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Driver Arch Fleigher In Norwich Hospital

Newcastle Boy who is Suffering from Flesh Wound in Shoulder Doing Nicely

Mr and Mrs Fred Fleigher, whose son Archie went overseas three years ago and served twenty months, at the front have received the following letter:

Dear Madam:
I beg to inform you that Driver A Fleigher, No 90145, 2nd Division, is now in Norwich and Norwich Hospital, Norwich, England. He has been seen by Mr Rod Cross visitor, who reports that he is suffering from a flesh wound in the right shoulder, fortunately the bone is uninjured, so there is not much pain, though there is stiffness. He is up and dressed, bandaged, and has his arm in a sling. Our visitor says he is in good spirits, and very contented. This must be a great help to him, and we hope the report of your son will continue quite satisfactory.

He will be visited regularly and reports on his condition will be sent you from time to time. Should he be in need of any comforts other than those supplied by the Hospital, our visitor will let us know and we will send them from our parcels office.

Yours Truly,
KATHLEEN WARRING
P P C S C

Boiestown Boy Falls in Battle

Pte. Willard McCloskey Gives up His Life for his Country

Boiestown April 22nd.—Mr Geo R Parker of Millerton is a guest at the Nelson House.
George Whalen and Jack Harrigan were in Bloomfield Tuesday while on their way there the house stopped onto a broken culvert and threw the occupants out Mr Harrigan's shoulder was hurt and the wagon broken, Mr Whalen escaped injury.

Mrs W A Campbell has returned home after spending a few days with Miss Wilson at Bloomfield.
A cablegram was received on Tuesday announcing the sad intelligence that Willard McCloskey was killed in action. The news is a great blow to his people as well as a host of friends here and elsewhere. The young man had been in Cobalt some years before enlisting. He leaves a mother, one sister, Miss Vida and seven brothers, Fred, Chpman, and Laurie of Cobalt; Hodley, Reginald and Audrey at home and Del at the front. His twin sister died a few years ago.

Fred Fairley is confined to his home with a sprained foot.
Joseph Norrad returned home on Friday after a pleasant visit to friends at Fredericton and Taymouth.

Mrs B J Thibideau who has been spending some time with her sister Mrs Richards of Devon is home again.

Fred Calhoun and Tommy Hunter of Hayville have enlisted and left for St John Saturday.

Wm A Brown has accepted a position in Miss Wilson store.

Vivian Hunter arrived home recently having spent some months in Western Canada.

Justus Corroll and James Cameron were in Newcastle last week.
Miss Grace Wilton is seriously ill at her home. Her many friends are much alarmed over her condition.

Kenneth A Mohr spent a few days in Fredericton with friends.
Mrs R Robinson is ill at the home of Mrs Isobod Norrad.

Newcastle Town Council Hold Meeting

Standing Committees Appointed—
Price of Light to be Raised—
Dog Tax may be Increased

The newly elected Town Council held its first regular meeting on the 18th instant, Mayor-elect John H Troy in the chair. Aldermen-elect present: E W Crocker, D P Doyle, W L Durick, A J Ritchie, Percy Duggan, Charles Sargeant and H H Stuart. Absent Alderman-elect John Russell.

Minutes of last meeting and the report of the Town Elections and Plebiscite were read and confirmed. On motion of Ald P Russell and Durick, the Mayor was asked to appoint a nominating committee to nominate standing committees.

The following were appointed: Ald Doyle, Ritchie and Sargeant.

The nominating committee recommended the following standing committees:
Finance—P Russell, W L Durick, H H Stuart.
Public Works—D P Doyle, A J Ritchie, C Sargeant.

Police and appointment to office—John Russell, R W Crocker, A J Ritchie.

By-Laws, Petitions and Licenses—H H Stuart, John Russell, P Russell.

Park and Fire—W L Durick, D P Doyle, P Russell.

Light, Water and Sewerage—R W Crocker, D P Doyle, C Sargeant.

Industrial and Publicity—Mayor and all the Aldermen.

The report was adopted as read. The first named in each is chairman.

Ald Crocker gave notice that at next regular meeting he would move that the charge for Electric

PREMIER FORCES WITH DRAWAL OF MOTION

On Question of Woman Suffrage—Rule of the Road to be Changed—Charge Against Speaker Currie

Fredericton, N B., April, 15.—The House of Assembly met at 8.30 p m on Wednesday.

Ex-Premier Murray moved, seconded by Mr Tilley, the resolution of which he had given notice, and asked leave to introduce a bill entitled an Act to confer the electoral franchise upon women and in amendment of the Act 6 George V, Chapter 15, "An Act respecting the elections to the Legislative Assembly."

He said that the question of extending the franchise to women had been so much discussed of late that it was not necessary for him to go into it at any great length. The bill he had introduced was based on the principle to which hon. members of the House had subscribed only a few days ago. He believed that the time had arrived when the women of the province should have the right to vote for candidates to the Legislative Assembly. He hoped that in view of the very active part which women had taken in connection with the war that the House would deal with the matter, not on party lines but as the conscience of each individual member dictated.

Premier Foster said that when a bill to grant the franchise to women had been before the House a year ago, he had been one of those who had voted for it. In regard to the bill introduced by the Hon. leader of the Opposition, he felt that it interfered with the rights and prerogatives of the Crown and the government and advised His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor to refuse his assent to it, in case it should pass the House. He would ask that the bill be withdrawn.

Mr Murray (King) said that the bill did not involve the expenditure of any public money.

Mr Murray (King) wanted to know if he had correctly understood the Hon. Premier's statement that the Lieutenant-Governor had already been advised to withhold his assent to the bill.

Hon Mr Foster. "That is correct." Mr Baxter said that it was well known that the consent of the Crown had to be obtained before a money bill could be introduced, but the bill being introduced by his Hon friend from King did not touch its prerogatives, but did touch the prerogative of the people. If the bill could be ruled out of order on the grounds stated, there was nothing to hinder any public bill brought forward by an Hon. member of the Opposition from being ruled out. That he held would not only be lamentable, but unconstitutional. He felt that Hon Mr Speaker was under a misapprehension and he sincerely hoped he would give the matter further consideration.

Mr Murray (King) said that believing Hon Mr Speaker's ruling was based on Bourinot's authority and in view of the fact that the Lieutenant-Governor had been advised to withhold assent from it he had decided to withdraw the bill. In this connection he wished to point out that the Hon Premier had warned the Crown in regard to the bill, without having seen its contents and it was evident from that that he did not intend to force his supporters into a discussion of the measure.

He was convinced that the Hon. Premier, regardless of the terms of the bill, was determined to prevent its passage through the House. (Murray) believed it would have been better had the Hon. Premier permitted the bill to come before the House so hon. members could see it before tendering the advice which he had given to the Lieutenant-Governor.

Hon Mr Byrnes rose to a point of order. He said that Hon Mr Speaker, having given his decision, the matter should rest there.

Hon Mr Foster said that the Hon. leader of the Opposition should have attached a copy of the bill to his notice of motion. He would ask that the bill be withdrawn.

Hon Mr Speaker said that he had looked carefully into the matter and had given authority in support of his decision.

Hon Mr Robinson cited a case from the late Hon A G Blair in which the House had taken similar action with respect to a bill having to do with Crown debts.

Mr Baxter said that the case cited by the Hon. member from Moncton was not similar to that now before the House. He pointed out before the bill did not purpose to interfere with the prerogative of the Crown in regard to expenditure of public money; he thought the same object sought would be obtained by having the bill carried by a vote of the House.

Hon Mr Robinson said he could not see how the withdrawal of the bill would accompany the notice of motion. It had not been done in the present case.

Hon Mr Veniot claimed that as the bill proposed to add to the voters list, it would involve the expenditure of public money.

Mr Baxter said that such was not the case.

Mr Murray (King) then formally withdrew the bill. The House met at 3 p m.

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Ex-Premier Murray's motion to reduce the rate of the Patriotic Fund

from \$518,000 to 400,000 the sum needed for the Patriotic Fund, was defeated 22 to 17. All the Northumberland members, but Dr McGrath were present and voted with the government.

Fredericton, April 17.—The House met at 3 p m.

Rule of the Road Changed
The Highway Bill was taken up. The rule of the road is changed and the bill provides that all vehicles shall turn to the right. This part of the Bill will come into effect on proclamation by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council.

Winter Roads
Curtain amendments were also made to the section of the bill regarding winter roads. It included a clause making it optional for the people of a district to assess for winter roads instead of furnishing labor. Hon Mr Veniot moved an amendment, giving permission to clergymen and doctors to use motor vehicles upon the roads in the spring when the frost is coming out of the ground.

The bill passed the committee (Continued on Page 5)

Town Improvement
League Meets
Will Ask Town Council to call Public Meeting on Greater Production Question

Newcastle Town Improvement League held a meeting on the 23rd instant.

Two new members were admitted: Rev L H MacLean and Mr A Kullender.

Those present were Devs P W Dixon, L H MacLean and Dr C W Squires; Mr James M Troy, president; Ald H H Stuart, secretary; and Messrs J E Ander, A Kullender and James Stables.

The Secretary reported that, on behalf of the League, he had sent the League's requests to the School Trustees for action re Medical Inspection of schools, Manual Training, Domestic Science and School Gardening and Compulsory Attendance at School, to the Town Council for the above and, a new survey and plan of the town, better assessment, and Food Production on vacant lots. The Trustees acknowledged the desirability of all that was asked of them but pleaded lack of funds. The Council had merely received and filed the six requests made to them, not discussing any of them, even that for greater production.

The President thought that the secretary had presented too many items to the Council. Had he concentrated his efforts on obtaining a discussion on Greater Production, he would probably have been successful.

On motion of Rev Dr Squires and Rev Father Dixon, it was considered to send a New Committee to the Council to ask the latter to call a public meeting to discuss Great Food Production.

The following were appointed: J M Troy, Rev Dr Squires and J E Ander.

It was moved by Rev Dr C W Squires, seconded by Ald Stuart and carried, that

Conscious of the necessity of accurate knowledge concerning the war and a clear understanding of its problem at home and abroad and feeling that France and England are largely dependent upon our efforts to send them food to sustain them in winning the war and knowing that the teen age boys of our land are willing to lend a helping hand in this crisis, the Town Improvement League wishes to express itself as willing with all its strength to stand behind the efforts of the War Lecture Bureau, especially in its endeavor to enlist 25,000 Canadian boys as soldiers of the Soil.

Rev Father Dixon spoke very emphatically of the dog nuisance. He thought that the dog tax should be raised to \$5.00.

Adjourned.

FIREMEN KEPT BUSY
The fire dept. were given three calls during the past week on Thursday night an alarm was sent in for a fire on the roof of the Chinese Laundry. On Monday at noon a fire on the roof of James Dunn's residence and Tuesday evening a grass fire in the vicinity of St. James' Church. No damage was done at any of the three fires.

Germany Again Attacks on British Front

Fighting Resumed Yesterday on Whole Front.—All Enemy Attacks Repulsed

During the past week there has been more cheerful news from the western front, on Friday the British hurled back German hordes in the vicinity of Givenchy. Six enemy divisions launched attacks which ended in complete disaster, and other Hun assaults failed. The British in operations at various points captured prisoners and machine guns. The British front was more secure than it had been for days.

A despatch from Amsterdam on Friday, stated that another mutiny had broken out amongst German troops in Belgium, when they were ordered to the British front in France. A number of the mutineers were shot, but the resistance continued.

There was a lull in the fighting in France and Flanders on Saturday. Reports stated that the situation was unchanged. La Basse still remained in the hands of the British.

Italian troops were reported to be en route to the western front. France has lost 1,200,000 killed during the war, and as many more wounded or prisoners. The total strength of the British forces is seven and a half millions.

Early Sunday night a strong local attack accompanied by heavy shelling was made against the British positions near Messin. After sharp fighting in which the enemy captured an advanced post, they were repulsed.

A number of raids were successfully carried out Sunday night by British forces at points North and South of Lens, resulting in the capture of prisoners and machine guns.

On Monday the British improved their positions north of Albert and captured sixty prisoners. A number of prisoners were also taken in the Dobecq sector, and near Watahoux in the neighbor hood of Fampoux, a British raiding party entered the enemy's trenches and penetrated the support lines.

The German artillery activity increased Tuesday afternoon and opened on the greater part of the British front, particularly in the Somme and Ancre sectors, in the valley of the Scarpe and coctors near Bethune and Bailleul. At dusk the enemy attacked northwest of Albert, but were driven back with heavy rifle and machine gun fire. In the evening strong attacks developed near Dranoutre, but were repulsed by the French.

On Wednesday enemy attacks were reported in progress in the Albert sector, and between the Somme and Avre rivers. Concentration of hostile infantry in the neighborhood of Merville were dispersed by British artillery.

The Germans yesterday resumed their offensive near Amiens, capturing the village of Villers-Bretonneux eleven miles from Amiens. Heavy fighting is reported all along the British Front.

Mr and Mrs William Condron received a telegram from Ottawa this morning informing them that their son, Pte Herbert Condron Infantry, had been admitted to the 4th Base Hospital on April 15th suffering from gunshot wounds in the left arm and both legs. Pte Condron, who is one of Newcastle's most popular young men went overseas with the 13th Battalion, and has been on the firing line for over a year. His many friends trust that his wounds are not serious.

THE RIVER IS CLEAR
The ice began to run here Monday, 22nd, it broke up at Chatham that night, and the river here was about clear yesterday. The South-west ice ran out on the 23rd but the ice in the North west between Newcastle and Redbank still holds.

PTE NELSON GOES TO ST JOHN
The returned hero, Pte Harold Nelson, who has been spending the last two months in Newcastle has been called to St John for medical treatment.

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