WESTMORLAND LEADS PROVINCE IN RECRUITING IN 14 WEEKS; ST. JOHN SECOND; TOTAL FOR YEAR 3,538

In the first fourteen weeks of 1916 the province of New Brunswick has given to the empire's cause no less than 3,538 men. The county of Westmorland stands at the head of the list with 694 men for that period with the county of St. John following closely behind with 680, the former with a weekly average of 49.5 and the latter with an average of 48.

The weekly average for the province in 1916 stands at 252.7 and during the past few weeks has been slowly climbing up. No county in the province approached in any measure the pace set with either St. John or Westmorland in that period, the third place being held by Northumberland county with 289 men for the fourteen weeks. The county of Albert stands at the foot of the ladder with 48 men for the fourteen weeks with a weekly average of 3.5 men. Queens-Sunbury having been counted as one.

The detailed table follows:

	Jan. 1	Jan. 8	Jan. 15	Jan. 22	Jan. 29	Feb. 5	Feb. 12	Feb. 19	Feb. 26	March 4	March 11	March 18	March 25	April 1	Co. Total	Co. Avg.
Restigouche	68	22	12	10	11	12	8	8	8	6	10	13	7	44	234	16.5
Charlotte	4	8	49	18	4	7	20	18	14	22	27	14	25	10	235	16.5
Victoria	10	42	25	11	11	8	11	17	18	22	14	20	40	17	266	19
York	26	14	18	..	18	27	10	10	9	17	21	12	34	57	273	19.5
Carleton	22	26	20	14	21	20	11	13	9	13	22	21	30	21	263	19
Kent	9	3	5	..	2	..	..	8	17	12	29	22	3	5	115	8
Albert	5	1	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	17	19	2	48	3.5
Madawaska		22	7	2	..	4	..	2	..	2	3	7	10	10	71	5
Kings		27	..	..	2	11	5	9	..	2	11	13	20	24	124	9
Queens-Sunbury		..	..	2	5	3	2	..	4	4	9	12	10	..	51	3.6
Westmorland	28	53	24	53	58	72	88	66	48	45	47	48	33	31	694	49.5
St. John	59	57	44	43	41	60	28	33	40	78	69	34	52	42	680	48
Gloucester	32	15	3	21	19	5	19	6	..	3	5	34	6	3	171	12
Northumberland	38	25	21	18	11	16	9	15	10	26	13	21	33	38	289	20.7
Week totals	291	330	228	202	203	246	210	200	177	253	282	288	322	306	3538	

Grand total—3538.

Provincial weekly average—252.7.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Sarah Edwards.

Annapolis, N. S., April 3—The sudden death of Sarah, widow of the late John Edwards, of this town, occurred here this afternoon. She had been around the house during the morning, apparently in her usual health, and ate her dinner, when she complained that her blood was not in good circulation and went and laid down, and in a few minutes passed away. She was about 73 years of age and very highly respected. Four sons and four daughters survive her. They are: William H., proprietor of the Farmers' Hotel; J. Havelock, high sheriff of Annapolis Co.; Roy, in the overseas military force; Percy in the United States; Mrs. F. W. Pickels, Mrs. Samuel Rippey, and Mrs. Clifford Herbert, of Annapolis; and Mrs. H. T. Williams of Wolfville.

William E. Dunn.

Digby, April 3—William E. Dunn died at his home on Prince William street at an early hour yesterday morning. He was the last of the family of the late Richard Dunn, of Bear River, and was born in that village, 71 years ago. He leaves a widow and family of five: Richard L., Cervantes, and Rose at home; Frank, in Bear River, and Mrs. Frank A. Bent, of Quincey (Mass.), and four grandchildren. His wife was Miss Annie S. Crouse, of Bear River. Mr. Dunn was a well known farmer, and at one time a lumber merchant, having been connected years ago with the firm of Turnbull & Welch, of this town. The funeral takes place from his late home tomorrow morning with interment in Bear River. The services at the house will be conducted by Rev. C. W. Robbins, pastor of the Digby Baptist church, and Rev. Robert McArthur, pastor of Digby Methodist church, and at the grave by Rev. L. H. Crandall, pastor of the Bear River Baptist church.

Mrs. William Copp.

Newcastle, April 3—The death of Mrs. William Copp, one of the aged and most respected residents of English Settlement, Northwest Miramichi, occurred on Friday night. She was nearly 80 years of age. She was formerly Miss Joanna O'Shea, of Sevagle. She is survived by her aged husband, and the following children: John, at home; Jeremiah, Sevogle; Catherine, (Mrs. Thomas Murphy), Exmoor; Jane, (Mrs. Alex. Major), Newcastle; Lillian (Mrs. Patrick Keyes), English Settlement); and Miss Maggie, at home. The surviving brothers and sisters are: John and Jeremiah O'Shea, Sevagle; James, Boom Road; and Mrs. John Howe, Boom Road.

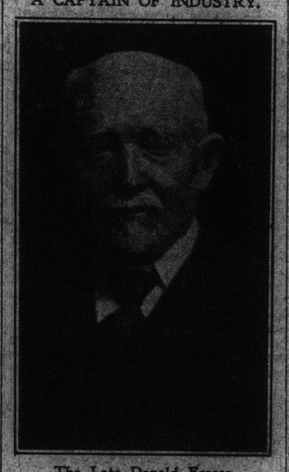
Edward D. Bishop.

Hopewell Hill, April 2—The death occurred yesterday at the home of Robert McGorman, of Edward D. Bishop, a well known citizen, and one of the oldest residents of the locality. Mr. Bishop had reached the advanced age of eighty-eight years, and until the past year, had been well and in the possession of all his faculties to a marked degree. For some months he had been gradually failing, though complaining of no illness, death being due to old age. He had no family. His wife, who was formerly Miss Almira Stiles, died some thirty-five years ago. For the past seven years he had been boarding with Mr. McGorman. Mr. Bishop, who was one of a large family of brothers and sisters, was a son of Dalton Bishop, one of the early residents, and a grandson of Captain John Dudgeon, one of the best known of the old day Shepody mariners. In his younger days Mr. Bishop spent many years in the States, following his trade of ship carpenter in the yards at Chelsea (Mass.), where he was employed for a considerable time. He was also for a time carpenter with his cousin, Capt. Eli Robinson, in the ship Equator. Quite a number of years ago he returned to Hopewell and built a residence which he occupied for several years. With the advancement of age and infirmities he sold his property and has since been boarding. Mr. Bishop was a life long Liberal. He was a great reader of the newspapers, and had been a constant subscriber of the St. John Telegraph from its first issue till a short time ago, when failing sight compelled him to give up reading. Mr. Bishop's brothers and sisters, all of whom have now passed away, were: James, Silas, Miner, and Capt. Alfred Bishop, Mrs. Wm. Govany, Mrs. Phineas Simpson, Mrs. Wheelock, Mrs. Parsons and many who died in early life.

James Crosby.

Yarmouth, N. S., April 1—The death occurred at Wellington, on Wednesday last of Deacon James Crosby, aged 88 years. In early life Mr. Crosby devoted himself to school teaching, but later turned his attention to farming, which vocation he pursued up until about four years ago, when he was partially disabled by paralysis. He was a devoted member of the Hebron Baptist church, and was highly respected by a large number of friends. His wife, formerly Miss Margaret H. Goudey, of Port Maitland, predeceased him seven years ago. He is survived by two daughters—Mrs. George Landers, of Chicago, and Mrs. Harvey Churchill, of Wellington, with whom he resided.

A CAPTAIN OF INDUSTRY.



The Late Donald Fraser.

Mr. Fraser, who died at his home in Fredericton on Saturday after a brief illness, was head of one of the biggest lumber industries in Canada.

born on Deer Island, N.B., going to Robbinston when he was ten years old. He was a wheelwright by trade and considered a skilled workman. He was a man of the highest character and all who knew him liked him. Besides many friends and relatives he leaves one son, Howard, of Middleboro, Mass., and one daughter, Mrs. Frank Duffin of Robbinston. Funeral services were held at his home, conducted by the I. O. R. M.

Mrs. Mary C. McKenzie.

Moncton, April 5—Mrs. Mary C. McKenzie, wife of the late Donald G. McKenzie, died at the residence of her son, George S., this morning of pneumonia. Her son is an employe of the I. C. R. audit office. Ex-Governor McClelan is a cousin of the deceased and Mrs. Alexander Rogers of Hopewell Hill is a niece. Mrs. McKenzie was formerly Miss Mary Robinson of Hopewell Hill. She had been an invalid for forty years.

Albion Cline.

Albion Cline died on March 20 at his home in Robbinston, Me. Mr. Cline had been in failing health for some months, but few of his friends or relatives knew the end was so near. He was

Miss Pauline Crowe.

Parrsboro, April 4—The death of Miss Pauline M. Crowe, of the Parrsboro teaching staff occurred at the Victoria General Public Hospital, Halifax on Saturday afternoon. Miss Crowe had been suffering for the past six weeks from a rapidly developing growth on the upper jaw which the physician diagnosed as of a cancerous nature. She underwent an operation in the Victoria General Hospital on Saturday and did not rally from the anesthetic. The late Miss Crowe was twenty years of age and for a number of years was a resident of Boston. Her death is regretted by the whole community. The body was taken to Portlpique for burial.

Mrs. Catherine Foran.

Newcastle, April 4—Mrs. Catherine Foran, widow of late James Foran of Halcomb, Little Southwest Miramichi, died on Sunday, after a lingering illness. She was about seventy years of age. Her husband died about six months ago. She was formerly Miss Dennis, and was a native of Halcomb. Five children survive. They are John, George and Daniel, of Halcomb, and Michael of Fall River (Mass.), and a daughter, married, and living at Fall River. Two sisters—Mrs. James Foran of Newcastle, and Mrs. George Foran of Halcomb also survive.

Samuel Nathan Knowles.

Samuel Nathan Knowles died yesterday. Besides his wife, formerly Miss Margaret Smith, daughter of the late John Smith (of the Eagle Foundry), one daughter survives, Miss Margaret D., at home. Mr. Knowles conducted a trunk business here for many years. He was a member of St. David's church.

Mrs. Elizabeth Annette.

The death of Elizabeth Annette, widow of William Annette, occurred yesterday at her home, Main street, Fairville. She was eighty-five years of age and was a devoted member of the Methodist church, being probably the oldest member in Fairville. She is survived by two daughters, Helen at home, and Mrs. Louise Hetherington, matron of the Provincial Hospital, and two grandchildren, one of whom is George Hetherington of the customs service here, and the other, Hattie Chapman, residing in the United States.

Mrs. Annette belonged to one of the oldest families in the province. She was the granddaughter of Humphrey Pickard who came from Rolling Moss, Ireland, in 1762 and settled in Maugerville.

Mrs. Catherine Quinn.

The death of Mrs. Catherine Quinn of New York, widow of Robert Quinn, formerly of Fairville, occurred recently. Mrs. Quinn was a life-long resident of this city until two years ago when she removed to New York. She leaves two daughters, Mrs. C. Hammel and Mrs. Jennie Barker, both of New York, and one son, Alexander of Boston. The funeral will be today from the residence of her son-in-law, Charles A. Morrison, Lancaster Heights.

Miss Emma J. Hennigar.

Thursday, April 6.

The death of Miss Emma J. Hennigar occurred last evening at the residence of her brother, E. S. Hennigar, Orange street, after an illness of only a few weeks. Miss Hennigar was the daughter of the late Michael Hennigar, of this city.

The deceased lady was highly respected and esteemed by all who knew her. She is survived by one brother, E. S. Hennigar; a half-brother, Arthur G. Hennigar, and a half-sister, Mrs. Berganzell, both of Hastings, Nebraska.

The funeral will be held on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

WEDDINGS

Thorne-Byers.

Tuesday, April 4.

A quiet home wedding took place yesterday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Thorne, 71 Metcalf street, when Rev. Dr. D. Hutchinson, of Main street Baptist church, united in marriage Pte. Thomas Vernon Thorne, of the 140th battalion, and Miss Elsie Gertrude Byers. The ceremony was witnessed only by a few of the immediate relatives and friends of the contracting parties.

Hollett-Sowery.

A military wedding of interest took place in the Stone church Monday, when a popular N. C. O., Sergt. Hollett of B. Co. 69th Batt., was married to Miss Mabel Sowery of this city. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Robert Sowery, was dressed in a tailored blue suit with Leghorn hat and wore a corsage of bride's roses. Mrs. Chris Storey was matron of honor. The groom was supported by Sergt. Steve. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Storey. The groom's present to the bride was a gold wrist watch, from the men of B. Co. came a handsome present in silver, from the sergeants of B. Co. a muffin rest. Other handsome presents also were received. Major Willians and Capt. DeBeaguesu honored the company with their presence and after a very enjoyable time and various toasts being proposed the company departed at an early hour. The guests were: Misses Florie Innis, Louise Innis, Mary Bawley, O. Atalenia, Annie Nichols, Mrs. Fred Storm, Miss Annie Storm, Sergts Logan, Griffith, Pickup, Atkinson; lance cpls. Logan, Agnew, Ptes. Jubin, McDonald, Harris, Patterson, Brooks, Abbott, Drummer Reynolds, Sgt. Cook McNeigh, 115th Batt.; Pte. J. Cady, 140th Batt.; Pte. Millinliny, 140th Batt.

Craig-Douglas.

St. Stephen, N. B., April 5—This afternoon at 4 o'clock a very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mrs. W. S. A. Douglas, when her daughter, E. Verna Douglas, became the bride of William N. Craig, of Taymouth (N. B.) The bride was given away by her uncle, J. Fred. Douglas, and the wedding march was played by Miss Christine Douglas, cousin of the bride. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. S. B. Strothard, pastor of the Methodist church. The bride was gowned in white voile with shadow lace and pearl trimmings, and carried a shower bouquet of roses and lilies of the valley. After congratulations and luncheon the young couple left on the evening train for their new home at Taymouth (N. B.) The bride was the recipient of many presents, among which was a beautiful pearl necklace, the gift of the groom.

Perry-Smith.

Thursday, April 6.

A quiet wedding was solemnized last night at the residence of Rev. B. H. Nobles, 41 Cedar street, when he united in marriage Dolly B. Smith and Beecher M. Perry, both of Thornetown, Queens county (N. B.) The bride was attired in a navy blue traveling suit with white hat. They were supported by Mrs. Harry Miller and by Stanley Smith. Only the immediate relatives and friends of the contracting parties witnessed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Perry will reside at Thornetown.

ALLIES PICK OFF ONE SUBMARINE; U.S. SOON TO ACT

Paris, April 6—A German submarine was sunk yesterday by a squadron of French and British warships, so the ministry of marine announced last night. The crew of the submarine was captured.

New York, April 6—A news agency despatch from Washington says: Satisfied that the British Channel steamer Sussex was torpedoed without warning, endangering the lives of American passengers, President Wilson has determined to put the case before congress and ask sanction for immediate action unless some undeveloped evidence should prove it was not the work of a German submarine.

STRONG RESOLUTION AGAINST VALLEY RAILWAY SCHEME

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other salvation for the place but a railway or a bridge. "We are as bad as if forty miles in the woods," he said, and he called the government's action an outrage that we should be placed under the control of the manager of the Canadian Government Railways. On motion, Guy Flewelling, Percy Fairweather and J. C. Ricker were appointed a committee to draft resolutions. The following resolution was then presented and unanimously adopted:

The Resolution.

Whereas, the construction of a railway from Grand Falls to St. John has been started following the necessary legislation to construct such road; and

Whereas, from available reports of competent engineers the east side of the St. John river has been shown to be the shortest, most direct and most practical route; and

Whereas, the present government was given their power by the vote of the people on the strength of their pledge that such road would be completed from Grand Falls to St. John by the eastern route, so-called; and

Whereas, the people have built for the future on the promise of this railway being built by the eastern route; and

Whereas, we understand a change of route has been proposed that this road be built from Centreville to Welsford or Westfield, on the west side of the river St. John; and

Whereas, this would mean merely a local feeder for the C. P. R. instead of a direct route to the city of St. John for western or, through freight, and give St. John no direct connection with the Transcontinental railway, making the Courtenay Bay terminals practically useless; and

Whereas, we of the parish of Kingston are practically shut off from the outside world, the bridge across the Kennebeccasis being carried away by a freshet in 1909, of which the people had had the use for about thirty years, not having been rebuilt and the steamboat service to St. John having been discontinued for the past two years.

Therefore be it resolved, that we, the residents of the parish of Kingston, do hereby strongly protest against the Valley railway being built on any other but the eastern route and urge that it be completed as promised the people and as present legislation provides for, and further resolved that it be completed without further delay.

It was moved by S. T. Lamb and seconded by E. A. Flewelling that copies of this resolution be sent to the St. John daily papers and the local representatives, which motion carried by an unanimous vote.

PRICES ARE MOVING UPWARD IN SUGARS AND CANNED GOODS

Changes in all grades of canned goods; a further advance in the price of Ontario flour and another advance on all grades of sugar are the features of the market for the present week. Prevailing prices are as follows:

COUNTRY MARKET.

Potatoes, per bushel	1.25	to	1.50
Beef, western	0.11	"	0.12½
Beef, country	0.07	"	0.10
Mutton, per lb	0.10	"	0.12
Pork, per lb	0.13	"	0.14½
Veal, per lb	0.10	"	0.13
Eggs, case, per dozen	0.00	"	0.26
Tub butter, per lb	0.30	"	0.32
Creamery butter, per lb	0.34	"	0.37
Fowls, fresh killed, per lb	0.25	"	0.28
Fowls, frozen, per lb	0.16	"	0.18
Fresh chicken	0.00	"	0.30
Bacon	0.20	"	0.22
Ham	0.19	"	0.20½
Turkey	0.32	"	0.35
Cabbage, per doz	0.50	"	1.00
Turnips, bbl	0.00	"	1.25
Retail prices are given for green goods:			
Radishes	0.00	"	0.05
Mushrooms	0.00	"	0.40
Cranberries	0.00	"	0.20

GROCERIES.

Choice seed raisins, 1s	0.10½	"	0.10¾
Fancy, do	0.10¾	"	0.11
Currants, cleaned, 1s	0.12½	"	0.13
Cheese, per lb	0.19	"	0.20
Rice	5.75	"	6.00
Cream tartar, pure box	0.50	"	0.52
Bicarb. soda, per keg	3.20	"	3.25
Beans, white	4.00	"	4.50
Beans, yellow eye	4.50	"	4.55
Split peas, bags	6.25	"	6.50
Pot barley, bbls	6.20	"	6.35
Cornmeal, per bag	1.75	"	1.80
Granulated cornmeal	6.00	"	6.10
Liverpool salt per sack ex store	1.05	"	1.10

PROVISIONS.

Pork, Canadian mess	29.50	"	30.00
Pork, American clear	29.00	"	30.00
American plate beef	25.25	"	25.75
Lard, compound, tub	0.14	"	0.14¼
Lard, pure, tub	0.16¼	"	0.16½
Molasses, fancy Barbados	0.52	"	0.53

SUGAR.

Standard granulated	7.60	"	7.65
United Empire, gran	7.50	"	7.55
Bright yellow	7.40	"	7.45
No. 1 yellow	7.15	"	7.20
Paris lumps	8.50	"	8.60

FLOUR, ETC.

Roller oatmeal	0.00	"	6.25
Standard oatmeal	0.00	"	6.75
Manitoba, high grade	0.00	"	7.35
Ontario, full patent	0.00	"	7.05

CANNED GOODS.

The following are the wholesale quotations per case:

Salmon, pinks	5.15	"	5.25
Salmon, red spring	8.00	"	8.60
Finnan haddies	4.50	"	4.60
Kippered herring	4.50	"	4.60
Clams	4.00	"	4.25
Oysters, 1s	1.70	"	1.75
Oysters, 2s	2.50	"	2.55
Corned beef, 1s	2.90	"	3.50
Peaches, 2s	1.80	"	1.85
Peaches, 3s	2.40	"	2.45
Pineapple, sliced	2.17½	"	2.20
Pineapple, grated	1.70	"	1.75
Lombard plums	1.80	"	1.85
Raspberries	2.17½	"	2.20
Corn, per doz	1.10	"	1.15
Peas	1.07½	"	1.10
Strawberries	2.42½	"	2.45
Tomatoes	1.32½	"	1.35
Pumpkins	1.10	"	1.15
String beans	1.10	"	1.15
Baked beans, 2s	1.15	"	1.20
Baked beans, 3s	1.55	"	1.70

GRAINS.

Bran, small lots, bags	27.00	"	28.00
Pressed hay, car lots No. 1	17.00	"	18.00
Pressed hay, per ton, No. 1	19.00	"	20.00
Oats, Canadian	0.57	"	0.62
Oats, local	0.53	"	0.55

HIDES AND WOOL.

Tallow	0.05	"	0.06½
Wool (unwashed)	0.28	"	0.30
Hides	0.13½	"	0.15½
Calfskins	0.15	"	0.17
Lambskins (Feb)	1.00	"	1.75

FISH.

Small dry cod	4.75	"	5.00
Medium dry cod	6.00	"	6.25
Pollock	4.00	"	4.10
Grand Manan herring, half-bbls	3.00	"	3.10
Smoked herring	0.12	"	0.14
Pickled shad, half-bbls.	8.00	"	12.00
Fresh cod, per lb	0.06	"	0.07
Bloaters, per box	0.80	"	0.90
Halibut	0.12	"	0.18
Kippered herring, per box	0.00	"	0.90
Swordfish	0.12	"	0.13
Haddies	0.07	"	0.08

FRUITS.

Marbot walnuts	0.16	"	0.17
Almonds	0.18	"	0.19
California prunes	0.09	"	0.15
Filberts	0.15	"	0.16
Brazils	0.18	"	0.19
Peanuts, roasted	0.11	"	0.14
Bag figs, per lb	0.10	"	0.15
Lemons, Messina, box	3.50	"	3.75
Cocoanuts, per doz	0.60	"	0.70
Cocoanuts, per sack	4.00	"	4.50
California oranges	3.25	"	4.50
Oranges, Fla	3.25	"	3.75
Apples	2.25	"	6.00

OILS.

Palacine	0.00	"	0.20
Royalite	0.00	"	0.16½
Turpentine	0.00	"	0.71
Extra lard compound	0.00	"	0.91
Extra No. 1 lard compound	0.00	"	0.82½
"Premier" motor gasolene	0.00	"	0.35

POST OFFICE MOVING.

Postmaster Sears said last night that the final work in the moving of the post office departments from the old to the new post office would be started today, and will be completed by Saturday. Mr. Sears expressed the hope that the public will exercise a spirit of forebearance with any little delays, which may incidentally arise, although he hoped that there would not be any.

Soldier Dies in P. E. I.

Charlottetown, P.E.I., April 6—Private James Taylor, aged 24, 105th Regiment, died here today in the military hospital. He was a native of Newfoundland but recently resided in Nine Mile Creek.

BRITISH DEFEND NEW POSITIONS AT ST. ELOI

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ence to French and German aeroplanes, is significant. According to a document found on a prisoner German pilots received orders to cross their own lines as little as possible. The results of the month of March prove, on the other hand, that our pursuit aeroplanes have flown incessantly over the territory of the adversary, seeking combat."

The Belgian official communication reads:

"Artillery duels of considerable intensity occurred in the region of Dixmude today."

Stirring Events West of Meuse.

The French morning statement deals with the German attack on Haucourt and the successful French assault on the Boise Carree as follows:

"In the region of Verdun the enemy, after a relative calm of yesterday afternoon, gave evidence of great activity during the evening hours. As the night progressed, there took place to the west of the Meuse a bombardment of extreme violence in the region between Avocourt and Bethincourt. This was followed by a series of attacks in which large numbers of men took part, against the two principal salients of this front. All the efforts of the enemy against the village of Bethincourt were checked by our fire.

"During this same time, the enemy delivered a furious attack on the centre against the village of Haucourt. In spite of repeated checks and of bloody sacrifices, they were successful in getting a footing during the night in this village. We now hold the village under the fire of our dominating positions.

"On our side, after a short preparatory artillery fire, we delivered a spirited attack, our men coming out from the redoubt of Avocourt, their purpose being to connect this redoubt with one of our works situated on the boundary of the wood to the north of Avocourt. During this operation, which was in all respects successful, we occupied a large portion of the territory known as Le Boise Carree, and took fifty prisoners.

"To the east of the River Meuse, two attacks on the part of the enemy directed against our position to the north of the Caillette wood, resulted only in serious losses to the Germans. There is nothing to report from the remainder of the front."

Italians Repulse Attacks.

Rome, via London, April 6, 9.47 p. m.—The official communication issued by the Italian war office tonight reads:

"Our detachments are active along the front from Stelvio to Giudicaria. There have been artillery duels from Carda to Upper Astico. In the Sugana valley there have been artillery engagements. In the zone of the Largana torrent, in the vicinity of Brenta, the enemy was repulsed with serious losses. In the upper Isonzo rain and fog have hindered operations, except artillery, which has been intense on the heights northwest of Gorizia. On the Carso, on Tuesday night, we repulsed two small attacks on Monte San Michele."

Russian Statement.

Petrograd, April 6, via London, April 7, 3 a. m.—The official statement from general headquarters issued today reads as follows:

"On the Dvina front enemy aeroplanes have been very active and have dropped many bombs. The breaking up of the ice continues, and the marshes are thawing, the muddy roads rendering troop movement impracticable.

"Lively artillery duels have occurred in several sectors in the Jacobstadt-Dvinsk region.

"Our aircraft have made several successful raids. In the region southwest of Dvinsk, Aviator Lieutenant Brabass brought down a dirigible, which fell inside the enemy's lines.

"South of the Dvinsk region the hostile artillery developed a violent fire."

Germans Say They Stormed Haucourt.

Berlin, April 6, via London—German troops have stormed the village of Haucourt, on the Avocourt-Bethincourt front northwest of Verdun, the war office announced today.

The text of the official statement follows:

"Western front: There was great activity west of the Meuse during the day, chiefly on account of the preparatory fire which we directed against the district of Haucourt. During the afternoon the activity of our infantry became more pronounced. It stormed the village of Haucourt and the strongly fortified French point of support east of the village. In addition to very considerable losses in killed and wounded, the enemy lost 11 officers and 581 unwounded prisoners belonging to two different divisions.

"On the right bank of the Meuse the French renewed the attempt against positions we captured in Caillette forest and northwest thereof on April 2. This attack was checked quickly.

"During the night of April 5-6 German naval airships destroyed a large iron works with blast furnaces and extensive establishments near Whitby, England, after having put out of action with explosives a battery north of Hull.

"The raiders also attacked factories in Leeds and the surrounding region, and several railway stations in the industrial district. Good effects were observed.

"The airships were shelled heavily. All returned undamaged."

"PENNY SAVED, PENNY EARNED," NOT SLOGAN OF FEDERAL CABINET

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in expenditures on public works last year, but held it had been insufficient.

Many public works carried on last year might have been postponed and two million dollars of the amount to be raised by the business tax might thus have been in the hands of the government. He had observed that there had been increases in the salaries in the civil service. There did not, he thought, seem to be anything to justify an increase in the cost of administration under the head of civil government.

Chance to Save Here.

He had noticed that the staff of the militia department had been considerably augmented and that 200 persons were employed by the war purchasing commission. He was of opinion that these employes might have been supplied by the transfer of employes from other departments which were less busy than before the war. For instance men in the immigration offices in England and elsewhere and in the quarantine stations, who were not so busy as before the war, might have been transferred. Mr. MacLean also objected to the practice of paying both civil service and military salaries to medical officers in the employ of the immigration service.

Mr. Richard Blain interrupted to say that since last November double salaries

HEADS SCANDINAVIAN BATTALION.

LIEUT.-COL. O. ALBRECHTSEN, O. C. the 223rd Battalion, Second Scandinavians.

had not been paid to any civil servant who enlisted for active service.

Mr. MacLean continued that substantial reductions might have been made in the staff of the fisheries service without injuring it and then turned to the post office department. No adequate explanation had been given by the postmaster-general for the fact that whereas post office expenditure in 1911 had been only $9,172,000, it had risen during the fiscal year just closed to $15,960,000, and for 1917 would be $17,486,000. The Conservative party had a record for post office deficits which had amounted to five millions this year and would probably be about seven millions next year. The increase in rural mail deliveries, the establishment of parcels-post and salary advances would account for only a million dollars of the three million dollars increase last year. It was urged that expenditure in the large city post offices were greater, but why should this be the case when the figures showed that post office business in Quebec, Montreal and Toronto had not grown appreciably.

Tender System Abandoned.

Mr. MacLean stated that despite the postmaster-general's denial he wished to repeat that the mail contract system by tender had been practically abandoned by the present administration so that there was no longer any public confidence therein. He cited a case in which a tenderer at a high price had been allowed to reduce his figure below that of the original lowest tenderer and get the contract. This had been done time and again, and he ventured to state that as a result of such disregard of the tender system over a million dollars had been lost in the department.

Dr. Schaffner and Mr. W. H. Bennett stated that their experience was that mail contracts were being let at starvation prices and Hon. Mr. Casgrain asked Mr. MacLean or any of his colleagues to name one case in which a mail contract had been let for too high a price. If this had never been done how had the public interest suffered?

Mr. E. M. MacDonald stated that if the financial position of the country were as represented new rural mail routes had become a luxury and should not be established. The country was struggling to meet the necessities of the war with railway problems again looming up before it. The member for Pictou had heard that the Canadian Northern Railway would this session be asking for additional financial aid. With such a possibility before him the government should see that economy in the post office department was a necessity.

Mr. MacDonald dilated upon the theme of economy and pointed to the shortage of ocean tonnage for the transportation of Canadian goods across the ocean as a problem to be dealt with. He said that the estimates might well be revised in order that parliament might provide funds for meeting war expenditure, for solving the railway problem and for meeting the need for shipping on the Atlantic.

"Since the beginning of the war the government has exercised economy," said Sir Thomas White. The policy of the government had been to carry on works under contract, and works which were indispensably necessary and no others. He indicated the manner in which expenditures had been reduced in each successive term since the outbreak of hostilities. The finance minister pointed out, moreover that the estimate for the year 1916-17 included some $37,000,000 for interest charges. He indicated that the interest on the public debt had increased, largely by reason of the war, from $13,000,000 in 1914 until in the fiscal year just begun it would be $37,000,000. The expenditure for 1916-17, exclusive of war expenditure and charges on the public debt, would thus be only about $125,000,000.

Sir Thomas pointed out that the last estimates voted by the Laurier government had amounted to $157,000,000. The estimated expenditure for 1916-17, therefore, although it included a much greater amount for interest on the public debt, was only $3,000,000 in excess of the expenditure of 1911-12.

Sir Thomas showed that the expenditures of the dominion on current account, on capital account and for railway subsidies amounted in the fiscal year 1913-14 to $161,000,000; in 1914-15 to $157,000,000, and in 1915-16 to $141,000,000. There had thus been a reduction of more than $20,000,000 in the last two years.

Sir Thomas White pointed out that from 1911 to the outbreak of the war there was a steady increase of expenditures, many great public works were under construction, and ordinary expenses had grown with the development of the country. At the same time the total trade of Canada had grown from $700,000,000 in 1911 to $1,200,000,000 last year. He had acted upon the principle that Canada should finance well in advance and should as far as possible avoid short date loans.

Sir Thomas said that while the financial situation was serious the country was, he believed, well able to sustain it. He hoped during the coming year out of the income to meet the $160,000,000 of ordinary expenditures which included the interest on the national debt and also to pay a portion of the capital and war expenditures. Sir Thomas said that, even at the risk of having the immigration department overmanned for a short time, it would be a mistake to disband a staff which might soon be needed.

"The most important questions of this country for many years to come," he continued, "will be immigration, land settlement and increased agricultural production. Increased agricultural production is the key to the economic situation in Canada. It will solve the railway situation ultimately."

The house adjourned shortly before midnight.

The cost of supplying running water to the home is more than met by the comfort it brings.