

BARRIER FIRE SMOTHERS GERMAN OFFENSIVE AT LIHONS; RUSSIANS AT LAKE VAN; CONSTANTINOPLE IN NEW PANIC

German Gas Attack On Four-Mile Front Checked by French

The Germans near Lihons, to the south of the Somme river, have met with repulse at the hands of the French in an intended attack extending over about four and one-third miles. The offensive movement was preceded by a heavy bombardment and clouds of asphyxiating gases. When the German infantry endeavored to come out of their trenches for the attack, however, the barrier of fire and the fire of the French rifle men stopped them everywhere.

The Germans in Artois were prevented from occupying the crater of a mine by a strong counter-offensive of the French.

In Champagne the forest of the Argonne and in the entire region of Verdun, there has been much artillery activity, in which Paris claims considerable execution was accomplished by the French gunners. The Germans report additional repulses of British grenades attacks against captured positions along the Yser Canal, and also the putting down of an Entente Allied offensive along the Lem-Arras road.

Numerous fights in the air between German and French aviators have taken place. Paris reports that several of the German machines were brought down by the fire of the French airmen. Aeroplanes raids have been carried out by French and British aeroplanes, notably on the German aviation field at Habsheim, at Mulhausen and on a munitions factory at Pagny-Sur-Moselle. British aircraft bombed the town of Don, southwest of Lille.

There has been little fighting on the eastern and Austro-Italian fronts. The Albanians fighting with the Tontons are reported to have reached the Adriatic Sea west of Kavaya. This would indicate that the Austro-Hungarians and their allies have completely surrounded Durazzo.

RUSSIANS REACH LAKE VAN.

In Asia Minor the Russians are persistently following the Turks who fled from Erzerum and also are pushing their way northward from the captured fortress to the Black Sea with the purpose of establishing a base there for their warships and transports. Bitlis, on Lake Van, has been captured by the Russians.

A Turk power station on the Ottoman front east of the Suez Canal has been blown up by a British aviator. Again Constantinople has been thrown into a state of consternation over the presence of an Allied submarine in the Bosphorus, according to an unofficial report. The underwater boat is said to have torpedoed six transport vessels with munitions, and one tug.

German Attack Nipped in Bud.

Paris, Feb. 21, via London, Feb. 22, 12.59 a. m.—The official statement issued by the war office tonight reads as follows:

"In Artois, to the north of the road from Lille, the enemy exploded a mine. An immediate counter-attack drove him from the crater, one of the sides of which we hold.

"At the end of the afternoon the Germans carried out a violent bombardment of our trenches to the northwest of Gienvy to which our batteries responded energetically.

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FRENCH FIRE ZEPPELIN ON WAY TO PARIS

Crew Probably Lost When Incendiary Shell Reaches Airship

MANY FIGHTS IN AIR AT FRONT

Fokker and Five Other Enemy Machines Brought Down by French—Turk Power Station on Suez Blown Up by 100-pound Bomb.

Paris, Feb. 21, 11.05 p. m.—A Zeppelin airship was brought down by a French gun in the vicinity of Brabant-Le-Roi, in the Meuse, today, according to an official announcement made this evening. The Zeppelin was flying from St. Menchould toward the south, and was attacked by cannon from Revigny. Hit by an incendiary shell, the Zeppelin fell in flames in the vicinity of Brabant-Le-Roi.

The official statement follows: "The day was marked by a number of air fights. Over Tagedorf, east of Aeldrich, one of our aeroplanes, attacking a Fokker at close quarters, shot down the enemy machine. The enemy machine slipped over on its right wing, then fell.

"In the region of Epinal an Albatross machine was brought down by our artillery fire. In the region of Bures, north of the forest of Parroy, a German machine attacked by two of our machines was brought to earth in our lines. The pilot and passenger were killed.

"A squadron of seven French aeroplanes gave combat to four enemy aeroplanes in the region of Vigneulle-Les-Hattonchateau. Two of the latter were forced to make a landing; the other two took to flight.

"Enemy aeroplanes have bombarded Fishes, Bar-Le-Duc and Revigny. Near the last mentioned place an enemy squadron composed of fifteen machines was attacked by one of our pursuing squadrons and was forced to give fight, in the course of which a German machine was brought down near Givry-En-Argonne. The two aviators were made prisoners. A second enemy aeroplane was pursued into its own lines.

"One of our bombing groups, composed of seventeen machines, dropped sixty-six shells of heavy calibre on the aviation field at Habsheim, on the freight station at Mulhausen. Another group of twenty-eight machines dropped a number of projectiles on an enemy munitions factory at Pagny-Sur-Moselle. Following these different operations all our aeroplanes returned to their landing ground.

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AEROPLANES IN FAR EAST.

London, Feb. 21, 6.25 p. m.—An official report received from the British official commanding in the Mediterranean says:

"In the course of an aeroplane reconnaissance of the enemy's advanced posts east of Suez, Feb. 20, one of our aviators, descending to a height of six hundred feet, destroyed the enemy's power station at El Hassana with a 100 pound bomb."

"The general officer commanding the troops in Mesopotamia states that on the 17th and 19th of February, bombs were dropped by hostile aeroplanes on our camp at Kut-el-Amara. No damage was done. Otherwise there is no change in the situation.

"The despatch of reinforcements to Gen. Aylmer (who is going to the relief of Kut-el-Amara) is proceeding satisfactorily."

Belligerents at Peace Meeting

Quakers Disturbed in London Gathering by Crowd, Including Father of Two Sons Killed at Front.

New York, Feb. 21.—A news agency despatch from London says: "A Quakers' peace meeting in Bishopsgate was broken up today by the inclusion of several belligerent Londoners, one of whom had lost two sons at the front.

"It is said that any Quaker or slacker in the hall, volunteered one stalwart mounting the platform. The offer was not accepted and the peace advocates fled out."

Sarraill's Conference With King Successful



GENERAL SARRAIL, veteran French commander in the Balkans, who promised to become engaged as a skillful diplomat as well as a great fighter.

Athens, Feb. 21, 11.33 p. m.—General Sarrail, the commander of the French forces in the Balkans, arrived here today and had an audience with King Constantine.

Immediately afterward King Constantine received the Associated Press and informed the correspondent that he was delighted with the result of the interview, which he was thoroughly confident was the first step toward clearing up the differences between Greece and the Entente Powers.

\$30,000,000 HELD OUT TO DAZZLE THE ELECTORATE

Retention of Revotes in Estimates Making Total of \$190,000,000 Not Conducive to Economy

Hon. Dr. Pugsley Makes Pertinent Comment—High Salaries in Justice Department Exposed—Does Canada Lose Business Through Want of Permanent High Commissioner?—Receipts From Last Year's War Taxes.

Ottawa, Feb. 21.—During the consideration of estimates in the commons today attention was drawn by Hon. Dr. Pugsley to the fact that though Sir Thomas White only estimated \$160,000,000 as the domestic expenditure for the coming fiscal year, parliament was asked to vote a sum totalling nearly \$190,000,000. Dr. Pugsley asked how the government accounted for the extra thirty millions, which apparently was not to be spent. Sir Robert Borden explained that it included a large number of items which had been voted originally several sessions ago but which it was not the purpose of the government to spend at present.

The prime minister did not explain that the very fact that they had been voted several sessions ago and not expended might be taken as a proof that they were not absolutely necessary, especially in times of war, and that when they were voted several sessions ago a very different condition of affairs existed than at present. He did not explain either that of the \$30,000,000 nearly one-third was made up of votes for public buildings promised by Hon. Robert Rogers and maintained on the estimates as a sort of bribe to the electors in case of an election.

The voting by parliament of such amounts under the provision that they will not be spent this year, would seem to be about on a par with the over-generous father who makes to an extravagant son an allowance of large proportions and tells him that he doesn't expect that he will spend it all. The very fact that the money has been voted is an incentive to spending.

Are We to Have High Commissioners? The fact that Sir George Perley's position as Canadian high commissioner in London is merely in the nature of a locum tenens was again emphasized in the commons today. The consensus of opinion among opposition speakers was that the position and the office might be more utilitarian than it has been in the past and that it is said to be at present, but how, they asked, could Sir George Perley be expected to enter into the duties of the position with enthusiasm when he realized that he was simply holding it down for some one else?

Mr. Kyte pointed out that the minister of justice, who himself is drawing this indemnity of \$2,500 per year his salary as a minister of \$7,000 and his pension as a retired judge, had to assist him in his work as deputy minister whose salary had been raised from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per year within the past few years, a solicitor general who is receiving \$5,000 per year, a parliamentary counsel receiving the same amount, and several assistant counsel.

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ONE YEAR'S WAR COST BRITAIN \$6,100,000,000

"Gold Behind Every Paper Sovereign, Exchange as High as Desired"

New War Votes of \$2,100,000,000 Passed Almost Without Discussion—Economy and Efficiency Assured in Handling Money is Statement of Premier Asquith.

London, Feb. 21.—Premier Asquith introduced two votes of credit in the house of commons today. The premier's speech was confined entirely to the financial aspect of the present situation, no reference being made to military affairs in general.

The first vote of credit was the supplementary estimate for the current fiscal year, bringing up the total war expenditure for the year to £1,420,000,000. This appropriation is for £128,000,000. The second vote is to provide funds for the first part of the financial year beginning April 1, amounts to £200,000,000.

Mr. Asquith told the house that the daily expenditure for April 1 to July 31 of last year was £2,800,000; from July 18 to Sept. 31, £3,500,000; from Sept. 12 to Nov. 4, £4,350,000; from Nov. 7 to Feb. 19, 1916, between £4,300,000 and £4,400,000.

Loans to Great Britain's Allies and to the dominions on November 6 last amounted to £38,300,000. Between November 7 and Feb. 19 the amount loaned was £70,600,000, making a total of £168,900,000.

Munitions for the army and navy from April 1 to Feb. 19 had cost £234,800,000, the premier stated.

Loans to Allies Increase. Mr. Asquith said that loans to allies of Great Britain and to her dominions showed a substantial increase since November, and that the growth in the rate of expenditure was entirely due to loans to Allies from the vote of credit. These by no means represented the total advances to Allies, they simply represented advances from the vote of credit.

In addition to those advances there were advances made by the Bank of England at the request of the government. The expenditure under this head, he said, would probably reach £225,000,000. The vote of credit for the remainder of the financial year allowed an ample margin for contingencies such as the purchase of American securities, he added. The vote of credit of £200,000,000 raised the total vote of credit for the war to £2,620,000,000.

Economy and Efficiency Must Result. The premier emphasized the steps taken to secure economy in expenditure. The finance committee of the cabinet had appointed a special committee of business men to bring about economy and efficiency. He did not think this system could be improved.

The war, said the premier, was being conducted under rigorous conditions which prevented any money voted by parliament from being devoted to any other purpose than the vigorous prosecution of the war. The government was still confident of the justice of its cause, and that a just cause would prevail.

Mr. Asquith said it was uncertain what sums must be spent before the end of the financial year in purchasing American securities. He anticipated that the extra credits now asked, with the sum still on hand, would last until the end of May.

NOT A PENNY MORE THAN NEEDED. "I feel the enormous and overwhelming responsibility in asking the house for this gigantic sum," said the premier, "and could not do so unless I was satisfied that the government had most carefully explored the ground, so that we are not asking for a penny more than the exigencies of our cause and the great historic responsibilities which we have undertaken require, and unless we are satisfied that every possible precaution is being taken to see that the taxpayers money is not being wasted."

Touching on the loans to England's allies, Mr. Asquith stated that the amount had now grown to nearly 169,000,000 pounds, to which must be added loans to the allies made by the Bank of England at the request of the British government. The amount of this latter item was not made clear by the premier, but he declared that the provision in the September budget allotting 425,000,000 pounds for loans to the Allies would not be exceeded.

EXCHANGE AS HIGH AS DESIRED. The chancellor of the exchequer, in an optimistic statement regarding the condition of British credit said: "Criticism has been made that we are not taking proper steps to maintain our credit, particularly with reference to American exchange. I merely ask the house to compare our American exchange with that of any of the other belligerents. At the present time the rate is 4.76 and the government does not wish higher than that. It is still ten cents below normal, but we do not wish it to go either up to or above normal, for the simple reason that we are discouraging imports by keeping the exchange a little below par and checking the export of gold to America."

GOLD FOR EVERY PAPER SOVEREIGN. "It is an absolute marvel that after eighteen months of war we are still almost the only open gold country in the world. Our paper can be exchanged for gold at the bank. Every sovereign in paper money has gold back of it. It would never have been believed, two years ago, that British credit could stand the extraordinary test to which it has been subjected.

"Notwithstanding the gigantic expenditures we have maintained our credit. We have great resources, but must husband them with prudence. I have no doubt that a year hence I shall be able to show that our credit is still unimpaired."

Touching on the question as to whether, after the war, acceptance and discounting of German bills would be discouraged in London, the chancellor said: "This subject must be left for the future, but I am sure that the commercial interests of the country will oppose the relinquishment of the trade of accepting and discounting bills drawn abroad, which has made London the admiration and envy of all the world's great commercial cities.

During the course of the evening's debate, Sir Joseph Walton, Liberal member for the Barnsley division of Yorkshire, criticized the government for not more carefully inspecting munitions received from the United States.

"Care should be taken that we do not get bad supplies from America," he said. "I am informed that of twenty-eight shells recently fired by one of our howitzers at the front only four burst."

The house, before rising, went into committee of the whole, and passed the votes of credit.

HALIFAX HAS \$10,000 FIRE IN TENEMENT DISTRICT. Halifax, Feb. 21.—Fire tonight did \$10,000 damage to tenement houses on Upper Water street, near Hard street. The flames drove the occupants of the houses in zero weather, and the furnishings of the places were destroyed. Four families lost all their effects.

FIFTY-FIVE MISSING IN ALPINE TRAGEDY. Berlin, Feb. 21, via wireless to Sayville.—It is considered probable that all the persons who were hurled into an abyss in the Salzkammergute Alps when an avalanche carried away an Alpine shelter have perished. Late reports from Salzburg stated that already there were fifty-five known dead as the result of the snowslide, with forty-nine injured and about thirty still missing.

TWO FROM 26TH WOUNDED; NOT FROM PROVINCE

Two men from the 26th are reported wounded in last night's casualty list, neither of them from New Brunswick. They are—Thomas Bell, of England, and John Roberts, of Allston (Mass.)

The list follows:

TWENTY-FIFTH BATTALION.
Wounded—Angus McNeil, Park Lane, Dominion (C. B.)

TWENTY-SIXTH BATTALION.
Wounded—Thomas Bell, England; John Roberts, Allston (Mass.)

SECOND BATTALION.
Slightly Wounded—Corporal Herman Kicker, England.

THIRD BATTALION.
Wounded—Moses W. Robinson, Montreal.

FOURTH BATTALION.
Suffering from Shock—Sergeant Fred S. Hetherington, Brantford (Ont.); Duncan Paterson, Milton (Ont.)

FIFTH BATTALION.
Died of Wounds—Lance-Corporal J. R. Kesson, Victoria (B. C.); James Lenk, Utica (N. Y.)

SIXTH BATTALION.
Slightly Wounded—Lieutenant O. F. Hertzberg, Toronto.

SEVENTH BATTALION.
Wounded—Andrew Bone, Merritt (B. C.)

EIGHTH BATTALION.
Wounded—Frank B. Banks, Wilmipeg; J. W. Allan, Scotland.

TENTH BATTALION.
Accidentally Wounded—Leonard Rowley, England.

ELEVENTH BATTALION.
Wounded—Sergeant William J. Brown, Lang (Sussex).

THIRTEENTH BATTALION.
Seriously Wounded—James S. Pringle, Scotland.

FOURTEENTH BATTALION.
Dangerously Wounded—Sergeant C. H. Gilham, Paris (Ont.)

FIFTEENTH BATTALION.
Killed in Action—John T. Blowers, Winnipeg.

SIXTEENTH BATTALION.
Wounded—John Atkinson, Medicine Hat (Alb.)

SEVENTEENTH BATTALION.
Wounded—Sergeant Leonard Prosser, England.

EIGHTEENTH BATTALION.
Dangerously Wounded—N. J. Patten, Vancouver.

NINETEENTH BATTALION.
Seriously Ill—William C. Large, Shelburne (Ont.)

TWENTIETH BATTALION.
Seriously Ill—Ivan Flenemick, (no address)

ROYAL CANADIAN REGIMENT.
Slightly Ill—Lance-Corporal George Michie, Australia.

SECOND CANADIAN MOUNTED RIFLES.
Slightly Wounded—Alex Campbell, Scotland.

FIFTH CANADIAN MOUNTED RIFLES.
Seriously Ill—W. D. Williams, Amherstburg (Ont.)

TWELFTH CANADIAN MOUNTED RIFLES.
Died—William Spencer, Montreal.

PERSONALS

The Canadian Gazette, London, Feb. 21, has the following notes of interest here:

Lieutenant G. A. McCullough, 26th Battalion, reported as wounded last week, is at No. 1 British Red Cross Hospital at Le Touquet.

Dr. F. H. Neve, of St. John, New Brunswick, is at the Hotel Cecil.

Among recent callers at the office of the agent-general for New Brunswick have been Nursing Sister Edith T. Hegan, Lieutenant C. Cedric Ryan, of Sackville, who is serving with the B. H. A., and Lieutenant J. H. Evans, C. F. A., of Moncton, who has been attached to the Royal Flying Corps.

Lieutenant Evans had an accident when flying, and has an injured ankle. He is going to Canada on sick leave.

Sir Thomas George Shaughnessy, K. C. V. O., on whom a barony was conferred on New Year's Day, has, states Friday's London Gazette, taken the title of Baron Shaughnessy, of the City of Montreal in the Dominion of Canada, and of Ashford in the County of Limerick.

Among those present at the memorial service last Thursday for Lieutenant H. B. Yates, Canadian Army Medical Corps, at the Church of St. John, Clerkenwell—the Church of the Order of Grace—were Sir George and Lady Fevely, Lieut.-Colonel Adams (Canadian Army Medical Corps) and Mrs. Wydie, Mrs. Carleton Jones, Matron-in-Chief M. C. Macdonald, Lady Drummond, Colonel C. A. Hodgkiss (Commissioner of the Canadian Red Cross Society), Lieut.-Colonel Wallace, A. Scott, Lieut.-Colonel A. T. Shillington, Mrs. Benson, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh A. Allan, and Colonel Sir Montagu Allan.

COST OF SCANDAL HUNTING HIGH

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—(Special)—The cost of scandal-hunting under the auspices of the Borden government has come high to the tax payers. In the commons today, in reply to a question by Mr. Chisholm, (Antigonish, the minister of justice said that T. R. Ferguson, of Winnipeg, who was employed to investigate the question of the allocation of the public main under the Laurier government, had received no less than \$27,500 in salary to date, while the expenses of his commission had been \$86,951. This makes a total of \$114,451 or about as much as the scandal-hunt on the National Transcontinental Railway cost.

Allied Submarine Threw Constantinople in State of Panic

London, Feb. 21.—An Allied submarine passed through the Dardanelles on Tuesday last, reached the Bosphorus and torpedoed one tug and six transports laden with munitions, according to an Athens despatch to Reuters' Telegram Company.

The presence of the hostile submarine caused a panic at Constantinople.

FROM ALL OVER THE MARITIME PROVINCES

FREDERICTON

Fredericton, Feb. 16.—On Friday afternoon the Misses Vera and Jean Van Buskirk were hostesses at a large tea at which both young ladies and gentlemen were present.

On Monday evening the Misses Van Buskirk entertained at a double bridge of five tables, at which were present the Misses Van Buskirk, Miss Dorothy Thompson and Miss Victoria.

Mrs. Harold McMurray entertained at a bridge of two tables on Saturday evening for her mother, Mrs. Mary Ann St. John, who has been visiting her for several days.

Mrs. B. B. Mather returned Saturday from St. John, where she had been spending a week.

The members of the Chatham ladies' hockey team were entertained at a tea on Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. J. J. and Mrs. Colter.

The 45th anniversary golden wedding of Rev. J. J. and Mrs. Colter came on Sunday and Monday, when a social was held in their honor in the vestry of the Methodist church.

A bouquet of carnations was presented to Mrs. Colter by Mrs. J. M. Leonard. The evening of the wedding were Rev. Thos. Marshall, Mr. C. A. Sampson, Rev. Mr. Baker, Rev. A. F. Newcombe, Capt. Coudy and two representatives of the city.

Mrs. J. S. Merrithew, of Debec, is visiting Mrs. Morris, Brunswick street, having come to visit her son, Sergeant Goff, of the 80th Battery.

Miss Fenwick has returned from a visit of two months spent in Boston. Mr. and Mrs. W. Matthews of Grand Narrows, and Miss Fillet of Sydney Mines, are in the city visiting relatives in the 80th Battery.

Miss Lucy Costello, of St. John and Miss Lou Peters of Grand Narrows, are visiting Mrs. Frank Bell, Clements at Springhill.

Mr. Montgomery entertained at a small bridge last evening when Mrs. Murray was the prize winner.

Miss Morgan leaves this evening for Ottawa where she will visit her home for the week end and afterwards going on to New York for a ten days' visit. Miss Korkum leaves on Monday evening for New York where she will join Miss Moran.

Miss Florence Murray, of St. John, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Thos. Colter.

Mrs. P. L. Cooper returned at her old home in Kansas City.

By the death of Dr. William Crockett, New Brunswick loses one of its foremost educationists and a man most widely known and respected.

Miss Irene Shaw and Miss McBeth, of St. John, were guests last week of Mrs. W. E. Harrison.

Miss Robbins, missionary from Houlton, China, addressed the St. Agnes Guild at the choir on Tuesday evening.

The choir of the Norton, Hampton Village, Hampton Station and Hamming at the choir on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Campbell have returned to Hampton and have taken up their residence in the Carvell home on Lakeside road.

ST. GEORGE

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DORCHESTER

Dorchester, Feb. 16.—Miss Alice Hickman, of Mount Allison Ladies' College, spent the week-end at her home here.

Private Richard J. Whalen, of the 104th Battalion, has been promoted to lance-corporal, and Edward W. Cole, of the same battalion, has been promoted to the rank of corporal.

The annual meeting of the I. O. D. E. was held on Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. Hazen Chapman.

Miss Jean Brown, of Moncton, spent the week-end at her home here.

Mrs. A. B. Pipes has returned from St. John, where she attended the funeral of her uncle, the late J. R. Stone.

Miss Jean Piery spent Tuesday in Moncton, where she attended the funeral of her uncle, the late J. R. Stone.

The Guild of St. Edward's B. C. church met on Wednesday last at the home of Mrs. A. M. McDonald.

Patrick Waters, of Amherst, spent the week-end in town, guest of his mother, Mrs. A. B. Pipes.

Mrs. Joseph Holland, who is attending Mrs. St. John's convent, is spending a few days at her home here.

Mrs. Leonard Hutchinson, of Truro (N. S.), spent a few days in town last week, guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lorne McDonald.

Private Fred L. Emmerson, of the 104th Battalion, Sussex, spent Thursday last in town.

Mrs. Frank Turner, of Amherst, spent the week-end in town, guest of Mrs. L. H. Chambers.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Peasey-Whitford church, held their meeting on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. J. and Mrs. Colter.

Miss Lydia Pipes, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Pipes, returned home on Monday last.

Mrs. W. Hazen Chapman has returned from Boston, where she was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Hugh Dyaar and Mr. Dyaar.

Miss Myrtle Thomas left on Wednesday for Bear River (N. S.), where she will spend some time, guest of Mrs. Gladys Clark.

Miss Edna McManus, of St. John, was the guest of Miss Gladys Langstroth last Friday.

A Valentine tea was held by the Red Cross Society Tuesday afternoon in the Methodist church, when a goodly number of ladies were present.

Mrs. H. G. Ashford, of St. John, is the guest of friends here.

The concert, held at the school here, was a success financially. Hon. J. A. Murray laid the work done by the institute during the last year. Excellent music was furnished by the Empire Orchestra, under the direction of Mr. G. H. Warren.

Others taking part were Miss Ethel Ann, Miss Frances White, Mr. Schaeffer, Hon. Chas. Jones, Mr. Belyea, Sgt. Lennox. During the evening tea, coffee and cake were served. The proceeds will go toward the patriotic fund.

BATHURST

Bathurst, N. B., Feb. 17.—A number of the former pupils of Sister M. De Bourde, together with several friends, met at the Convoy of the Holy Family on Friday evening for a social occasion.

Mrs. George Kettle White was hostess Thursday evening of "last week at a most enjoyable bridge party."

Among those present were Miss Ella DeBoo, Mrs. G. W. Fowler, Mrs. S. A. McLeod, Miss Rose, Mrs. Percy Haining, Mrs. Arthur Keith, Mrs. D. H. Fairweather, Mrs. C. E. Fairweather, Mrs. G. Pearson, Mrs. C. P. Clarke, Mrs. Daly, Mrs. H. A. White, Mrs. Wm. H. Leod, Mrs. George Siffren, Mrs. H. B. Clarke, Mrs. Plevelling, Mrs. Walter Fairweather, Mrs. P. DeBoo, Mrs. Ralph Robertson, Mrs. O. P. Wilton, Miss Calvert, Miss Elizabeth Hallett, Miss Myra and Miss Daly.

Mrs. G. L. Wetmore has invitations out for a bridge party on Thursday afternoon.

Corporal F. W. S. Cole, who has been here as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Jeffrey, has returned to Halifax.

Edna Mills spent the week-end at her home in Moncton.

WOODSTOCK

Woodstock, Feb. 18.—Mrs. J. S. Merrithew, of Richmond-Corner, left on Monday morning for St. John, in Fredericton, where she expects to stay for a short time with the 38th Field Battery.

Major Guy McLachlan, of the 64th Battalion, of Halifax, and one of the battalions to go overseas in the near future, arrived in town on Tuesday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McLachlan.

Major George Simpson and little daughter, of Presque Isle, are the guests of Mrs. Simpson's sister, Mrs. Charles Rogers. Mr. Simpson is expected for the week-end in town.

Mrs. and Mrs. Edward Deming, of Bathurst, are in town, the guests of Mrs. Charles Rogers.

Miss Myrtle Howard, of Halifax, who is attending her son, who is in the 104th Battalion, returned home on Tuesday.

Mrs. Arthur R. McKenzie has been visiting in Andover her parents, Sheriff J. H. and Mrs. McKenzie.

Mrs. Gilbert W. Galt, of Amherst, returned home on Monday evening.

Mr. Fred Stevenson, of Roseville (N. S.), who has been visiting his old home here for a short time, returned to spend a few days in St. John before returning to the west.

Mr. Daniel Coburn Shaw, who went to St. John, where he is attending with the 104th Battalion, as one of the orderly staff and at present is at the orderly office in Sussex.

Mr. William B. Skilken, of St. John, and Captain Jago, of Halifax (N. S.), were in town last week inspecting quarters for a battery which will be recruited here.

Mrs. Harry Collins and children, of Hartland, were visitors last week of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Gillin.

Miss Irma Jones spent week-end with her friend, Miss Dorothy Burden, at Pook.

Mrs. Samuel Wattle, who has been the guest of Mrs. Charles Watson for the past two months, returned to her home here on Monday.

Mr. F. H. Bourgeois, of the staff of the Royal Bank at Edmundston, has been transferred to the branch of the bank here.

MADONNA IN RUINED CHURCH.

A ruined church in Champeague, showing statue of the Madonna, unharmed though all around is shattered.

Mr. W. Nicholson, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Nell, Mrs. J. W. Richardson, Mrs. John M. Flevelling, Mrs. Frank McVeay and Mrs. A. E. Smalley, of St. John.

Miss Mollie Lawton recently returned from spending a few months with friends in New Glasgow and Sydney (N. S.).

Mrs. J. M. Scovell, who is visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. Scovell, who are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Scovell's parents this week.

Mr. Gordon Dickie, who has been ill for some time, is at his home in Shediac this week.

The ladies of the Methodist Aid were pleasantly entertained at the home of Mrs. J. Howie on Friday last.

At the monthly business meeting of the Red Cross Society held in Tipperary Hall on Tuesday afternoon the vice-president, Mrs. J. M. Murray, Miss S. Scovell, the president, Miss Margaret Evans, being confined to her residence by an attack of tonsillitis.

The ladies of the Baptist Sewing Circle were entertained at the home of Mrs. C. A. McKinnon, in that city.

Miss Jean Sand left recently for Moncton to occupy her new position in the bank of Moncton, in that city.

The patriotic concert held on Friday evening last in Tipperary Hall in aid of the Red Cross Society was well attended by citizens of the town and parts and proved highly successful from all standpoints.

Madame Blair, who has been quite seriously ill at the home of her son, Mrs. M. Blair, in Ottawa, where she has spent the winter, is reported to be much better in late letters received by friends.

Mrs. and Mrs. N. A. Olson and Dr. Andrew after a visit to Florida, and Mrs. Charles S. Murphy expect to join the party at an early date.

Mr. H. B. Baskin, who has been a patient at the Chatham Hospital, is reported to be suffering from an attack of grip, and was able to return to his home at Oak Bay on Tuesday.

Mr. William A. Murchie has returned from a pleasant visit in New York city with his sister, Mrs. James L. Thompson.

Miss Carolyn Washburn, who has been enjoying a visit in Boston, is again at home.

Miss Agnes Algar has returned to St. Andrew after a visit of several weeks in town.

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Mrs. J. Walton Trites and little daughter, Miss Dorothy, are the guests of Mrs. and Mrs. A. McDougall, of the nursing home, Mrs. Kathleen Knight, one of the nursing sisters of the Army Medical Corps, attached to the Laval unit, is in the city for a few days before leaving for the front, and is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Knight.

Miss Laura Crandall, of Salisbury, is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar McKie. Miss Hazel Rayworth has returned from Salisbury, where she was visiting her cousin, Miss Helen Barnes.

Miss Alice McNeill, of Lindsay, Ontario, is spending some time in the city, the guest of her brother, Mr. J. K. McNeill, general superintendent of the Canadian government railways.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hayes returned on Monday from a two weeks' stay in Montreal and Quebec. Mr. W. A. Harrison is spending a week in Upper Canada.

Miss Mary Fitzpatrick, of Port Elgin, is the guest of her brother, Rev. P. A. Fitzpatrick, and Mrs. Fitzpatrick, at the Leaps Year Dinner which was given Monday evening in the Windsor by the young ladies of the Red Cross Society, was a decided success, as a large number were present.

Mrs. G. C. Torrens. Excellent music was provided by Mrs. Frank Dayton, Mrs. Malcolm, Miss M. J. Ferguson, Mrs. G. A. Legger and Mrs. W. McLaughlin.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wortman spent the week-end in Salisbury, the guests of Mr. Wortman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Wortman.

Miss Marjorie Zeman, of Port Elgin, is spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Knight. Mrs. S. Taylor, of Sackville, spent the week-end in the city, the guest of her mother, Mrs. R. M. Stevens.

Mr. F. A. McCully is spending a week in Boston. Mr. F. W. Sumner and daughter, Miss Marjorie Sumner, are spending a few days in Ottawa.

Miss Grace Harper, is spending a few days in Shediac, the guest of Miss Jessie McDougall. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brown have returned from the city, they were attending the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Myrtle Grattan Major.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Snowball went to St. John yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. R. Y. C. Cabre very pleasantly entertained a number of young people at a drawing room dance, Tuesday evening, in honor of her guests, Miss Ruth Phyllis, of Boston, and Private L. D. Stevens, of the 64th Battalion, Halifax. Light refreshments were served at midnight.

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SACKVILLE Feb. 17.—Mrs. George Ryan, of Dorchester, spent Thursday in town, guest of Mrs. Horace Fawcett. Mrs. S. C. Bell is visiting in Springhill, guest of her sister, Mrs. Beat. Miss Eleanor Tait, of Shediac, spent last week in town, guest of Miss Jean Campbell.

Miss Castle Hay, teacher at Mount Allison Academy, spent the week-end in Moncton, guest of Miss Grace Bell. Mr. C. E. Heustis, of St. Stephen, spent the week-end with his daughter, Dorothy Heustis, who is a student at Mount Allison Ladies' College.

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Denpen, who spoke most interestingly of the National School of Music, of Russian folksongs and opera. Special reference was made to Glinka, whose music was associated with the national school. Other interesting musicians were Sibelius, the greatest living Russian composer, Rubenstein and Tchaikovsky.

This group sang the Russian "Nadzhda" and "The Song of the Soldier" with an accompaniment. Miss Elsie Tait, of Newfoundland, who has studied piano in New York and Germany, rendered a piano solo by Schubert, "A Trio" composed by Franz Liszt, and "The Song of the Soldier" by S. H. M. Wood, Mr. Hetherington and Miss Higgins, gave a Romance by Glinka and Rubenstein's melody in F. Needless to say, the music was greatly enjoyed by the present guests of the afternoon.

Guests of the afternoon were Mrs. Bigelow, Mr. and Mrs. T. William Barnes, of Hampton, Mrs. Grandlund, Mrs. M. J. DeBarres in serving refreshments.

CAMPBELLTON Feb. 16.—Mrs. Mary Wilson has returned from Dalhousie, where she was the guest of Mrs. B. C. Coleman, at the rectory. Miss James Shrain leaves this week for a visit to friends in Moncton and Sackville.

Mrs. Shirling Duchan and little son, who have been spending the past month at the rectory, left for Sackville, where they will be spending the week-end. Mr. and Mrs. Walker Appleton left Friday for Ottawa, to visit relatives before returning to their home in Port Arthur.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LIEUTENANT CORBETT A NEW BRUNSWICKER

To the Editor of the Telegraph. Sir—In your interesting column, Men of the Day in the News, you speak in commendatory terms of Lieutenant Percy A. Corbett, who enlisted as a private in the Princess Patricia Light Infantry, and has won a commission, and I would like to add a word to your information in the matter.

This brilliant young man, who was a Rhodes scholar from McGill University, where he had a distinguished course, is a son of Rev. Thomas Corbett, a native of Gays River (N. S.), and his wife, formerly Miss Agnes Crowe, of Truro (N. S.), now deceased. Young Corbett was born at Richmond, Charlottetown (N. B.), while his father was the settled Presbyterian minister at that place. The young man, while a son of Nova Scotia parents, is a native New Brunswicker, a fact that no doubt will add to the interest which The Telegraph has in his career. Rev. Mr. Corbett, before entering the ministry, taught school for some years in New Brunswick, and will be remembered at Milltown, Charlotte county, which for a time was the scene of his educational labors.

Yours very truly, L. C. MACNUTT, Fredericton, Feb. 18, 1916.

A QUESTION

To the Editor of the Telegraph. Sir—The process of naturalization does not by any means make or transform a German into a loyal British subject. He is still a German in principle, in character, and at heart, and an admirer of the Emperor of Germany. Can the two ministers of the crown, Hughes and Hazen, not find capable British subjects to fill the responsible positions now held by two Germans, Captain Hahn and Heldermann?

Charlotte county, Feb. 18, 1916.

The Prisoner of Hope

Still, let my tyrants know I am not doomed to wear Year after year in gloom and desolate despair A messenger of Hope comes every night to me And offers for short life eternal liberty. He comes with western winds, with evening's wandering stars, With that clear tink of heaven that describes the thickest stars; Winds take a pensive tone and stars a tender fire, And anon change that fill me with desire. Desire for nothing known to my maturer years, When Joy grew mad with awe, at counting future tears; When, if my spirit's sky was full of flashes warm, I knew not whence they came, from sun or thunder storm. But first a hush of peace—a soundless calm descended on my soul, The struggle of distress and fierce impatience ends, Mute music soothes my brain, untroubled hours, I feel the dawn, That I could not dream, till earth was lost to me. Then dawns the invisible, the unseen its truth reveals; My outward sense is gone, my inward essence leads me to a new world, Its wings are almost free—its home, its harbor found, Measuring the gulf, it stoops, and dares the final bound. Oh dreadful is the check—intense the agony— When the ear begins to hear, and the eye begins to see; When the pulse begins to throb—the brain to throb—the soul to feel the flesh, and the flesh to feel the chain. Yet I would lose no sting, would wish no torture less, The more the anguish racks, the earlier it will bless; And robed in fires of hell or bright with heavenly shine, If it herald Death, the vision is divine! —Emily Bronte.

Faith and Fact

(Baltimore Sun). Our walls of faith won't hold unless we act, God scorns the pretext and He wants the fact. This life were empty had it faith alone Without the willing spirit to atone— The bolts would rust, the doors of stonewalls fly, Had faith no fact with which to struggle by. We slip so often in our lives sore vexed By some misunderstanding of the text. By faith alone we sometimes think we'll rise, But God builds stronger ladders to the skies— Faith reinforced by service, deeds that count. When souls grow weary here and seek to mount, We cry repentance but do not repent, And we like stonewalls of our faith are bent. And suddenly some wind of wrath goes by And in the dust our dreams of duty lie. And we like wandering children in the night Stand stunned and homeless in truth's piercing light. —Folger McKinsey.

Scott's Memory

The love of old texts and the extraordinary verbal memory for them was joined in Scott, as in Macaulay, with marvellous power as wampy of old drama and antique ballad. Hogg gives an most incredible instance of Scott's tenacity of memory, rivaling anything told of Macaulay. Scott, with Hogg and Skene, were lecturing salmon on the Tweed when their peat fire went out. While awaiting the arrival of another peat in the winter darkness Scott asked Hogg to recite his (unprinted) ballad of Gilman's Clue. Hogg had once before sung it over; he now commenced it by request, but in the sixth stanza, whereupon Scott took up the tale and repeated every word from the first to the eighty-eighth. With a pleasure party in a boat on the Fifth of Fort he performed a similar feat once, but with an easier subject—namely, Southey's "Inchcape Rock." Southey had repeated it to him on one occasion—Scottish-American.

"Why is your friend there such a convinced believer in second sight?" "Well, maybe it's because the poor duffer fell in love at first sight."

WOMEN'S WORK AS SEEN IN THE SUSSEX SCHOOL

Practical Work in Cooking and Care of the Sick Are Features

Next Course is at Woodstock, Feb. 29 to March 10—Good Sums Raised for Patriotic Purposes—The Sussex Prize-Winners.

Sussex, N. B., Feb. 17.—The Women's Institute division of the Department of Agriculture is successfully conducting a course in household science and arts and crafts in the new Agricultural school at Sussex.

The classes conducted daily are as follows: 9 to 10 a. m.—Basketry and leather tooling. 10 to 10.30 a. m.—Lectures on composition and nutritive value of foods, and practical cooking, when each student has an opportunity to prepare one or more dishes. 10.30 to 11 a. m.—Personal hygiene and home care of the sick. 11 to 12 p. m.—Stenciling and wood carving. 12 to 1 p. m.—Needlework and knitting. The first course, completed last Friday afternoon, was very encouraging to the department, and of lasting benefit to the many ambitious students present. Possibly the attendance is larger at the present time, as the new course, which is being newly introduced in the Women's Institute annual courses. The public was invited to inspect the accomplishments of ten days' work in this popular class, and the students had every reason to feel proud of the many pretty baskets made of reeds and raffia in various colors. Several pieces of leather work included, including and book covers, card cases, design purses, centre pieces, all of various designs and colors. One has only to look a few months hence to realize the advantage of this useful work, engaged in making pretty and useful articles to adorn the home, to give to their friends at Christmas time, and to use as a means to raise money within the home.

The department has equipped a household science room in the school at Sussex suitably for forty students to enter the cooking classes. Thirty minutes are devoted each morning to talks on proper combinations and preparations of food, the best cooking methods and the material contained in various foods. Pupils are at leisure to ask questions and the most beneficial parts of the lectures are copied down for study at home. Then follows the practical work, and it is a pleasing sight to see young, middle aged and elderly women, in their aprons, busily engaged in preparing some savory and nutritious dish, which inevitably turns out a grand success, and you may be sure will be "tried again at home." Each pupil receives a copy of all the recipes used during the course.

Owing to the many compliments coming their way, the students of the cooking class invited the public to their opening classes. Garbled in their regulars, the students served daintily prepared refreshments to their many guests. Altogether it was a pretty sight to see the tables, decorated with pink and white carnations, and the students serving in accompaniment to the strains of music ably rendered by the Sussex Ladies' Orchestra.

Prizes are given in each class and it was both amusing and interesting to see with what effort the pupils of the home nursing and sewing classes tried to obtain full notes and to do their work to the satisfaction of the teacher. Each student has to properly make a bed for a patient, change the bed linen, and turn a helpless sick person. And this is only a "wee sma' note" on the helpfulness of the many lectures on home nursing.

Several useful and pretty articles were seen "by hand" at the sewing classes, and although we would not do away with the sewing machine, there was close competition between Mr. MacLean and Miss Student as to neatness of the finished article. Also, the knitting needles have worked slowly and several stitches may have been dropped on the needles by beginners in the knitting class, yet before the first course closed, needles worked much faster and the teacher was led to believe that there were some Women's Institutes in New Brunswick whose yield in the knitting line would be greater than ever before the dawn of spring.

It would never do to conclude these remarks about this beneficial course which is available to every woman and girl in the province, without mentioning the prize winners in the various classes and the successful event held the closing evening of the first course. The department of agriculture has made it possible for a student to win as much as \$20 at each course, and we announce with much pleasure the winners of the first course. Five dollars to Mrs. Frank Danahay, of Dalhousie Junction, for best work in handicraft; \$5 to Miss Ethel Davis, of Sussex, for highest mark in written examination; Theory in Cooking, \$3 to Mrs. William Howard of Sussex, for best work in sewing contest; and \$3 to Miss Elizabeth Howard, of Sussex, for highest mark received in written examination on Home Nursing.

With the aid of the students, the members of the Sussex Women's Institute brought to a close the first course by means of a patriotic concert, last Friday evening. The assembly hall of the Agricultural School was literally packed and the pleasure was derived from the vocal and instrumental solos, readings, and selections from the Sussex Ladies' Orchestra. Hon. James A. Murray, minister of agriculture, acted as chairman, and congratulated the branch for having raised during the past year something over \$1,200 for patriotic purposes. It was some difficulty in serving refreshments to so many people assembled, but before the time arrived for God Save the King each person was served to a cup of coffee, a sandwich and a piece of cake. On the whole, the women of the institute are to be congratulated for having clear-

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Ottawa, Feb. 17.—On Tuesday last Sir Thomas White gave the house a demonstration of how to raise money. This he did by the device of a new tax on the minister. It was he who had devised the extra burdens and he took credit for the money raised by them. In Tuesday's budget he evinced the same preference in the device of a new tax on business, and optimism breathed from his every word as he announced to the house that he had enough money in sight to finance the war till the beginning of next summer, and that after that he could raise more.

Hon. A. K. MacLean

The more serious question of saving was intruded upon the house tonight. A. K. MacLean, M. P. for Halifax, and the opposition's financial critic, opened the debate in the afternoon, and was marked by moderation, and was replete with wise counsel. He advocated rigour in the civil expenditure, and denounced the inclusion in government estimates of items of expenditure which were largely in the nature of political gifts, instances in various of the departments of the government, notably the post office, immigration, dominion lands, customs, and even in Indian affairs, an indefensible practice. He pointed out that the even when commenced, showed how the proceeds of "war taxes" which were dedicated to war purposes had been wasted by the extravagance, placed his finger upon the inequalities of the government's new tax on business profits, and denounced roundly the evil of patronage which had crept into all the purchases whether made by British or Canadian money. The government, said Mr. MacLean, should have followed the British practice and discharged capital entirely and simply taxed the profits which were in excess of the average in peace times. He pointed out that the waste of public money which is selfish and cannot partake of the quality of patriotism, and which has been responsible for every irregularity, rascality, and enormity committed in connection with war contracts since the war commenced, came in for general condemnation from both sides of the house. He pointed out that the government was possible for an opposition speaker to declaim against the cause without "sour grapes" being shouted against him from the opposition's benches. He pointed out that the denunciation of the system was not confined to one side tonight.

Foster Denounces the Patronage Evil

Sir George Foster greeted Hansard with one of the loftiest speeches delivered in many a day. Sir George has been a minister of finance under no fewer than five prime ministers of Canada—Tupper, Macdonald, Abbott, Thompson and MacKenzie Bowell—and his financial criticism during the regime of Laurier. When the slate of the present cabinet was being prepared by the political prophets Sir George's name appeared upon it as minister of finance, but he was superseded by a man twenty years his junior in the matter of age, and without any parliamentary experience, as against Sir George's thirty odd. Sir G. is now neither finance minister nor financial critic.

KEEP LITTLE ONES WELL IN WINTER

Winter is a dangerous season for the little ones. The days are so changeable—one bright, the next cold and stormy, that the mother is afraid to take the children out for the fresh air and exercise they need so much. In consequence they are often cooped up in overheated, badly ventilated rooms and are seized with colds or grippe. What is needed to keep the little ones well is Baby's Own Tablets. They will regulate the stomach and bowels and drive out colds and by their use the baby will be able to get over the winter season in perfect safety. The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

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Ottawa, Feb. 17.—Some discussion took place at the opening of the house, based upon a report of the utterances of J. R. Falls, candidate for re-election in Peel county, the Ontario legislature, at the nomination meeting in the county. Mr. Falls was quoted as having stated that John Thompson, K. C. counsel for the Davidson commission, which inquired into the alleged canvass of horse buyers in the county for the dominion government, had told him after the investigation that there was no possibility of legal action against him, but that as a member of the legislature, he was indignant in having anything to do with the transactions. Mr. MacDonald, of Pictou, who drew attention to the report, did not believe that Mr. Thompson would have passed judgment on the case in advance of the commission, but he thought the house should know whether or not Mr. Thompson had made such a statement.

Hon. A. K. MacLean

Some further debate then ensued during which Hon. G. J. Doherty expressed the opinion that Sir Charles Davidson, the commissioner, had made a thorough investigation of the matters brought before him. Mr. Doherty said that Sir Charles was responsible to the people of Canada, and that the minister of justice would be going very far if he interfered with the commissioner in regard to the conduct of the inquiry.

THE ONLY CURE FOR A WEAK STOMACH

Indigestion and Similar Troubles Must be Treated Through the Blood

Indigestion can be treated in many ways, but it can only be cured in one way—through the blood. Purgatives cannot cure indigestion. By main force the food is forced through the system. That weakens the whole system, uses up the natural juices and leaves the stomach and bowels parched and sore. It is really a case of indigestion, and not of indigestion. Others try pre-digested foods and peptonized drugs. But drugs which digest the food for the stomach really weaken its power and makes the trouble chronic. The digestive organs can never do the work properly until they are strong enough to do it themselves. Nothing can give the stomach that power but the new, rich blood so abundantly supplied by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. So the reason for the success of this medicine is plain. Nothing can stimulate the glands and nothing can absorb the nourishment from food but pure red blood. And Dr. Williams' Pink Pills surpass all other medicines in giving the new, rich blood. Miss E. Johnson, Hemlock, N. S., says: "For indigestion, food of any kind was distasteful to me, and after eating I would suffer much. Naturally I grew weak and was but a shadow of my former self. I had tried a doctor's prescription, but it did not help me in the least. Then I read of a case similar to my own cured through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and I decided to try this medicine. By the time I had taken six boxes the trouble had entirely disappeared, and I could eat heartily of all kinds of food. More than that, my appetite had been greatly improved through the use of the Pills. I can therefore strongly recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills as a cure for indigestion."

NEWCASTLE TOWN COUNCIL REPORTS

Newcastle, Feb. 20.—The annual report submitted to the town council this year are interesting. The mayor shows that the past year has been a prosperous one. The record of lumber shipments show Newcastle second in the province. Local industries all active. No unemployed. Buildings more active and a greater amount of money in circulation than for some time. The finances of the town are in an improved condition. The difference between receipts and expenses for 1915 is a gain of \$2,822.06. Due to the condition of the money market the council was offered three lots of its own bonds. We accepted two offers and purchased \$14,000 worth at a discount of \$796.10. In the water and light department we have a profit of \$3,198.28 for the year. There is a saving of \$700 on fuel, while we supplied over \$1,000 worth more light than in 1914.

NEWCASTLE TOWN COUNCIL REPORTS

The fire department has been efficiently managed, and we are able to report a very light fire. The police committee have given close attention to the enforcement of the Canadian Temperance Act, and as the strict enforcement of this law is for the betterment of the town and country, I trust the actions of the committee will lead to greater success and have the earnest support of the citizens.

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The finance report showed the town's assets to be \$210,665.21 and liabilities \$219,449.25, net deficit \$2,784.04. The board of assessors is E. Fish, G. P. McWilliam and J. H. Phinney was reappointed. F. C. Morrell was appointed constable and Chas. Cassidy a surveyor.

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It was decided to buy a Mather & Platt 400 gallon pump at \$2,135, as a step towards an all day electric service.

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DESTRUCTIVE BATHURST FIRE

W. J. Kent & Co. Stores Destroyed—Loss May be \$200,000—Insurance About \$70,000.

Bathurst, N. B., Feb. 18.—Bathurst's new water system undoubtedly prevented a serious conflagration this morning when fire broke out in the store of W. J. Kent & Co., Ltd., one of the largest general store establishments in the province, and destroyed the immense stock of goods carried by the firm and badly gutted the large two story brick building. Goods first seen about 6 a. m. the flames were bursting through the side windows and a large quantity of woollen and cotton goods and clothing were making their way to the street.

DESTRUCTIVE BATHURST FIRE

The recently installed water system was given its first actual test and the newly organized fire department in Bathurst is badly gutted, which means a loss of from \$200,000 to \$350,000. At eight o'clock the fire was well under control and the nearby wooden buildings were practically destroyed, entailing a loss of more than \$100,000, on which insurance for about \$70,000 is carried. The building is badly gutted, which means a loss of from \$200,000 to \$350,000. At eight o'clock the fire was well under control and the nearby wooden buildings were practically destroyed, entailing a loss of more than \$100,000, on which insurance for about \$70,000 is carried.

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Advertisement for Erzerum's Fall, describing a military victory and the capture of the city of Erzerum.

Advertisement for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, highlighting its effectiveness for various ailments.

Advertisement for F. B. Carter Leaves Telegraph Staff, announcing his departure and wishing him well.

Advertisement for Bruce's Dominant Seeds, promoting their quality and availability for farmers.

Advertisement for Cream Wanted, seeking large quantities of cream and milk for processing.

Advertisement for Primecrest Farm, located in St. John, N.B., offering various agricultural products.

UNEQUALLED
IN HISTORY
Lord North-
da is Surpassing
Britain in South
an War

of Canada Since Ypres,
enchy—Russia Looking
Not in Hands of Pacif-
ists of War-Tried Victors,
prestige in the world struggle. I notice
as the result that the Russian news-
papers, which were hitherto merely inter-
ested in Canada as being a large power
on the top of the United States, are now
discussing the future relations of Can-
ada and Russia. The Russians evidently
want to hear more about the Cana-
dians. The Russian Empire con-
tains only some 50,000 miles of railway
roads. They have begun to talk about
your super-transcontinental systems,
and are asking whether the men who
built those roads cannot come to Rus-
sia and open up the vast territories that
are, so far, quite untractable to each
other.

"They are hearing about your wheat-
fields, your agricultural machinery. They
want to know the manufacturing capac-
ity of Canada. To their surprise the
wholes of the transcontinental system
and an immense amount of munitions
and if munitions during the war, why
not machinery after the war? To say
that a Canadian in Russia today is
needed no other introduction whatever.
You are a friend, a proved friend. Rus-
sia desires above all to shake off the
mercenary yoke that Germany has put
around her neck, and she is looking
to you to help. My personal acquaintance
with both Canada and Russia convinces
me that there are a score of reasons why
trade relations between your two vast
territories would in the future be of such
a nature as would greatly benefit both
countries.

From Jacques Cartier to Ypres.
"The rise of Canada has been com-
paratively slow. It is about 370 years since
Jacques Cartier began the process of
opening up; it is little more than 150
years since Wolfe put Quebec on the
map of Empire, and 30 years since the
whistle of the transcontinental train
was first heard on the Pacific. It is
only a few months since 'Ypres' was
on the world's tongue. Today it looms
large in the history of the world, and
the years go by it will grow bigger and
bigger.

"I have met a few Canadians who are
not particularly enthusiastic about the
war," continued Lord Northcliffe, "but I
never met one who confessed he would
have stood by and kept aloof from this
war, a war not of revenge, but of jus-
tice."
"Canadian charity, too, has shone out
like a great star in a dark firmament.
The results of 'One Day' flag collections
have amazed people in Britain. But
Canada's financial stability, her willing-
ness to help finance the war, are two
new lights on the dominion. For more
than a quarter of a century I have been
an enthusiastic visitor to, and an admirer
of, Canada, but I confess her efforts have
surprised me."

been in action again at Ypres. They
the aggressive German movement which
is. Our casualties are very small, while
the Canadian trenches. Word to this ef-
fect today. It was not official report,
tics of preceding their attack with a sus-
sians, temporarily to evacuate the front
it was promptly met by the well-direct-
Canadian troops. The slaughter appears
trenches, whole platoons of them," says
"they are all dead Germans."
trenches which were attacked extended
which were evacuated temporarily were
o which of the Canadian divisions or
agement but it is clearly indicated that
and Givenchy, Canadian forces have
have done most effective work.

ment ceased and the German rush was
made, the rifle fire which met them in-
flicted such severe loss that along most
of the line the German attack reached
the Canadian trenches greatly weakened.
Only at points were the Germans able
to enter the Canadian trenches. Now-
where along the Canadian line were the
Germans able to hold, and all Germans
who succeeded in entering are there yet,
accounted for by bomb and bayonet.
The fact that the losses of Canadians
are reported as "very slight," is taken
by the military authorities at Ottawa to
indicate that the Canadian have been
exceedingly well handled and quite
ready for the attack launched against
them.

The report indicates that the Ger-
mans, who attacked upon a very con-
siderable length of line, were able to
hold but a very short length of British
trench in a swampy portion of the line.
Its loss is reported as unimportant.
There is no news of which of the Cana-
dian regiments or divisions were in-
volved. The length of line indicated that
it was held by only one division, and
there are three divisions of Canadians
now in France and Flanders.

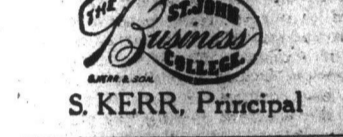
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We wish to secure three or four
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New Brunswick offers exceptional op-
portunities for men of enterprise. We
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of Hammond, School to open
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ing salary, to Walter B. Seely, secy.,
Lunenburg, Kings County, N.
B. 5717-4-23

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Collins, to Lieutenant Reginald G. Scho-
field.

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Lavinia Price, aged 82, leaving one sis-
ter to mourn.

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property in Princess street.
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erty in Simons.
Joseph Finley to S. T. Watters, prop-
erty in Minnetta street, West End.
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erty in Tower street, West End.
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property in St. Martins.
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property in Simons.
W. W. Smith to W. H. Thorne, prop-
erty in Prince William street.
Property in Prince William street, to
Joseph Allison, property in Prince
William street, to C. S. Harrington.
H. W. Shaw to C. S. Harrington,
No. 5225, property in Tower street, West
End.

DEATHS
McLEAN—At his parents' residence,
140 St. James street, on the 19th inst.,
James R. McLean, aged 11 months,
Mabel R. McLean, aged 11 months.

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Joseph Campbell to David Branson, com-
plicity in Havelock.
Alice M. Clark to J. L. Towse, 5190,
property in Rothney.

DEATHS
Edith—Irene Jack is horrid. I asked
him if he had to choose between me and
said the million which he would take, and
said the million.
Mark—That's all right. He knew if he
had the million you'd be easy.

MARINE JOURNAL
OUR SOLDIERS
HOME AND ABROAD

PORT OF ST. JOHN.
Arrived.
Saturday, Feb. 19.
St. Lingua, 2608, from Sydney, coal.

CANADIAN PORTS.
Halifax, Feb. 18—Arr. stmr Manchester, Merchants, Manchester from New York.
Yarmouth, Feb. 18—Arr. schr Glyndon, Sabian, Gaysboro from New York for harbor.
Lunenburg, Feb. 18—The LaHave schooner Falka has been sold to Mr. Murray, of Newfoundland, and sailed for there this morning.
The schooner Lotie A. Silver, sailed formerly by Captain Russell Silver, and the Gladys B. Smith, sailed by Captain Stannage O'Lea, have been sold to Newfoundland parties.
The LaHave schooner Guide and Cyl have been sold to parties at St. Martins (N.L.).
The stern schooner Mary D. Young, Captain Albert Himmelman, sailed for New York on the 14th with a cargo of dry and pickled fish. She will load hard coal there for Lunenburg. Francis, Captain Lunenburg, sailed on the 14th with cargo of salt from Turk's Island for Lunenburg.

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"Hart" \$6.50 finest call Laced Boots.
Dark tan \$6.50 Military Boots.
"Worth" Gaiter Socks \$6.00. Call leather, lined, Laced, full welted, 3/4 to 14, width E and F.
We have many lines of \$6.00 for \$5.00; \$5.50 boots for \$4.50; \$5.00 boots for \$4.00; \$4.50 and \$4.00 boots for \$3.00.

FRANCIS & VAUGHAN
19 King Street

CONDENSED NEWS
LOCAL AND GENERAL

The birth of twenty-nine infants, fifteen boys and thirteen girls, and the solemnization of seven marriages, were reported to Registrar John B. Jones during last week.

Rev. Lewis J. King, late of Plaster Rock (N. B.), has accepted a hearty and unanimous call extended to him by the congregation of Beauséjour (Que.) in the Presbytery of Miramichi.

Mr. and Mrs. James Tyrrell, Milltown, recently the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen Beatrice, to Private Charles Lawless, of the 115th Battalion, St. John, the marriage to take place early in March.

Eleven deaths were reported to the board of health last week, as follows: Scilly, three; infantile, two; heart disease, two; meningitis, one; intestinal obstruction, pulmonary tuberculosis, carcinoma of breast, one each.

The monthly timber statement of H. W. Lightburn & Co. for the month of January states that the importation of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia spruce and pine at Liverpool amounted to 720 standards; the consumption, 4370 standards; leaving a stock of 10,700 standards.

Rev. T. Allen, of Petticoats, will complete his ministerial jubilee at the conference of 1916. Although he has been out of active work for some years, yet he has preached quite frequently up to the present and still fills the office of superintendent of the Sunday school. He keeps up his studious habits, and the Greek New Testament is his daily companion.

Rev. Donald Fraser, of St. Peter's (C. B.), has, on the advice of his physician, resigned his charge and will take an extended rest from the active work of his ministry. His resignation was accepted at a meeting of the Sydney Presbytery held Feb. 1. Rev. Donald Macdonald, of Grand River, was appointed interim moderator of St. Peter's session.

Dalhousie Miesch C. K. C. 1944, owned by Wallace M. Sheehan, of Dalhousie (N. B.), was won four times, and winner of the Orangeville, Ontario dog show held February 10, among a good class of English bloodhounds. This dog has not yet lost place wherever it was shown, having won first in St. John last fall. He is entered in the Madison Square Garden show, New York, to be held this month.

We are glad to be able to say that Archdeacon Raymond has recovered sufficiently to take short walks. They are said to be of great benefit to him, and ultimately bring about the time when he can take up again his many activities. In order to hasten that time Dr. Raymond will pay a short visit to his brother, in Woodstock and perhaps in the late spring he may visit his daughter on the Pacific coast. Every reader of the "Telegraph" who is interested in the archdeacon's recovery, is invited to keep in touch with his progress in that direction.

Captain (Rev.) E. B. Hooper, who returned from Belgium some weeks ago to England to recuperate his health, was on Feb. 2 attached as chaplain to the 80th Reserve Battalion at Hythe, where he is engaged in hospital work and in visiting the men in billets. Mr. Hooper's many friends will be gratified to learn that he has recovered sufficiently to take up again his active duties as chaplain.

After seven years' labor the final report of the St. John River Commission was completed and signed at Fredericton on Thursday last. It was yesterday forwarded to the governments of Canada and the United States, and it is expected that the commission will now be discharged. It was appointed in 1911 to investigate river conditions affecting the boundary, especially concerning logging operations, power dams and other obstructions on the river. There were four members, two Canadian and two from the United States. A. E. Barnhill, K. C., was the first chairman, but he resigned the same year, and was succeeded by M. G. Teed, K. C. John Keefe was the other Canadian representative, and Hon. W. F. Jones, of Woodstock, served as counsel to the Canadian members.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.
Sussex, N. B., Feb. 18 (Special)—A man by the name of Davis, whose home is in Bale Verts, met with a bad accident this afternoon while working in a portable mill at Southfield, near Campbellton. The mill was in a condition to permit of regular traffic.

Advices received by local officials yesterday were to the effect that most of the cars which were over the bank are in such condition that they will have to be destroyed as it would not pay to haul them back on the rails and repair them. No word as to the condition of the goods which were in these cars was received.

As a result of the accident a temporary rearrangement of the traffic was necessary. The Ocean Limited yesterday was run over the National Transcontinental line from Moncton to Quebec. Later in the day the Maritime express was able to go north by the usual route, repairs having been effected to the extent that she was able to pass the scene of the wreck.

Chief Justice Landry Improved in Health.
Dorchester, N. B., Feb. 20—Hon. F. A. Landry, chief justice of the supreme court of New Brunswick, kings bench division, arrived home last evening from Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore (Md.), where he has been undergoing treatment for the past two months. He expects to resume his judicial duties in the near future.

Wants Veteran N.C.O.'s.
Lieut.-Colonel W. E. Forbes, 145th Battalion, has applied to the militia department for return of three N.C.O.'s from the front, they to be attached to the 145th as subalterns. They are: Sergeant J. J. Hines, 20th Battalion, son of Rev. Thomas Fiers, Oak Point (N. B.); Sergeant L. F. Stevenson, 8th Battalion, formerly of Richibucto, and brother of Lieutenant Colonel G. Stevenson; Corporal Wallace Walling, 24th Battalion, formerly of Chatham, and a well-known athlete.

St. Stephen Boy Promoted.
Sergeant Christopher McKay, of St. Stephen, who went with the first company from the 71st regiment has been given command of a platoon in the fighting during the absence of the platoon commander. Sergeant McKay is considered by his superior officers one of the finest N.C.O.'s in the old 12th Battalion.

P. E. I. FOX RANGERS.
OBJECT TO NEW TAX.
Charlottetown, P. E. I., Feb. 18—At a largely attended meeting of fox men of West Prince county, held at Alberton yesterday, the matter of fox taxation was discussed at length.

A resolution was passed unanimously declaring that the fox tax assessed at the last session of the legislature was found difficult and undesirable and should be amended so that taxes shall be levied and collected on only the actual sales and receipts from the different ranches. The tax at present is levied on the value of the increase on each ranch each year. At the Alberton meeting fifty fox ranchers in a petition against the present law. This petition will be circulated throughout the island.

The matter is to be taken up at annual meeting of fox breeders association.

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CANADIAN EVACUATION OF TRENCHES TRAP FOR GERMANS

Ottawa, Feb. 18—While no details have been received in regard to Canadians successfully repelling the German attack on their lines, further advices which came to the militia department today confirm the report of yesterday.

The battle began with a severe artillery fire, in the face of which the Canadians temporarily evacuated the front line trenches. They took to their dug-outs for the time, quietly awaiting the invasion of their trenches by the enemy.

Elated by the supposed evacuation of the Canadian defences, the Huns rushed forward and occupied the trenches only to be met promptly with the well-directed machine gun and rifle fire of our troops. The combat, to a large degree, appears to have been hand-to-hand.

As stated in the earlier report, there are hundreds of Germans in the Canadian trenches, but they are dead Germans. That the Canadian losses were very slight is indicated by the fact that only eight casualties were reported to the department yesterday. The reports from the front repeatedly indicate that the spirit and morale of the Canadian forces are splendid, and that they are fully prepared either to repel attack or to join in the anticipated advance of the early spring.

Brief Despatches.
Ossining, N. Y., Feb. 18—Hans Schmidt was electrocuted at Sing Sing prison early today for the murder of Anna Ammuler, a September 2, 1913.

Montreal, Feb. 20—Isabelle Domicaux, the young neres who has confessed to having murdered her employer, Mrs. George H. Matthews, 720 Shuter street, was formally committed yesterday to a coroner's jury for trial on the charge of murder.

New York, Feb. 19—Ignatius T. Lincoln, former member of the British parliament and self-confessed German spy, who escaped on Jan. 18 from the custody of a deputy United States marshal, was recaptured last night in front of a Broadway restaurant. He was taken to the Raymond street jail in Brooklyn, where he had formerly been a prisoner.

Montreal, Feb. 17—Benjamin Coulter, 19 years of age, who was convicted today before Judge Lacombe on charges of having deserted from the 7th Royal Highlanders, 87th battalion Grenadier Guards, and the 5th universities company, overseas, was sentenced to St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary for two years. He is married.

Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 18—Four persons were killed, at least a dozen others injured, and considerable property damage was caused by an explosion which occurred at the plant of the Semmes-Solvay Company. The plant, which was developed since the outbreak of the European war, is one of the largest in the country engaged in the manufacture of picric acid, which is used in explosives. It has been heavily guarded day and night.

"When Josh got home from his education," said Farmer Corbouse, "he started right in instructing me about agriculture. So I didn't lose no time to try him out."
"What did you do?"
"Sent him out to round up a swarm of bees!"
"Was the experience successful?"
"Some. It didn't hurt the bees none 'n' kep' Josh from gettin' in the way fur most two weeks."

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DOUBLE MURDER NEAR SUSSEX

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O'Brien, of Ward's Creek, Slain in Their Home

Aged Couple Found by Neighbor With Their Heads Battered In—Both Were in Their Nightclothes—Daniel B. Cannon, a Brother of the Murdered Woman, Arrested as a Suspect—Prisoner Had \$1,700 on Him When Searched.

Sussex, N. B., Feb. 18.—A shocking tragedy occurred at Ward's Creek, about eight miles from Sussex, some time between a late hour last evening and an early hour this morning. As a result Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O'Brien, the former a late resident of St. John, were found dead in their home with their heads battered in and the house in confusion, which left little doubt that the aged couple had been murdered.

Daniel B. Cannon, a nearby neighbor, was arrested this afternoon by Chief of Police Asbell, as a suspect in the tragedy, and is now confined in the police cell, Sussex.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien, respected and well known in the vicinity, were eighty and seventy years of age respectively.

Robert Quigley, who was the first man to view the scene, came to Sussex yesterday afternoon, and was asked by Mr. O'Brien to bring in his mail. As Mr. Quigley did not get home until late last evening he did not go to the O'Brien home but took his mail over this morning about 10 o'clock. He knocked at the door, and getting no response walked in, and was horrified to find the body of O'Brien lying in the doorway leading to his bedroom, with the side of his head battered in and a small stick clutched in his hand, which had evidently been used in self defence.

On further investigation he found the body of Mrs. O'Brien lying by the bedside, with her head battered in. A Grassnose Slight.

The aged couple were in their night clothes, and the walls, ceiling and floor of the bedroom were bespattered with blood. A large pool of blood was found under the kitchen stove where it had flowed from the bedroom door. From all indications it was a double murder of the most brutal kind.

Quigley ran to a nearby neighbor, Joe Dunn, and told him of the tragedy. Benjamin Ross, who was in the vicinity with his team. They immediately drove to Sussex, notified Chief Asbell, who with Sheriff McDonald and Coroner Wallace, drove to the scene of the tragedy arriving there about 5 o'clock this afternoon. After viewing the bodies, house and premises they ordered the bodies to be taken to Sussex, where they were laid in the parlors of Funeral Director Wallace. An inquest will be held tomorrow morning.

On investigation at the scene by Chief Asbell and Coroner Wallace, a long club, with heavy knobby end was found near the body of Mr. O'Brien covered with blood and hair, and it is supposed to be the weapon used by the murderer.

In a bedroom at the rear of the house were found two sticks of charred wood lying on the feather bed, which had evidently been taken from the stove with the intention of setting the house on fire. When Quigley and Ross were driving to Sussex they passed Cannon, the suspected murderer, and they noticed that he had rocks on over his boots and was suspicious of him. When Chief Asbell and party were going to the scene they met Cannon who had then taken the jury submitted the following evidence: "That the said Thomas O'Brien and Bridget O'Brien were found dead on the eighteenth day of February, 1916, at their residence in the parish of Sussex, county of Kings, and that the cause of their death was brutal assault with a club in the hands of some person or persons, and from the evidence given we believe that Daniel V. Cannon should be committed for trial for said offence." Signed Arthur Keith (foreman), J. T. Kirk, Abner Cripps, Mel Scott, W. B. McKay, Joseph Coughlin and W. H. Culbert.

At the close of the inquest Daniel V. Cannon was arraigned before Police Magistrate H. W. Perkins and was committed for trial to appear in the police court Sussex, Friday next, Feb. 25, for preliminary examination. Cannon was taken to Hampton jail Saturday evening by Chief of Police Asbell. The prisoner showed wonderful self-composure and apparently did not mind the ordeal until he was taken aboard the train. Then, apparently, he began to realize his position and showed the first sign of weakness.

Ralph St. J. Green will appear for the crown and G. Haezen Adair will defend the prisoner. The coroner's inquest was begun Saturday morning by Coroner Wallace. Robert Quigley told of finding the bodies at the O'Brien home, also of notifying his neighbors and the police at Sussex.

Daniel B. Cannon was brought in for examination from his cell at the adjoining room. The guard said that he passed a restless and sleepless night, and at times became violent, smashing anything that he could get his hands on. When he was brought into the court room he appeared light hearted. After taking the oath he looked about the room and seemed a little nervous. He was charged and outside of this he seemed self-composed and answered the questions put to him quite freely.

As Cannon's trial was postponed in the interest of relatives of the deceased, and after Coroner Wallace had asked a

order and was noted for his charitable disposition. He was the founder of the Cambridge street hospital in Boston and was its president for several years. In politics he was a Conservative. The funeral will take place from his late home tomorrow morning with interment in Weymouth. The funeral services will be conducted by Rev. Mr. Taylor, rector of that parish. As far as can be learned he leaves no relatives but a large number of people will mourn the loss of a friend who frequently gave largely for the comfort of others.

Mrs. Isabel Johnston. The death of Mrs. Isabel Johnston, widow of John Johnston, occurred suddenly in Montreal Thursday, while she was on her way to St. John. Mrs. Johnston was a native of St. John, and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bonnell. Mrs. Johnston, before her marriage, was Miss Isabel Kerr Brown, and was a resident of St. John for many years. She was a member of the St. John's Episcopal church, and was a member of the St. John's Episcopal church, and was a member of the St. John's Episcopal church.

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WEDDINGS

Bishop Wood. A quiet wedding was solemnized Wednesday evening at the home of Geo. Wood, of the parish of St. John, when Miss Florrie J. was united in marriage to James B. Bishop by Rev. Gordon Dickie. The happy pair will leave tonight for Boston.

Crocker-Hubley. A wedding of interest took place on Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Seth V. Prime, Westfield (N. B.), when the daughter, Miss Florrie J. Hubley, became the bride of Mr. Hubley, son of Mrs. and Mr. Hubley, of Westfield. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. C. Colpitts in the drawing room, which was prettily decorated with ferns, pink and white carnations and tulips. The bride was attired in a traveling costume of blue with trimmings and hat to match of panne velvet. The groom wore a tuxedo of white carnations. Miss Eva Smith, of St. John, played the wedding march. The groom's present to his bride was a pearl pendant.

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