

FIELD FACTS DRILL PUT 26TH IN SHAPE FOR INSPECTION

New Brunswick Battalion Awaits Major-General Lessard's Reviewing Eye with Confidence—Recruits for 28th Field Artillery Offer Themselves to Officer Here—Mounted Drill for Army Service Corps. Rev. G. A. Kuhring with Mounted Rifles.

Thursday, March 4. Another day of field facts was gone through by the 26th Battalion yesterday. They marched in the morning to Clark's field, just beyond the falls bridge, and went through battalion drill under the command of Lieut-Colonel J. L. Meakley and the other officers. The men carried their military ration with them, of which they ate heartily in a short pause in the work. These exercises are intended to put the men into the best possible physical condition as well as to accustom them to open order where owing to the great distance from the commanding officer the difficulties are of an altogether different kind from those of conventional maneuvers. Marching, too, is an important part of the work and in this respect the men have found much since they had them in the two drills that were presented.

Yesterday's work, however, had special reference to brushing up the men for the inspection tomorrow by Major-General Lessard. And for this a good deal of confidential praise was expressed by those who ought to know. Several recruits offered for the 28th Field Artillery yesterday at the armory where Captain J. R. Miller has an office, but they will not be nominated, the men could not be medically examined and taken on. Their names were taken and they will be given their chance later. It is hoped that word of the appointment will be received soon.

Meanwhile the men who have been recruited here for the 40th Battalion are still here pending approval of the barracks at Amherst. Lieut. R. A. Major, of the 62nd Regiment, St. John Fusiliers, has been appointed instructing officer to the detachment for the present. Mr. Kuhring's Appointment.

While waiting for their removal to Amherst probably about the beginning of the week the men are busy going through troop and squadron drill under their instructors. The chief item of news interest in this unit yesterday was the appointment of Rev. Gustave A. Kuhring of St. John (Stone) church to be chaplain. His appointment to the Canadian forces was gazetted some time ago but the allocation to a regiment had not been made yesterday. Mr. Kuhring is very pleased at being appointed to a maritime regiment most of whose officers he knows. He holds an honorary captaincy.

A few men have been taken on to put the exhibition building at Fredericton into shape again and it is thought from this that further extensive use will be made of the building. A gold watch and a pair of gold have been presented to Norman L. McNeil by his former fellow workers at the I. R. B. stores department. He is now in the 6th Mounted Rifles. Sackville Volunteers.

The following Sackville boys have been accepted for overseas service with the 26th Battalion:

John Haney, 111 Water street, St. John, N. B., died yesterday at his residence, 111 Water street, at the age of 68 years. He was a mercantile and packet business between Brier Island, St. John and Halifax for many years. He is survived by his wife, one daughter and three sons. Mrs. George Bailey, of Seattle; Harry, Eugene and Estelle at home. He leaves an aged mother, Mrs. J. A. Peters, at Berwick, two brothers and two sisters as follows: J. A. Peters, of Digby; George H. Peters, of Edmondton; John G. Clark, of Berwick; and Mrs. W. R. Tibbets, of Winthrop (Mass.).

William Lawson on Tuesday received a telegram from Boston announcing the death by accident there of his brother, George Lawson, formerly of this city. Mr. Lawson received injuries while working at a printing press and died in the hospital on Tuesday morning. He was a son of the late John Lawson, of Fredericton, and is survived by his brother and one sister, Mrs. W. B. Chalmers, of the city, and by a brother, Charles Lawson, in Boston.

Frederick Macaulay. Thursday, March 4. News was received in the city late last evening of the death of a prominent mobile accident of Fred Macaulay, eldest son of James Macaulay, grocer, of 119 Orange street, whose place of business is 186 Wentworth street. The news reached the family here only 26 hours after the death. Mr. Macaulay was well known in St. John for he was a native of the city though he had been for many years in the automobile trade in Boston. Only the most meagre statement of the death had been received by the family last night but they then understood that the fatal accident, in which Mrs. Macaulay was also badly injured, took place in Verno, Pennsylvania, where the late Mr. Macaulay was engaged in a business in connection with his firm.

Miss Letitia Nugent. Wednesday, March 3. The death of Miss Letitia Nugent occurred yesterday afternoon at her home, 188 Princess street, after a lengthy illness. She was a daughter of the late John Nugent, of this city, and is survived by one sister, Miss Elizabeth Nugent, also of St. John. The funeral will be held from her late home tomorrow afternoon.

Warren Coleman. Tuesday, March 2. One of the oldest and most respected residents of North Bay died yesterday. Warren Coleman, aged 91 years. He was a native of South Bay, but came to this city in his early years and had since resided in North Bay, where he was particularly well known. With his brother, the late John Coleman, he engaged in the lumbering business along the river before the advent of tug boats. His wife, six sons and six daughters survive. The daughters are Mrs. James Kincaid, of Main street; Mrs. Elus Goddard, of North Dakota; Mrs. J. E. Jackson, Mrs. Minnie Haslam, Mrs. F. E. Hughes, of Providence (I.), and Mrs. Myrtle Vincent, of 7 High street, with whom he has made his home of late, and from where his funeral will be held on Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. His sons surviving are Henry and Ernest, of New York; Claudius, of Providence (R.

QUEENS COUNTY FARMER MET A TRAGIC DEATH

George T. Williams of Pleasant Villa Burned to Death While Trying to Release Cattle from Barn in Flames—Heavy Monetary Loss Also.

Gagetown, N. B., March 3.—One of the most tragic happenings ever known in the county, took place on Thursday last at Pleasant Villa, a few miles below Gagetown, when George T. Williams, a well-known farmer, was burned to death while attempting to rescue his cattle from his burning barn. Just after tea, Mr. Williams went out to the barn to see the evening's work, as his man was ill, and discovered that one side of the building was in flames. With the aid of his daughter, his horses were released, and Mr. Williams then went in to get the cattle. The door was blown by the heavy wind which prevailed, and the barn was a seething mass of flames, which entirely prevented the escape of anyone from being rescued. A large crowd of helpers from near and far labored to save the house and barn which stood nearby, but it was impossible to get to the unfortunate man, whose death must have occurred soon after entering the barn. The charred body was found about four feet from the door.

The barn was a new one, about 100 feet in length, and the lot was packed with hay. It had been stored for use on the new house which Mr. Williams had been building. It is thought that this time became heated from the wet weather of Thursday and caused the fatal conflagration which came from this side of the barn. There was no insurance. Besides the hay, a large number of farming implements, twenty-five head of cattle, lumber and doors and window casings for the new house were lost. On Monday afternoon a private service for the bereaved family was held at the residence of Mr. Williams, where the services were taken to St. Stephen's church, Queens town, where the burial service was read, and interment was held in the churchyard. The funeral was the most largely attended ever seen in the district. The services were conducted by Rev. William Smith, rector of Gagetown. Besides his wife and mother Mr. Williams leaves three sons and three daughters, who take care of his property. The funeral will be held on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. The body will be taken to St. Francis Xavier church, where the funeral will be observed by the Rev. Father McDermott.

Alexander Reardon. Sussex, March 2.—(Special)—Alexander Reardon, an aged and respected citizen of Sussex, died this morning at 9 o'clock, aged 79 years. He was a native of New York, and finally returned to his native village. He was a member of the Baptist church and also the Masonic fraternity. He leaves a wife, but no family. He is also survived by three sisters, Mrs. Sarah Turner, Yarmouth; Mrs. Ruth Perry, Fredericton; and Mrs. Ruth Perry, Fredericton. The funeral will be a Masonic one, taken place tomorrow with interment in Fredericton. The services will be conducted by A. H. Evans, pastor of the Freeport Baptist church.

Mrs. Margaret J. O'Donnell. The death of Mrs. Margaret Jane O'Donnell occurred at Miramichi, N. B., on last Sunday in her 90th year. She is survived by her husband, three sons—John A., of St. John, Harry and Michael, of Miramichi, and one daughter, Mrs. Ruth Perry, Fredericton. The funeral will be held on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. The body will be taken to St. Francis Xavier church, where the funeral will be observed by the Rev. Father McDermott.

St. George Notes. St. George, March 4.—Dr. E. M. Wilson, of St. Stephen, a former resident of this town, is here, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Keit.

Rev. W. J. Harrison, of the Presbyterian church, left yesterday for Sydney (N. S.), where he will supply for two Sundays. The returned gentleman will return about the 17th of the month.

Albert Hooper, George Henry, Ralph Laidie, George Trainor and Orlo Ackerman, who have taken care of her, left here with Major Langhille, recruiting officer.

White & Patterson are getting their mill in order preparing for the season's work. This work indicates that the pulp company expect to get their season's logs down the river safely.

Mrs. Nicholas Meating's condition continues critical. Miss Nellie McVicar, of Miramichi, is the guest of Mrs. O'Neill, Main street.

The ladies of the Red Cross Society met on Tuesday evening. They report more interest being taken in their noble work than ever.

SPRING BEGINS IN ALBERT COUNTY

Petitcodiac and Shepody Rivers Open for Navigation and Wild Geese Are Plentiful.

Hopewell Hill, March 3.—Navigation is now practically open in the Petitcodiac and Shepody rivers—an unusually early date. W. F. Beaumont, ferryman on the Hopewell Cape-Dorchester route, made his first trip across the West-mountain side yesterday, March 2. Some drift ice was encountered during the three mile run, but the trip was easily made.

In the Shepody bay and river there is very little ice also. A boat went to the Hill wharf across to Harvey this week without difficulty.

Another sign of spring is the appearance of the wild geese, which have arrived as far up the bay as Waterdale, where they are reported in large numbers. Fine April weather conditions, and the local prophets backed up by a major's magnifying glass, have forecast a very early spring, but the weather has not yet proved them right. The geese have been seen in large numbers on the front roads. Chas. W. Newcomb, an old and experienced hunter, has been seen recovering from an attack of grippe. Roy Jamieson, of Moncton, clerk with E. C. Cole, is spending a two week vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benson, at the shore town.

Chas. E. Jones, of Petitcodiac, was in the village yesterday, having come down to attend the funeral of his daughter, Mrs. Wilson, of Chester.

Willard Tingley, of Hopewell Cape, who has been ill with dry pleurisy, is reported improving.

The condition of Mrs. Freeman Crocker, who has been very low at her home at the shore town, is unchanged.

The meeting of the marsh owners, held in the hall here last evening, was largely attended and was of considerable interest. At times it was stormy. The meeting had been called to consider the advisability of standing suit in a case being brought against the proprietors for back rates to meet an indebtedness of several hundred dollars due Mr. Downey, the complainant in the case. The proprietors, it is understood, have decided to have the matter tried out and it is to come up in the equity court. M. B. Dixon, K. C. was present in the interest of some of the proprietors. During the meeting a number of those present were absent.

The marriage took place at 5 p. m. today of Miss Rebecca Tarris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Tarris, of Albert, and Emery S. Coleman, of St. John. Rev. W. J. Harrison officiated. The newly married couple leave in the morning for St. John. The bride is one of Albert's popular young women, and is residing in St. John the last year or two.

St. John, N. B., March 3.—One of the most enjoyable events of the winter season took place last week when Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Reid entertained their friends with a drive and supper at Reid Bros' lumber camp, Upper Hamstead. Early in the afternoon five double teams started on their way to the camp, with sleds loaded to their capacity. On arriving at the camp, the guests enjoyed walking through the woods and witnessing operations in a modern lumber camp, an experience which was new and interesting to many present. On returning, supper was awaiting the guests, and over 100 sat down to enjoy the delicacies provided for the evening. The work was enjoyed, and ice cream and cake served, and later the guests left amid songs and cheers for the return journey.

DELAY IN ANSWERING PERTINENT QUERY

Borden Doesn't Know When Figures of Employees in Government Service Now and in 1911 Can Be Furnished—Alleged German Spy, Arrested Near Matapedia, Had No Maps or Plans of Railway Bridges.

Ottawa, March 3.—Questions ranging all the way from the arrest of a German spy to the unemployment problem were asked and answered in the house of commons today.

Hon. Frank Cochrane told J. E. Macdonald, a suspected German spy, named Reinhold Riedel, had been arrested by a railway detective near Matapedia, and handed over to the Halifax authorities. He had no maps or plans of railway bridges in his possession.

The prime minister replied that the question was broad enough to include the Canadian volunteers and the information was being procured as quickly as possible.

Mr. Ross asked if the government proposed to introduce legislation to limit the payment of larger compensation for cattle destroyed to prevent the spread of disease. He was told by the prime minister that the present act had been in operation for many years, and that the question would be drawn to the attention of the minister of agriculture on his return to Ottawa.

Mr. Macdonald, of Pictou, asked when the new stamp duties would go into effect. He was told by the minister of finance that a date could not be fixed, until the bill was passed by parliament, but that notice would be given to the public.

It had been the practice to make new duties of customs effective at once, because it was possible to enforce them from the end of December of the previous year. The stamp duties on wines could also be enforced at once.

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VOL. LIV. SEAR SNOW FRENCH A Tr Gains Elsew Russians Offensive from the Heavily— London, March front to indicate a gaged. One of the mo arest, Roumania, and freedom, and is gat that he may seek The struggle for Ottoman capital is feature of the was linked with this is ment in Greece, the resignation of the selios who, desiring the hostilities on the Entente imperative, his king and premier, according to plans to leave for a task has been entrusted has been selecting a plexion of which tentatively announce agency despatch fro night said that M. to form a new cabin Snow in France. Paris, March 3. following committee French war office. "In Champagne s terfered with our morning the enemy wood captured by the counter offensive a ground to the nor take some prisoners timed and increased. "In the region of than 800 metres trenches. "Between Le Me we lost some esent today, but gained 300 feet on the ridge. "In the region of the Bols of Brul we gained a footing and captured three materials. "Northwest of Germans attempted which, however, bress continued no. "In Alsace, at repulsed a counter Russians Repulse London, March 3. Petrograd corresp following official comm. "In the Suwalki the enemy. On t Augustow front o. "On the right ba has been no comm. "On the left ba the Pilica region, has been checked. "In the Catholic eshed their attac region, but contin PRIZE IM Finds That Right to Neutral London, March 3. erment has a right belonging to a de prize court today. The question at tons of copper a States to Gotben Sweden for use captured by a Brit prize order was. The prize cour