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PTE. ASHFORD WEL-COMED BY THE S. A.

He Gives an Address Telling His Experience on the Battlefield, and Calls on Every Fit Man to Recruit.

In the local Salvation Army Sunday night, the service was one of Welcome Home to Comrade Wm. Ashford, Jr., of the 15th Battalion, who arrived home last week.

Some parts of the trenches were part filled with water and mud, and the Germans made it hot for them.

Subscriptions to Patriotic Fund

Amounts Collected at D. & J. Ritchie's Lumber Camps.

Table listing names and amounts for the Patriotic Fund, including W. J. Jardine, Treasurer of West Northumberland Patriotic Fund.

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Rev. Dr. Cutten to Raise 219th

The Maritime Provinces are about to send their next college president to the front in the person of Rev. Dr. George B. Cutten, president Acadia University.

Coun. G. P. Burchill Weds St. John Lady

Popular Representative of Nelson Parish, Married in St. John on Wednesday.

An interesting event took place at 4:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon in St. Paul's (Valley) church, St. John, when Councillor G. Percy Burchill, of Nelson, was united in marriage to Miss Jean Gordon Garden, daughter of Mrs. and the late Julius T. Garden, formerly of Woodstock, and now residing in St. John.

Although none but the immediate relatives of the two families received invitations to the ceremony, the body of the church held many friends of the bride and bridegroom.

The bride, who was given away by her uncle, Mr. W. A. MacLachlan, wore a becoming travelling costume of sand color, trimmed with Alaskan sable, hat of sand colored crepe de chine, with touches of coral pink and around the top of the crown was a wreath of pink camellias and green leaves, and a corsage bouquet of pale pink roses.

CURLING NEWS

Recent Games for the Archer Trophy and the Brown Cup.

Recent curling games for the Brown Cup have resulted as follows: SECOND SERIES Feb. 22nd

THIRD SERIES Feb. 24th

In the Archer Trophy Contest, Newcastle and Campbellton Clubs played at the latter place on the 25th ult., the visiting team being defeated.

Table listing curling results for Campbellton and Newcastle, including names like H. Pond, J. Cameron, and E. P. Mowatt.

Saskatchewan Bribery Charges

Five Men Arrested Charged with Bribing Members of the Provincial Legislature.

Regina, Sask., Feb. 23—Charles E. Willson, Grant Waddell and Clayton Peterson, were arrested at their home here yesterday charged with conspiracy to bribe members of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan.

Charles E. Willson was formerly secretary of the Licensed Victuallers' Association. Grant Waddell for several years conducted the Grand Hotel, Clayton Peterson was taken into custody at his hotel, the Clayton.

The warrants were issued by Magistrate Hefferman and executed by the Royal Northwest Mounted Police. In each case a thorough search of the homes was made and safes and private papers were ransacked for any documents in connection with the alleged bribery.

BLOODY BATTLE RAGING AROUND VERDUN

After a Week of the Most Determined Fighting the Result is Still Uncertain--French Check German Offensive in Vosges Mountains.

Ottawa, Feb. 27—Sir Max Aitken sent two telegrams late last night and today.

The first cable, which was received by General Sir Sam Hughes, and which he promptly communicated to the Duke of Connaught, Sir Robert Borden and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, said: "Enemy this morning captured outer fort of Verdun. Afternoon recaptured by French. Battle has settled into ghastly and bloody slaughter."

General Hughes received another official cable from Sir Max Aitken this afternoon which conveyed the most encouraging news that the French are now "steadily driving the enemy past Douaumont despite the spasmodic rallies."

Paris, Feb. 27—Except around Fort Douaumont, the French war office reports some abatement of the German attacks to the south of Verdun. To the east and west of the Douaumont position, the French troops are closely pressing the Germans which were able to gain a footing in these sections, and which, the war office further reports, are maintaining themselves with difficulty.

The French deny that the Germans have occupied the Cote de Talon. The official communication reads as follows:

Between Soissons and Rheims destructive fires have been carried out on the enemy works in front of Vinzel and to the east of Troyon.

Six Months for Stopping Recruiting

Secretary of British Women's Anti-Conscription League Gets Six Months Term in Prison.

London, Feb. 26—Mrs. Nellie Best, secretary of the Women's Anti-Conscription League, was sentenced today to six months' imprisonment in the Westminster police court, for circulating literature urging men not to enlist.

The scenes in the court were reminiscent of the trials of militant suffragettes. Women sympathizers of Mrs. Best made a great outcry when sentence was imposed.

Soldiers Go Recruiting in N. S.

On Monday the whole province of Nova Scotia was covered by a recruiting force from the 85th Battalion. There are more than 500 officers and men combing the territory for recruits for the Highland Brigade.

Provincial Recruiting Committee Proposed

A general recruiting committee for New Brunswick, composed of two representatives from each county, will soon be organized.

The 55th is Held as a Reserve

To Reinforce General Ashton's Twelfth Brigade.

It has been officially announced that the 55th will be a reserve battalion to the 12th Brigade. In this Brigade will be the 23rd, 36th, 39th, 48th and 55th units, under Brigadier General Ashton.

Charges Against H. M. Blair

(From Monday's Moseton Times) It is understood that the charges against H. M. Blair, secretary in the department of Public Works at Fredericton, will commence today before M. G. Teed, appointed as commissioner. Mr. Blair's title is not Deputy Minister, as some of the papers have emanated from quarters friendly to the government. It is said the principal witness will be Mr. F. C. Colby, former manager of Concrete Construction Limited, the concern which had a contract here in 1913 to paint bridges on a thirty per cent basis. This contract lasted for one year and was terminated by order of a government caucus. Another of the charges against Mr. Blair is that he received a fake-off of so much per gallon of gasoline sold to the Concrete Construction, Limited, by a Fredericton concern. No evidence has so far been taken.

\$2,000,000 a Month to Soldiers' Families

The monthly payments of assigned pay or separation allowances to the relatives or dependents of the men under arms now aggregated over \$2,000,000. Over ninety thousand checks are made out each month by the branch dealing with this part of the work.

Over one third of the soldiers who have enlisted, are now giving part of their pay to friends or dependents at home, and about one quarter of the total force, representing approximately the married men, are on the list for separation allowance. It is interesting to note that the proportion of the men who are assigning their

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pay is considerably larger among the recruits of the past few months than was the case with the men who went overseas at first. This is accounted for on the ground that a considerably larger proportion of the recruits were Canadian born, and the dependents or relatives in Canada. With the first and second contingents a larger percentage was composed of unmarried men who were born in Great Britain and who had no family ties or dependents in this country.

Measles broke out in the 55th before leaving Bramshot, and since coming here the whole camp has been quarantined. Despite the quarantine, however, the different companies go regularly to the ranges for their musketry training.

Captain Whalley, of Halifax, Angli-can, has been attached to the West-ender Camp. There is an Anglican but here close to the camp and the men find great enjoyment in the accommodation it provides. The church parade service was held out of doors on Sunday, conducted by Chaplain Thomas, assisted by Capt. Whalley.

How near the trenches are to England is often forcibly impressed. Last week some soldiers were coming up from Folkestone when two men intimated that they had come out of the trenches in Flanders on the previous morning at 4:30—it was then about 5 p. m. These men belonged to the 22nd Battalion, which is in the same brigade as the 26th.

Sergeant Hubert Peacock, of the 26th, was a visitor to camp on the 12th ult. He was wounded in the foot and has been in the hospital for some time.

Lieut. Atkinson, of Moncton, now assistant adjutant in the Canadian Cavalry Depot, was also visitor recently.

One item in the day's orders is of great interest to the men, being the news item which is telegraphed to all the camps daily. It generally contains about ten or twelve items from all parts of Canada.

The following have been transferred to the signalling section: Privates J. H. Allen, G. Brooks, P. Clarke, A. Dube, R. A. Estey, C. Leggie of "A" Company; Privates H. Henle, H. Montgomery, O. J. Keith of "B" Company; W. C. Lidstone, W. G. Silliker of "C" Company; J. W. Beatty, V. Cloutin, W. Donovan, W. A. Hayer, H. C. James, A. R. McKinnon and J. M. McKinley of "D" Company.

Captain A. E. Gardiner is giving a course of lectures to the officers on "First Aid." Lieut. Auld gave a lecture recently on "The Sending of Messages."