Poor Service and Inconvenience on C. G. R. is Admitted

Through Moncton Government Organ, Management Confesses to Overcrowding and to Lack of Connection With Ocean Limited, Regarding St. John-Moncton Line as "Comparatively Unimportant" Branch — But Protest Might Secure Better Conditions.

In what is evidently an inspired article, the Moncton Times, government organ at Moncton, questions the motive of The Telegraph in voicing complaints as to the lack of St. John connection with the Ocean Limited and of inferior service generally, but at the same time admits frankly every count in The Telegraph's indictment. What is more important about the Times article, however, is an intimation that a determined protest from St. John might secure an improvement.

The Times says in part:

"Although there is no doubt at all that a close connection all the year round would be much more convenient to those interested; and while there is some truth, of a kind, in the description of the confusing layout of the tracks at Moncton, still the other statements with which it is accompanied are mainly untrue and will not bear investigation.

"For one thing, the comparison of the splendid expresses, Nos. 19 and 20; 9 and 10; and 17 and 18, with a mythical 'Blue Flea,' is quite unjust and unfair. The first class cars on all of these trains are the standard C. G. R. design coaches, which for comfort and easy riding qualities compare favorably with anything which can be shown by any foreign road running into St. John. It is true that the all-steel cars are running on the main line, but who would expect a road to put its newest equipment on what is virtually a COMPARATIVELY UNIMPORTANT BRANCH?

"The other first class coaches in use on the St. John end, although not all-steel cars, are quite as comfortable as the best. What is more, the average C. G. A. first class coach is generally far cleaner and more savory in odor than the cars of private corporations. This fact may be noted by anybody who will take the trouble to go down to the Union depot when the C. P. R. express is in, and visit the C. G. R. cars and then those in the same train which come off foreign roads. There is no comparison at all. The C. G. R. equipment is as far ahead of the other as daylight is ahead of darkness.

"It is granted that there may be lack of room on these trains sometimes, but this is a matter which can be easily remedied.

"Another silly statement in the above is the paragraph about the trains running in a succession of 'jumps and jerks.' The air brake equipment of the C. G. R. is of the most up-to-date pattern known to modern railroading, and the passenger engineers in charge of trains are experts in the work. These local trains, particularly Nos. 19 and 20, are invariably on time, in spite of the fact that they stop at everybody's back door and have to run like the wind on the main line between stations to keep up the schedule time, which is fast for trains of this class.

"As it is usually the 'hick' brought up on pancakes and molasses who makes the loudest howl over the service of a first class hotel, so it is probably some railroad expert who learned the business down on the N. B. Southern or some equally prominent pike who is engineering the present agitation.

"If a closer connection is needed, all right, go ahead and ask for it, but do not prejudice the case by untruthful and meaningless sneers at the excellent local service at present on the line. Such criticism comes with a bad grace from a city which endures with complacency the cars and service of corporation roads leading to the United States border."

Analysis of this article reveals the following admissions:

1. That closer connection the year around would be desirable.
2. That the layout of the tracks at Moncton is confusing.
3. That the new style of all-steel cars are used between Moncton and Halifax and not between St. John and Moncton.
4. That the present attitude of the government railways management is to regard the St. John line as a "comparatively unimportant branch."
5. That there is not enough room on the local trains between St. John and Moncton.
6. That these trains, carrying passengers bound to Montreal and the North Shore do stop at every back door "then run like the wind on the main line."
7. That a very strong protest from St. John regarding the connection and the overcrowding might not be fruitless.

A St. John business man who was one of those who had to wait at Moncton a day or two ago, in discussing the delay, said: "Traveling to and from St. John by the Ocean Limited means to the man whose time is valuable that he must pay at least double fare. The six hours lost going and coming might easily cost more than the price of the return ticket."

Action by the local city council and board of trade is not likely to be much longer delayed.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Annie Stanton.

Friday, Oct. 13.

The death of Mrs. Annie Stanton, widow of George Stanton, took place at an early hour yesterday morning. She is survived by one son, Gerald, of this city, and two daughters, Mrs. William Hayes, of Dorchester (N. B.), and Mrs. William G. Conway, of Adelaide street, where she made her home.

John Magee.

Friday, Oct. 13.

Many will learn with regret of the death of John Magee, which occurred in the General Public Hospital at an early hour yesterday morning, from appendicitis. He was seventy-six years of age. Besides his wife, he is survived by one son and two daughters.

Mrs. Edward McSweeney.

St. John friends will be shocked to hear of the death of Mrs. Edward McSweeney, jr., in Boston Wednesday. News reached Moncton in a telegram from her brother-in-law, Eugene McSweeney, and also came to relatives in this city. Death was sudden.

Mrs. McSweeney was Lillian Quinn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Quinn, of St. John. She is survived by her parents and two sisters, Mrs. Harry McCullough and Miss May Quinn. She spent some weeks here this summer, returning to Boston only recently. Her husband has for some time been prominent in the financial life of Boston, being secretary to Thomas F. Lawson. Deep sympathy of many friends will go out to the bereaved.

John Alexander.

Newcastle, Oct. 12—John Alexander, one of the best known and most respected residents of Douglastown, died at his home here on Tuesday evening at 9.30, after a six months' illness. He was 56 years old, and has lived in Douglastown all his life. He was a member and trustee of St. Mark's Presbyterian church. His funeral will be held today, interment in St. Mark's cemetery. Deceased leaves a widow, Margaret, daughter of John Anderson, of Douglastown, and two children—Sergt. Allan Alexander, of the 73rd regiment, and Miss Annie at home.

Ellen Murray.

The death of Ellen Murray occurred at the St. John Infirmary Wednesday night. One brother, Thomas, of McAdam Junction, survives. The funeral will be held at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon from Fitzpatrick's undertaking rooms.

Mrs. Peter Sutherland.

Mrs. Margaret Sutherland, widow of Peter Sutherland, passed away this week at the residence of her son-in-law, M. L. Stuart, at Taymouth, after a lengthy illness. Deceased, who was 77 years of age, was formerly a Miss McLaggan, of Nashwaak, is survived by two sons, Clark Sutherland, of Covered Bridge, and John, of Stanley, and three daughters, Mrs. Martin Stuart, of Taymouth; Mrs. Walter Saunders, of Marysville; and Mrs. W. H. Atkins, of California. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon, with services at the Presbyterian church by Rev. Mr. Holmes, of Taymouth.

Mrs. Mary A. Cosman.

The death of Mrs. Mary Amelia Cosman, wife of Dr. E. O. Cosman, occurred in Minneapolis on Oct. 4. Mrs. Cosman was Miss Lockwood, daughter of Nathan Lockwood, formerly of Woodstock (N. B.), and a niece of Rev. A. H. Trafton. Mrs. Cosman had been ill for the past two years. She is survived by her father and mother and one sister. Interment took place in Greenwood cemetery. Dr. Cosman's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Cosman, reside in St. John.

Ambrose Trainor.

Monday, Oct. 16.

Mrs. John Allen of Haymarket square received a telegram Friday from Bangor (Me.), telling her of the death of her brother, Ambrose Trainor, which took place in Bangor City Hospital. Mr. Trainor was a native of Barnesville (N. B.), and was thirty-two years of age. Mrs. Allen left immediately for Bangor. The body will be brought back here for interment.

Mrs. Maria Kearns.

Death came Saturday morning to Mrs. Maria Kearns at the residence of her sister, Mrs. John O'Gorman, 72 Waterloo street, after a lengthy illness. She was seventy-five years of age and had been a resident of this city for about sixty-five years, having come to St. John from Ireland. She was the widow of Anthony Kearns. The funeral will take place this morning.

Mrs. A. B. Neill.

Fredericton, N. B., Oct. 15—(Special)—Mrs. A. B. Neill, wife of Councillor Neill of Gibson, passed away this afternoon at her home after a lengthy illness. Deceased is survived by her husband, three sons and four daughters. The funeral will take place Tuesday afternoon.

G. A. Clark.

Havelock, Oct. 12—The death of Gesner A. Clark occurred at his home in New Canaan, Queens county, on Saturday night. He had been ill for more than five months, part of which time he was a patient in the Moncton hospital, where he underwent an operation. Death was due to stomach trouble. Mr. Clark was seventy-three years of age, and a very well known and influential farmer. His grandfather, Nehemiah Clark, being a Loyalist and one of the first settlers of New Canaan. He is survived by his wife, Melissa, daughter of the late Wellington Price, and twelve children. All of the sons and daughters, with the exception of one, who was detained by illness, visited him before his death. The children are: Mrs. Eberson, Mrs. Gormley, Miss Lottie, Arthur, Wallace and Lee, all of Portland (Me.); Mrs. Ashton and Roy, of Grand Rapids, Michigan; Mrs. Fred. Thorne, Charlie, Murray and Haddon, of New Canaan.

The funeral took place on Tuesday and was very largely attended. The Rev. Norman A. MacNeil, of Salisbury, preached the funeral sermon.

Count F. Taube.

Stockholm, Oct. 14, via London, Oct. 15—Count F. Taube, Swedish minister to Germany since 1912, and at one time minister of foreign affairs, is dead.

Mrs. Eben. Lewis.

Salisbury, N. B., Oct. 14—The death occurred at her home at North River, Salisbury, on Friday morning, Oct. 13, of Ella K. Lewis, wife of Eben. Lewis, mill owner. Mrs. Lewis was twenty-three years of age, and leaves her husband and three small children, the youngest child only about a week old. Mrs. Lewis was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bernard O'Blenes, of North River, and a niece of Amos O'Blenes, school inspector of Moncton. Much sympathy is felt for the sadly bereaved family.

Mrs. Patrick Hughes.

Funeral mass for the late Mrs. Patrick Hughes was celebrated in St. Patrick's church, Nelson, by the pastor, Rev. N. Power, on Saturday, Oct. 7, at 9 a. m.

The death occurred at her home on Thursday, Oct. 5, after an illness of several months, which she bore with patience and resignation to God's divine will. Deceased was seventy-one years of age. In the home circle her husband, two sons, and five daughters are left. Four sisters also share in the bereavement.

The pall-bearers were Richard Dawson, Joseph Feeney, David Creamer, Edward Singleton, Dennis Creamer and Edward Creamer. The body was interred in St. Patrick's cemetery, Nelson.

Edward G. Leslie.

Grand Falls, Oct. 13, 1916—An old and well known resident, Edward G. Leslie, died at his home here on Tuesday afternoon, after an illness of several weeks. He was seventy-three years of age, and had lived here all his life. He leaves a widow, formerly Miss Mary Michaud, three sons—Gordon, government guard at Salmon River bridge; George and Guy; three daughters—Miss Buelah, assistant bookkeeper for G. M. Taylor; Miss Pearl, cleerk in the dry goods department at J. L. White. There is also one sister, Mrs. J. J. Evans, and one brother, George, of the C. P. R.

The funeral was held on Thursday afternoon and was largely attended. Service was conducted by Rev. W. K. Read, of the Presbyterian church. The pall bearers were: H. W. Taylor, C. C. White, Geo. McMillan, Zeb. Gabel, G. M. Taylor, Geo. Price.

WEDDINGS

Keating-Splane.

The wedding of William A. Keating, of Randolph, to Miss Sadie A. Splane, of Fairville, took place Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Splane, Church avenue, Fairville. The ceremony was performed by Rev. P. R. Hayward in the presence of the immediate relatives. After the wedding a dainty luncheon was served. Mr. and Mrs. Keating will reside in Church avenue, Fairville.

Longmire-Baker.

A very pretty event took place Tuesday morning, October 10, when Miss Clara Alberta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Baker, of St. John West, was united in marriage to Lloyd Lewis Longmire, of Annapolis, by the Rev. J. H. Jenner. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Longmire left by the steamer Empress en route to Digby and Annapolis, where they will spend a few weeks. On their return they will reside in St. John West.

McSorley-Reid.

Edward McSorley, of Pennfiac, and Miss Lena Reid, of Taymouth, were married in St. Anthony's church, Fredericton, yesterday morning, by Rev. M. T. Murphy.

Pearson-Hall.

Apohaqui, Oct. 11—The Church of Ascension was the scene of a quiet but pretty wedding on Wednesday afternoon when Mrs. Blanche Adelia Hendricks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elkanah Hall, Penobsquis, was united in marriage with Albert Edwin Pearson, a prominent barrister of Sussex.

The bridal party arrived at the church at 3 o'clock, where the groom was already waiting. As the choir softly rendered "Oh Perfect Love" the bride, who was very attractive in a tailored costume of navy blue with large velvet hat and feather trimmings and wearing a becoming white ostrich boa, entered the church with her father by whom she was given in marriage. Both bride and groom were unattended and after the conclusion of the impressive ceremony which was performed by Rev. Mansel Shewen, the choir sang "Lead Us Heavenly Father Lead Us."

Mr. and Mrs. Pearson left the church to the strains of Mendelsohnns wedding march, played by Miss Nellie Veysey and while the church bell merrily rang, they entered their motor car and were driven to St. John, en route for an extended wedding trip, during which they will visit Montreal, New York and Boston.

Many beautiful gifts gave evidence of the popularity of the contracting parties. Those from outside places who were here to attend the wedding were, Miss Edith Hall, Elkanah Hall, Penobsquis; Mrs. Thomas Lisson, Miss Mazie Lisson, Mrs. Frank Landsourne, Mrs. Oscar Roach and Miss Ella Ross, Sussex.

Allen-Fayette.

Apohaqui, Oct. 12—On Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock a quiet but pretty marriage was solemnized in the Church of Ascension, when Miss Ella Fayette, of Waterford, became the wife of James Martin Allen, of Piccadily, the ceremony being performed by the rector, Rev. Mansel Shewen. The young bride, who was unattended, was very tastefully dresed in a tailored suit of navy blue and wore a large black velvet hat with white ostrich plumes. After the ceremony the bridal party left in motor cars for the home of the bride, where a reception took place. Mr. and Mrs. Allan will reside in Sussex.

Allen-Robinson.

A very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Robinson, Upper Cape, Westmorland county, on Tuesday, Sept. 26, when their youngest daughter, Nettie Rayworth, was united in marriage to Dr. Hanson C. B. Allen, of Port Elgin (N. B.). The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. A. Ives. The bride, who was becomingly dressed in a gown of white silk crepe de chene and georgette crepe, with satin and pearl trimmings, and carrying a bouquet of white sweet peas and maiden hair fern, entered teh parlor on the arm of her stepfather, to the strains of the Wedding March from Lohengrin, which was rendered by the groom's sister, Miss Grace Allen. The parlor was tastefully decorated for the occasion with autumn leaves and potted plants.

After the ceremony a dainty buffet luncheon was served, after which the bridal party left by automobile on an extended trip, taking in Charlottetown and other maritime cities, followed by the best wishes of their many friends for a long and happy wedded life. On their return Dr. and Mrs. Allen will reside in Port Elgin.

Cross-Leavitte.

The wedding of Lester Cross to Eva Leavitte, both of Black's Harbor, Charlotte county, took place on Tuesday, October 10, at the Baptist parsonage in Pennfield. Rev. H. D. Worden performed the ceremony.

Sailor-Preacher Wins Command of Mine Layer

SUB.-LIEUT. EDWIN SMITH, R. N. V. R., commander of H. M. M. L. No. 397 who is still pastor of Avondale Presbyterian church at Tillsonburg (Ont.), and was formerly pastor at Chipman (N. B.)

Sub-Lieut. Edwin Smith, R.N.V.R., has been appointed commander of H. M. M. L. 397 and is now at Portsmouth (Eng.), where his ship is outfitting for sea, though his final destination is unknown to himself.

His ship carries 13-pounders, a quick-firing gun, almost identical with the French 75 millimeter gun which proved so effective at the defense of Verdun, and is specially designed and equipped for chasing and destroying hostile submarines.

Mr. Smith is receiving the hearty congratulations of his many friends in England over his appointment as he is the first and only Canadian officer to be appointed commander of one of his majesty's ships of war.

The appointment was made by the Admiralty upon the recommendation of Commander Gervers of H.M.S. Hermione where Mr. Smith was in training and where he made first class in all examinations and was most highly spoken of by all his instructors.

HOPEWELL POTATOES ARE 70 CTS. A BUSHEL

Hopewell Hill, Oct. 15—Rev. Mr. Ople, pastor of the Albert group of Methodist churches, announced today that there would be no services on the circuit next Sunday, October 22, as he was called upon to attend the dedication services in connection with the opening of the new Central Methodist church in Moncton. Rev. Mr. Ople was present at the dedication of the old Central church, thirty-nine years ago, and as president of the conference, he last year laid the corner stone of the new edifice to be dedicated the coming week. Mr. Ople is at present chairman of the Sackville district to which the Moncton church belongs.

The heavy rain of yesterday, the first in a long time, ended up last night with a great gale that blew throughout the evening and a considerable portion of the night and, with the temperature approaching the freezing point, made most unpleasant conditions for those who had to be outdoors. During the gale a large willow tree at Hopewell was blown down and across the highway, so obstructing travel that the road commissioner had to be summoned from his bed to get the road cleared and allow teams to pass. The tree in its fall carried down a telephone pole and broke one of the wires.

Rev. W. A. Snelling, of St. Martins, occupied the pulpit of the Baptist church, preaching very acceptably from the text, —The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life. Rev. Mr. Snelling, who is spending a brief holiday at Albert, was for two years pastor of the Hopewell Baptist church, and old friends were pleased to see him.

James C. Wright, who has been visiting in Dorchester all summer, has returned to his home here for the winter.

Dr. Carnwath, who sustained such serious injuries a few days ago, in an automobile accident, is, according to latest reports, doing as well as could be expected.

Some of the farmers hereabouts have been selling potatoes to outside parties, who shipped them by rail from Albert station. The prices ranged from 60 to 70 cents a bushel at the cars. This is a very unusual price, here, at this time of year.

GUARD THE CHILDREN FROM AUTUMN COLDS

The fall is the most severe season of the year for colds—one day is warm, the next is wet and cold, and unless the mother is on her guard the little ones are seized with colds that may hang on all winter. Baby's Own Tablets are mothers best friend in preventing or banishing colds. They act as a gentle laxative, keeping the bowels and stomach free and sweet. An occasional dose will prevent colds or if it does come on suddenly the prompt use of the Tablets will quickly cure it. The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

TWO NEGROES LYNCHED IN FIERY KENTUCKY

Paducah, Ky., Oct. 16—Two negroes were lynched by a mob here today, and their bodies burned. One, taken from the county jail was charged with attacking a white woman, and the other, seized on the street, was accused of voicing approval of the former's action.

"I'll Never Come Out of This," Said Lieut. Lockhart

"Old man, I will never come out of this." The statement was made by an officer a few moments before he left to reinforce the men who were to attack at the great battle of St. Eloi. The speaker was a hero of many fights. He was an officer of the "Fighting 26th," which is a sufficient recommendation in a nation of heroes.

In an inside pocket there reposed a pass, giving him seven days leave of absence and he intended to visit "Blighty," as the soldier terms England, and there he would enjoy a well-earned rest from the mud and dirt of the trenches. He was to sleep again in a "regular" bed and his habits would be of the civilized standard for that precious seven days.

Just as he was about to take his leave orders came from headquarters that he and another officer of the 26th were needed with machine gunners as reinforcements during the battle of St. Eloi in which so many gallant Canadians were lost.

These two officers, the one who had anticipated the leave, was Lieut. Frank Lockhart, who now occupies a soldier's grave somewhere in France, and the other Capt. Gordon Johnston, also of the 26th. They were the men chosen for the work and they met at the headquarters office.

"I had been expecting to take my leave but now I guess I'll have to call it off," said Lockhart.

"Never mind, Frank, it will only last a day or two and then we'll be back," returned Johnston, laying his hand on the shoulder of his good friend and comrade. Lockhart looked up, a strange light was in his eyes, and in a slow but distinct tone said, "Old man, I'll never come out of this."

The conversation was dropped; it was as if a prophecy had been delivered. The officers parted, each took his place in the party he was to lead. The big guns boomed, the earth shook, the bullets pattered like rain on a rooftop. Each man did his "bit," each fought hard, but neither saw the other again. It was their last parting—that at headquarters—the prophecy was to be fulfilled.

The battle died down, the smoke cleared, the big guns overheated with their exertions growled, grumbled and then were silent. The field was strewn with the dead, the carnage had been great. Then the cost was counted, for valuable ground had been won, but every foot had been consecrated by Canadian blood. Then it was posted, "Lieut. Frank Lockhart missing, believed killed in action."

It was one of those incidents of the battlefield, one which chronicles the passing of a hero. Possibly it is a dispensation of the great God that only those sterling heroes who have gallantry to withstand the knowledge and will not cringe who are given the inkling of the future and that their coming leave shall never be exercised by them. Instead of a leave of seven days to fair "Blighty," Lieut. Frank Lockhart, soldier, hero, super-man, received his leave "eternal in the heavens."

PUBLIC MEETING WANTS REPEAL OF SCOTT ACT.

Newcastle, Oct. 14—A large audience in Millerton hall was addressed last night in the interests of the repeal of the Scott act by Rev. W. D. Wilson, field secretary of the Dominion Alliance; E. A. McCurdy, Newcastle; Ald. H. H. Stuart, secretary Kent-Northumberland Sons of Temperance, Newcastle; Rev. H. T. Montgomery, Alex. Rettie, chairman; Ernest Rowlands and John Betts, Millerton. Councillor J. W. Vanderbeck, banjo; Miss Grace Russell, violin, and Mrs. Florence Lyon, accompanist, and a large choir, furnished music.

The meeting declared in favor of prohibition rather than the Scott act, and the following committee were appointed to superintend the canvassing of the 290 voters in polling district No. 7: Revs. H. T. Montgomery, E. S. Murdoch, Alex. Rettis, Ernest Rowlands, and J. H. Gray, and John Betts, J. D. Lyon, D. R. Brown, Dr. Wilson and George R. Vandrebeck.

The Rebekha Lodge, of Loggieville, paid a fraternal visit to the Millerton Lodge last night.

A dance was held in Millerton hall Thursday night to help pay for the fine improvements recently made in the hall.

Misses Florence and Jessie Lyon have returned from their trip to Montreal.

Mrs. W. A. O'Donnell, of Bathurst, spent the holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lyon.

U. S. CABINET MEMBERS ON ELECTION TOURS.

Washington, Oct. 16—Most of the members of President Wilson's cabinet will be actively in the campaign for his re-election from now until shortly before election.

Secretaries McAdoo, Baker and Daniels, of the treasury, war and navy departments, respectively, left Washington today to begin speaking tours that will take them into many states and offer opportunities for many speeches.

Secretary of Agriculture Houston expects to leave later in the week for a New England campaign trip, and Postmaster-General Burleson will leave about the same time for the middle west.

October Days.

October days! October days!
A haze is on the hill;
The birds are to the Southland flown;
The woods are hushed and still.

Save for the rustling of the leaves
As squirrels dart about,
Until nut-hunting children come
With joyous song and shout.

The squirrels then hide in their holes,
While children fill each bag.
They find as many hickory-nuts
As they can pull or drag.

But when with shouting they are gone,
Again the woods are still,
And soon the early twilight falls
Across the field and hill.
—By Grace May North, in St. Nicholas.

Let us draw strength, not from twice-told arguments, but from the busy spectacle of our great city's life, . . . remembering that all this greatness she owes to men with the fighter's daring, the wise man's understanding of his duty, and the good man's self-discipline in its performance.—Thucydides.

Mrs. J. Roy Mills and her little son, Master H. Vernon (Buddy) left yesterday by boat for Boston. While away they will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. Urquhart, West Somerville (Mass.)

44 LAST WEEK; 9 YESTERDAY

St. John is Showing the Way to Province in Recruiting—York Fails to Give Single Recruit to Kilties During Week—This Week's Fine Start Locally.

The city and county of St. John got out in front last week when no less than forty-four stalwarts signed the enrollment forms and joined C.E.F. units. In her total St. John shows the way to the other counties of the province, the county in second place having only seven men. The provincial total is seventy-seven for last week, another slump, as compared with the preceding and corresponding period which gave eighty-six men.

Forty-four recruits in St. John and but thirty-three for the other fourteen counties of the province. Only two counties, however, report "nil," Madawaska and Gloucester, while three had but one recruit during the period. Restigouche county with six men is in third place and Westmorland county is fourth with four men.

The 236th Battalion, New Brunswick Kilties, is in second place for total number of recruits with No. 8 Field Ambulance Train taking the lead with twenty-three men, twenty-two of whom were secured in St. John county and the other one in York, while the kilties secured twenty-two, well spread over the province, St. John county giving seven and coming first in that respect. The absence of recruits in York county during the week for the kilties is noticeable.

The slump in recruiting throughout the province is the cause of considerable apprehension in recruiting circles, but the one bright ray is the splendid record of the city and county of St. John. This week also begins auspiciously with nine recruits yesterday. The splendid work accomplished here is due in a large measure to the untiring efforts of Captain F. F. May, deputy chief recruiting officer and Sergeant Storey, also a returned man, who is in charge of the recruiting office on Prince William street.

Yesterday's Results.

Although St. John made something of a recruiting record last week if she maintains the clip set yesterday at the Prince William street office another high water mark will be reached, for no less than nine men were secured for his majesty's service overseas, as follows:

WILLIAM BRAYLEY, Hampton (N. B.)—236th Battalion.
FRANK LENIHAN, Loch Lomond (N. B.)—236th Battalion.
GEORGE L. KETCHUM, Hampton (N. B.)—236th Battalion.
H. H. HOYT, Hampton (N. B.)—236th Battalion.
F. HALEY, Newfoundland—236th Battalion.
JOHN D. PRINCE, St. John (N. B.)—239th Railway Construction.
JAMES WEST, Boston (Mass.)—239th Railway Construction.
E. C. McNEILL, St. John (N. B.)—239th Railway Construction.
JAMES MAXWELL, St. John (N. B.)—Royal Engineers.

William Williamson, who enlisted on Friday last and was reported for the 239th Battalion, has joined the Royal Engineers.

The Official List.

St. John county—	
9th Siege Battery	2
236th Battalion	7
239th Battalion	3
Canadian Engineers	1
8th Field Ambulance Train	22
No. 2 Construction Corps	8
Home service	1
	— 44
Charlotte county—	
236th Battalion	6
65th Field Battery	1
	— 7
Restigouche county—	
236th Battalion	5
8th Royal Rifles	1
	— 6
Westmorland county—	
165th Battalion	2
65th Field Battery	2
	— 4
Kings county—	
236th Battalion	1
132nd Battalion	2
	— 3
Northumberland county—	
236th Battalion	1
Home service	2
	— 3
York county—	
9th Siege Battery	2
8th Field Ambulance Train	1
	— 3
Albert county—	
Canadian Engineers	2
Carlton county—	
236th Battalion	2
Victoria county—	
Home service	1
Queens and Sunbury counties—	
Home service	1
Kent county—	
165th Battalion	1
Madawaska county	0
Gloucester county	0
Total	77

Moncton Recruit.

Major J. H. Evans has recently secured one man for his battery in Moncton ini the person of Frederick R. Dauphinee.

Upham Recruiting.

Upham, N. B., Oct. 12—At the recruiting meeting held in the public hall here on Friday evening last, no recruits were obtained. The speakers of the evening were Sergt. Higgs, Lieut. Seely and J. D. McKenna, recruiting officer for Kings county. Lieut. Seely, commander of the Kings county platoon of the 236th overseas battalion, New Brunswick Kilties, made an appeal to the young men of Upham to join his battalion and go overseas to defend their homes and loved ones, before they were forced to, as he believed conscription would soon be enforced. Sergt. Higgs and Lieut. Seely both returned soldiers, told of some of the experiences at the front. Mr. McKenna has some prospects in this community and may return soon with the hope of securing men.

St. John Soldier is Married in England.

Many friends will learn with interest of the fact that Private Henry Wheaton of the "Fighting 26th," has been married in England. The ceremony took place in the Church of England at Stockton-on-Teed on September 27, Rev. Sale Pennington officiating. The soldier's bride was Miss Jennie Harrison, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Harrison, late of Seaton-Crew, England. Pte. Wheaton is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wheaton, Metcalf street.

To Get D. C. M.

That Herbert McKay, son of William McKay of this city, a member of the 26th Battalion, is to be decorated with the D. C. M., is the news received in a letter from him by his brother, Robert McKay of Main street.

The letter is written under the date of September 30 from London. He says that in the last heavy battle he and one officer were the only two in his company who came through unscratched and that when he was coming along an old road he came suddenly on a German guard, who on seeing him fired but, he claims, he was too quick for him and a duel followed which ended in the German being killed. Shortly after killing the German he ran into a dugout which had in it more than fifty Germans and, as he had the advantage in having them cornered he took all fifty prisoners. For this act, he says, he has been recommended for the D. C. M. He is about thirty-four years old and prior to enlistment was a 'longshoreman. A wife and one child reside in Anne street.

Saw Lieutenant Armstrong.

R. E. Armstrong, secretary of the board of trade, has had a letter from the agent-general in London, informing him that his son, Lieutenant R. Fraser Armstrong, who recently went to England in command of an artillery draft, had called at that official's office. He said that Lieutenant Armstrong was in the best of health and reported an excellent passage across the Atlantic.

The Coalition Suggestion.

Ottawa, Oct. 16—The adoption of the Tartan of MacLean of Duart by Lieutenant-Colonel Guthrie, for the 236th Overseas Battalion, New Brunswick Kilties, Sir Sam's Own, has resulted in the members of the MacLean clan in the various other provinces of the dominion demanding the right to wear their own tartan while fighting the battles of the empire.

The 236th Battalion was originally authorized to recruit only in New Brunswick, but as a result of representations which have been made to the military authorities here, a conference was held yesterday by Lieutenant-General Sir Sam Hughes and Lieutenant-Colonel Guthrie, at which it was arranged that the 236th Battalion may recruit "all the MacLeans and their connections throughout Canada."

To Speak in Ontario.

Lieutenant-Colonel Guthrie, who was one of the speakers at the "Bon Accord" delegation held at Montreal, and other places in the province of Quebec, last week, has been notified to be one of the speakers at the meetings which will be held by a similar delegation at Toronto, St. Catharines, Peterboro, Kitchener, Brockville and Ottawa during the first week of November. It is expected that at the same time he will make his announcement as to the recruiting of the MacLeans for his battalion.

Lieutenant-Colonel Guthrie is leaving Ottawa today for Montreal and will arrive at Fredericton on Wednesday noon. A meeting of the officers of his battalion will be held ther on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, when the arrangements for the next portion of the recruiting campaign in New Brunswick will be made.

The letter from Sir Robert Borden to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, inviting the latter's co-operation in forming a joint parliamentary committee of both parties to issue "a clear and explicit call" for war service, only reached Sir Wilfrid this afternoon. He will reply to the prime minister tomorrow.

The premier's suggestion is for a committee of twelve members, seven from the government side and five from the opposition ranks. Apart from the fact that the suggestion for coalition is now decidedly belated and that there is practically no new or specific action proposed by the government it may be pointed out that the formation of a joint parliamentary committee might be more properly timed when parliament is in session and when the members themselves would appoint their own committee.

While expressing his full desire to promote in every way possible the proper organization of war efforts in Canada it is probable that Sir Wilfrid will suggest to the leader of the government that more practical results might be reached by asking a committee of representative business men, labor men, agriculturists, etc., to meet and issue the suggested national appeal.

Pay Day for Kilties.

Fredericton, Oct. 16—The initial shipment of pipes for the 236th Kilties Battalion have left Glasgow for their first journey overseas to the land of the maple leaf to return shortly producing the wild skirl of the highlands, propelled by the lung power of sterling Scotchmen of this country. They will arrive in Canada this week. It is reported that Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, who has had charge of the pipe fund, has recived subscriptions for nearly $2,000 and the first money from this fund was received today at the battalion headquarters.

This was pay day for the Kilties, and although the boys are fitted out with highland skirts they proved beyond a doubt that they never keep their money in their stocking leg, and Fredericton is receiving the benefit of their presence in town. Hard fisted Scottish thrift and economy, which is a characteristic of the race, seems to be lacking in some of the boys, but the blood's there, and that is the fighting essential at the present time.

There were 350 in the pay day parade including the men of the special service company and the boys made a fine appearance in their kilts. The pipe band now boasts from fifteen to twenty pieces and makes a "joyful noise" every morning on the mounting of a new guard, and continues in mournful meter all day long, while the musicians are putting in hard hours of practice. It is believed that the battalion will be filled in record time now that all Canada becomes its recruiting area, and the tight little island of Cape Breton is expected to give a large contribution of "men of the blood." Major Cuthbert Morgan and Captain McCarthy, who were here for a few days, returned today to St. John.