

CAPT. RALPH E. MARKHAM, FORMERLY OF ST. JOHN, IS KILLED IN ACTION

Successful Young Business Man in British Columbia Battalion Gives Life for His Country—Veteran of Boer War, With Relatives Living in St. John.

Monday, 23. Many in St. John will be grieved to learn that in last night's casualty list appeared the name of Captain Ralph Farrar Markham, of the 16th battalion, killed in action. He was well known in this city, for years having been connected with The Sun as advertising manager. He enlisted in the foreign service from Vancouver.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Francis A. Lynch. Friday, Aug. 20. The death of Mrs. Francis A. Lynch, of Upham, Kings county, took place in the hospital Wednesday night. She was a well known and highly respected resident of that place and her death will be heard with regret by a wide circle of friends.

Mrs. Matilda Rolsten. Friday, Aug. 20. Mrs. Matilda Rolsten, widow of Edward Rolsten, a former resident of St. John, died suddenly at her home, 680 South street, Monday, August 22, 1910, who was in the 69th year of her age, leaving six daughters.

Thomas R. Hilyard. Friday, Aug. 20. The death of Captain John Allen, a well known resident of Bayfield, Westmorland, occurred on Friday last. Mr. Allen, who was about 70 years of age, was hauling lumber and had the misfortune to fall from the wagon, the wheels passing over his chest, crushing them terribly.

James Murray Kay. Monday, 23. The death occurred at the General Public Hospital yesterday morning of Clifford Stevens, the veteran soldier of the War of 1812, who was 92 years of age.

Porter-Cameron. Friday, Aug. 20. The marriage of Miss Mildred Cameron, daughter of J. W. Cameron, to Burton Porter, of St. John, N. B., was celebrated at the residence of the bride's father, 22 Wright street, on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30, by Rev. Gordon Dickie.

George Synnott. Saturday, Aug. 21. George Synnott, an old and highly respected citizen of Chatham, passed away Monday evening, aged 83 years. His wife he is survived by nine children.

Miss Violet Harvey. Saturday, Aug. 21. St. George, Aug. 19—Violet, aged 21, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Harvey, died this morning after a protracted illness of consumption. She was a bright, lovable girl, and her death at an early age is a great blow to her parents.

Rev. John F. Estey. Saturday, Aug. 21. The death occurred at Keswick last night of Rev. John F. Estey, pastor of the Methodist church at Keswick. The deceased had suffered from an attack of apoplexy and passed away at

THE DEAL IN THE VALLEY ROAD

Government Has Taken Over Stock of St. John & Quebec Railway Company

Irving R. Todd Chosen President of New Company—W. S. Fisher of St. John One of the Board—Announcement Made in Royal Gazette.

Fredericton, Aug. 19.—The government of New Brunswick has taken over the stock of the St. John & Quebec Railway Company and has named new officers for the company.

The annual open air service at Skiff lake, was this year conducted by the Lordship of the Bishop of Fredericton. There were 240 persons present, and the collection, which was for missionary work, amounted to \$21.98.

The Rev. W. J. Wilkinson removed from Springfield to Kingsclear last week. The people of Springfield gathered in force on August 12 at the rectory to say farewell and to give tangible evidence of their good will to Mr. Wilkinson and his family.

The Rev. A. C. Fenwick, who is to succeed to the rectory of Springfield is spending the week-end at the rectory in Greenwich. Mr. Fenwick is slowly recuperating from his recent illness. He hopes to be able to take up his new work, in September.

A Wesleyan minister of Barbados, Rev. Francis Gordon, writes to say the West Indian colonies have given freely sugar, etc., and want to give their young men, thousands of whom are waiting and willing to serve. He is certain Jamaica, Barbados, and British Guiana with Barbados, could easily furnish upwards of 20,000 men.

The Archbishop of Nova Scotia has accepted from Rev. J. Lockward his resignation of the parish of St. Clement. The resignation is to take effect on September 30. Mr. Lockward has been removed to Halifax as secretary of the Dominion Missionary Society.

The annual retreat for clergy will be held at Bishop Melville College, Oshawa, beginning Monday, August 29, and ending Friday morning, September 3. The Rev. R. E. Porter, of Kingston, is the conductor. For particulars apply to the Rev. W. L. Brain, 94 Ellsworth avenue, Toronto, who is kindly acting as secretary.

The Methodist Episcopal church will shortly erect a new Methodist headquarters in Chicago on the corner of Superior and Rust streets, to cost \$270,000. A member of the staff of the publishing house in Toronto last week and made a visit to the new Wesleyan building, though it is not stated that he came over just on purpose, to see how to do it.

Christine Hamilton, eldest daughter of Rev. A. G. and Mrs. Hamilton Dickie, was united in marriage to Edward Molinieux Waldo, of New Brighton, New York, at St. James' church, Buxton, England, on July 31. Rev. Mrs. Dickie, father of the bride, was rector of St. Paul's church, this city, for thirteen years.

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of Rev. F. P. Dennison, of the Tabernacle Baptist church, Thursday afternoon, Aug. 19, when Miss Edna Beatrice Colpitts, daughter of D. Colpitts of Penobscot, was united in marriage to Otty Albert Smith, of the same place. The pair were attended by the groom's cousin, H. D. Miller. The bride wore a white silk voile with picture hat to match. The matron of honor was gowned in blue satin with hat to match.

THE TAKES TAGLED UP AT HORSE INVESTIGATION

Foster's Agent Now Denies He Issued Blank Checks to Buyers, But is Unable to Give Specific Instances.

Kentville, N. S., Aug. 20.—Gifford H. Oakes, secretary of the Kings county Liberal-Conservative Association, who handled twenty-eight remounts department checks of a total value of \$48,555 in the purchase of horses in this province last year for military purposes testified at this afternoon's sitting of the royal commission, which is here investigating these purchases.

Mr. Oakes was the agent of A. Dewitt Foster, ex-M.P., in the purchases, and on the stand yesterday, but his examination was not completed. This afternoon he made a statement regarding certain testimony of his at yesterday's session. He said that he knew that he had issued blank checks to the government buyers. He had testified yesterday that he had given them blank checks, signed by Foster, but he now says that he discovered this morning he had made a mistake.

The division of the twenty-eight checks issued by Oakes among the buyers was as follows: Frank B. Keever, \$24,720; W. P. McKay, \$19,680; Walter Moore, Kentville, \$3,500; and two checks, one payable to Oakes himself for \$2,050, and the other payable to Oakes' father for \$200.

The witness said today that the money from the check made out to himself was given to McKay for the purchase of twelve horses. In answer to questions by Mr. Thompson, counsel for the commission, Oakes said that the checks issued by him to the buyers did not show the actual number of horses purchased by them. After further questioning, Mr. Thompson said: "The checks are not an indication of anything but a tangled mess."

Oakes then said that the checks in the aggregate showed the actual number of horses purchased. He said that he had signed with the other twenty-one checks signed by Foster, which were used in the work of securing remounts. The examination of Mr. Oakes occupied the greater portion of the afternoon session. In the morning nineteen witnesses were examined. A number of the witnesses showed up for the first time. When the witness was asked to state such circumstances it would be impossible for those on the stand to see either the submarine or the periscope.

The suggestion that a mine caused the explosion is perfectly absurd, I repeat that there was only one thing that sent the Arabic to the bottom. That was a torpedo, which left a clear white mark in the water 300 yards in length." Captain Finch was seen at his home in Liverpool, where he had just arrived from Queenstown for a conference with the other witnesses.

Richibucto News. Richibucto, Aug. 21.—Captain W. E. Forbes arrived here yesterday from Valcartier to remain over Sunday at his home. He will be in the 64th battalion at Sussex.

George Mitchell, Margaret Mitchell, Donald Dykeman, Elene Fisher, Viola Worden, James Edmondson, George Merrill, young children, gave a patriotic entertainment at the United Baptist parsonage, Starkey's, Queens county, on Tuesday evening, Aug. 3. Solos, duets, recitations and exercises were rendered in a very pleasing manner.

Our young women are not without representatives in the mission field of the church and among the societies join those at the front. A service of farewell for Miss Roberts, about to sail for work in Kangra, India, will be held in St. John's (Stone) church, on Wednesday afternoon, August 23. Immediately after the service, at 4 o'clock, a reception will be held in the school house. All of those interested and especially the members of the W. A. should attend both the service and the reception.

Rev. Charles Dockhill, who many years ago was a beloved and honored member of the N. B. and P. E. Island conference, has been visiting his brother in this city and renewing his friendships with not a few who were glad to welcome him in the city where he was born. He presided with great acceptance in the Congregational church one Sunday. He returned to his home, Brooklyn, New Hampshire, where he ministers to a united church of Congregationalists and Methodists. Lieut. Colonel J. Sherwood, commissioner of the dominion police, has been granted the full rank of colonel.

The British freighter Kilkeran arrived last evening to load desks. The vessel is consigned to the C. P. R.

LOSS OF RIGA BATTLE WILL HAMPER GERMANS

It is situated about twenty miles inside the Russian frontier, opposite the East Prussian border and the Mazurian Lake country. Its fall was not unexpected, inasmuch as the retreat of the Russian forces almost isolated the fortress.

Of all the Russian fortresses which have been captured by the Austrians and Germans, in such rapid succession during the last three weeks, Ossowetz made the longest resistance. During the winter and spring several futile attacks were made by the Germans on this town. Even after the Germans had swept through Poland and the Baltic provinces, Ossowetz still held out. Its superior powers of resistance lay in the marshy nature of the surrounding country, which made it difficult for the Germans to bring up their heavy field pieces.

Ossowetz, a first-class fortress, derives strategic importance from the fact that it guards the railway approach to Bialystok and the great Petrograd-Warsaw trunk line. Austrian Meet Stout Resistance. Vienna, Aug. 23, via London, Aug. 23, 12:10 a. m.—The following official communication was issued tonight: "Russia is now theatre: "East of Lovozna and the Pulva, and from Rana to the railway leading northward, fighting is proceeding with great severity. The enemy is most stubbornly defending every inch of the ground, but he has been repulsed at several points on the front, losing numerous prisoners. Our Transylvanian troops have especially distinguished themselves in hot fighting near the villages of Gola and Suchodol, north of Rana. Infantry regiment No. 64, when storming an entrenchment defended by Russian grenadiers, captured seven officers and 900 men, and seven machine guns.

There is nothing new to report on the operations before Brest-Litovsk. "East of Vlodova the German troops have advanced across the lake district. "In the sector of Vladimir-Volynsky we have advanced our entrenchments to near Lutsk and the district east of Lubomil. The Russians here were repulsed. "In East Galicia quiet prevails. "Italian army theater: "The Italian army has repulsed several Italian attacks against the high ground of Doberdo, where at some places hand-to-hand fighting is developing. The enemy is attempting to approach our fortifications by methodical preparations. The bridge-head of Tolmino was bombarded yesterday afternoon by Italian quick-firing guns. This was followed by Italian attacks, lasting into the night. The enemy suffered severe losses. "On the other fronts there is nothing to report. The heavy artillery on our fronts remains in Tyrol have temporarily slackened. "Three months have elapsed since the declaration of war on us by our former ally. The innumerable attacks of the Italian army have nowhere attained their object. Now, as before, our troops are holding their positions near our frontiers."

Italian Troops Off TO TURKISH FIELDS? (Continued from page 1.) from the Grand Vizier accepted every point. The Italian government thereupon sent two ships to Rhodes, instructed to wait orders to embark Italian troops waiting in the ports of Asia Minor above cited. "However, according to information received by the American consular authorities, to whom Italian interests in the several localities were confided, it appears that the military authorities at Beirut revoked on August 9 the permission granted by the Ottoman government to the Allies to land their troops in one of their attacks. An officer declared that the forces had had two more lines near they could have covered yards of ground with their rifles. The Sultan Bahar know as Hill 971. Once the Allies had, the office Turkish communications been cut, and it was for of this hill that the Don fought so bravely, but they were repulsed for the postwar statement of the Greek future policy of Greece, it new in the Balkan situation.

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The Germans now are at Bialystok. The Russian fortresses of Grodno and C. remaining in the hands of the Germans and probably will facilitate the retreat of the Russians have no thirty miles north and south. The forest is a famous in Fripet marches, which pressed three or four railroads it pressed his retreatment if Grodno should fall, military were to his new positions against talk of Russian preparations.

Successful Air Craft Explo. Aircraft again have brood of the western war. French aeroplanes of Dellinger in works, now dropping 150 bombs, while also has successfully dropped upon and destroyed a German air-ship. The G. says that four of the French the attack near Saarlouis down, one of them, however, still in the hands of the British airman in a submarine it is sign that it has not been the possibility to publish success of the German air-ship, important though they have, where the Germans had an of information as to the at which these losses occurred reported, for months number of German aeroplanes stated at from twenty to caught by the British navy statement is the only official that there were others that having been destroyed by the British navy. Further further on all their fronts, consistently denied by Au operations on the Gallipoli which are now so important of the Allies, there is no. Stories of wounded men number of German aeroplanes the Allies came to gaining cess in one of their attacks. An officer declared that the forces had had two more lines near they could have covered yards of ground with their rifles. The Sultan Bahar know as Hill 971. Once the Allies had, the office Turkish communications been cut, and it was for of this hill that the Don fought so bravely, but they were repulsed for the postwar statement of the Greek future policy of Greece, it new in the Balkan situation.

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