

Personal & General

The Bishop of Qu'Appelle and Mrs. Harding are spending their summer holiday at Cap a L'Aigle, P.Q.

A Free Buffet at Victoria Station, Pimlico, London, Eng., closed down on July 1st, after a wonderful record.

Mr. R. Stapells, of All Saints' parish, Toronto, recently celebrated a record of 46 years service with the choir of that Church.

Mrs. Willoughby Cummings has returned to Toronto, she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Vivian Morgan, in Strassburg, Saskatchewan.

The Rev. T. H. Perry, Rector of St. Matthias', Halifax, is supplying for Rev. Dr. Cotton, St. Aidan's, Toronto, during the month of August.

The Rev. F. H. Warner, Incumbent of Pierson, Man., left his parish for England last month. He has been granted a year's leave of absence.

The Senate of Cambridge University has conferred degrees *honoris causa* on General Sir Arthur Currie, the commander of the Canadians, and other war chiefs.

The Rev. Canon G. F. Davidson, Rector of St. Paul's, Regina, who is on holidays in Eastern Canada, conducted the services in St. George's, Guelph, his old parish on July 20th.

At the funeral of Mr. John Pilkington, aged 84, one of the oldest inhabitants of Peggy's Cove, N.S., Rev. T. Pilkington, one of his grandsons, officiated and six other grandsons were pall-bearers.

The Rev. A. H. Sovereign, B.D., the Rector of St. Mark's, Vancouver, is once more back again in Canada after spending a year overseas, engaged in work in association with the Canadian Y.M.C.A.

The annual brides' reception of the parish of Trinity, Halifax, was held in Trinity Hall on June 19th. A presentation of Prayer Books and hymn books to returned men followed. The Rev. L. J. Donaldson, the Rector, presided.

At the suggestion of Mrs. Botha, the wife of General Botha, a bronze plaque, 5 feet high and 2 feet 6 inches wide, is being erected in Amiens Cathedral to the memory of the South Africans who have fallen during the war.

Cardinal Mercier, the heroic Belgian prelate, was decorated on July 23rd, at Brussels by President Poincaré of France with the French War Cross. During his visit to Belgium the French President was made a citizen of Antwerp.

Mr. W. H. Giggie, F.G.C.M., principal of the Peigan Anglican Indian School, Brocket, Alberta, has been obliged to resign on account of continued ill-health, his three months' rest in British Columbia having failed to bring complete recovery.

Lord Rayleigh, one of the foremost British scientists, who died lately in England was a near relative of Captain Hedley Vickers, one of the saints and heroes of the Crimean War whose *Life* by the late Miss Caroline Marsh is still widely read.

The Rev. T. H. Blake, formerly Rector of St. James', Rivers, Man., who has been serving for some time past as a Chaplain with the Canadian troops overseas, has been appointed to the Curacy of the parish of Willesborough, Ashford, Kent, in the Diocese of Canterbury.

Captain the Rev. W. B. Singleton, formerly Incumbent of Westbourne in the Diocese of Rupert's Land, has returned to that Diocese after an absence of nearly four years. He is one of the 23 Army Chaplains who represented St. John's College, Winnipeg, on active service overseas.

The Rev. F. Ryott, late Rector of All Saints', Woodstock, Ont., was entertained at a farewell dinner on July 23rd, by the members of the local Ministerial Association prior to his departure for the Diocese of British Honduras, Central America, where he will engage in missionary work at Bluefields, Nicaragua.

This is what German occupation has done for the wealthiest sections of France. It will require 10,000,000,000 francs to restore these, and France to-day is powerless to produce such a sum, so England, Canada and the United States are helping. Immediate aid is required to house the thousands of helpless, homeless old people, widows and children.

Capt. the Rev. J. H. T. Holman, of Victoria, B.C., preached in St. Matthew's, Winnipeg, the third Sunday of July. He left Canada as a stretcher bearer sergeant with the 4th Field Ambulance, serving in France for over a year with the Red Cross, and afterward as Chaplain for two years. He wears the Mons Star and the Military Medal decorations.

The following report of the Bishop of Southwark's Trinity ordination is interesting to Canadians: "Deacon:—By commission from the Archbishop of Canterbury for the Bishop of Edmonton, G. Roe, L.S.T., University of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, P.Q., and Edinburgh Theological College." Mr. Roe has been serving with the Canadian forces overseas.

The King has consented to unveil the memorial which has been erected at Montreal to Sir Etienne Cartier by pressing a button at Balmoral. The ceremony will take place on September 6th, the anniversary of Sir Etienne Cartier's birthday. A wire will be run from Balmoral Castle to connect with the Atlantic and Canadian cable lines thus forming a direct electrical connection.

The Lancashire Fusiliers won more V.C.'s during the war than any other regiment, viz., 17. The Rifle Brigade, the Royal Fusiliers and the Yorkshire Regiment came next with 10, the Manchester Regiment and the Royal Lancashire Regiment taking 3rd place with 9 each to their credit. In the Overseas Forces Australia takes pride of place, Canada being close on her heels. The placings are: Australia, 63; Canada, 60; India, 17; New Zealand, 11; South Africa, 4. The Royal Navy and Reserves received 42. Newfoundland secured 2 V.C.'s.

The London "Daily Mail" says that the ministry of reconstruction is embarking upon a great scheme of rural development by constructing a large number of light railways connecting the countryside with the main railways, the cost to be borne partly by the country authorities and partly by the government. The lines upon completion will be leased to the operating companies under adequate guarantees. Enormous quantities of material used by the army in France will be utilized, reducing the expenses of construction by nearly 50 per cent., namely to \$12,000 per mile. The first rural railway has been begun at Giggleswick, Yorkshire.

The largest food dishes in the world were recently bought off the Indians of Vancouver Island, British Columbia, for the museum of the American Indian, New York City. These big dishes are as large as a man. They were purchased from a tribe named Kwakiutls, which in English means "Smoke of the World." They are used for special festivals, when great numbers of Indians gather to celebrate some religious or ritual festival. The dishes are carved out of wood and stews and soups brought to boiling point by dropping hot stones into the food. Carvings at the ends represent the clan to which the dish belongs.

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