HAMILTON NEWS

The Hamilton Office of The Toronto World is now located at 40 South McNab Street.

BIG SPORTING EVENT WAS HELD IN DUNDAS

Hamilton's Soldier Athletes Compete in Great Military Fete on Victoria Day.

POLICEMAN ENLISTS

Twenty-Seventh Member of City's Police Force Joins Overseas Battalion.

HAMILTON, May 24.—Soldier athletes from all the battalions in the city of Hamilton and the County of Wentworth unit competed in the greatest sporting gathering ever held in Dundas yesterday. Perfect weather brought out thousands of spectators and the arrangements for the program of events was perfect in every respect. The Sportsmen's Battalion of this city lived up to their reputation as leaders in every line of sport and cleaned up in all but a few of the events. They easily won the baseball and soccer games, also the tug-of-war.

Another member of the local police force, in the person of Constable Kay, has discarded the suit of blue for one of khaki, and will become a member of the 205th. This makes a total of 27 members of the local police force who have enlisted for active service.

Victoria day was celebrated very quietly and the amusement parks and theatres report record crowds. Altho quite a number of people left the city for various points, it is estimated that 20,000 holiday seekers were brought into the city by the various means of travel. The soldiers all had an off day, many of them going to Dundas to witness the big military meet held there.

WILL CONVENE AT LONDON.

Labor Educational Association of Ontario Finishes Annual Meeting at Berlin.

BERLIN, May 24.—(Special.)—The fourteenth annual meeting of the Labor Educational Association of Ontario convened here today, Joseph Sauve of Kingston, president, acting as chairman. There was 112 delegates present from the four corners of the province, and among the business transacted were the adoption of the several resolutions.

A motion to change the name of the organization to the Provincial Federation of Labor was defeated.

Niagara Falls, Hamilton and London were in the race for the next convention, London finally winning out.

The following are the officers for the following year: President, Charles Doughty, Guelph; 1st vice-president, John Briggs, Hamilton; 2nd vice-president, Thomas Myland, Peterboro; 3rd vice-president, Thomas Blumley, Kingston; 4th vice-president, James Ussher, Ottawa; 5th vice-president, Otto Boll, Berlin; secreasry-treasurer, Joseph T. Marks, Toronto. The advisory committee to be appointed by the executive committee.

NEW MILITARY PAPER.

LONDON, May 24.—A bright little paper called The Brazier, edited by Percy Godenrath, has enlarged its scope from a regimental journal to cover the whole interests of a Canadian Montreal brigade, with its news articles as good as ever. It is announced that The Brazier will continue to be printed at the front by regimental employes, but it trusts that its life will not necessarily be a long one.

FAREWELL CELEBRATION TO SOLDIERS AT GALT

Great Crowds Gathered to Do Honor to the South Waterloo Battalion.

GALT, May 24.—Summer weather made today's farewell celebration to the 111th South Waterloo Overseas Battalion a huge success. From all parts of South Waterloo people thronged to Galt to do honor to the departing soldiers.

In the afternoon five thousand people crowded into Dickson Park. The program consisted of military drills, football match, races and athletic events, and closed with civic presentation by Mayor Edwards to every Galt man in the battalion of a city of Galt gold signet ring, bearing the crest of the city as well as the word.

A grand military tattoo was held this evening at which about 7000 people were in attendance. Six bands took part in the entertainment. The tattoo was one of the best held here, and the fireworks display was excellent.

ALLIES MUST KEEP ON WEARING DOWN FOES

General Offensive Must Start on All Fronts at Once.

NEED MORE MATERIAL

Have Sufficient to Continue Exhaustion of Enemy's Man Power.

PARIS, May 24.—The opinion is expressed by M. Tardieu that in order for the entente allies to conduct a successful offensive it will be necessary to carry it on simultaneously over all of their fronts. At present the allies have not sufficient material to do this, altho they possess means of producing that material. Hence the proper policy, he writes, is to continue on the defensive for the present, the material now available being sufficient to wear down the man power of their opponents. When the war material of the allies exceeds that of the Germans, as their forces of men now do, the victory, M. Tardieu concludes, will be virtually a mathematical certainty.

BRITAIN AND FRANCE GET IDENTICAL NOTES

U. S. Presents Protest to Each Regarding British Treatment of Mails.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Identical notes renewing the proest of the United States against British treatment of neutral mails on the high seas were handed to the British and French ambassadors today by Acting Secretary Polk of the state department. The documents were signed by Secretary of State Lansing at his home, where he has been ill for several days.

The United States reiterates in more vigorous terms its objection to the seizure and detention of legitimate mail matter bound to and from the United States, and insists, particularly that Great Britain stop the practise of seizing vessels on the high seas and taking them into port to subject mail aboard to local regulations.

The note probably will be made public Saturday in London, Paris and Washington by agreement.

ST. PATRICK'S TEAM WON.

HAMILTON, May 25.—The St. Patrick's baseball team of Toronto played two exhibition games here yesterday with the Twentieth Centruy team of the Senior City League, and won both games, the former with a score of 7 to 6 and the latter 9 to 8.

WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

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pushed on and turned Le Mort Homme. The village, however, will afford them some shelter from which to launch bombing attacks, unless the French take prompt measures to counteract these. In regard to Fort Douaumont the gain of territory is not large, the whole fort probably not covering as much ground as the Toronto City Hall. It is the only point on the mile and a quarter front on which the French advanced that the enemy, in exceedingly desperate fighting, has been able to recover.

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It is probable that the mere political effect of a retention of Fort Douaumont on Germany is feared by the German war lords, else they would not sacrifice so many troops to retake it. Germany, it is said, has been finding difficulty in persuading the cosmopolitan financiers at Berlin and Vienna to subscribe to recent war loans since it has become known that even if she finally won the war she would be unable to extract sufficient indemnities to pay for it. But even if she becomes bankrupt she will be able to fight on for a considerable length of time. Austria, it is now said, was practically bankrupt when she began the war and yet she has been able to hold out with great endurance. Nevertheless reports of bankruptcy tend to shake the credit of the Germanic alliance abroad.

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The Italians announced yesterday that the whole of their front along the Adige River was subjected to a furious bombardment. They stopped an enemy column attempting to advance in small bodies from Lizzana towards Marco by their artillery fire and they held the Austrian attack along the Val Arsa. They have evacuated the upper basin of the Posina and the Astico in perfect order and they are strengthening their positions on a protective line of the Asiero basin. Artillery which they could not withdraw was destroyed. The enemy has commenced a strong pressure east of the Val d'Assa. Italian troops are continuing a slow and orderly retirement on their principal line in the Sugana valley. On the whole the lull has been one of preparation. The Austrians claim that since the beginning of the attack they have taken 24,000 Italians prisoner, or about 1,000 more than they claimed on Monday.

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Sir Douglas Haig reports that the situation on the Vimy ridge in northern France, where the Germans recently took 1,500 yards of front trenches from the British, remained unchanged yesterday. Small parties of British troops pushed forward at this position and engaged in hand to hand fighting with the enemy. A heavy bombardment by both contestants astride the Souchez River prevailed today. The artillery was also engaged in active operations near Roclincourt, the Hohenzollern redoubt, Wytschate and St. Eloi.

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Petrograd sees in the joining of General Sir George Gorringe by a Russian cavalry force additional evidence that the Russians are gradually uniting their various army groups in Mesopotamia and that they now present a united front which curves in a wide arc from south of Bitlis along to the neighborhood of Khanikin, northeast of Bagdad. From almost every point along this crescent, pressure is being brought to bear in the direction of Bagdad. It is believed that the arrival of the Cossacks below Kut-el-Amara is a forerunner of a real union of British and Russian forces in Mesopotamia.

HORSES AT NIAGARA MUST NOT BE USED

Men Only Permitted to Ride Them While on Camp Duties.

VISITORS AT CAMP

Many Relatives and Friends From Toronto Visit Soldiers.

Special to The Toronto World.

NIAGARA CAMP, May 24.—There was not much doing in camp today except the reception to relations and friends from Toronto, the boats being crowded with visitors.

Non coms and men are cautioned in tonight's orders not to take "joy rides" on government horses thru town and country after parades. Those in charge will be held responsible to see that this practice ceases forthwith. No government horses are to be ridden by N. C. O.'s and men except on military duty. Horses will be immediately withdrawn from units if anybody is found disobeying this order.

This order was also issued: "Warrant officers and staff sergeants, armed in peace with a sword, will, on active service, be armed and equipped in the same way as non-commissioned officers and men of their unit. The regimental sergeant-major of infantry units and pipers of Highland battalions will be armed with a revolver."

Taken on Hospital Staff.

Capt. W. J. Kirby, A.M.C., is taken on strength of camp hospital at Toronto, and Nursing Sister Ann Fleming is taken on at A. M. C. training depot No. 2, Toronto. Pte. J. Proudfoot, 13th Royal Regiment, is taken on the strength of the subordinate staff and detailed for duty at the district training school, Hamilton branch.

Following are transferred from the 95th Battalion to casualties C. E. F.: Ptes. Jas. Alexander Bell, James Gregory, Walter Charles Batchelor, Frederick Bickerstaff, Joseph James Burgess, Albert Jos. Murphy, Chas. Augustine Snelling, William Lund, Cecil Woodward, Thos. Terry Tucker, Walter Glasspool, Harold Hayden.

Transferred From 198th.

Undermentioned are transferred from 198th Overseas Battalion, C.E.F., to the 95th Battalion, C.E.F.: Ptes. Geo. Ambrose Wren, R. D. Clifton, R. A. Gilmore, T. H. Lavery, N. G. Nickelson, F. W. Ward, W. A. MacKenzie, J. P. O'Leary.

Officers commanding may permit relatives and friends of the men to visit them in camp lines Saturday, between 3.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. and Sundays.

Any breach of good order or discipline will result in withdrawal of this privilege.

SEMINARIES CONTROL ISSUE AT ASSEMBLY

Presbyterians Settle One Dispute Amicably, But Open Up Another.

QUESTION OF LOYALTY

Rochester Convention Last Year Rescinded Authority Long Exercised.

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., May 24.—After the amicable settlement today by the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of the New York presbytery controversy, it was stated by leading commissioners tonight that a spirited contest is expected on the floor of the convention tomorrow over the question of what control the assembly shall have over seminaries. Under the contract of 1870 the assembly was given supreme authority in the ratification of faculty members in all Presbyterian seminaries, but this action was rescinded by the Rochester convention last year.

In an overture submitter tonight, Lane Seminary of Cincinnati demanded that the Rochester action be reversed and the 1870 compact resumed. The treatment of this question, it was said, would vitally affect the assembly's action on the overtures against Union Theological Seminary, which urge the institution of a friendly suit to determine whether union of administration of trust funds is justifiable. The committee on bills and overtures announced it would make a report on both these matters at tomorrow's session.

RUSSIA VOLUNTARILY GAVE THE ASSURANCES

British Foreign Office Makes Statement Regarding Aland Islands.

LONDON, May 24.—The British foreign office has issued a statement to the effect that Russia recently spontaneously renewed assurances that the defenses of the Aland Islands, Finland, were purely for the emergencies of the present war. These assurances, says the foreign office, were made without being requested by Great Britain or France, as unofficial despatches have previously reported.

CONCERT AT ARMORIES.

Hundred and Sixty-Sixth Has Arranged Splendid Program

The 166th Battalion, under Col. Levesconte will give a band concert on Saturday night at 8.15 at the armories. A fine program of physical training exhibitions by the men of the battalion, military exercises and songs has been arranged. Refreshments will be served and a dance will conclude the concert.

ENEMY MUST CAPTURE WHOLE LINE AT ONCE

Germans, Driven to Desperation, Hurl Attack After Attack on French.

PARIS, May 24.—The battle around Verdun continues to rage with a violence unexampled even in this region.

Without full possession of the line from Cote du Poivre to Vaux Fort the Germans cannot hope to get any nearer to the capture of Verdun. Even if they succeeded in taking this line they could not hold it unless they were also in possession of hill No. 304 and Le Mort Homme, which outflank the line.

Driven to desperation by seeing so much of its work undone, the German command hurled attack after attack against Fort Douaumont. At the same time it has kept up its onslaught on the left bank of the river to prevent the French transferring any forces to the main scene of attack.

SEEDING IN WEST IS RATHER SLOW

Comparison With Last Year's Unusual Showing Not Favorable.

DECREASE IN ACREAGE

Percentage of Seeding on Stubble is Reported to Be Large.

Special to The Toronto World.

WINNIPEG, Man., May 23.—The Free Press today published its first crop report for the season 1916. This is 12 days later than first report of 1915, which appeared on the 11th of May. One hundred and fourteen points in three provinces have been heard from. Hardly so good a response as usual, but partly accounted for by correspondents having left for the war without notifying the paper. Reports received are sufficient to gather a very fair idea of conditions.

Asked as to when seeding would be completed, 10 points gave May 10; 17 the 12th and 13th; 15 points the 15th, 18 points the 16th to 18th, inclusive; 36 points the 20th, and 18 points 22nd to 30th, inclusive. In 1915 about 95 per cent. of the wheat seeding was complete on the 11th of May. The seeding of 1915 was fully two weeks ahead of 1914, so that while our seeding is later than last year it is not necessarily so very much later than that of 1914. Some 11 points state that seeding is no later than last year; 10 points that it is 5 to 9 days later; 17 points place it as 10 days later; 36 points as 14 to 15 days later; 15 points as 15 days later, and 21 points as 20 to 21 days later.

Nine points claim no reduction in acreage of wheat; 4 points a 5 per cent. reduction; 24 points a 10 per cent. reduction; 18 points a 20 per cent. reduction; 31 points a 25 per cent. reduction and 14 points reductions running all the way from 30 to 60 per cent. In 1915 there was an increase of from 25 to 30 per cent., so that the present acreage is not really much below that of year preceding war.

Percentage seeded on stubble is large. Some 43 points, mainly in Manitoba and Alberta, report no seeding on unplowed stubble, while 17 points report acreages running from 1 to 5 per cent., seeded in this way, and 30 points report stubble areas running from 10 to 40 per cent. Of these, 12 points claim acreage of 40 per cent. seeded in this way, while 6 points report stubbled acreages, running all the way from 45 to 90 per cent. In 1915 at least 60 per cent. of the entire crop went in on summer fallow, and balance on the best part of fall and spring cultivation.

This year, however, every point but three reports abundance of moisture, while last year by May 11 one hundred points out of 158 reported rain needed badly. Points reporting largest percentage of stubbled in crop this year are points having the largest percentage of summer fallow last year. Height of early sown grain is about 2 to 3 inches, as 47 points give it 3 inches and 34 points 2 inches. On May 11 last year the average height was 3 inches, so that this season's growth is evidently much slower.

Response as to areas in coarse grains is not very complete, but indication is that increase in oats will be from 10 to 15 per cent. and for barley 15 to 20 per cent., while flax varies all the way from none to 30 per cent. It is evident that so far coarse grains actually seeded is small.

Supply of labor seems to be sufficient on the whole, as only 20 points reported any shortage. Wages run from $30 to $60, with the average around $40.

Only 84 points responded definitely to the question of amount of wheat in farmers' hands for sale, but estimates from these points total 19,559,000. This includes 3,000,000 tributary to Regina, 3,100,000 tributary to Swift Current and 3,000,000 in an area of 100 miles around Calgary; some 55 points reported 1,581,000 bushels of oats to come and 32 points reported no oats for sale, and a few said oats needed.

Comparatively few points reported re-seeding after drifting, but those that did generally reported considerable areas, 23 points totalling a re-seeded area of 21,950 acres; 5 points reported 5 per cent. of total wheat crop re-seeded.

Report as whole shows plainly that with favorable weather from now on there is excellent prospect of a fair average crop, and possibly something better.

NO ARRANGEMENTS WITH BELL TELEPHONE CO.

HAMILTON, Thursday, May 25.—The city and the Bell Telephone Company have as yet made no arrangements respecting the application of the company for a lease of ten years on the old pipe line running to the beach. The city does not want to grant the concession unless the company agrees to allow the free use of its poles in the city. Controller Robson, when interviewed by a World reporter last night, stated that at the next meeting of the city council the matter would be settled.

MADE PRISONER OF WAR.

HAMILTON, Thursday, May 25.—Leon Ross, an Austrian, who resides at 127 John street, was arrested yesterday as a prisoner of war for failing to report to the police.

CONFESSED POISONER HAS A DUAL NATURE

Woman Who Shared Waite's Studio Given That Impression.

EVIDENCE OF INSANITY?

"Little Man From Egypt" Was Manifestation of Evil Side.

NEW YORK, May 24.—Mrs. Margaret Weaver Horton, the young woman with whom Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, confessed poisoner of his wife's parents, studied dramatic art and shared a "studio" in a fashionable New York hotel, described late today at Waite's trial for murder what she considered the dual character of the prisoner. This alleged Jekyll-Hyde nature of Waite, the evil side of which, he asserts, manifests itself in the form of a "little man from Egypt," gave the first inkling of the theory upon which Waite's lawyers will proceed in their efforts to prove he was insane at the time he killed John E. Peck, and thereby save him from the electric chair.

Altho called as a witness for the state, Mrs. Horton seemed to be much relieved when Walter R. Deuel, counsel for Waite, began to cross-examine her.

Not a line of testimony had been brought out by the prosecution touching upon Waite's mental condition when the district attorney rested after Mrs. Horton had finished her story. Several alienists were in the court room, however, waiting to be called in rebuttal. The defence, it is expected, will open tomorrow in a vigorous attempt to prove that Waite was insane when he committed his crime.

Platonic Friendship.

Mrs. Horton first told how she had met Waite last January, when she was singing in a New York theatre. They struck up a fast friendship, she said. Waite was interested in her voice, and later enquired the name of her vocal instructor. "He said he would like to take vocal lessons himself," she added, "and I introduced him to my teacher."

Mrs. Horton then told how she and Waite took the studio, under the name of "Mr. and Mrs. Walters."

Mrs. Horton declared they occupied the studio for the purpose of studying dramatic art and modern languages, and that their friendship was purely platonic. She testified that Waite was usually bright and cheerful, except when she played or sang, when "he would cry like a child."

CANADIAN PROMOTIONS

Canadian Associated Press Cable.

LONDON, May 24.—The following have been promoted to captaincies: Pineo E. Gill, S. H. Sewson and Sneath of the 5th Battalion; Macaulay, Artillery; A. G. Lawson, Engineers; A. G. Martin, Patricias; C. J. Allen, 21st Battalion, and Wilkes, Dragoons.

The following have been gazetted lieutenants: Sgts. Bumstead, 4th; J. Adam, 5th; McPherson, Patricias; Sergt.-Major Magiashan, Q.M. Sergt. Smith and Sergt. Mullans, 5th; Sergt. Kimball, 10th; Pte. Ball, 9th; Sergt. Fee, 21st; Sergts. Ledingham, Mathesons and Oram, 25th. Sgt.-Majors Doigs and Kirkland, Sgt. Adams, Sgt. Briggs, Sgt. Cumming, Sgt. Platt, Sgt. Stevens, Sgt. Waddington, Pte. Campbell and Pte. Orr, all of 29th; Sgt. Bryan, Sgt. Simpson, Lancers; Sergt. Mee, Corp. Morgan and Pte. Sara, 31st; Lance-Sergt. Lalanne, 60th; Q.M. Sergt. Curtis, and Lance-Sergt. Summers, 2nd Pioneers.

COLORS PRESENTED TO ST. THOMAS BATTALION

Big Military Demonstration Also Held There on Victoria Day.

ST. THOMAS, May 24.—Victoria Day was celebrated in St. Thomas by a grand military demonstration, given by the 91st Overseas Battalion, the collegiate institute and public school cadets. The principal event of the afternoon was the presentation of colors to the battalion, which was viewed by thousands of citizens. Col. Shannon, D.C.O., handed the colors to the service subalterns, lieutenants on behalf of R. M. Anderson, who donated the two silk flags.

The afternoon was spent in field and military sports. A band concert and fireworks display was given in the evening.

VETERANS DECORATED MONUMENTS IN PARKS

Under command of Col. W. A. Collins the Army and Navy Veterans marched from their headquarters, Queen and Bathurst streets, yesterday morning to the Victoria Memorial Park, where they decorated the monument erected to the memory of the men who fell in 1812-15, thence to Queen's Park and placed a wreath on the Queen Victoria statue. The veterans were addressed by Col. Collins, Col. McQueen and Rev. J. Russell MacLean, who recited prayers at both ceremonies.

VICTORIA DAY AT GUELPH.

GUELPH, May 24.—Victoria day was celebrated in the royal city by a program of athletic sports in Exhibition Park, under the auspices of the Caledonian Society. There was a large crowd in attendance and everything passed off successfully. The Highland pipers' band from Clinton were present. The Country Club was also opened for the season today and the Guelph Lawn Bowling and Tennis Clubs played their opening games.

CELEBRATED AT WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Empire day, for the first time officially recognized by the Government of Great Britain, was observed today by the hoisting of the British flag over the embassy in Washington, while under instructions from the embassy the same emblem was displayed over every British consular office in the United States.

CANADIAN BASEBALL LEAGUE.

LONDON, May 24.—The Canadian hospitals' military units tonight formed a baseball league, starting the second week in June. The teams were enrolled from the pay office, Cliveden, Epsom, Bearwood and Bushy.

ATTENTION—AUTO TOURISTS

TO accommodate automobilists, we are serving a seventy-five cent Table d'Hote Dinner Daily from 12.30 to 2.30 o'clock. American plan, rates $2.50 per day and up.

HOTEL ROYAL, Hamilton

YORK COUNTY ...AND... SUBURBS

HOW BRAVE MAN MET HIS DEATH

Told in Letter to Widow of Late Sergt.-Maj. Cordery.

FROM THE TRENCHES

Shot by Sniper and Buried Near Ypres by His Comrades.

Mrs. A. E. Cordery, 239 Earlscourt avenue, is in receipt of a letter from Lieutenant R. L. Haggard, Princess Pats.' Light Infantry, from the trenches, describing the manner in which her husband, Company Sgt.-Major A. E. Cordery met his death.

The letter reads:

"I am writing to tell you about your husband's death. You will have had the official communication by now. It was my sad duty to let you know how it occurred and all the particulars.

"He was shot thru the head by a German sniper concealed in some high spot and which at the time we did not know, but of which there is nothing left now. He was just walking down the trench when he was hit. He was killed instantly and suffered no pain. It happened at 10 o'clock on the morning of April 17.

"I cannot tell you how sory we all are. I speak, I know, on behalf of the whole of his company, the officers and men with whom he was in daily contact. His death is a very great loss, not only to the company but to the whole regiment. He was to have been our next regimental sergeant-major.

"His body was taken out the same night by his own men and he was buried near Ypres. A proper service was read over him and a cross erected over the grave. It seemed such rotten luck to you for him to be killed after he had been out here all these months and after having done such splendid service. He was one of the few men left of the original regiment who had been with us all the time.

"If I may say so, you have a memory to be proud of. Your husband certainly did his bit; he never shirked his duty; was always willing to help anyone and was always cheery.

"There is many a soldier in this company indebted for the kindness and help given to them by your husband. I must again express the sympathy of my brother officers and all the men, in your grief. We all feel that we have lost a very good friend in the "major" as he was affectionately known.

SPLENDID HORSES AT RICHMOND HILL SHOW

Wm. Britnell Won First for Draft Team and A. W. Holman Also Got Red Ticket.

Between 2500 and 3000 people saw one of the best country spring fairs ever held in Ontario in the little village of Richmond Hill yesterday afternoon. Ideal weather conditions, coupled with the fact that the farmers were unable to work on their land, contributed to swell the crowd and make the exhibit remarkably good in point of quality, tho there was some slight falling off in numbers. The presence of scores of the boys in khaki and a military band, which rendered popular selections during the afternoon, added to the afternoon's attractions.

A feature of the live stock exhibit was the magnificent draft team owned and exhibited by William Britnell of Toronto, a black and a bay, weighing each over 2000 lbs and superbly groomed and equipped. They were awarded the red ticket. A few of the prize-winners were: Andrew Russell in imported teams, and also in the two-year-old class, Andrew Russell. In the roadster class, with eight entries, John Palmer was awarded first and Ash second, and in the carriage class Groves Bros. and Henry Burnett were first and second.

A. W. Holman of Toronto carried off the red ticket for a gentleman's turnout, and the first prize in the farmer's turnout went to Henry Burnett and the second to A. Rumble. Richard Ash of Unionville took first with a handsome 2-year-old. Fred Farr of Thornhill swept the lists with two firsts in the roadster classes. Good judges declared that the quality of the horses was exceptionally good and seldom surpassed anywhere.

FIRE IN OAKWOOD.

About 10.30 last evening an outbreak of fire from some unknown cause occurred at the vacant frame store, 83 Mulberry street, Oakwood, owned by John Moore, 271 Davenport road, causing damage to the extent of $200.

ERNEST QUICK KILLED.

A telegram received by Erastus Jackson of The Newmarket Era from Ottawa conveyed the news of the death in Flanders of Albert Ernest Quick, formerly on the staff of The Era. This makes the third death among the soldiers enlisted from Newmarket.

SECURED FOUR RECRUITS AT RECRUITING MEETING

Beavers Took Advantage of Great Throng of Holiday-Makers on Yonge Street.

Very few recruiting meetings were arranged for Victoria Day, but the 204th Beaver Battalion thought while the holiday-makers were on the streets last night an opportune time to stage a recruiting rally. They held a lively one at the corner of Yonge and Shuter streets, attracted a good crowd and obtained satisfactory results. Captain Watson, paymaster of the Beavers, made an especially telling appeal. Four men, an Irishman, a Scotchman and two Canadians, responded to his call for active service recruits.

A CORRECTION.

Owing to incorrect information being given, the name of Mrs. Ida Sewell, 66 Shuter street, was erroneously published in Wednesday's World in connection with the motor accident which happened opposite the Rosedale Hotel Tuesday evening, in which Lewis Benn and a woman were injured.

BIG FIELD DAY IN EARLSCOURT

Large Attendance at Toronto Heights Social Club Sports.

HELD IN FAIRBANK

Many Events Were Keenly Contested in Ideal Weather.

In ideal weather, the third annual field day and sports in connection with the Toronto Heights Social Club, Harvey avenue, Fairbank, was held yesterday afternoon on the clubhouse grounds, a large crowd, mostly composed of women and children, being in attendance. Practically the entire membership are overseas.

The program of sports was successfully carried out, the several events being keenly contested, the following being the winners:

Boys' race, 5 to 8 years—T. Evans, H. Forbes and W. Smith.

Girls' race, 5 to 8 years—E. Mackie, J. Robinson and M. Burrows.

Boys' race, 9 to 12 years—J. Moison, J. Kirkpatrick and W. Mathews.

Girls' race, 9 to 12 years—T. Bowler, A. Forbes and M. Stevens.

Toddles' race, under 5 years, all prizes—A. Hudson, R. Reynolds and N. Badams.

Lads, 13 to 15 years—P. Bengers, A. McLeod and B. Lee.

Girls' race, 13 to 15 years—G. Lovatt, L. Holden and J. Moodie.

Wives of members—Mrs. Hay and Mrs. C. Cook.

Young men's race—J. A. Housley and W. Smallridge.

Married women—Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Goddard and Mrs. Strong.

Married men, open—J. A. Housley and D. Banks.

Men's race, members—Tom Sharp and J. Hay.

Sack race—W. Clay and C. Harvey.

Wheelbarrow race—Clay and Scott, T. Sharp and J. Abenberg.

Young women—B. Scott and Mrs. Powell.

Three-legged race—J. Phinnemore and W. Searl, A. Banks and W. Hardy.

Soldiers' race—Pte. F. Gower, Pte. F. Harman and Pte. F. Reynolds.

Women's race—G. Lovatt and Mrs. Powell.

Women's committee race—Mrs. W. Cook and Mrs. Gray.

Men's committee race—J. Hay and A. Harvey.

Egg and spoon race—Mrs. Haig and O. Chisholme.

Consolation race, men—H. Swabey.

Consolation race, women—O. Chisholme.

The prizes were distributed by Deputy-Reeve Fred H. Miller and W. M. Graham, assisted by Thos. Lewis and members of the sports committee.

Many handsome prizes were donated, amongst the donors being Major W. S. Dinnick, Reeve, T. Griffiths, Deputy-Reeves Fred H. Miller and Wm. Graham, School Trustees J. R. Wilcox and T. Hocking, D. B. Hood and W. Deacoff.

NOVEL ATTRACTIONS AT THE BANTAMS' CABARET

Many of the Best Known New York Dancers to Give Exhibitions.

That the cabaret to be run by the Bantams tonight will bring to the Toronto public many novel attractions, and that the original New York cabaret to be shown will make the affair highly successful is evident by the telegrams received at the Bantam Battalion headquarters from prominent Manhattan artists who are coming to appear in the latest dances.

Mlle. Santi, who will appear in Oriental dances, and has had a two seasons' run at Healey's 66th Street Cabaret, wired as follows:

"My party will leave here 8.02, New York Central, Wednesday evening." (Signed) Mlle. Santi.

Guillaume Deleyer and Miss May King, the leading society dancers in New York at the present time, are coming from Bustanoby's. This couple won fame by being the originators of the Brazilian Maxixe in the United States. Miss King holds the championship for endurance contest. She won it at Madison Square Garden by having danced nine hours. One thousand dollars in gold was won by Miss King in this contest. Guillaume Deleyer wired: "Tickets and transportation received. Will leave 5 p.m. Wednesday. Expect you to make reservation to use." (Signed) Guillaume Deleyer.

In securing Stevens and Lovejoy, the whirlwind dancers from Rector's, the Bantams have been especially enterprising. Billy Curtis, manager of their cabaret, wires: "As requested we have made arrangements to send you Stevens and Lovejoy. Three tickets will be required. As you know this team are the fastest we have in New York."

Misses Olga Marwig and Elsie Gordon, who are coming from Murray's, will appear in the famous chicken dance, given at Murray's at Easter time. Patrick Kyne wired as follows about their coming to Toronto: "Girls have arranged to leave 8 o'clock evening 24th. Grand Central. As suggested, will bring music."

Marcus Loew has personally taken an interest in making the cabaret arranged by the Bantams a success and has booked special talent to complete the program. In addition to the cabaret and dancing prizes will be offered, and evryone on the floor will have an opportunity of obtaining one. c

LATE MAJOR N. PILCHER HAS MANY FRIENDS HERE

Formerly Manager of Sherbrooke Railway and Married Toronto Woman.

The news of the death in action at the front of Major Norman C. Pilcher was received with regret by his many friends in Toronto. Major Pilcher spent a great many years in Toronto and has many relations and numerous friends here.

He was formerly manager of the Sherbrooke Railway and Power Company. His brother, J. W. Pilcher, is the manager of the Montreal branch of the Canadian General Electric Company. He applied for service with the first contingent, but on account of his wife's illness transferred to the mounted rifles, with the rank of captain. While at Valcartier he obtained his majority and served in that capacity at the front during the past eight months.

Major Pilcher was born in England, but had been a Canadian citizen for 24 years. At the time of the Boer war he was in the employ of the Canadian General Electric in Toronto and enlisted with Toronto contingent. His widow, who was Miss Long of Toronto, and a young son, both at present in England, survive him.