbank; Ernest Hutchison, Douglastown; Councilor G. P. Burchill, Nelson; Coun. John Vanderbeck, Millerton; F. D. Swim, M. L. A., Doaktown; Wm. McMillan, Boies-town; Coun. Arthur O'Donnell, Ludlow; John McColm, Boom Road; Richard Gill, Barnaby River; Coun. David J. Schofield, Blackville.

Entertainment Com.—Chas. M. Dickson, A. H. Cole, Donald Jackson, A. E. Shaw, J. A. Creaghan, T. M. Malby, J. F. Kingston.

Reception Com.—C. E. Fish, C. J. Morrissy, Mayor Stothart, Ald. F. C. McGrath, Geo. Stables, Revs. W. J. Bate, P. W. Dixon, Wm. Harrison, S. J. MacArthur, B. J. Murdoch, M. S. Richardson and Capt. Forbes.

Emergency Com.—W. J. Jardine, C. Sargeant, Ald. D. P. Doyle, H. Williston.

Com. to wait on Town and County Councils for grants—E. A. McCurdy, D. J. Buckley, A. A. Davidson.

Ex-officio members of all committees—W. A. Park, chairman, and Judge J. R. Lawlor, V. C., and Ald. D. Ritchie, Sec.

The chairman reported that J. W. Davidson would be commissioned a J. P. this week at next session of the Government.

J. D. Creaghan asked for an outline of the duties of committees. Where was the revenue to come from?

Mr. Park said that grants would be asked of town and county councils. The town was expected to give at least \$100 and the county more.

He was glad to see so many present. There was no reason to feel downhearted about the war. Germany was no further ahead than she was months ago. The British navy still rules the seas. Britons are nobly responding to call for recruits. And Canada's greatest glory, her colonies, will follow her example. The trouble was to get eligible men to recruiting meetings. Those who understood were enlisting.

Rev. Mr. MacArthur wondered where the French Army war pictures lately shown in Montreal, were. They would be valuable aids to recruiting. Singers and all proper methods of advertising should be used to draw eligible crowds. When matter was squarely laid before our people he felt sure there would be the right response.

Ald. McGrath knew little about recruiting but was willing to learn. It was a delicate matter for a speaker who might be considered eligible himself to ask others to recruit. Conscription would probably be better. It is our duty to take this question up systematically.

Rev. M. S. Richardson suggested speaking to men as soon as they came out of the woods at Xmas. He would speak one or two nights each week.

D. J. Buckley said that he would render all the service he could. Many men would be out one week or two at Xmas. He was willing to let any young men go, and would try to get along with the older men. There must be enough left to carry on the business of the country, but there were enough older men to do this. The soldiers' families must be kept and our own maintained.

C. J. Morrissy said Mr. Creaghan had asked a most pertinent question.

SILLIKERS NOTES

Dec. 10—The Ladies' Missionary Aid Society met at the home of Mrs. Janie Travis on Wednesday evening.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Allaby were visiting friends here on Thursday.

Mrs. Roy White spent Wednesday afternoon as the guest of Mrs. Ernest Tozer.

Mr. Richard Baker who has been quite ill is recovering.

Mr. Robert Tozer who is still at Hotel Dieu, Chatham, being treated for typhoid fever, is much better, and intends coming home soon.

Mr. Everett Mathews is quite ill at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Johnston were the guests of Mrs. Edward Tozer on Wednesday evening.

Miss Sadie Mathews was the guest of Mrs. Jacob Silliker on Tuesday.

Mrs. Edward Tozer has received word from her son Harry, of his safe arrival in England with the 53rd Battalion, of which he is a member.

Miss Jennie Jewett spent Sunday with Mrs. Edward Tozer.

Where was the money to come from? From his experience with the Patriotic fund, most of the work would have to be done by a few, mostly to-morrow.

Judge Lawlor said that the duties of committees would be as follows:

District Organization, to organize and hold public meetings everywhere.

The Finance, to raise the necessary money as they saw fit.

Publicity, to look after all literature, and advertising.

Entertainment, to provide entertainments, once a fortnight, or so, by concerts, smokers for recruits, etc.

Reception, to welcome home wounded soldiers, etc.

Emergency, to do all not assigned to the other committees, for instance opening up the new recruiting room right away, etc.

C. J. Morrissy thought the local government should also help. St. John had set a recruiting grant of \$500.

Mr. McCurdy—Wasn't that for the whole province?

Mr. Morrissy—Maybe so, but St. John got it.

Mr. Creaghan said that millions had been spent in St. John on military services. It was not too much to ask some here. Men were never wanted worse. And to get them we must pay for transportation, etc. The Canadian and Local governments should be generous, and place money in our hands to be judiciously spent.

Mr. McCurdy said that Capt. Tilley's idea was that each town and county should bear their own local expenses, for the honor of having a Battalion of their own. The Provincial, County and Town Governments might help a little.

Mr. Park—These three we have put on the Finance Committee will be able to find the money.

A. A. Davidson suggested that the committees not present be notified at once of their duties.

Rev. Mr. MacArthur said that no one need feel shy about asking for recruits. He himself could not go to the front—he wished he could. But if those who could fight would not our country would be lost.

The secretary was authorized to notify all committees, and meeting adjourned till Friday night at 8 o'clock.

Crowded Out

Several items of local news was crowded out, owing to the pressure on space on account of the heavy demand for advertising space.

Young-Adams Stock Company

See the always reliable Young-Adams Big Stock Company, in their new plays, presenting on Thursday evening for their opening bill, the play of fashion, thrift, possessing a sure fire punch, entitled, "The Lion and the Mouse." Mr. Young as the Lion, Miss Young as the Mouse; to be followed by the following New York successes: "All of a Sudden Peggy," and "The Red Cross Nurse," besides eight big vaudeville acts, making a continuous show from start to finish.

This is what the Charlottetown Guardian says about this attraction:

"There was again a large house in the Prince Edward Theatre last night when the Young-Adams Company presented "The Lion and the Mouse." There was not a dull moment from the raising to the fall of the curtain. The play is intensely interesting, was excellently staged, and the vaudeville in the intervals was more than worth the admission charged. Seldom if ever before has there been such an all-star combination brought to Charlottetown, and the remainder of the engagement is certain to draw bumper houses. Those who have been there will want to go again and take all their friends with them.

Reserved seats now on sale at Dickson & Troy's.

Dissolution of Partnership

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the co-partnership hitherto existing between William G. Thurber and Randolph Crocker each of Millerton in the County of Northumberland in the Province of New Brunswick has been dissolved by mutual consent as and from the 23rd day of November last by the retirement of the said Randolph Crocker and that the said business will be continued by the said William G. Thurber who assumes all liabilities of the said firm and to whom all indebtedness must be paid.

DATED the 1st day of December, A. D. 1915.

WILLIAM G. THURBER, RANDOLPH CROCKER.

Sir Max Aitken Tells of Gallant Deeds

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An enemy party was heard at work, and bombs were thrown among it by our patrols. The enemy replied with machine gun fire, but our patrols retired without casualties.

On the night of December 4 a patrol of Royal Canadian Dragoons, under Lieut. E. W. Lindsay and Lieut. A. B. Irving, entered a German sap and followed it inwards to the edge of the German wire. At this point a German patrol was encountered and bombed, after which our patrol withdrew safely.

On the night of December 7-8 a patrol of our 2nd (Ontario) battalion, under Lieut. G. T. Richardson, cut through the hostile wire and climbed on the top of the enemy parapet. A party of five Germans were seen in the trench and successfully bombed.

On the afternoon of December 8th Private Lindsay, of Lord Strathcona Horse, crawled out from our lines and locked over the enemy parapet. After counting the enemy in the trench and identifying the regimental badges on their caps he returned undetected to our lines.

Some cases of "trench feet" and influenza have been reported but the general health of our troops continues very good.



For Christmas Morning

We have a nice assortment of Ganong's 5c. and 10c. packages that will bring joy to lots of little folks when they empty their stockings Christmas morning.

You will be glad you looked them over.

Santa Claus

has made our store his headquarters and you will find a full range of Toys, etc. including—Dolls, Dorothy Boxes, Child's Silver Sets, Knife, Fork and Spoon, Toy Furniture, Xmas Stockings, Wagons, Doll's Beds, Cradles, Pop Guns, Saw Horses, Horses and Carts, Books, Horses, Camels, Elephants, Dogs, Rabbits, Trains, Snakes, Sulkies, Water Wagons, Duffeltricks, Crumb Trays, Baskets, Straw Mats, etc. etc.

For Mother

We have a few Tea Sets from \$4.50 to \$5.50, Dinner Sets, Green Ottoman, 95 pieces, good value at \$15.00, our Xmas Price \$10.00. Avondale Dinner Sets 95 pieces, good value at \$12.00, for \$8.00 at Xmas.

Xmas Groceries, Fruit

Geese and Turkeys on or about 15th.

We wish all our customers a very Merry Xmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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RED STORE Rear Post Office. Phone 79 510

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Orange, Lemon and Citron Peels, Dates, Figs, Seeded and Cluster Raisins, Cleaned Currants, Nuts in all varieties, Extracts, Spices, Cream of Tartar, Baking Powder, Soda, Lime Juice, Grape Juice, Fruit Syrups, Jellies, Soups, Canned Fruits, Vegetables, Meats and Fish, Pickles, Olives, Sauces, Evaporated Apples, Apricots, Peaches and Prunes, Oranges, Lemons, Grapes, Grape Fruit, Apples, Cape Cod Cranberries, Butter, Cheese, Bacon, Ham, Turkeys, Sausage, Haddies, Kippers, and many other lines which space will not permit to enumerate.

Moir's Bread Cakes and Chocolates

This line is unsurpassed.

CAKES, in Fruit Pound, Plain Pound, Sultans, Citron and Currant BREAD, in Mothers Bread and Yankee Brown Bread. CHOCOLATES, in Fancy Xmas Boxes, pound and half pound boxes, five and ten cent cartons and in bulk. CANDY, in Trade, Giant Jelly, Daisy and Holiday Mixtures, Kisses, Barley Toys, Turkish Delight, etc. etc.

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SAYS he can get nearly everything on your Xmas List at our store. Look at the lot of handsome and useful presents that can be selected from our large stock

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CARVING SETS
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TEASPOONS
ELECTRIC IRONS

BOYS' SLEDS
GIRLS' SLEIGHS
TOY SHOVELS
TOY BROOMS
POCKET KNIVES
SKATES
SAFETY RAZORS
FLASH-LIGHTS

CHOCOLATES
CANDY
NUTS
FRUIT
BREAD
CAKE
BISCUIT
PLUM PUDDING
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MEN!
what better present can you give your Wife or Mother than a SEWING MACHINE. Prices from \$25.00 to \$45.00.

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WE CARRY A FULL STOCK OF

Ladies' Fur Coats
" Fur Collar Coats
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Men's Coon Coats
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A good assortment of Fur Robes at Reasonable Prices

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Christmas Announcement!

...The Season's Greetings to Patrons Old and New...

The grand Xmas rush is now on, and a cordial invitation is extended to all to come here and inspect the very many different lines of Christmas Novelties for the Xmas trade. Our line of Groceries is one of the best. If you have never bought at our store, we cordially invite you to come and see us—We know we can please you. Beside our immense stock of Groceries, we carry a large and varied line of

Chinaware, Glassware and Crockeryware

From which many suitable Christmas Gifts can be selected.

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No matter how red a man's hair may be, he betes to lose it.

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Fancy Articles, Boxes of Confectionery, Dolls, Toys, etc.

Follansbee & Co.

The Rexall Store

Xmas Goods!

We have imported a nice line of Canadian and English goods for our Christmas Shoppers, including:

**Manicure Sets
Toilet Sets
Sewing Sets, Etc.**

A nice assortment of Canadian and American

Perfumes

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