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Annual Meeting Of Newcastle Red Cross

All Officers Re-Elected with
Exception of Treasures—Re-
ports Show Much Good
Work Done

The annual business meeting of the Newcastle Red Cross society was held in the Council Chamber, of the County Court House on Tuesday afternoon of last week.

The following officers were elected for the coming year.

President—Mrs Josephine Sargeant
Secretary—Miss Bessie Crocker.
Treas.—Miss Helen Stables.

The Report of the officers were:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

At this the closing of the Fourth year of our Red Cross work, and the third of mine as Pres. I should like to give a sketch of the work of the past year leaving all particulars to the secretary and Treasurer.

We held our annual Business Meeting on Oct. 9th when the Society returned all the officers and convenors Donations for Xmas Stockings \$40 from Mrs. Riley and \$10 from Mr. Parker came in too late for Red Cross Stockings so went to help fill those sent by the Women's Institute British Red Cross Needs was brought to our notice and Food Sale and Tea at Mrs. Sinclair's enabled us to contribute liberally.

The W. C. T. U. generously gave Cook Books to be sold for the benefit of the Red Cross.

In Nov. we were indebted to Mr. Richards for a Benefit night at the Opera House assisted by local talent and we have been able to keep up our amount for Prisoners of War besides a large contribution of surgical hospital supplies with much needed clothing for Halifax Needs at the time of the explosion early in the year it was suggested that the Red Cross might secure the Council Chamber for our meetings and after the usual red tape preliminaries we received the desired permission and held our first meeting in the new room on March 5th where I think we have done more work though there is room and to spare for more workers every Tuesday afternoon There was a very successful Tea and Utility Sale during March and in that month we also had the offer of help from the Girls Efficiency Clubs organized by Miss Flewelling and were forewarned of the War Charities Act which compels us to be more particular and business like in our methods of work but also protects us and ensures that all our money and work goes in the right direction and we were further encouraged by being served with tea and refreshments at our monthly meeting by Mrs Tracy Gould and Mr. Williston, which we all appreciated very much.

In April we accepted gratefully the offer of St. Mary's Choir to repeat their concert which was most successful and acknowledged with thanks to those who assisted also Mrs. McKeen's concert later assisted by local talent, both of these entertainments I unfortunately missed.

Our next discussion rose from the enforcing of the Conservator Food Law and rather upset our plans for regular teas through the summer months though through the courtesy of Mrs. Malthy I offering her house two small but successful teas were held in June.

Our house to house collections for France's Day was successful beyond our hopes and gave even the most pessimistic member of the Society hope that our own working funds would be replenished as the needs arose though at our August meeting with repeated appeals and bills to pay we were rather worried over finances, especially the money to provide for Xmas Stockings.

On Sept. 3rd Mrs. Park kindly offered her house and grounds for a Tea and garden fair or fete, the executive committee immediately organized the arrangements and the fair was held the following Tuesday and proved even more successful than the effort for France's Day so that on Tuesday the 17th material for 150 stockings was bought and cut out; and with hard work on the part of the buyers; Mrs Doyle and Mrs Park the latter acting for Miss Davidson who was unable to help; the stockings were filled and packed on Thursday and Friday; Mr. Wm Stables kindly helping in collecting the heavy boxes for us and so getting them off even before the date set as necessary.

At our next meeting we arranged



Why Canada must borrow money to carry on

Because Canada has put her hand
to the plow and will not turn back:—

—our country is in the war on the
side of liberty and justice and will stay
in it till complete victory is won and
the unspeakable Hun is smashed and
beaten to the ground;

—a nation at war must make tremendous
expenditures in cash to keep
up her armies and supply them with
munitions, food and clothing;

—Canada must finance many millions
of dollars of export trade in food,
munitions and supplies which Britain
and our allies must have on credit;

—for these purposes Canada must

borrow hundreds of millions of
dollars—

And, this money must be borrowed
from the people of Canada:—

Therefore, Canada will presently
come to her people for a new Victory
Loan to carry on.

Canadians will loan the money by
again buying Victory Bonds.

The national safety, the national
honor and the national well-being
require that each and every Canadian
shall do his duty by lending to the
nation every cent he can spare for this
purpose.

Be ready when the call comes to see your
country through in its great war work

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of the Dominion of Canada

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to serve dinner and supper at the Agricultural Exhibition in the Park; the money thus earned to start us on our next year's work and at the monthly Oct meeting the surplus money from the Xmas Stocking Fund was voted to the Central Council for comforts to our wounded men. The most appeal for the British Red Cross meets us at the beginning of the year and the increasing prices of all materials makes our work a little more difficult; but we have no more better news from overseas to

cheer us that I feel confident we shall do even better work in the future than in the past; and I appeal to each and every member of the Newcastle branch of the R.C.S. to do more than ever to bring more members, more workers and more money

JOSEPHINE SARGEANT
President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Madam Pres. and Members of the Newcastle N. B. Branch of the R. C. S. I have much pleasure in sub-

mitting the following annual report for year ending Sept. 30th 1918 for your kind consideration.

The report that I have to bring to you this year is a most favorable one showing increased efforts on the part of our members, which the particulars will show our Active Membership for the year was 46 associate 5, while our Life Membership totals 71 an increase of 28 members this year.

The donations in money from the society shows a marked increase.

To the British Red Cross we sent \$325.00, \$225.00 more than last year From the House to House collection for France Day we were able to send \$439.55, an increase of \$151.00. The Central Council asked for increased efforts this year and altho the increase from our Society was small \$20 more than last year, a total of \$770.00 still we have every reason to be proud of this amount when the increased price of working materials is taken into consideration.

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Spanish Influenza Grips New Brunswick

Dread Disease Making Rapid
Progress In All Parts of the
Province—Many Cases
Here

The epidemic of 'Spanish' Influenza which is sweeping the country has made such headway in the Province that a Proclamation was issued last week forbidding all public gatherings and closing schools, churches etc and that the step was not made a moment too soon is apparent by the rapid spread of the disease.

In Northumberland County, up to Saturday evening no less than 415 cases had been reported to Dr. F. J. Desmond, Chairman of the Board of health and of these nine cases were complicated with pneumonia, and today no less than two deaths are reported in Newcastle from the dread disease.

All citizens should take every precaution to prevent the spread of the disease, and at the first symptoms a physician should be consulted.

The department of public health have issued a set of rules regarding the prevention and care of the disease and which should be read by all persons.

Blackville Girl Wakes Up Halifax

Miss Belinda Jardine Shoots
Military Police Officer, While
Posing as Man

Halifax N. S. Oct. 10—While on his way to duty this morning Provost Sergeant Hunt met a young man walking along Gottingen street wearing khaki and civilian clothes and informed him that he was improperly dressed. The youth told the sergeant to mind his own business and pulled out a revolver and commenced firing. The sergeant grappled with the man but the latter fired point blank at the sergeant a bullet entering his arm. Two other shots were fired in rapid succession but neither hit the sergeant. The man got away but was pursued and caught by military police who were patrolling the streets. He was taken to the police station and he refused to divulge his name or talk at all.

Halifax N. S. Oct. 11—Giving her name as Miss Belinda Jardine hailing from Blackville Northumberland County New Brunswick the mysterious woman who attired in a military uniform was arrested yesterday after a pistol encounter with a military police sergeant in which the latter was shot in the arm broke down this morning and confessed to the detectives her real identity. The girl gave her age as 18 years.

It is the same old story of being tired of lonesome country life and anxious to get to the city and the gay life.

Leaving home late at night she took an outgoing train to Lewis Quebec. There she remained for two days. Going to a barber shop she had her hair clipped and late on Monday night boarded a troop train which was coming east. On the train her female attire was discarded and a soldier's uniform was promptly dug up by the troops who also gave her food. Arriving in Halifax shortly after 12 o'clock Wednesday night the girl slipped away from the soldiers. She walked the city for a day and was molested by no one everybody who came in contact with her thinking her a young soldier.

The girl told the detectives today that she had intended remaining in Halifax until a transport came in and then she would try to get to England.

When arraigned today a charge attempted murder was laid against the girl the case going over till this afternoon at the request of the crown prosecutor.

NORTHUMBERLAND MEN WOUNDED

In the Casualty List for the past week have appeared the names of E. W. Whitefield and E. J. Hartfoot, Newcastle, Stanley Sweeney Ellens-town and George Veno, of Weavertown as having been wounded.