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SANTA CLAUS BRINGS JOY TO CHILDREN

Entertainment Held in Methodist and Baptist Churches and Salvation Army Hall---Presents Distributed

METHODIST

The Methodist Sunday School held their annual Xmas Concert and Xmas tree last night. There was a fine program, at the end of which gifts were distributed to everybody off the tree.

The program included.

Opening Chorus—Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Addresses by Pastor and Supt.

Chorus—Children of the King—Infant and Junior Classes

Recitation—The Flag we love—Grace Johnston.

Recitation—Before I knowed who Santa was—Hammond Atkinson

Song—Randall McDonald

Recitation—The Best Friend of All—Hazel Johnston

Chorus—Song of the Angels

Recitation—They Gave Him their Treasures—Annie Ashford

Chorus—A Little Light to Shine at Night—Infant and Junior classes

Missionary Dialogue—Misses Maud Atkinson, Jean Ashford, Bessie Jeffrey and Eulah Stuart.

Trio—Holy Night—Jessie Black, Gertie Hare and Evelyn Price.

Recitation—The Last Call—Gertie Hare

Chorus—We'll Never Let the Old Flag Fall.

Recitation—That's How the British die—Miss M. Atkinson

Pageant of Empire, with choruses—Brittania, Jean Ashford; Canada, Gertie Hare; India, Randall McLean; Australia, Gerald Black; Newfoundland, H. Atkinson; S. Africa, Willis Petrie; N. Z., Evelyn Price; Burmah, Eulah Stuart; Ceylon, Josie Jeffrey; Gibraltar, Edwin Stuart; Malta, Muriel Atcheson; Hongkong, Doris Atkinson; West Indies, Jessie Black; Waste Places, Frank McMichael.

God Save the King.

SALVAION ARMY

The Xmas festivities at the Salvation Army were very bright and cheerful.

On Xmas day Santa Claus was seen driving around the town, and created no little stir. At night the following program was rendered by the children, Captain Dow of Chatham presiding.

Recitation—Clayton Ashford

Recitation—Viola Dutcher—Nobody's child

Recitation — Christie Ashford—Christmas.

Duet—Christie and Kenneth Ashford—Christ is Born.

Recitation—Jennie Ashford—Hang up the Baby's Stocking

Solo—Mertie Ashford

Recitation—Wilfred Whitney— A Little Boy

Recitation—Aletha Dutcher

Patriotic Solo—Mrs. Capt. Forbes—We'll Never let the old Flag Fall

After this program was rendered Santa Claus came along and distributed from the Xmas tree presents, toys, candies, apples, etc., to all children present. Thus a very enjoyable and profitable Christmas evening was spent. The crowd that filled the hall voted this the best Xmas yet.

Recitation— Amy Ryan— Little Stowaway

Recitation—Cora Whitney—An Errand

BAPTIST

A Christmas tree, handsomely decorated and well-loaded, was provided for the Newcastle Baptist Sunday school in the vestry Monday evening. The children gave an excellent concert and addresses were given by the Supt. Ald. C. C. Hayward, and the Pastor, Rev. M. S. Richardson.

After the opening exercises, of a devotional nature, the program was as follows:

Address by Supt.

Exercise—We welcome you

Recitation—Telling About Christmas—Dora Matchett.

Hymn.

Recitation—The Xmas Message—Mary McCormick

Recitation—Xmas Sunshine—Rita Brooks

Exercise—Dela and Douglas Savage

Duett—Grace and Helen Savage

Recitation—Which is Wrong? Lillian Brooks

Recitation—The Xmas Key—Annie Murray

Exercise—Giving to Jesus.

Recitation—Her Father's Escape—Janie White.

Recitation—Della Savage

Exercise by four girls

Recitation—Mother's Gift—Eldon Hayward

Hymn

Recitation—The Dream — Harry Robinson

Exercise—The Xmas Newsboys—Six boys

Address by Pastor

Distribution of gifts

Recess

God Save the King.

List of Articles Issued to Soldiers

Each Man of "C" Company, 132nd Batt., Gets 39 Articles

The clothing, etc., for "C" Company of the 132nd battalion arrived here on Thursday last, and the work of fitting out the men has been going on since Thursday night.

Each man of the company has been issued with the following articles:

1 pair ankle boots,
1 drab forage cap,
1 great coat,
1 drab jacket,
1 pair putees,
1 pair fatigue pants,
1 sweater coat,
2 pairs laces,
1 tin boot dressing,
1 shaving brush,
1 pair braces,
1 tooth brush,
1 hair comb,
2 pairs woolen drawers,
1 table fork,
1 table knife,
1 table spoon,
2 woolen undershirts,
2 pairs socks,
1 pair hand towels,
1 kit bag,
1 pair woolen gloves,

The following articles are yet to be issued:

1 service shirt,
1 pair canvas shoes,
1 pair service trowsers,
1 Balaclava cap,
1 cap badge,
2 collar badges,
2 Canada badges,
Initial sets,
Numeral sets,
1 cloth brush,
1 hair brush,
1 housewives,
1 hold-all,
Identity metal discs,
1 clasp knife,
1 Lauzard's clasp knife,
1 [illegible]
2 [illegible] shirts.

[illegible] on Sunday's Limited [illegible] Toronto on a [illegible]ment. This decision was reached at a recent meeting of the Association.

French Steamer Sunk Without Warning

Sent to Bottom in Mediteranean Eighty Lives Lost

Paris, Dec. 27—The French steamer Ville De La Ciotat, with passengers on board, was torpedoed without warning and sunk in the Mediterranean by a submarine on December 24th, the minister of marine announced today Most of the passengers and members of the crew had been rescued. The statement follows.

"The steamer Ville de La Ciotat was torpedoed and sunk on the 24th in the Mediterranean by an enemy submarine without warning. A majority of the passengers and crew were picked up by a British steamer. Details have not been received.

The Ville De La Ciotat was one of the largest of the steamships sunk recently in the Mediterranean. Her gross tonnage was 6,378. She was 487 feet long and fifty feet beam. She was built at La Ciotat, France, in 1892, and was owned by the Messageres Maritimes of Marseilles. She was last reported on her arrival at Saigon, on December 1 ,on a voyage from Yokohama to Marseilles.

Eighty Go Down

London, Dec. 27—Eighty of the passengers and crew of the Ville De La Ciotat lost their lives.

The remainder of the persons on board were saved.

Appointed Recruiting Officer

J. B. Hachey, M. P. P., has recently been appointed recruiting officer for the county of Gloucester. The North Shore Battalion is rapidly filling up and the Curling rink at Bathurst has been approved of by the authorities at Halifax for the quartering of troops.

Want License for Deer

A special non-resident license for hunting deer and birds, to sell at $15, is a suggestion a committee from the New Brunswick Guides' Association will make to the Provincial Government. This decision was reached at a recent meeting of the Association.

Christmas Trade Among the Merchants

The General Verdict is That Business Was Better Than Last Year

The merchants of Newcastle in general are quite jubilant over the successful Christmas season just closed. In most every instance, if, in fact, not all, the amount of business done was far in excess of what was anticipated, and reached a higher average than that of last year.

The weather conditions beforehand were none too promising, and it was probably for this reason, and the fact that many of our young men have gone overseas, that some of our merchants were a bit dubious about ordering Xmas novelties in very large quantities. In many cases several lines were sold out long before the final rush began, and all day Friday and that evening the stores were kept busy with the glamour and rush for the best of what was left. The grocery stores and toy shops were particularly busy, while the dry goods stores were kept constantly on the move supplying their patrons with the many Xmas gifts they had placed on display to meet the demands of the Xmas shoppers. The increased business this year over last is no doubt due to the fact that ordering by mail from outside was indulged in to a less extent than has been the case in the past.

In former years the Xmas hustle and bustle was confined to the last two days, but this year we are informed that the general buying began the first of the week and continued brisk up to the usual hour of a Saturday night closing. This was much appreciated by the merrhants, and particularly the clerks, as it did away with a large percentage of the midnight rush.

There was quite a lively stir about town all day Friday, but free from any rowdyism. Quite a fall of snow came, continuing up until evening, when it cleared and Christmas morning broke in fine, clear, and continued mild and pleasant throughout the whole day.

Sacrifices Business to Enlist

Roy Morrison, of Russell & Morrison, Enlists in Heavy Seige Battery

Another instance of sacrifice, when the call of the Empire became too strong, was that of Mr. Roy Morrison, of Russell & Morrison, Newcastle's foremost men's outfitter's in clothing.

These young men have, since their advent into business here, enjoyed a very successful career, but Mr. Morrison, not having any marital ties to bind him, fortunately or unfortunately, was satisfied to leave all behind that he may don the khaki and enter the King's service.

Mr. Morrison is the son of the Hon. Donald Morrison, of this town, and is one of Newcastle's most prominent and popular young men. He is the second of this family to enlist, his brother Sydney having gone overseas shortly after the war started.

Having passed a successful examination, Roy left on Monday for St. John where he will join the heavy siege battery. His many friends wish him success and a safe return home.

Parish of Derby Machine Gun Fund

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Subscriptions Received
Final List

Amount Previously acknowledged (less Quarryville Subscriptions.)	$ 1021.00
Mrs. Mildred McKay Crocker	10.00
Mr. John E. Jardine	5.00
Quarryville Subscriptions	
Mr. Alex. Cliff	5.00
Mr. Everett Davidson	1.50
Mr. F. Dickson	2.00
Mr. Hiram Foy	2.00
Mr. Otto Gerrish	2.00
Mr. Jas. Hetherington	1.00
Mr. Wm. Hetherington	1.00
Mr. R. G. Hood	10.00
Mr. Frank E. Jardine	5.00
Mr. Matthew Jardine	2.00
Mr. Everett Jardine	1.00
Rev. E. S. Murdoch	5.00
Mr. Chas. McDougall	1.00
Mr. Peter McDougall	1.00
Mr. Peter O'Brien	2.00
Mr. Daniel O'Brien	1.00
Total	$1078.50

Balance Sheet

DR.	
To Subscriptions Received	$ 1078.50
CR.	
By Remittance to Ottawa for Machine Gun	$ 1000.00
By Postages, Stationery, etc	4.00
By Balance to be paid to Derby Patriotic Fund	74.50
	$1078.50

J. D. VOLCKMAN,
Secretary Treasurer of Fund

BOYS APPEAR IN UNIFORMS

And Newcastle Now Presents Quite a Military Appearance

RECRUITING ROOM IS OPENED

A List to Date of Recruits Sworn in For The North Shore's Popular Battalion

The town of Newcastle took on quite a military aspect on Friday last, when the large number of our young men, who have enlisted to fill hte ranks of the 132nd battalion, were suddenly transformed from civilians to soldiers of the King. And a fine strapping lot of men they are too.

Daily drills are being held and the boys are fast adapting themselves to their new life. When we ourselves have such a feeling of admiration for our young men, as we see them stepping about town with their swagger sticks swinging, and notice the happy smiles on their faces as we pass them, it is not hard to understand why the people of Europe take such a fancy to the sons of Canada. Truly they say our Canadian boys are filled with the real fighting blood.

In the Commercial building, rooms have been fitted up to serve as the recruiting station and a rendevous for "C" Company of the 132nd. A large sign has been placed over the door, denoting what the rooms are used for, and here the boys drop in and out at their leisure. We understand they intend having a piano placed in one of the front rooms, which, if done, will add very materially to their comfort and amusement. Leave it to the boys of Miramichi to look after their own comfort.

Following is the list of those who have been sworn in and are drilling, under the command of Capt. A. L. Barry and Lieut. J. G. McKnight:

William Astles,	Newcastle
Edmund Albert,	"
Keary Brooks,	"
Everett Black,	"
Herbert Baker,	"
Eugene Blacquier,	Nelson
Wm. Bransfield,	Douglastown
Harry Comfort,	Newcastle
Grover Cleveland,	"
Isaac Cowie,	"
Robert Craik,	"
Herbert Condron ,	"
Harry Cassidy,	"
James Chambers,	"
Ernest Cameron,	"
Thos. Coughlin,	Nelson
Ethan Dempsey,	Newcastle
John Doucet,	"
Roy Dickison,	"
Aldric Doucett,	"
John Drummond,	"
John Dewar,	Dundee, Res. Co.
Simon Forbes,	Newcastle
James Fallon, sr.	"
James Fallon, jr.	"
Daniel Foran	"
Harold Galley,	"
Neil Gordon,	"
Cornelius Gormerly,	"
R. Gremley,	"
Daniel Gorman,	Nelson
Ernest Geikie,	Douglastown
Clarence Gunderson,	Newcastle
Fred Hachey,	"
Fred Herbert,	"
Wm. Higgins,	"
John Henderson,	Denmark
James Henderson,	Douglastown
Vincent Holland,	Redbank
D. H. Johnston,	Newcastle
Howard Johnson,	"
Jas. Jehotski,	"
Geo. Johnstone,	"
Frank Jardine,	"
Chas. Johnston,	Newcastle
Arthur Jardine,	"
William Kitchen,	"
Chris Kingston,	"
Frank Lawlor,	"
James Legere,	"
George Landry,	"
Herb Laskey,	"
George Lain,	Nelson
James Murphy,	Newcastle
Arch Matheson,	"
Sydney Matchett,	Wireless
Joseph Malley,	Nelson
Kirt Masterson,	Nelson
Clayton Morris,	Newcastle
Alex Martin	"
Joseph McGinnis,	"
William McGrath,	"
Willard McDonald,	
Chas. McDonald,	"
Earl McDonald,	"
Robert McLean,	"
Wilfrid McGowan,	"
William McEvoy,	"
Walter McDonald,	"
M. McCafferty,	"
Andrew McMurray,	Ferryville
Henry McRae,	Blackville
George Oak,	Quarryville
M. E. O'Brien,	Newcastle
Isaac Post,	"
Auker Peterson,	"
William Ramsay,	"
Hubert Ruth,	"
George Russell,	"
Clarence Russell,	"
Geo. Royal,	Grand Downs
Frank Richard,	C. I. Road
Stewart Stables,	Newcastle
Wm. Shannon,	"
Walter Shannon,	"
Joseph Stratt,	"
Leo Savage,	"
Thos. Sears,	"

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While Single Men Are Hanging Back

Pathetic Scenes as the Following Are Happening in Our Midst

(Bathurst Northern Light)

It was a cold, clear day. Farther down the street a bugle call rang out and figures in khaki formed themselves in line. As we approached words of command could be heard, shouted in a young, strong voice, "Form Fours," came clear, "In Twos" "About Turn" not in that order perhaps, but one after another the commands were given, and the men in khaki each time responded with a new formation. On the sidewalks many people stood, mostly quiet, but some talking, laughing and pointing. Around the edges of the moving recruits, little children darted in and out, attempting to form in line at the words of command.

Then came "Left Turn." Forward by the Left," and the ranks of khaki started up the street. We stood and watched rank after rank go by and then remained looking after them as the last passed us and to the sound of Left, Right," briskly moved away from us. There came the sound of a child's sobbing and crying—a heart-broken, desolate series of sobs,—and turning we saw a little fellow, not more than three years old hurrying as fast as his uncertain little legs would carry him. Louder and more heart-brokenly he cried until no ear could stand it longer. "What is the matter, little boy?' we said as we endeavored to comfort him. "I want my daddy, I want my daddy," came the answer, and as we realized the situation, and sensed our helplessness to comfort, tears came quickly to our eyes, and lumps rose chokingly in our throats, as we, too, watched those khaki figures recede from view.

That cry still rings in our ears. Every time a khaki figure projects itself into our vision, every time a little boy crosses our path, the same emotion overwhelms us, and "I want my daddy," represents to our minds the greatest sorrow that ever was put upon a human being. Oh, if all those young men who are hanging back, if those whose ties to home and friends seem light in the face of the little boy's cry, could only have seen and heard what we have seen and heard, the time would yet be far distant, instead of right upon us, when "I want my daddy, I want my daddy' would be the hopeless despairing tragedy of many little lives.

Hotels Raided; Case Dismissed

Scott Act Case Against Windsor Dismissed Because of Technicality

On Friday morning and afternoon Chief Finley, assisted by Officer Galliah, visited the Hotel Miramichi, and the Windsor, and seized a large quantity of the ardent. In all about $2000 worth was seized.

On Tuesday night of last week Officer Galliah arrested a man named Henry Peters, of Boiestown, for drunkenness. It was learned from him that he had got liquor from the Windsor Hotel, and Chief Finley forthwith had a warrant issued for the arrest of the proprietor. The case came up before Police Magistrate Lawlor on Monday, and was dismissed because of the failure of Chief Finley to state in the warrant his grounds for issuing the same.

Richibucto Wedding

A very pretty and interesting event took place on Wednesday at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bernard, Richibucto, when their second daughter Mabel Rachel, became the bride of James Everett Price, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Price, of Rexton, N. B., only immediate relatives of the contracting parties being present.

The bride is one of Richibucto's most popular young ladies and has also a large number of friends in Lowell, Mass., where she graduated from the Lowell Hospital and also in Moncton, where she practised her profession for some time. The groom holds a lucrative position with the Bangor and Aroostook Railway at Patten, Maine, where the happy couple will reside. The bridal couple left for Boston, New York, and other American cities.

KAISER MUST UNDERGO AN OPERATION SOON

London, Dec. 28—Swiss reports today said that an operation will be performed on the Kaiser's throat within a few days.

The reports were unconfirmed from Berlin. Similar rumors were circulated a year ago, only a few days before the Kaiser returned to the front.

DIED

At Chatham Head, N. B., Dec. 23, 1915, Cyrus, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Savoy, aged 13 months.

ASSOCIATED LODGES AT HOME LAST NIGHT

Mr. Ernest Hutchinson was Presented With An Elaborately Engrossed Address---Work Was Executed by Sisters of Chatham Convent

The Associated Lodges of Douglastown—The I. O. F., I. O. O. F., and Rebekah, together with the Douglastown and many other members of the Newcastle and Chatham Freemasons, held an At Home last night in the Associated Lodges Hall, the magnificent building recently erected, and donated to them by Ernest Hutchison, retired lumberman. Mr. and Mrs. Hutchison were the guests of the evening, and during the proceedings Mr. Hutchison was presented with an address handsomely engrossed by the Sisters of Chatham Convention golden letters on specially prepared paper decorated with the emblems of the four orders.

The address read as follows:

To Ernest Hutchison, Esq.,

We, the Daughters of Rebeka, Odd Fellows, Freemasons and Foresters of Douglastown respectfully request you to accept our sincere thanks for the beautiful building—"The Associated Lodges Hall"—you have given to us.

We feel that it is because we are Charitable and Fraternal organizations, working in a modest way for the good of our fellows and our own improvement, pledged to visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphan, that you have so generously provided this building for our work. We feel that you are one with us in spirit in striving after the high ideals that inspire us.

And as fellow-citizens, we also thank you for the public spirit you have shown in erecting this splendid building in your native town for public purposes.

(Sgd.) BESSIE WOOD, N. G.,
DAVID W. ANDERSON, R. S.
Ever True Rebekah Lodge, No. 65, I. O. O. F.
HUGH H. LAMONT, N. G.
J. GRAHAM McKNIGHT, R S.
Newcastle Lodge No 93, I. O. O. F.
HARRY A. GRAY, C. R.,
ALBERT E. SICKLES, R. S.,
Court Douglastown No. 3379 I. O. F.
Douglastown, N. B., Dec. 28, 1915.

A fine program was carried out as follows:

Instrumental music—Miss Ruby Haviland, the accompanist for all the other parts.

Solo—Andrew Cassie
Selection—John Elder
Solo—Chas. M. Dickison
Selection—Robt. Galloway

Address to Mr. Hutchison, read by the chairman, and with a beautiful bouquet to Mrs. Hutchison presented by Miss Zelda Johnston.

Reply by Mr. Hutchison.

Addresses by Rev. Alex. Firth, J. G. McKnight, M. R. Benn, R. W. Crocker, and Mr. Simonson of Millbank.

Selection—John Elder
Selection—Robt. Galloway
Refreshments
2 Selections—John Elder
2 Selections—Robt. Galloway
God Save the King.

R. H. Jessamin presided.

Returned Soldiers From the Front

Work of the Canadian Patriotic Fund and the Soldiers' Commission

The establishment of the Sodiers' Aid Commission for Ontario, of which the Secretary is Mr. C. N. Cochrane, Parliament Buildings, Toronto, is the first result of the report recently issued by the Hospitals Commission, and the forerunner of others.

The care of the soldier who has returned to Canada, mutilated or weakened as a result of active service, is the prime duty of Canadians. For some months the Canadian Patriotic Fund has been endeavoring to ensure that the men already back from Europe should suffer no want. This work has been voluntarily undertaken by local committees of the Fund, although in most instances their time is fully occupied with the task of making provision for the families of soldiers.

Each soldier is interviewed at Quebec by a representative of the Fund and a confidential report sent by the latter to the patriotic committee of the town to which the soldier is going. This serves the two-fold purpose of protecting the Fund against the greedy or unscrupulous and of giving the local committee information that is helpful in finding employment for the deserving. Not every man who returns to Canada wearing His Majesty's uniform is included in the latter category, but the great majority have done their duty in the fullest degree. To the latter it has been the priilege of the Fund to present a small badge bearing the words, "For service at the Front." The men who are wearing these badges are the worthiest citizens that we can acknowledge. Like charity, that badge should be allowed to cover a multitude of sins.

The work that the Canadian Patriotic Fund can do for returned soldiers, however, is limited by Act of Parliament, and it has been specifically enacted that no assistance can be given by the Fund to "any person who is in receipt of any gravity, pension or allowance paid by His Majesy or by any foreign government in consequence of incapacity or death occurring as aforesaid." Partly on this account and largely because the pensions and gratuities paid to incapacitated men are oft-times admittedly inadequate, it has been necessary to establish a Hospitals Commission and Disablement Fund. The officials of the latter, in their report to the Federal Government, recommended among other measures, that provincial commissions be formed for the purpose of supplementing these pensions either by monetary grants or by free training in various trades. The Soldiers' Aid Commission of Ontario, as we have said above, is the first step in this direction. Already it has announced its intention of mobilizing the manufacturers of Ontario and we do not doubt that the process will be facilitated by the manufactures themselves. Others also will be asked to lend their aid in discharging a great national duty and there is every prospect that in Canada at least the traditional tragedy of the returned soldier will have no place.

Recruiting Meeting At Lyttleton

Held in School House Last Night—Addresses by Newcastle Speakers

A recruiting meeting was held in the school house at Lyttleton last night, addressed by Rev. M. S. Richardson and Lieut. Mowatt. There was a large attendance, but while several young men promised to come and enlist later on, there were no recruits at the meeting.

A large number of the young men have returned to the lumber woods, and were therefore unable to be present.

Attacked by Mob On Christmas Night

Palace of Archduke Stephen attacked with Pitchforks and Axes

London, Dec. 28—An Amsterdam despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says: According to reports in Vienna, the palace of Archduke Stephen of Austria was attacked Christmas night by a mob, armed with pitchforks and axes, as a protest against the squandering of food on an elaborate entertainment. The police dispersed the rioters, but a number of stones crashed through the windows, damaging several pictures.

Dresden reports say that food riots occurred at Chemnitz on Christmas day. The women marched in procession to the town hall, clamoring for food at reasonable prices, and smashing many windows. The police forced the women to retire, eleven of them being severely injured.

New Party Formed To Work for Peace

The Hague, Dec. 28—A movement has been started in Berlin for the formation of a new party in the Reichstag, according to information received here today from reliable sources.

Its programme will include efforts for an early peace and criticism of the government's handling of certain internal problems, particularly of the food supply.

Seventeen Reichstag members are reported to have pledged their support. They will constitute the nucleus of the new party. They may not openly join the socialists, but will work in sympathy with them on matters pertaining to peace.