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News of Maritime Men In The War

Mr. and Mrs. George Morris of Chatham have received a telegram from their son, Dick, who left with the First Contingent for the war, and has been for six months in an English hospital, that he arrived in Halifax, N.S., on the 13th. Plugs were flying in Chatham on Friday in honor of Walter Coughlan's return from the great war. He was met on arriving by auto from Newcastle, by a great concourse of citizens and the band. Mayor Hickey made an eloquent address of welcome and the returned hero was heartily cheered. Mr. Coughlan expects to return to the fighting line when he fully recovers his health and strength.

Mrs. Joseph Savoy, Blackville, writes that her husband is not dead as reported, but was, when she last heard of him, in hospital, doing well under the care of physicians and nurses.

Lance-Corp. Pincombe Recovering

Lance-Corp. C. A. Pincombe, who was wounded at the front with the 26th Battalion, is recovering rapidly at No. 4 Northern General Hospital in England. He received shrapnel wounds in the left hand and left side of the face.

Was Shot Through Both Legs.

Private Allan Hall, of Maxwell, York County, who had his left forearm pierced by a bullet and was shot through both legs in the heavy fighting in Sanctuary Wood on June 8th, is now at the Cottage Hospital, Woburn, England.

Completed Course.

Keith Brown, of St. John, has arrived in Fredericton to spend a few days. He has just completed a successful course in military training at Aldershot and will try for an appointment for overseas service.

Returning Home.

Lieut. Cecil Mersereau, of Chatham, who was wounded in the face and body during the early part of the battle of Hooge, is now on his way home, presumably on sick leave. On Tuesday his

father, J. Y. Mersereau, received the following cable from London: "Leaving London for home today."

Draft From 65th Battery

As a result of a draft of one officer and fifty men who are now in readiness to proceed overseas on twenty-four hours' notice, being taken from the 65th Battery, Field Artillery, stationed at Woodstock, Capt. J. H. Evans, officer commanding, is making preparations to start an active recruiting campaign to bring the battery up to strength.

The draft selected from the 65th battery is to be commanded by Lieut. Douglas V. White, son of Dr. W. W. White of St. John. It was first announced that Lieut. R. Fraser Armstrong, son of R. E. Armstrong, secretary of the St. John Board of Trade, would command the draft; but some changes were made in the personnel of the draft and the commanding officer was also changed.

Back From the U. S. to Enlist

Geo. W. Robertson is in Woodstock and will visit his mother in East Colebrook and other relatives in York and the neighboring county. Mr. Robertson came from Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where he held a position in the United States militia, but threw up his job to go overseas, and has enlisted in the Construction Corps in St. John. He drilled at Sussex when he was but a lad; at the time of the South African war he enlisted, but was sent to do garrison duty at Halifax. Then he went to the United States and has been six years in the U. S. militia, his company being in Cuba for some time.

Prominent P. E. I. Man Dead

Charlottetown, P. E. I., July 17.—Henry Jones Cundall, one of the wealthiest men of P. E. Island, died here yesterday, aged eighty-one. He was formerly a land surveyor and surveyed appropriations of the P. E. I. railroad. He was interested in some commercial enterprises and was at one time president of the Telephone Company. He was prominent in the Church of England and contributed liberally to missionary and philanthropic objects.

In Collision in Thames.

London, July 17.—The steamers Montreal and Acadia were in collision yesterday in the Thames off Millwall. Both were damaged.

LOCAL NEWS

FROM THE STATES.

The Eastern Seaman's Company's liner, Calvin Austin, arrived from Boston this morning with six hundred passengers.

WORD ABOUT SOLDIER

Mrs. Sarah Alice Moon (or Moore), next of kin of No. 44,727, Sapper Edward Moon, Engineers, is requested to communicate with the office of the Western Union Telegraph Co., this city.

HIS LEG BROKEN

Howard Anderson of Milford, aged fifteen years, suffered a painful accident last evening when he fell from a lumber pile over which he was climbing and broke his leg. He was taken to the General Public Hospital where an X-ray examination showed a bad fracture of the right leg.

LOGAN-NEAL.

The wedding of Charles E. Logan of Fairville, to Mrs. Ethel A. Neal, recently of Amherst, N. S., took place on Sunday evening at the home of the officiating clergyman, Rev. Dr. Hutchinson, 80 Main street. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Logan left by the Boston boat for a wedding trip. On their return they will reside in Fairville.

HOME ON LEAVE

Major L. W. Peters, O. C. Company "A," 115th Battalion, Lieut. J. B. Devereux and Lieut. A. Gilmore of the same unit returned to the city on Saturday night on a short leave. The battalion band also arrived from Valcartier on Saturday and will be engaged for a few days in recruiting endeavors. Lieut. C. W. Pickett of Sackville is home on leave from the same unit.

POLICE COURT

In the police court this morning two boys were before the court to answer the charge of lurking in a Brunswick street on Sunday morning and not giving a satisfactory account of themselves. They were cautioned and sent below. Four drunks were taken into custody during Saturday and Sunday. Three were let out on deposit and the fourth was allowed his freedom on taking the pledge for a year.

VISITING MINISTERS

Rev. David Lang, who for several years was minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church and who is now in charge of a large congregation in Denver, Colorado, is again in the city and yesterday occupied the pulpit of his former church at both services.

Rev. Dr. D. J. Fraser, principal of the Montreal Presbyterian Theological College, formerly minister of St. Stephen's Presbyterian church in this city, is here on a visit to friends.

MRS. THOMAS BLANCHE

The death of Mrs. Helen Blanche, wife of Thomas Blanche, occurred this morning at her home, 17 Elliot Row, after a protracted illness. Besides her husband, Mrs. Blanche is survived by one son, Charles Blanche, and four daughters, Mrs. H. R. Gott of Vinal Haven, Me., and Misses Catherine, Hattie, Beryl, and home. Her brothers, Robert Freese of West St. John and Havelock Freese of Calgary, and one sister, Mrs. Blanche of Sussex. Notice of the funeral arrangements will be given in the morning papers.

CELEBRATED HIGH MASS.

Rev. Francis Walker, who was recently related to the priesthood by His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc, celebrated high mass yesterday in the parish church at Shediac, this being his first high mass in the church at that place. He was assisted by Rev. Father LeBlanc, parish priest, and Rev. Fr. Landry of Quebec. Father Landry preached an eloquent sermon, during which he referred to the newly ordained priest and also to the new church that the people of Shediac have just erected. The new church is much larger than the old one, and is very beautifully finished.

A CHANCE FOR TOY-MAKERS

The board of trade has received a letter from the superintendent of the Commercial Intelligence Branch, Ottawa, stating that the toy fair held in Toronto last spring would be reproduced at the Toronto Exhibition, August 28, and asking whether there are any toy-makers in St. John who would like to have their toys shown at this exhibition. The letter states in conclusion: "I would particularly like to have some exhibits of toy boats. St. John was at one time one of the greatest shipbuilding ports in the world. It would seem appropriate to have a good exhibit of toy boats from St. John."

LOCAL SHIPPING

The schooner Willie Maxwell arrived at St. John, Nfld., on last Saturday with a cargo of coal from Philadelphia. After discharging his cargo she will proceed to Stonehaven where she will load stores for New Haven.

The schooner Eva Denahower, Captain Wallace, arrived here this morning from New York with a cargo of coal.

The schooner Norwood arrived with a cargo of molasses from Barbados.

The schooner Eva Denahower, Captain Patterson, arrived from New York with a cargo of coal. The schooner Rodger Drury also came in with coal from New York.

HALE AND HEARTY; D. J. SEELY NINETY TODAY

Still hale and hearty, despite his years, D. J. Seely of this city, celebrates today the nineteenth anniversary of his birth. Mr. Seely is a wonderful example of the sturdy generation which has produced so many men of his type, but he is now among the last of his generation. As the senior member of the firm of D. J. Seely & Son, ship owners and brokers, he is actively interested in other affairs of public interest, and this year is president of the New Brunswick Loyalist Society.

So far as is known, he is one of the few survivors, if not the only survivor, of the first generation of Loyalists. His father came to New Brunswick from New York state in 1782.

Mr. Seely was born in St. George in 1826 and afterwards removed to Weymouth, N. S., where he was engaged in the lumber business. In 1857 he removed to St. John and established himself here and since then has been one of the prominent figures in the commercial and social life of the city.

Mr. Seely is receiving hearty congratulations from his many friends on the occasion of his anniversary.

SAFETY STATION IN MARKET SQUARE

May be Better Chance For Public in Waiting For or Changing Street Cars

Proposed improvements in Market square formed the theme of discussion for the greater part of the time at a meeting of the common council in committee at noon today. As the project involves considerable changes in the grass plot in the middle of the square, it was decided to allow the work to stand until nearer the end of the summer.

In the absence of the mayor, Commissioner McLellan presided, with Commissioners Russell, Wigmore and Fisher present.

Commissioner Fisher submitted revised plans for improvements in Market square. According to his plans the fountain would be moved to the opposite or western end of the grass plot. A safety station for street car changes would be provided next to the grass plots on the eastern side. There was some discussion regarding the advisability of blocking the northern side of the grass plot with a sidewalk for the use of street car passengers, and to prevent the use of this section by vehicles. As it is probable that the work will not be begun until September, no decision was reached.

Commissioner Fisher also brought up the matter of the Wall street bridge. He suggested a resolution expressing disapproval of the proposal to place a sidewalk on the western side of the bridge, but no action was taken.

A bill to amend the acts respecting the occupation of sidewalks was brought up by Commissioner Fisher. Commissioner McLellan objected that all obstructions carry with them a hazard and the permission of the public works department should be secured before permission for the obstruction.

The matter was allowed to stand over for further consultation with the city solicitor.

Commissioner Russell said he has specifications for repairs to the west side wharves, calling for an expenditure of \$8,500, but it was decided to allow this until the return of the commissioner of finance.

SERG. HAROLD FINLEY HOME

One of St. John's First Contingent to War—Will go Back in August

Sergt. Harold D. Finley, son of Mrs. L. Finley of 25-Duke street, arrived in the city today at noon, after having been overseas since the outbreak of the war. Sergt. Finley left St. John at the early part of the war with the 1st contingent. He was in the 10th Battalion as a corporal, but on going to England received three stripes and was given an important position in England on the headquarters staff with the chief director of recruitment in the organization at Folkestone. His work was of a special nature and necessitated frequent trips from England to France, especially between Folkestone, where he was stationed, and Havre. When asked to speak of his experiences, he said, "I have nothing to tell you, only that the present is better than the past for an early finish." Speaking of the English press, Sergt. Finley said that it was very strict concerning the imparting of news about inside work, and said "there is a lot doing that we know nothing about."

Sergt. Finley met at the station at noon by his people, and was taken to his home in a barouche. He looks every inch a soldier. He came across as a sergeant with the correct looking after returned men, who arrived in Quebec on Friday. Sergt. Finley will be here until August 1.

NOTES FROM VALCARTIER

Valcartier Camp, July 18.—The final medical examination of all ranks of the battalion is now taking place, and those who are being either discharged or transferred to some "home service" unit. The final inoculation of the whole battalion will be carried out tomorrow. Captain Ingletton has been granted leave from the 18th to the 19th and is going to St. John.

145th Battalion.

Lieutenant David William Clarkson, of Moncton, has been promoted to the rank of captain, to date from April 1, 1916.

General Camp Notes.

The last two days have been very hot as the troops have suffered a good deal from the heat. The evenings being cool, the health of the men has not been affected. Very few cases of heat prostration occurring.

Brushwood and forest fires, which started on Wednesday, spread rapidly, and fanned by a heavy wind today, caused anxiety. By noon today the flames had spread over an area of forest half a mile long and a quarter of a mile in depth and huge billows of black and yellow smoke and leaping flames rose from the burning timbers.

All the troops in camp were turned out to quell the flames, and after several hours hard work they succeeded in getting the fires under control. The brushwood and stumps are still smouldering, but no more trouble is anticipated.

It is rumored that His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught will soon make an inspection of the troops in camp, but no official word to this effect has yet been received.

WOULD LIKE GERMAN SOLDIERS HOME TO VOTE!

Amsterdam, July 17.—In reminding the German government that owing to expiration of the present term of the Reichstag in January, elections must take place before the final conclusion of peace, the Frankfurter Zeitung suggests, with a view to ascertaining the real feeling of the nation under the changed conditions, that a trustee should be arranged to permit half of the German army to return home for the elections.

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