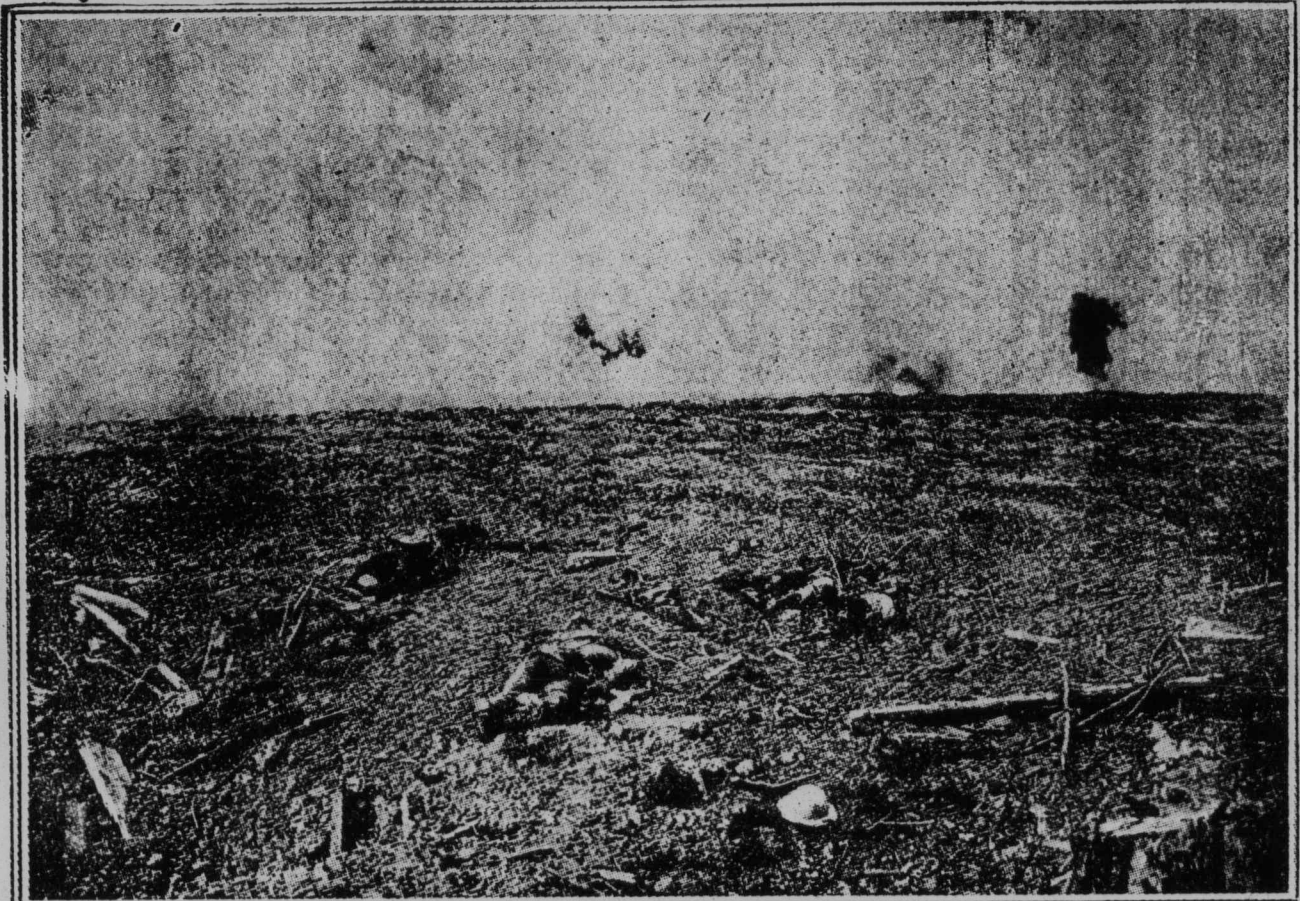


ON NO MAN'S LAND WITH THE CANADIANS AT THE FRONT



This remarkable picture, which is from the official exhibition of Canadian war photographs, was taken from the Canadian first line trenches. It shows the battle scarred ground between the lines and shells bursting over the German trenches.

Baptist Sunday School Christmas Celebration

The Temperance Hall was a bright and happy place on Tuesday evening, Dec. 26th, when the members and friends of the Baptist Sunday School met to celebrate the Christmas season. On the platform was a large, beautifully trimmed tree, the hall was well filled, and the program was especially entertaining...

Anglican Christmas Tree Last Evening

The Sunday school of St. Andrew's Anglican church held their annual Xmas tree entertainment in their Sunday School hall last night. A fine program was carried out, prizes were presented, each pupil got a treat, and refreshments were served to everybody. The program was as follows: Carol—White Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night; Carol, Sweetly Carol...

METHODIST QUARTERLY BOARD

The second quarterly meeting of the Methodist Official Board was held in the Parsonage last night, after Prayer Meeting. Rev. Dr. C. W. Squires presiding. Others present were: J. H. Ashford, H. D. Atkinson, T. A. Clarke, A. E. Petrie, H. H. Stuart and Rev. John Squires. The financial reports were encouraging, receipts being a little more than for the corresponding period of last year...

Christmas Services in Local Churches

The Christmas services in the Newcastle Churches were most attractive and impressive and the attendance was good. The decorations were appropriate to the season and most tastefully carried out. Anglican. Two services, and both well attended, were held in St. Andrew's church Christmas Day. The first was a celebration of the Holy Communion at 11 o'clock...

"Dry" Christmas Robs Police Court Coffers

The only complaint in regard to poor Christmas business The Advocate has been able to find in Newcastle is registered by Chief of Police Lucas. The town had a "dry" Christmas—consequently at least in former years Christmas has been a rather busy season for Newcastle's police force. Aided and abetted by a plentiful supply of booze there usually have been a number of citizens who celebrated the holiday not wisely but too well...

Business in Newcastle Better Than Last Year

So Say the Town's Merchants, Who all Report a Splendid Christmas Trade

The statements from Newcastle merchants, published below, were evoked by the question: "How was business this Christmas and this year, as compared with last year?" John Ferguson & Sons, General Merchants, (Mr. John Ferguson) says: "Business generally this year has been better with us than it was last year. Christmas business was better than last year's but in view of our general increase not so good as might have been expected..."

Santa Claus With Salvation Army

The Sunday School of the local Salvation Army Corps held a very pleasant Xmas entertainment on Tuesday night. At the close Santa Claus appeared with gifts for all the school. The programme was as follows: Opening Chorus—The Goodbye Song—The Christmas Tree—The Christmas Tree—The Christmas Tree...

OBITUARY

NICHOLAS CUNNINGHAM. Nicholas Cunningham, ex-Alderman and ex-County Councilor, a highly respected citizen of Chatham, died in Hotel Dieu Christmas morning, aged 77. The funeral was held yesterday morning. He leaves a wife and three sons. Mrs. Cunningham of Norfolk is a daughter of the deceased. Mrs. Cunningham, arranged for Christmas day also.

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## Farm Settlement Board Alive to Opportunities

### Secretary James Gilchrist Speaks Optimistically of Agricultural Possibilities in New Brunswick--Busy Year Ahead of Farm Settlement Board.

The Farm Settlement Board of New Brunswick, which has already done much to revive and stimulate interest in farming in the province, is planning a still more vigorous campaign along this line and special efforts will be made in 1917 to place the agricultural advantages of the province before prospective settlers from the British Isles. Hon. J. A. Murray, Minister of Agriculture, has been busy in the Old Country for several weeks preparing the way there for the campaign which will be launched shortly, for the purpose of enlightening the people of the mother country in regard to the possibilities of New Brunswick for farming. He has been very favorably received but has secured a great deal of publicity for the province.

Secretary James Gilchrist of the Farm Settlement Board, in an interview a few days ago spoke very optimistically of the work of the Board. "Nine complete reels of moving picture films, showing the agricultural, industrial, educational, religious and social life of the province have arrived from Montreal. We are planning to having a special exhibition of these pictures on the arrival of my chief, Hon. James A. Murray, from the old country. They will then be widely circulated among the countries of Europe and every effort made to carry out a successful advertising campaign," said Mr. Gilchrist.

Settlers from New Ontario "I am now engaged on the preparation of my annual report on the activity of the Farm Settlement Board. Despite the conditions that have been prevalent, due to the great war trials, we have enjoyed an average year. We have placed a considerable number of native residents and settlers from the west and the United States on farms in the province and all are doing nicely. Many settlers from New Ontario have come to New Brunswick to locate, taking advantage of the provisions of the Farm Settlement Act, while several have located here, independently of the terms of the act. The western set-

ters are apparently dissatisfied with conditions existing there. They are able to raise a large amount of farm produce, but the trouble is to find a desirable market.

Planning for Active Year "The Farm Settlement Board is already planning an active year for 1917. Independently of the act, it is the intention to introduce illustration settlements, showing to the new settler what can be done along that line. It is hoped to build up typical New Brunswick farms, which will serve as an illustration of the opportunities existing in this province. "In my mind there is a great opportunity in this province for special lines of farming, such as the raising of beans. At the present time nearly all the beans consumed in the province are imported and I am firmly convinced that conditions here are especially favorable. If not more so than in other parts, for bean raising. Land not suitable for mixed farming or general agricultural purposes could be very well utilized in this direction. What is a fact in connection with the opportunity for bean raising is equally true in connection with onions. Good prices prevail in the market for onions and there is no reason why the New Brunswick farmer should not be getting his share.

Poultry and Small Fruits "Again, there is an unlimited market for poultry in the province, and if the people were assured of an abundant supply, there is no reason why this industry should not see big development. In other directions there are also excellent opportunities. Take the raising of small fruits, why the land along the route of the Intercolonial Railway from this city to Moncton, is fully fifty per cent. better than the soil in the Annapolis Valley which is considered first class fruit growing land, while the beauty of our land is that it can be secured for a comparatively low figure. We also plan to further encourage bee culture, fruit farming and the raising of fancy vegetables in which direction there is no doubt

### Met Lonely Death in Raging Storm

The lifeless body of Miss Josephine LeBreton was found in the woods alongside the public highway near Derby Junction last Saturday morning by Edward Creamer, Coroner J. F. Desmond, M. D., of New Brunswick, was notified of the discovery at once. After viewing the remains and carefully investigating the circumstances in connection with the case the coroner decided that exposure to the inclement weather prevailing on Friday night was the cause of Miss LeBreton's death.

It appears that Miss LeBreton, who made her home with Mrs. John Wilson at Derby Junction, visited her sister, Mrs. Henry LeBreton, Friday evening until about 9.30 o'clock, at which hour she started to return to the Wilson home, about a quarter of a mile distant.

A wind and rain storm was raging at the time. Miss LeBreton carried a lantern to light her homeward path, but this was found extinguished some distance from the body. It was blown out by the wind, after which the unfortunate woman lost her way in the dark darkness and wandered around in the bush of mud and snow until she became exhausted and sank down by the roadside where death claimed her in the course of her blind rambling. She lost the slipper which she was wearing, and her footprints show that she had waded through mud and snow in her seeking for a shelter, near "Emmie's".

Miss LeBreton was a native of St. John's, and was the wife of the late Mr. J. LeBreton, a member of the Legislative Council, and a member of the federal services being conducted by Rev. Father MacKee.

### FOR BETTER GAME PROTECTION

The New Brunswick Guides' Association is to make a request to the Provincial Government for the appointment of a commission to inquire a better protection of game in this province. The proposed commission would be composed of three members, two from the Legislature and one from the Guides' Association. The guides in annual meeting in Fredericton last week, requested that the entire enforcement of the game law be handed over to this commission, who will be empowered to enforce all game laws and to handle all matters pertaining to big game hunting in New Brunswick. It has been pointed out that much of the game is killed out of season, one guide stating that more game is killed in New Brunswick during the summer than in the hunting season.

### NO MORE LIQUOR FOR CANADIAN SOLDIERS

The Secretary of War has written Mrs. S. R. Wright of London, Ont., President of the Dominion W. C. T. U., as follows:—"I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter and in reply to inform you that rum is only issued to the troops under the strictest supervision and when considered necessary by the General Officer Commanding, and his only through the recommendation of the medical officer. Rev. Dr. T. Albert Moore, Secretary of the Army and Navy Board of the Methodist church, speaking of the letter from the war office said: "This is certainly better than the indiscriminate handing out of the rum ration. Let us hope that the General Officer Commanding may have the views of a Kitchener or a Roberts, and the medical officer the scientific knowledge of a Sir Victor Horensley as to effect of intoxicants upon the efficiency, the courage and the endurance of the soldiers."

New Brunswick has great possibilities. On a recent visit to Westmorland county Mr. Gilchrist and his party were forced to walk over twelve miles in a heavy snow storm, and it has been deemed expedient to discontinue inspection of farm lands until conditions are more favorable for the work.

### NATIONAL SERVICE WEEK

#### Every Man in Canada Will Have a Card to Fill Out

National Service Week is drawing very near and the fact that the first week of the New Year bears that title is something in which everyone in Canada has an interest. The men are interested because it is obligatory upon each of them, between the ages of 16 and 65 years, to fill out one of the cards which the Government is sending to them through the Post Office authorities. The women are interested because their co-operation is being invited, in seeing that their men-folk attend to this important duty. The children are interested because their school teachers have explained to them the meaning of National Service and the way in which father and the big brothers at home have to reply to the various questions.

To write in the answers and return the card promptly is a good New Year's resolution for every man throughout the Dominion and it has the advantage of being easy of fulfillment. It only means a few minutes' careful thought.

National Service means that we are to get into that frame of mind which will cause us to think of the best interests of the State have a wider claim on us than our self-interest. This applies to everyone, from the highest in the land to the lowest. The Prince of Wales' motto "to serve" may well be the motto of every citizen of the British Empire at this time. There are many ways of serving the nation besides going to the front. The man on the farm and the mechanic in a workshop may be serving the nation as usefully as the man in the trenches. Every man should be doing the work which represents his most efficient service to his country.

The war is teaching us, or should be teaching us, great lessons. Terrible as are its effects, those who have faith in Canadian manhood hope and believe that the nation will emerge from this experience a stronger and a better people. If the meaning of National Service is thoroughly grasped and properly understood, if the Government's call for information is responded to in the right spirit, the coming year will be the banner year in Canada's history.

### SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST LAND REGULATIONS

THE sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years old may homestead a quarter-section of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. Applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-Agency for the District. Entry by proxy may be made at any Dominion Lands Agency (but not Sub-Agency), on certain conditions. Duties—Six months residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 80 acres on certain conditions. A habitable house is required except where residence is performed in the vicinity. Live stock may be substituted for cultivation under certain conditions. In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may preempt a quarter-section alongside his homestead. Price \$3.00 per acre. Duties—Six months residence in each of three years after earning homestead patent; also 50 acres extra cultivation. Preemption patent may be obtained as soon as homestead patent, on certain conditions. A settler who has exhausted his homestead right may take a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price \$3.00 per acre. Duties—Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate 50

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### THE APPLE IN CANADA

There were 10,468,457 bushels of apples produced in Canada in 1916, according to the census of the following year. Of this quantity, 6,250,672 bushels were produced in Ontario, 1,566,382 bushels in Nova Scotia, 1,481,239 in Quebec and 575,877 in British Columbia. New Brunswick produced 272,886 bushels and Prince Edward Island 199,121 bushels. In the Pacific Provinces apple growing was in its infancy, but there was every indication of rapid development, as shown by the number of trees planted in 1916. These facts are pointed out in a valuable and most comprehensive bulletin recently issued, of which the Dominion Horticulturist, Mr. W. T. Macoun, is the author and which may be had free on application to the Publications Branch, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa. Mr. Macoun notes the prominent place the Dominion has come to occupy in the world's fruit industry and especially as regards the apple. He tells us that there are probably 2,000 named varieties, that 724 have been tested at the Central Experimental Farm and that 612 are now growing there. He takes a survey of the different provinces, pointing out the varieties that are probably the best adapted to certain districts. Quebec is the oldest apple-growing province and Nova Scotia comes next, but Ontario is a long way the greatest producer, although in 1911 no fewer than 173,000 barrels were packed and sold from the Annapolis and adjacent valleys in Nova Scotia. Mr. Macoun lists and describes the varieties suitable to Canada, records the results of the numerous experiments and tests at the Central Experimental Farm, gives complete instruction on the cultivation of the apple, describes in full the necessary treatment of the trees, advises as to the soil that is best adapted for orchard, says how disease and insects pests can be combated, counsels as to picking, packing, shipping and marketing, tells of the keeping qualities of different varieties, and, in short, has written a bulletin of 136 pages of the utmost worth to the apple-grower and all interested, or likely to be interested, in the industry.

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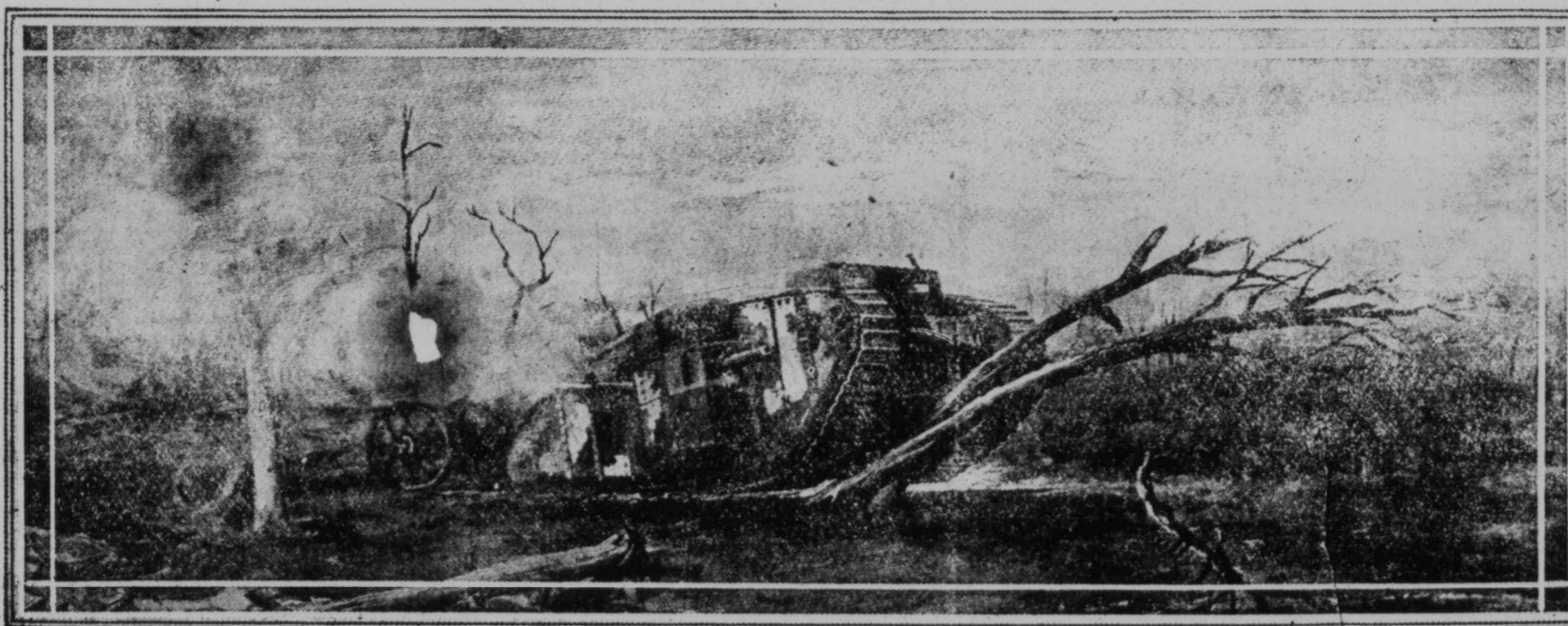
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GENERAL NEWS

Some 12,000 employees of the C. P. and Grand Trunk systems have gone to the front since the war started.

Dr. Bedford was on Friday elected president of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, to succeed the late John D. Archbold.

The Toronto Council of Women last week adopted a resolution declining to pay more than 25 cents a pound for turkeys.

At North Sydney, lately, M. J. C. was fined \$10 or one month's imprisonment for creating a wireless outfit. It is a crime to install or operate any such plant without license from the Minister of the Naval Service.

The Roman Catholic cathedral at Quebec City, Seven Islands, P. Q., on the north shore, with the bishop's palace and the convent of the French nuns, were destroyed by fire early Friday after the explosion of a gas tank at the bishop's palace. One man lost his life in the conflagration.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State of Ohio, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for every false statement made by him or by any other person connected with the use of the name of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

Wholly without notice and entirely contrary to what his administration officials had been describing as his course, President Wilson on the 19th instant, dispatched an appeal to all the belligerents to observe truces of twelve hours, actually beginning at 11 a. m. and ending at 11 p. m. on the 20th, and there is to be no truce on the 21st. This latter restriction goes into effect immediately the bill is passed.

Nordin School Pupils Finish Half Term with Entertainment

The semi-annual examination was held at the Nordin school on Friday afternoon, Dec. 22nd, with a good attendance of visitors. The classes were reviewed on the work of the term and acquitted themselves very creditably. After the review was completed, the following program was carried out:

Habanero—A Game of Letters—14 pupils. A Little Speech—Arthur Taylor. Habanero—Christmas Greetings—Stella Edmonds, Hazel Taylor and Sigrid Jansson. Recitation—A Voice for Santa Claus—P. J. J. Taylor. Recitation—Christmas Cheer—Wilfred Ryan. Chorus—When we Kait—Pupils. Recitation—A Xmas Toast—Willie Sullivan.

Recitation—Setting Traps—Stella Edmonds. Recitation—The Conceited Grasshopper—Sigrid Jansson. Dialogue—The Xmas Tree—10 pupils. Recitation—What I want—Sam Howe. Recitation—A Santa Claus Was Born—Gordon Sullivan. Recitation—Holla's Xmas—Alexis Taylor.

Recitation—My Dollie—Jan. Nowe. Recitation—A Boy's Wish—Joe Taylor. Promptly at 2.45 p. m. Santa Claus made his appearance, and was received by the children singing "Santa Claus is a Jolly Man." He distributed small gifts to each pupil and visited to the intense gratification and amusement of each.

Recitation—When Santa Claus Comes—Alice Edmond. Recitation—A Little Boy's Wish—Vincent DeWolfe. Recitation—The New Mitten—Norman Russell.

Recitation—My Dollie—Francois Tobin. Recitation—A Child's Xmas Prayer—Muriel Russell.

Deaf and Dumb—A Merry Xmas Day—Muriel Russell and Florence DeWolfe, chorists by school. Recitation—Celebrating Pa Raymond Roy.

Recitation—A Boy who was Natchy or What Charlie Found in His Stocking—Gordon Sullivan.

Recitation—The Xmas Bargain Counter—Helen Hedeman. Recitation—Papa's Girl—Winnie DeWolfe.

Recitation—A Letter from Santa Claus—Elizabeth Taylor. Recitation—Looks Like Pa—Willie Sullivan. Recitation—Our Flag—Muriel Russell.

Recitation—Santa Claus's Message—Francis Tobin. Recitation—A Hole in Dollie's Stocking—Winnie DeWolfe.

Recitation—Bright Stockings—Norman Taylor. The teacher, Miss Sophie E. Grant, was remembered by her pupils with a few valuable and beautiful gifts.

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LOCAL NEWS

Among the returned soldiers who came across on S. S. Northland to Halifax were Sapper William Ezzard, Sussex, N. B., and Pte. Norman Renale, Bathurst, N. B.

NORTH SHORE CASUALTIES Seriously Ill: Alex. Carlson, Black Point, Restigouche County.

NO COUNCIL MEETING There was no council meeting last Thursday night. Only two or three of the members attended.

A YULETIDE STORK The home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Malley, Chatham Head, was brightened by the arrival of a baby daughter on the afternoon of the 23rd inst.

MATCHETT-SHERRARD At the Manse, Redbank, Thursday evening, Dec. 21st, Miss Sadie Elizabeth Sherrard of Nelson, was married to George Ellsworth Matchett of Sunny Corner, Rev. J. P. McCurdy, B. A., was the officiating clergyman. The couple were entertained. They will reside at Redbank.

THE 132ND TO THE FRONT Recent letters from members of the 132nd Battalion in England so far on the 28th ult. the first draft of some 200 men left for France on Dec. 24, another draft of about 200 men left for the front and the last letter dated Dec. 10th says they are only about 100 men of the 132nd left in England. It is understood that these are now part of the 132nd, with whom they will also soon be in the trenches.

DERBY SUPERIOR SCHOOL REPORT

Following are the names of the pupils making the highest average in the December examinations in the different departments: Grade VI—Margaret Crocker, Emily Parker, Marion Malby, Grace VII—Evelyn Russell, Willie Murphy. Grade VIII—Zella Parker, Gladys Anderson, Ella Parker, Grace IX—Frances Malby, A. May, Stephen, E. Kelly, Bert, E. Grade X—Bessie MacEachern, May Fleet, Wilson Miller, E. Grade XI—Warren Fleet.

The half yearly public examination was held on the afternoon of Thursday, Dec. 21st. The different grades were examined in reading and spelling, geography, history, arithmetic, grammar, arithmetic, etc. After the two departments united to carry on a very interesting program consisting of songs, recitations, dialogues, etc. There were a number of visitors present who expressed themselves well pleased with the work of the school at the progress of the scholars.

A WHITE CHRISTMAS

The services of the Presbyterian church, Sunday evening, were held in St. James Hall, and the young people of the Sabbath School took a very prominent and important part. The regular church choir was introduced by a musical contingent from the Sabbath School. The audience was large, entirely filling the spacious hall. In addition to the regular Christmas music, there were several extra choruses, all of which was very well rendered.

After the opening exercises, and an address by the pastor, Master Jack Nicholson gave an address on the origin of the "White" Christmas. He ascribed it to a custom that obtained at the court of the great Emperor Kublai Khan, who reigned in Peking from 1260 to 1295 A. D. over what is now Mongolia, the Chinese Republic, Tibet, part of French Indo China, Corea, all of the Russian empire but a few of the western provinces, Persia, Afghanistan and Baluchistan, etc. It was on his birthday his subjects dressed in white, were wont to bring a white gift—anything at all, but a white charger down to a pile of a handful of rice, so long as it was white, the Emperor regarded the gifts of all with equal favor. As the latter subjects of Kublai remembered their beneficent master, so we, having much greater cause, should keep the birthday of the Saviour by giving rather than receiving.

The different classes, with music and recitations between, then filed past the platform and deposited their gifts, all wrapped in white, in a large white box, that will be sent to the little children rescued from the street and being supported by the Social Service department of the Presbyterian church.

Rev. Mr. MacArthur spoke of the great importance of the Social Service work of the church. Last year 18 children had been cared for. This was only a small part of the work that could have been done had funds been available. In three years the Department had run in debt some \$32,000, but had not covered near all the work that was waiting to be done.

Mr. MacArthur impressed upon the little ones who had brought their gifts that they were helping many less fortunate children, and that they were an integral part of the Presbyterian church and its work.

A good collection for the work was given by the adults in the audience at the close of the service.

Before the close, the pastor announced that the children who had so generously given up their annual Xmas tree and treat, would have a treat after all—on New Year's night—when both the Sabbath Schools of the congregation will unite in St. James' Hall for the usual annual Xmas entertainment.

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EDITORIAL

NATIONAL SERVICE

The federal government has elected the first week in the new year in which to begin the active work of its National Service Campaign. Next Monday Postmaster Troy, of Newcastle, and the other postmasters and postmistresses in Northumberland county will begin handing out cards containing a list of questions which every man between the age of 16 and 65 is required to answer. The answers to these questions are expected to disclose to the government the extent and character of the man power of Canada available to the country after its contribution of some 300,000 able bodied fighting men to the cause of the Empire.

The thing in of these cards prominently and clearly is a legal duty imposed by the Dominion government, but it is much more than that. It is a patriotic and moral duty of the highest importance. The war in which Canada has undertaken to do a nation's share is, as we are told by the Empire's leaders, not merely a struggle for the sake of it but must be won for the good of mankind. The struggle requires the highest degree of earnestness, determination, sacrifice and fortitude is yet to come. And not by fighting in bloody battlefields alone is victory to come. We are, manfully, and fighting men the simple requirements, the task before Britain and her allies would be far easier than it is to be. These instruments of the Allies must have of course, and in prodigious quantities, and numbers. But it must be remembered that today's perfectly organized and equipped armies, are in no manner self-sustaining. Every day witnesses the expenditure of almost incalculable quantities of munitions, the destruction of guns and other materials, the consumption of food, clothing and medical supplies and the wastage of men. All these must be replenished and the original stocks must be augmented. And upon the civilian population devolves the necessity of keeping up the supplies of every kind which are essential to the maintenance of our fighting machines at a degree of efficiency which will bring victory.

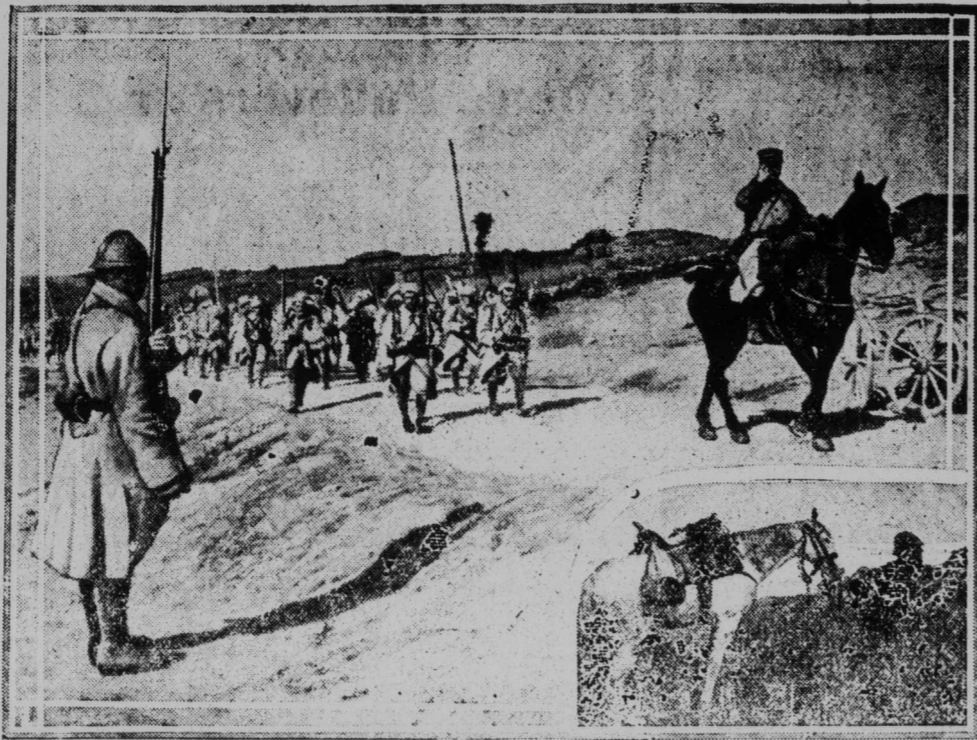
Before much further progress is made in the war it will probably be realized generally that every ounce of human energy residing in the allied countries will be required for the production of the multitude of articles which are necessary to a continued prosecution of the war, and to the economic maintenance of the nations themselves. The application of this energy must be directed by the governments. Before it can be applied effectively, the extent and quality of this human energy must be ascertained. The present purpose of the Canadian government is to ascertain just how much and what kind of human energy is available in this country it is the duty of every citizen to assist the authorities in gathering this desired and necessary information. It is the duty of every man to fill out the card he receives, and to ask for one if he should by chance be overlooked in the distribution of the cards.

Supplied with the information which it seeks the government will then be in a position to employ the country's man power in such ways as will be most useful to the Empire in the present crisis. Later on each man will probably be asked to expend his energies in the direction in which they will be of the most value to the Empire.

It should be recognized that National Service is simply individual service to the nation. Industrial and commercial activities along the lines valuable to the nation are quite as much national service as is military duty. While armies are necessary, everybody can not be a soldier. Some must fight while some must labor to produce. Producers are needed as much as are soldiers. Men capable of productive effort can serve their country now by placing themselves at the disposal of the government to be used as the government thinks it best to use them.

Press reports concerning the visit of Hon J A Murray to the old country, indicate that New Brunswick's Minister of Agriculture has been doing some very effective work in the way of letting people know something about New Brunswick. Hon. Mr. Murray's chief object in going to England was to place the province's land settlement scheme before the people there. The English papers have published columns of comment on the scheme, which everywhere seems to have been received with high favor, and as a result of the Minister's trip across the water it is more than likely that New Brunswick will get a good share of home-seekers from the old country when the war is over. In the meantime the provincial government is going ahead perfecting the details of its farm settlement scheme and will be in a position to provide homes and opportunities for thousands of new comers when they are ready to settle down in this part of the Empire.

WITH THE ALLIES' COLONIAL TROOPS IN FRANCE



These pictures depict scenes with the Allies' Colonial troops in action somewhere along the western front. In view No. 1 a regiment of Colonial troops is shown on its way to the fighting line. No. 2 shows an African rifleman on guard.

the Dominion. The government is showing wisdom in its farsighted preparations for after the war development of the province's agricultural possibilities.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN THE LOCAL CHURCHES

(Continued from page 1)

Micah's famous prophecy (Chap. V, verse 2). Mr. Gray remarked that, as the prophecy of the typical virgin birth in Isaiah was a sign of the downfall of the two brothers who threatened Judah, so the true Virgin Birth was an assuring sign to us of the downfall of the two European brothers of today.

At the evening service, the subject was the Twin Bethlehem Stories of the Shepherds and the Magi. Rev. Mr. Gray mentioned the receipt of a letter from his son, Rev. Ernest S. Gray, a chaplain at the front, telling of the splendidly fine set of fellows there, and of an afternoon's Bible class and evening service he conducted with them.

Special music was rendered at each service by the choir with Mrs T A Scribner organist.

Morning—Hail Thee, Royal Redeemer, and "Peace on Earth" (E S. Lorenz); "Glory to God in the Highest" (M. L. McPhail); and "While Shepherds Watched their Flocks by Night" (A. W. Nelson).

At Lower Derby, Sunday afternoon Rev. S. Gray delivered a Xmas sermonette to the young people and a Xmas discourse to the older folks. The church was beautifully decorated by Mr. Volkman and Mr. Capt. Spurgeon Amos with evergreens, flowers and flags. The Misses Lyon sang a Xmas duet with great power. Mr. Volkman accompanied.

Methodist  
Rev. John Squires preached at the morning service, assisted by the pastor, Rev. Dr. G. W. Squires. In the evening Rev. Dr. Squires preached. The special music was as follows:  
Morning—Aris, Shine, for Thy Light is Core (G. Elvey); and Let us Now Go Even Unto Bethlehem (J. T. Field).

Evening—Holy Night (Paul Pehli); While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night (R. Smart); and There were Shepherds (Vincent). The music will be repeated next Sunday evening.

Presbyterian  
The pastor, Rev. S. J. Maranthur, conducted both services on Sunday. The Christmas music was as follows:  
11 a m.—Anthem "Christians Awake, Salute the Happy Morn" (Stewart).  
7 p m.—Carol "Angels from the Realms of Glory" (Schnecker), and Anthem "Sing, O Heavens" (Simpser).

Salvation Army  
On Sunday the Salvation Army held three services—11 a. m. and 3 and 8 p. m. At all of these the local officers, Ensign Dow and Lt. Willard were assisted by Capt. Samuel Capson of St. John.

EIGHTH BATTERY HERO EXPECTED HOME  
Gunner Wm. Gifford of the original 8th Battery in the First Canadian Contingent, who spent 22 months in the trenches, and has lately been sick, is expected home any day on furlough.

BAPTIST SOCIAL HOUR TONIGHT  
In concluding its first sermon tonight, the Baptist Young People's Guild are spending a social hour in Baptist school room, under the presidency of Rev. S. Gray. Miss Gray will sing "The Maple Leaf," and other solos. There will be various recitations and readings with music interspersed, coupled with a light supper. Miss Edith O'Donnell will render various devotional services, and Miss Muriel Scribner will be a companionist for the evening.

THE BACON HOG—A GREAT OPPORTUNITY  
From 1904 to 1914 Canada's export trade with Britain in hog products decreased and Denmark's increased. From 1914 Canada's export bacon trade has increased and Denmark's has gone the other way, showing a falling off of 73,000,000 pounds. For the fiscal year ending

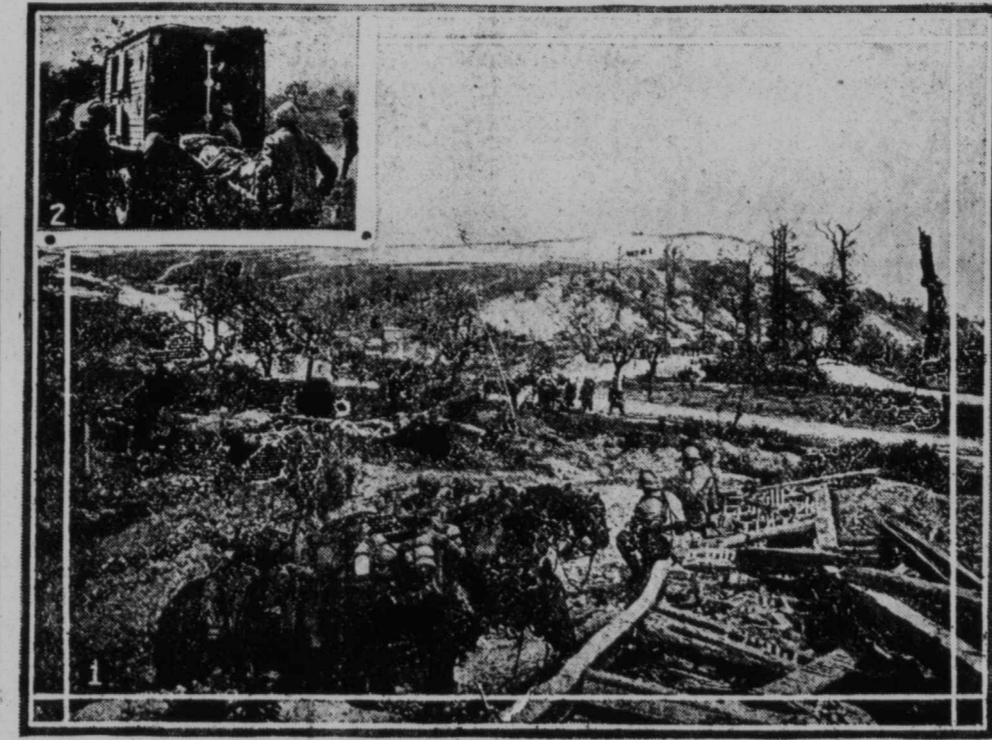
March 31, 1914, Canada's export of hog products totalled 23,320,341 pounds for 1915 for 21,746,720, 425 pounds and for 1916, 14,152,902 pounds. The United States exports of hogs increased from 2,200,000 in 1914 to 4,800,000 in 1915. On June 20, 1916, there were fewer hogs in this country than at any time during the present war ten years, and from 1911 to 1916 there was a decrease of one million. This serious state of affairs, as well as the opportunity that is before the country, is conspicuously and vividly pointed out in pamphlet No. 21 of the Live Stock Department at Ottawa, entitled "The Bacon Hog and the British Market" for which Messrs. John Bright, Live Stock Commissioner, and H. S. Arkoll, Assistant Commissioner, are jointly responsible, and which can be had free on application to the Publications Branch, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa. Particularly unfortunate, says the pamphlet, is the decrease in the face of the rare opportunity that is offered us to further extend our "Wiltshire" and "Lancashire" trade that for the year 1915 amounted in value to \$15,957,652. In view of the facts here set forth it is hardly necessary to further refer to the gravity of the situation or to the opportunity that will be lost if our farmers and breeders do not bestir themselves. The joint authors point out that while we are not for specified reasons to occupy the market for fat hogs, that for the bacon hog is ours for the asking. They also call for regularity in the supply. "We cannot," they say, "go in to the business for six months in the year and then go out of it for six months without having a general average of price that is unprofitable both to producer and packer. A good crop of hogs is required each month of the year. "If each farmer," the pamphlet says in conclusion, "maintains even one or, at most, two sows and manages these and their offspring properly, there can be built up in Canada a very important and remunerative industry, not only yielding a permanent profit to the farmer, but as well materially assisting in preserving the commercial stability of the Dominion.



Extract from a letter of a Canadian soldier in France.  
To Mrs. R. D. Bambrick:  
The Rectory, Yarmouth, N.S.  
Dear Mother—  
I am keeping well, have good food and well protected from the weather, but have some difficulty keeping uninvited guests from visiting me.  
Have you any patriotic druggists that would give something for a gift overseas—if so do you know something that is good for everything? I do—Old MINARD'S Liniment.  
Your affectionate son,  
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illustration stations in Canada  
The Department of Agriculture of the Dominion Government is carrying on illustration work in crop production and cultural methods with farmers in the provinces of Quebec, Alberta and Saskatchewan.  
Farmers owning or operating land favourably situated for the carrying

PICTORIAL EVENTS IN THE SOMME OFFENSIVE



These pictures were taken during the great advance along the Somme, when the Allies made some big gains against the enemy. The large view, which is typical of a territory in the Somme district, shows a scene on the way to Curieu. The small inset at the top shows some of the wounded being taken away from the scene of fighting in motor ambulances.

During the last year we have added many new friends to our list of patrons—old friendships too have been renewed and we take this opportunity of wishing you a

VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR

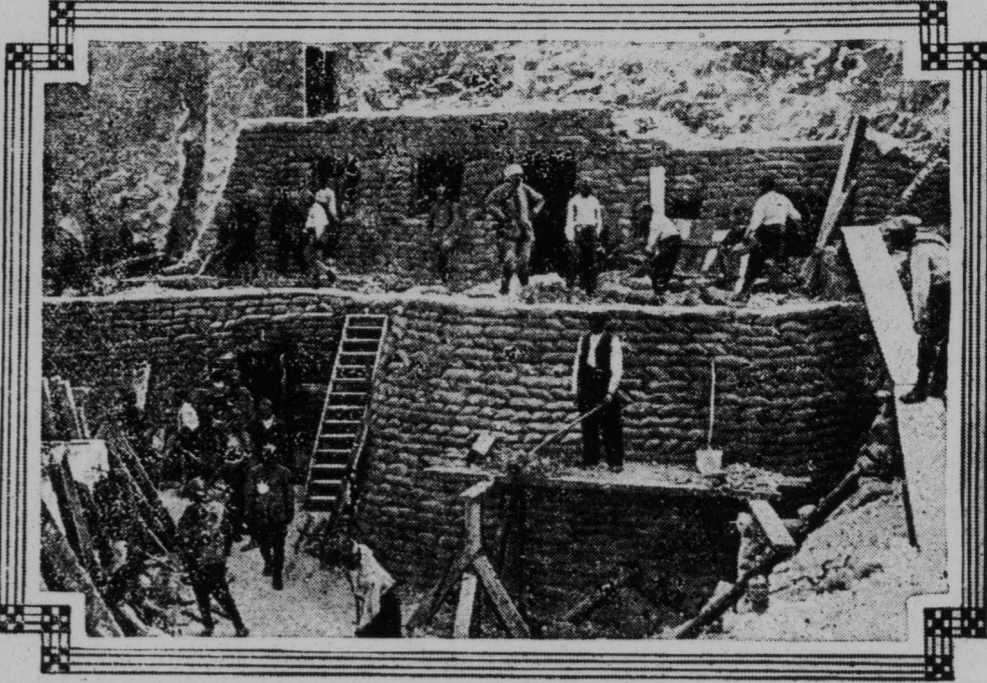
During the last few years prices have advanced, and are still advancing by leaps and bounds. We have done our utmost to protect you against high prices—Already our stock rooms are filled to capacity with goods for the coming year which you can buy then at the old prices.

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FORTIFYING FRENCH OFFICERS' QUARTERS AT VERDUN



The picture shows French troops fortifying one of the French officers' quarters back of the line on the Verdun front, where in battles which raged furiously the noble French soldiers displayed the same grit which has made them famous and respected the world over.

stretches the grain harvested separately so that it will be known how much is harvested from each field. The records just mentioned of the work and crops resulting, together with brief notes made each week, are duly entered on blank forms provided for that purpose. The work of making such notes and entering up the work done in each field does not entail more than one hour's work each month. Each week the farmer mails to the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, a form filled out with full particulars as to the work done, general weather conditions and crop progress on the different fields. The farmer permits to be placed in front of each field a sign stating briefly the method of preparing the land for the crop thereon, or the treatment given the plot that year.

On all these farms, whether located in the Province of Quebec, or in Saskatchewan or Alberta, systematic rotations of crops suitable to the district served as well as the best cultured methods and most suitable varieties of crops are being demonstrated.

Also an allowance of \$18 a month for her three young children—a total of \$600 a year until the children are grown.

LUMBERING RISK THIS WINTER

Fully 3000 men are now in the Miramichi woods cutting the logs and hauling them to the sawmills for transmission to the various mills. Mr. Buckley alone has a crew of over 400 men in the woods, while the Miramichi Lumber Company has between 1,000 and 2,000 men engaged in their operations. It is estimated that there are between 125 and 150

RETURNED SOLDIERS ARRIVE

The Steamer Metogana with 240 returned soldiers on board, docked in St. John Sunday. One of the men on board was Pte. B. F. Dixon of the 132nd, belonging to Chatham.

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HERE AND THERE THROUGHOUT WIDE NORTHUMBERLAND

BOIESTOWN

Danger at Fairley Flat. The bad weather still continues and makes the roads in a bad condition for Xmas. Fairley Flat is especially bad and has been the scene of many accidents.

SOUTH NELSON

Christmas day passed very quietly. A few young people took advantage of the good sleighing. Think Well of Teacher. Our school closed on Friday last. On Thursday afternoon, a choice program was carried out by the school children all of which was thoroughly enjoyed by the parents and friends.

DOUGLASTOWN

Miss Annie Morrison left for Belleville on Tuesday to spend a few days with her sister, Mrs. Alice Babkirk. Miss Eliza Barron of Lower Derby, returned home on Sunday accompanied by her sister, Mrs. William Casle, to spend a white with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Barron.

RENOUS

In spite of the unfavorable condition of the weather a large number attended a concert, held in aid of the Children's fund, on Friday evening last, at Renous Hall. The program read as follows: Song of Christmas—Eight boys. Dialogue—Trying to Raise the Price of Butter—Josephine McLaughlin, Susie Schofield, Lily O'Brien, Gladys Jardine, Lizzie McLaughlin. Song—No More What Flies He Fought Under—Alice Schofield. Recitation—Merry Christmas Day—Mary Manderville.

BOIESTOWN

Mr. and Mrs. William Harris Jr. started to town one day this week and their horse refused to cross the water at Fairley flat and they had to turn back and procure another horse before reaching town. Mr. Lewis Munn of Holtville while returning from his place on Friday evening, came near losing his own life and drowning his horse at Fairley Flat. Fortunately assistance was near at hand and after cutting the harness from the sleigh, was able with a rope to rescue both.

SOUTH NELSON

Children's Party. St. Mark's Episcopal church is giving their children a party in the Forester Hall Friday evening. T. W. Platt was in Newcastle last Thursday. Misses Ethel and Lulu Mackenzie, teachers in Queens Co., arrived here Friday night to spend their holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Mackenzie, in Newcastle.

DOUGLASTOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McIntyre of Blackville visited Mrs. Mary Wood on Tuesday. Mr. David Gulliver is home on his vacation. Caledonia Division No. 126, S. O. T., have elected following officers for ensuing term: President—W. P. Hill; Vice—Hilda Bass; W. A.—Miss Barbara Huthinson; R. Sec.—Miss Flora McKenzie; A. R. S.—Andrew Simpson; Treas.—Miss Bessie Wood; Chap.—Wm. Jessamin; Comd.—Miss Bertha Atkinson; A. Comd.—Clayd Gulliver; I. S.—David Sicles; O. S.—H. C. Stothart.

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Men's and Boys' Sweaters. For a New Year Gift what more useful than a good Sweater? Men's Pullovers or Coat Sweaters. A range of splendid values at all prices from \$1.50 to 4.00. Boys' Sweaters. In Pullovers or Coat Styles, all sizes. Prices ranging from 60c. to \$2.00. A. H. MACKAY NEWCASTLE

FIRST FRENCH SOLDIER TO ENTER DOUAUMONT



Fortunate as he is brave, this French soldier is to-day the pride of his regiment. When in the recent heavy fighting on the Verdun front the French battalions swept up the hill to Douaumont, carrying all before them by their splendid dash and bravery, the soldier seen above was the first to enter the fort. It is no small honor to be the first Frenchman to set foot in Douaumont. — N. Y. Herald Special

WANTED. Second or Third Class Female Teacher, for District No. 1, Parish of Blissfield, District rated Poor. Apply stating salary wanted to STEPHEN WEAVER, Secretary to Trustees, Moran's Office, North'd Co. N. B. TEACHER WANTED. 1st or 2nd class teacher, for District No. 6, North Eck, Cuny Corner. Apply stating salary, to ALLAN TOZER, Secretary. WANTED. Competent brick layers at once. In applying please advise when you can report for work. BATHURST LUMBER CO. LTD. Pulp & Paper Division Bathurst, N. S. BOARDERS WANTED. Wanted three or four Gentleman Boarders. 5241. MRS. MacMICHAEL

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SUNNY CORNER

Miss Stella Mullin, P. N. S., Fredericton, is spending her vacation at her home here. Miss Frances Nowlan, Nelson is visiting the Corner this week. Mr. and Mrs. John Jardine and family, spent Xmas day with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Hubert McAllister were the guests of the latter's mother, Monday and Tuesday. Miss Marjorie Mathews paid a flying visit to friends and relatives Xmas day. The Misses Villa and Mary Nolan have returned from Trout Brook for a few holidays. Miss R. Tozer was in town Thursday.

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CHATHAM

Pipe Major W. H. Ross of the 236th Klitties Battalion, was presented by Corp. Ferris, on behalf of the members of the Band, with a handsome pipe and tobacco pouch on Thursday last. Sgt. Major Hiram Copp, Asst. Paymaster Blair Bell and Ptes. James McMillan and Alex. Benson, of the Klitties and Pte. Jerry Handley of the 165th were home for the holiday. Miss Mary Clancy, daughter of Mrs. Sarah Clancy, who left New York with the Harvard Unit for Overseas Medical Service, has reached England safely. Charles Trear was home from Amherst for the holiday. Miss Josephine Curran has gone to Boston to spend the winter.

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BLISSFIELD

Santa Claus has visited our city once more. We were all very glad to see him. A concert and Xmas tree was held in the Blissfield school house Friday night and Santa Claus brought a numerous supply of chocolates. Miss Lillian Morchouse passed through Wednesday selling breath perfume. Mr. T. A. Hurley is visiting his old home after an absence of three years in the west. T. A. thinks Miramichi is good enough. Messrs Eveslock Gilks and Guy Dunlop and Miss Bessie Gilks, spent the evening with Mr. Miles Maroney. Music was the order of the evening. Miss Jennie Mersereau has arrived home from the great west and taken up her old position as school teacher. Miss Frances Bamford is spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. Ernest Mersereau. Mrs. Edward Hogan spent Sunday with Mrs. Ronald Hurley. Messrs. Plem and Mersereau passed through here one day last week en route to Blackville. Miss Laura Maroney spent the week-end in Boiestown. Mr. Fred Maroney spent Tuesday in Newcastle. Miss Ina Maroney spent Thursday in Derby, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Geo Hogan.

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ROGERSVILLE

Last Friday we had a heavy rain followed by high wind and severe cold, which made the roads very good for Christmas. Mr. Mark Arseneau left here last Friday for Bamford, where he will spend part of the winter with his boys who are living there. Mr. Stevens our station agent, went to Montreal last Saturday to meet his daughter, who was at Victoria Hospital to undergo an operation. They both returned here Tuesday morning. We are sorry to say that Mrs.

Our new nurse, Miss Mildred Brown is kept rather busy. The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Norrad was taken ill on Friday evening and Miss Brown was in attendance. Mr. Wm. A. Brown's condition is somewhat improved this week. Mr. and Mrs. John A. Whalen spent Xmas with Mrs. E. J. Norrad. Mr. and Mrs. Justus Carroll were enjoying a drive on Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Black of Holtville drove to this place on Monday. Church Services. Following are appointments for the following week by Methodist pastor and assistant: Dec. 31st—Upper Hayesville, 11 a. m.; Hayesville, 11 a. m.; Bloomfield, 3 p. m.; Parkers Ridge, 3 p. m.; Avery Portage, 7 p. m.; Boiestown at 7 p. m. A summer camp for New Brunswick boys will be held at Chipman next July 14 to 28. The contingent will be \$10 each. Rev. Gilbert Earle is president of the managing committee. Because of scarcity of cars, the British Farming Special which was to have left Fredericton on January 3rd on a trip over the C. P. B. line in N. B. has been cancelled, but it is planned to have the train visit the farming communities early next summer. Last week's recruits in N. B. numbered 25—St. John's, 2; Restigouche, 4; Westmorland and Carleton 3 each; York, Victoria, Charlotte and Northumberland, 2 each; Queensbury, 1.

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THE CAPTURE OF GERMANS IN THE SOMME OFFENSIVE



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New Brunswick Leads in Land Settlement Plans

Old Country People much Interested in Attractive Scheme Explained by Hon. J. A. Murray

(By J. Savon Mills in the London Chronicle of December 6th) New Brunswick, one of the smallest provinces under the Dominion of Canada, is first in the field with a definite plan of land settlement...

How the Scheme Works Setting to work at once, the Provincial Government established an Advisory Settlement Board, which was soon about the country looking for the land most suitable for the purpose...

The N. B. Government is prepared to subsidize the purchase of land in the Dominion...

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PROVINCIAL PARAPHS

The month preceding the last year, the Provincial Government has given 700 acres of land to 1200 settlers...

Some men spend half their time in seeking advice, and the other half in dodging the consequences thereof...

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"Where" was the instant question. Old Kirby stretched out his hands. "Don't ask me," he said, "he'd just gone. I ain't never seed or heard of him since. Poor little Louise Rosser, she did have a hard time."

"Yes," said End, "but I think the man had a harder time than she. He loved her."

"It looked like it," answered Kirby. "If you had seen him, his romanza his anguish, his horror," said Mattland. "You wouldn't have had any doubt about it. But it is getting late in the mountains everybody gets up at daybreak. Your sleeping bags are in the tents, ladies; time to go to bed."

As the party broke up, old Kirby rose slowly to his feet. He looked meaningfully toward the young woman upon whom the spell of the tragedy still lingered. He nodded toward the young brook, and then repeated his speaking glance at her. His meaning was patent, although she else had seen the covert invitation.

"Come Kirby," said the girl in quick response, "you shall be my escort. I want a drink before I turn in. No, never mind," she said, as Bradshaw and Phillips both volunteered, "not this time."

The old frontiersman and the young girl strolled off together. They stopped by the brink of the rushing torrent a few yards away. The noise that it made drowned the low tones of their voices and kept the others busy preparing to retire, from hearing what they said.

"That ain't quite all the story, Miss End," said the old trapper meaningly. "There was another man."

"What?" exclaimed the girl.

"Oh, there was nothin' wrong with Louise Rosser," he said. "I was with her when she was a young girl. I suspected it afore, that's why she was sad. When we found her body I knowed it."

"I don't understand," said Kirby. He drew out from his rough hunting coat a package of sealed letters; they were carefully enclosed in an oil skin and tied with a faded ribbon. "You see," he continued, holding them in his hand yet carefully concealing them from the people at the fire. "When she fell off the cliff—somehow the mule lost his footin', nobody never knowed how, leastways the mule was dead 'n' the critter—she struck on a spur or shelf about a hundred feet below the brink; evidently she was carryin' the letters in her dress. Her bosom was frightfully torn open 'n' the letters was lyin' there. Newbold didn't see 'em, because he went down into the canon 'n' came up to the shelf, or butte head, where the body was lyin'; but we dropped down. I was the first man down 'n' I got 'em. Nobody else seen 'em, 'n' there ain't no human eyes, not even my wife's, that's ever looked on 'em letters, except mine and now yours."

"You are going to give them to me?"

"I am," said Kirby.

"But why?"

"I rather guess them letters'll tell," answered the old man evasively, "an' I like you, and I don't want to see you throwed away."

"What do you mean?" asked the girl curiously, thrilling to the solemnity of the moment, the seriousness, the kind affection of the old frontiersman, the wild scene, the fire light, the tens gleaming ghostlike, the black wall of the canon and the tops of the mountain range broadening out beneath the stars in the clear sky where they twinkled above her head, the strange and terrible story, and now the letters in her hand, which somehow seemed to be imbued with human feeling. Kirby patted her on the shoulder.

"Read the letters," he said; "they'll tell the story. Good night."

## CHAPTER IV.

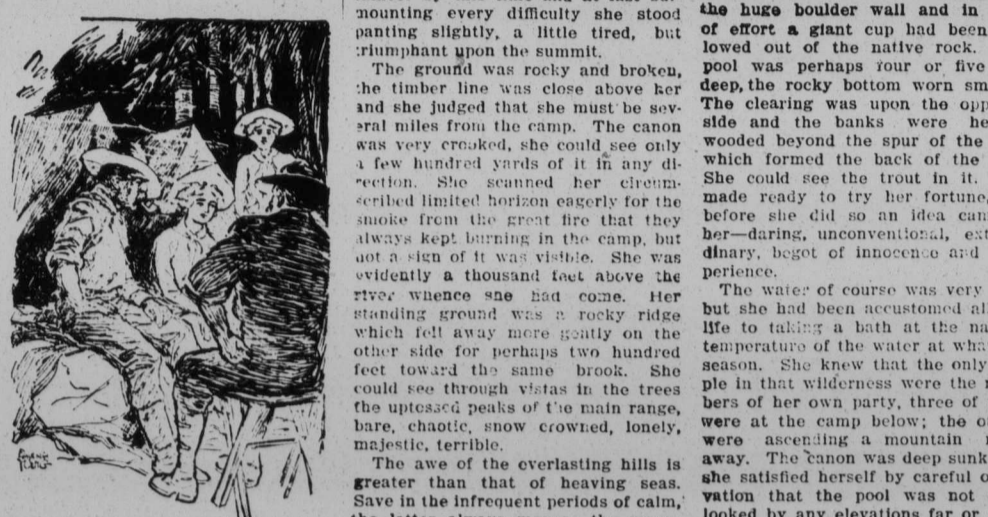
The Pool and the Water Sprites. Long after the others in the camp had sunk into the profound slumber of weary bodies and good consciences, a solitary candle in the small tent occupied by End Mattland alone gave evidence that she was busy over the letters which Kirby had handed to her.

It was a very thoughtful girl indeed who confronted the old frontiersman the next morning. At the first

mountains, the more experienced men thought, still it was wise for the girl always to have a weapon in readiness, so in her journeyings, either the Winchester was slung from her shoulder or carried in her hand, or else the Colt dangled at her hip. At first she took both, but finally it was with reluctance that she could be persuaded to take either. Nothing had ever happened. Save for a few birds and then she had seemed the only tenant of the wilderness of her choice.

One night after a camping experience of nearly two weeks in the mountains and just before the time of breaking up and going back to civilization, she announced that early the next morning she was going down the canon for a day's fishing excursion.

Some of the party had ever followed the trout river very far, and it was known that some ten miles below the stream merged in a lovely gem-like lake in a sort of crater in the mountains. From thence by a series of water falls descended through the foothills to the distant plains beyond. The others had arranged to climb one especially dangerous and ambitious protruding peak which towered above them and which they



"It Was In These Very Mountains," Said Robert Mattland.

ered above them and which had never been ascended before, as far as they knew. End enjoyed mountain climbing. She liked the uplift in feeling that came from going higher and higher till some great was gained, but on this occasion they urged her to accompany them in vain.

When the day of her decision was established she had a number of offers to accompany her, but declined them all, bidding the others go their way. Mrs. Mattland, who was not feeling very well, old Kirby, who had climbed to many mountains before, and much interest in that game, and Pete the horse wrangler, who had to look after the stock, remained in camp; the others with the exception of End started at daybreak for their long ascent. She waited until the sun was about an hour high and then bade good-bye to the three and began the descent of the canon. Traveling light, she was going far—farther, indeed, than she knew—the left her Winchester at home, but carried the revolver with the fishing tackle and substantial luncheon.

Now the river—a river by courtesy only—and the canon turned sharply back on themselves just beyond the little meadow where the camp was pitched. Past the tents that had been their home for this joyous period the river ran due east for a hundred feet, after which it curved sharply, doubled back and flowed westward for several miles before it again swung around to the east on its proper course again.

It had been End's purpose to cut across the hills and strike the river where it turned eastward once more, avoiding the long detour back. In fact, she had declared her intention of doing that to Kirby and he had given her careful directions so that she should not get lost in the mountains.

But she had plenty of time and no excuse or reason for saving it, she never tired of the charm of the canon; therefore, instead of plunging directly over the spur of the range, she followed the familiar trail and after she had passed westward far beyond the limits of the camp to the turning, she decided, in accordance with that utterly irresponsible thing, a woman's will, that she would not go down the canon that day after all, but that she would cross back over the range and strike the river a few miles above the camp and go up the canon.

She had been up in that direction a few times, but only for a short distance, as the ascent above the camp was very steep, in fact for a mile more than a mile the brook was only a succession of water fall; the best fishing was below the camp and the finest woods were deeper in the canon. She suddenly concluded that she would like to see what was up in that unexplored section of the country and so, with scarcely a momentary hesitation, she abandoned her former plan and began the ascent of the range.

Upon decisions so lightly taken what momentous consequences depend? Whether she should go up the stream or down the stream, whether she should follow the rivulet to its source or descend it to its mouth, was apparently a matter of little moment, yet her whole life turned absolutely upon that decision. The idle and unconsidered choice of the hour was fraught with gravest possibilities. Had that election been made with any suspicion, with any foreknowledge, had it come as the result of careful reasoning or far-seeing of probabilities, it might have been understandable, but an impulse, a whim, the vagrant idea of an idle hour, the careless chance of a moment, and behold! a life is changed. On one side were youth and innocence, freedom and happiness, a happy day, a good rest by the cheerful fire at night; on the other, peril of life, struggle, love, jealousy, self sacrifice, devotion, suffering, knowledge—secretly. Eye herself when she stood up in hand with ignorance and pleasure around her and enlightenment and sorrow before her, had greater choice to make.

How fortunate we are that the future is veiled, that the realists



The Girl Stood as It Were on the Roof of the World.

ing master hand. Caught up as it were into the heavens, her soul leaped to meet its maker. Thinking to find the helix out on the heaven kissing him. How long she stayed she did not realize; she took no note of time; it did not occur to her even to look at the watch on her wrist, she had swept the helix out, off as it were by the peaks when first she came, and when at last she turned away—even diviner moments must have an end—she looked not backward. She saw not a

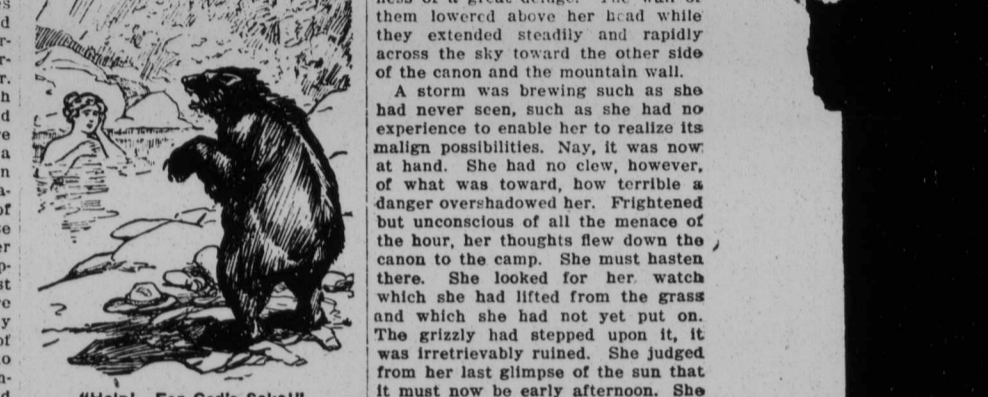
otherwise she stood motionless and apprehensive, awfully expectant. She had made no sound, and save for that low growl the great bear had been equally silent. There was an awful fixity in the gaze she turned upon him and he wavered under it. It annoyed him. It bespoke a little of the dominance of the human. But she was too surprised, too unnerved, too desperately frightened to put forth the full power of mind over matter. There was piteous appeal in her gaze. The bear realized this and mastered her sufficiently.

She did not know whether she was in the water or in the air; there were but two points upon which her consciousness was focussed in the vast ellipse of her imagination. Another moment or two and all coherency of thought would be gone. The grizzly still unsettled and uneasy before her awful glance, but not deterred by it, turned its great head sideways a little to escape the direct immobile stare brought his sharp clawed foot down heavily and lurched forward.

Scarcely had a minute elapsed in which all this happened. That huge threatening heave of the great body toward her relieved the tension. She found voice at last. Although it was absolutely futile, she realized as she cried, her released lips framed the loud appeal.

"Help! for God's sake!" Although she knew she cried but to the deaf walls of the canon, the distant heaven, the appeal went forth accompanied by the mightiest conjuration known to man.

"For God's sake, help!" How dire poor humanity so plead, the doubtless cried. What is it to God if one suffers, another bleeds, another dies? What answer could come out of that silent sky? Sometimes the Lord speaks with the loud voice of men's



"Help! For God's Sake!"

fashioning, instead of in that still whisper which is his own, and the sound of which we fall to catch because of our own ignoble babble.

The answer to her prayer came with a roar in her nervous frightened ear like a clap of thunder. Ere the first echo of it died away, it was succeeded by another and another and another, echoing, rolling, reverberating among the rocks in ever diminishing but long drawn out peals.

On the instant the bear rose to his feet, as if an imaginary enemy with his weighty paws, a hoarse, frightful, guttural roar burst from his red slavering jaws; then he lurched side ways and fell forward, fighting the air madly for a moment, and lay still.

With staring eyes that missed no detail, she saw that the brute had been shot in the head and shoulder three times and that he was apparently dead. The revulsion that came over her was bewildering; she swayed again, this time not from the thrust of the water, but with sick faintness. The tension suddenly taken off, unstrung, the loose bow of her spirit quivered helplessly; the arrow of her life almost fell into the stream.

And then a new and more appalling terror swept over her. Some man had fired that shot. Actaeon had spied upon Diana. With this sudden revelation of her shame, the red blood beat to the white surface in spite of the chill water. The anguish of that moment was greater than before. She could be killed, torn to pieces, devoured, that was a small thing, but that she should be so outraged in her modesty was unendurable. She wished the hunter had not come. She sunk lower in the water for a moment faintly in its crystal clarity and realized as she did, how frightfully cold she was. Yet, although she froze where she was and perished with cold, she could not get out on the bank to least warning of his approach, and the very reality, since the huge monster had fallen a dead heap on her clothes.

New all this, although it takes minutes to tell, had happened in but a few seconds. Seconds sometimes include hours, even a lifetime, in their brief composition. She thought it would be just as well for her to sink down and die in the water, when a sudden splashing below her caused her to look down the stream.

She was so agitated that she could make out little except that there was a man crossing below her and making directly toward the body of the bear. He was a tall black bearded man, she saw he carried a rifle, he looked neither to the right nor to the left, he did not bestow a glance upon her, she could have cried aloud in thanksgiving for his apparent obliviousness to her as she crouched now neck deep in the beaming cold. The man stepped on the bank, shook himself like a great dog might have done and marched over to the bear. He uprooted a small nearby pine, with the ease of a Hercules—and she had time to mark and marvel at it in spite of everything—and then with that as a lever he unceremoniously and easily heaved the body of the monster from off her clothing. She was to learn later what a feat of strength it was to move that inert carcass weighing much more than half a ton.

Thereafter he dropped the pine tree by the side of the dead grizzly and without a backward look tramped swiftly and steadily up the canon through the trees, turning at the point of it and was instantly lost to sight.

about her caused her to sway restlessly.

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## PERSONALS

Miss Althea Kelly spent the holiday at her home in Fredericton.

Mrs. Julia Foley and son Gerald, spent Christmas in Chatham.

Miss Audrey Anderson of Burnt Church is home for the holidays from Fredericton Business College.

Miss Eloise LeBlanc of Campbellton, spent Xmas at her home here.

Roy Saunders of Newcastle was at Queen Hotel, Fredericton, Fri.

Mr. Howard Underhill spent the day with his parents in Black.

Mrs. Inez and Marguerite Copp, Beale Jeffrey spent Xmas in Chatham.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Underhill spent Xmas with friends in Underhill.

Miss Addie Parker of Fredericton, spent Xmas with her parents in Millerton.

Charles McLaughlin, manager of the McLaughlin garage spent Xmas in Chatham.

Dr. and Mrs. J. D. MacMillan spent Xmas with Dr. McMillan's parents at New Mills.

Mrs. A. E. Shaw spent Monday and Tuesday with relatives in Loggieville.

Miss Ida Irving of St. John, spent Xmas with her father, Deputy Sheriff Irving.

Mrs. Robt. Bell has gone to Toronto to visit her daughter, Miss Merle Bell.

Edwin A. Stuart was the guest of A. E. Shaw, Ferry Road, several days this week.

Misses Laura and Lillian McGrath of Chatham, spent Wednesday with relatives in town.

Miss Muriel Atcheson of the Normal School, is spending the holiday at her home here.

Misses Kathleen Benn and Myrtle Kirkpatrick of Douglastown, are home from Normal School.

Prof. Clarence Jones of the Field Ambulance Corps, St. John, is among the holiday visitors in town.

Miss Gertrude Vickers of Lynn, Mass., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Vickers.

Ray Dolan of Nelson, a student at the Medical College, Kingston, Ont., is home for the holidays.

Miss Emma Dolano who has been in St. Stephen for the past few months, has returned home.

Osborne N. Brown of N.W. Glasgow, N. S., spent Xmas with his mother, Mrs. George Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas V. Tozer of Campbellton spent the holiday with the latter's mother, Mrs. Caie.

Miss Kathleen Moore of the Royal Bank staff, is spending the vacation with her parents in Sydney, C. B.

Miss Jean Grogan of Hardwicke returned from St. John Business College for the Christmas vacation.

Mr. J. H. Drumrie, teacher of Grade VIII in Harkins Academy, is spending his vacation at his home in St. John.

Harold and Everett Dolan of Nelson and Gerald Foley of Newcastle, are home from St. Francis Xavier College.

Miss May Murphy of Shives Athol, spent the Xmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Murphy here.

Miss Maud Hill is home from her school at Underhill, spending the vacation with her mother, Mrs. Thomas Hill.

Pte. Percy Williamson, who is receiving treatment at the hospital in St. John, is spending the holidays with his mother here.

Hector and Miss Rennie McQuarrie of Moncton, spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McQuarrie.

Miss Gertrude Clarke, a teacher in Montreal, is spending the vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Clarke.

Miss Olive Williamson returned on Thursday from a several weeks visit to friends in Moncton. She is much improved in health.

Sapper Arthur Clarke of the Royal Canadian Engineers, Halifax, spent Christmas with his parents, Ex-Aid, and Mrs. Thomas A. Clarke.

Sergt. J. Collings and his niece of St. John, spent the Christmas holidays, the guest of the former's sister Mrs. David D. Trevois, Douglasfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Williams and family of Nelson, left last week for Oconto, Wisconsin, where they will reside in future.

Misses Kathleen Benn and Myrtle Kirkpatrick of Douglastown, returned from Normal School Thursday night for the fortnight's vacation.

Miss Grace McCarron of the Department of Public Works, Fredericton, is spending the vacation with her parents, Dispatcher and Mrs. McCarron.

Pte. Henderson Johnston of the Signal Corps, C. E. F., Ottawa, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Johnston, Rushdale Farm, Chatham Head.

F. E. Ives, travelling passenger agent of the Grand Trunk railway, and Mrs. Ives, of Montreal, spent the holiday with the latter's mother, Mrs. W. F. Copp.

Ptes. Harvey Waye and Earl Newman of the 236th N. B. Kilties, Fredericton, spent the Xmas vacation at their respective homes in Wayerton and Derby.

Among teachers home for the holiday are David Gulliver of Douglastown from Nashwaakias, and Miss Iris Howe of Nordia from Williamstown.

Miss Marion Rundle, Wm. Creaghan and Cecil McWilliam, are home from U. N. B. for the Xmas vacation, and Carrol G. Dolan of Nelson, from St. Thomas' College.

Miss Nan Corbett of Moncton spent the holiday at her home here.

Mr. Brotherson of Montreal spent Xmas with Newcastle friends.

Mr. Daniel Donavon of Moncton spent the holiday at his home here.

Miss May O'Shaughnessy returned last week from her visit to Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Metcalfe spent Xmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Allan.

Miss Doris Buckley of St. Mary's Academy is spending the holidays with her parents in Harcourt.

Misses Sadie and Clara Bernard spent Christmas in Moncton with their sister, Mrs. Jas. McCagerty.

Messrs Francis Dolan and James McNeil of Calgary, are spending a short vacation with Miramichi friends.

Mr. and Mrs. William McKenzie of Athurst spent Xmas with the former's brother, Thomas McKenzie of Nelson.

Orty Bailey and his daughter, Miss Marion, of Moncton, spent Xmas with his mother, Mrs. Benjamin Bailey, here.

Sergt. Major H. A. Copp of the 23rd Batt., Mrs. Copp and Mrs. J. W. D. Eann of Chatham, spent Wednesday with Newcastle friends.

Harold K. bare, student at the Agricultural College, Truro, N. S., is spending his Xmas holidays with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Rice at St. Andrew's Rectory.

Mrs. H. H. Stuart returned home yesterday afternoon after a three week's treatment at the Miramichi Hospital. She is much improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Ferguson of Rexton spent Christmas with their son John at Sussex, and came to Newcastle today to visit Mrs. Ferguson's son, Douglas Wood.

Miss Dora Flett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Flett of Millerton, who is a nurse in training at the Semerville Hospital, Somerville, Mass., has been appointed night supervisor in that institution.

Among the members of the 242nd Forestry Battalion, all of whom safely arrived in England, were: Ex-Aid J. M. Falconer and Frank Quinn, well known here. They are at Bramshott Camp.

Edward Sobey of Edmonton, Alberta, a former resident of Maple Glen, returned last week to the North Shore after an absence of twenty years, to visit his daughter, Miss Hazel Sobey of Newcastle.

Russell McCurdy, formerly of the Royal Bank Staff here but now a student at Acadia Coleriate Academy, Wolfville, N. S., is spending his vacation with his parents at the Menne, Redbank. He is taking the regular business course, in which he led his class, and also the course in stenography.

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### LOCAL NEWS

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**INSTALLATION OF MASONIC OFFICERS**  
The officers of Northumberland Lodge No. 17 A F & A M, were installed last evening by Past Master A. L. Kerr.

**NEW YEAR'S CHURCH SERVICE**  
Service will be held in St. Andrew's church, Newcastle, on Monday, New Year's morning, at 11 o'clock.

**PRESENTATION TO MRS. DESMOND**  
The members of the First Aid class on Christmas Eve presented Mrs. (Dr.) F. J. Desmond with a handsome cut glass bowl, in recognition of her services to the class.

**MR. HUTCHISON BETTER**  
Mr. Ernest Hutchison who has been ill with pneumonia some time, rested easily last night and is better today. Mrs. Hutchison has returned from Winnipeg, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. H. G. Moncrieff, whom she had been visiting for some time.

**THE PATRIOTIC FRUIT CAKE**  
The drawing for the Patriotic Fruit Cake was made by Ex-Mayor C. J. Morrissey in the Opera House last Thursday night. The winner was Master Willie Miller. One fourth of the receipts of the Opera House that night was donated to the Patriotic Fund.

### BAPTIST SERVICES

**NEXT SUNDAY**  
Next Sunday morning, Rev. Mr. Gray's subject will be "Life—a story," and in the evening "The Reverend Signal Fire."

**INSPECTION OF THE SOLDIERS**  
Lt. Col. C. J. Mersereau, Acting Chief of Staff for the Maritime Provinces, officially inspected the 12th Battery yesterday, and the men of the Wireless yesterday afternoon and today. Quarters and equipment administration and training was all under review. The men made a very good showing. The Battery is ready for overseas.

**FOR CHILDREN'S AID**  
One of the items on the program for the regular monthly meeting of the Newcastle Town Improvement League at its next meeting on Thursday evening, January 11th, will be the organization of a Children's Aid Society for Newcastle—an institution much needed.

**L. O. L. OFFICERS FOR 1917**  
No. 47, L. O. L. has elected following officers for 1917:

W. M.—H. H. Stuart  
D. M.—Clifford Macdonald  
Chap.—Thomas A. Clarke  
Rec.—Sec.—Harry A. Taylor  
Fin. Sec.—Wm. Corbett  
Treas.—John Williamson  
D. of C.—W. A. Touche  
Lecturer—James Balzley  
Sonsor Committee—Peter Ahearn  
Committee—Daniel Macdonald Wm. Shaw, Clifford Allison, J. Robinson  
Allison The officers will be installed New Years night.

### News of the War Day by Day

#### SUCCEEDS GENERAL JOFFRE



General Nivelle, defender of Verdun is the new commander of the great armies of France. He was commander of the French troops at Verdun. The official announcement of his appointment says it is the first step toward the reorganization of the higher command.

Dec. 22nd  
London—El Arish, 90 miles east of the Suez Canal, was captured yesterday by the British. El Arish is a fortified town of Egypt, in the Mediterranean near the frontier of Palestine. It was seized by the Turks in 1914 and had been held by them ever since.

Dec. 25  
London—British forces have captured Maghadah, a Turkish fortress in Asiatic Egypt, 20 miles south east of El Arish, taking some 1350 prisoners, two guns and much war material.

London—Western Canadian troops out on rest, raided the German trenches temporarily putting a whole battalion out of action. They killed about 150 Germans, and captured 59 escaping themselves with slight loss.

Dec. 26  
With the British armies in France, Dec. 26—So far as fighting is concerned Xmas Eve in no wise differed from the preceding night. The fighting continued in precisely the same way. German efforts to

fraternize were discouraged by grenades and trench mortars. On one occasion the Saxons in an opposite trench lifted up over their parapet a Xmas tree, and as the Tommies facing it remarked, "we hung oranges, apples and bon bons on it." Or in other words, they deluged it with grenades. It was observable that the experiment was not repeated.

Berlin—Germany, Austro-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey, have today replied to the notes of President Wilson, in which he asked that the belligerent nations state the aims for which they were fighting. They make the proposal that a conference of the delegates of all the belligerents be held immediately in a neutral country. The task of preventing future wars, the official statement says, can be begun only after the end of the present.

Rome—Several enemy ships attacked Italian patrol vessels in the Strait of Otranto on the night of the 23rd. French and Italian warships came to the rescue, and the enemy fled under cover of darkness. Two French destroyers and one patrol boat were slightly damaged.

**QUITS COLLEGE TO SERVE COUNTRY**  
Kenneth Bailey, of Edmonton, Alberta, is visiting his aunt, Mrs. John Williamson. Mr. Bailey, whose home was in St. Stephen, went west three years ago to teach school and lately has been attending the University of Alberta, at Edmonton. It is his intention now to go overseas, and he will accordingly go to St. John within a few days to enlist in the artillery.

**ICE RACES NEAR**  
Horse races on Miramichi ice appear to be near at hand. The ice is now said to be about six inches thick. This afternoon some of Newcastle's crack speed horses were exercised on the river and capered from shore to shore for some time. With seasonable weather racing is expected to begin within a few days. There are some good horses in town and the sport will provide some real excitement.

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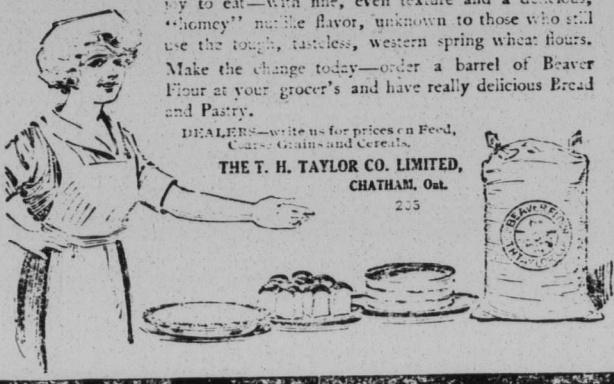
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## Farm Settlement Board Alive to Opportunities

### Secretary James Gilchrist Speaks Optimistically of Agricultural Possibilities in New Brunswick—Busy Year Ahead of Farm Settlement Board.

The Farm Settlement Board of New Brunswick, which has already done much to revive and stimulate interest in farming in the province, is planning a still more vigorous campaign during this year and special efforts will be made in 1917 to place the agricultural advantages of the province before prospective settlers from the British Isles. Hon. J. A. Hursey, Minister of Agriculture, has been long in the old country for several weeks preparing the way there for the campaign which will be launched shortly, for the purpose of enlightening the people of the mother country in regard to the possibilities of New Brunswick for farming. He has been very favorably received and has secured a great deal of publicity for the province.

Secretary James Gilchrist of the Farm Settlement Board, in an interview a few days ago spoke very optimistically of the work of the Board. "Nine complete reels of moving picture films, showing the agricultural, industrial, educational, religious and social life of the province have been prepared from Montreal. We are planning to have a special exhibit of these pictures on the arrival of my chief, Hon. James A. Murray, from the old country. They will then be widely circulated among the countries of Europe and every effort made to carry out a successful advertising campaign," said Mr. Gilchrist.

Settlers from New Ontario. "I am now engaged on the preparation of my annual report on the activity of the Farm Settlement Board. Despite the conditions that have been prevalent due to the great war crisis, we have enjoyed an average year. We have placed a considerable number of native residents and settlers from the west and the United States on farms in the province and they are doing nicely. Many settlers from New Ontario have come to New Brunswick to locate, taking advantage of the provisions of the Farm Settlement Act, while several have located here, independently of the terms of the act. The western set-

tlers are apparently dissatisfied with conditions existing there. They are able to raise a large amount of farm produce, but the trouble is to find a desirable market.

#### Planning for Active Year

"The Farm Settlement Board is already planning an active year for 1917. Independently of the act, it is the intention to introduce legislation, showing to the settler what can be done along the line. It is hoped to build up typical New Brunswick farms, which will serve as an illustration of the opportunities existing in this province. "To my mind there is a great opportunity in this province for special lines of farming, such as the raising of beans. At the present time nearly all the beans consumed in the province are imported and I am firmly convinced that conditions here are equally as favorable, if not more so than in other parts, for bean raising. Land not suitable for mixed farming or general agricultural purposes could be very well utilized in this direction. What is a fact in connection with the opportunity for bean raising is that it is in connection with onions. Good prices prevail in the market for onions and there is no reason why the New Brunswick farmer should not be getting his share.

#### Poultry and Small Fruits

"Again, there is an unlimited market for poultry in the province, and if the people were assured of an abundant supply, there is no reason why this industry should not see big development. In other directions there are also excellent opportunities. Take the raising of small fruits, why the land along the coast of the Intercolonial Railway from this city to Moncton, is fully fifty per cent. better than the soil in the Annapolis Valley which is considered first class fruit growing land, while the beauty of our land is that it can be secured for a comparatively low figure. We also plan to further encourage bee culture, fruit farming and the raising of fancy vegetables in which direction there is no doubt

### Met Lonely Death in Raging Storm

The lifeless body of Miss Josephine LeBreton was found in the woods alongside the public highway near Derby Junction last Saturday morning by Edward Creanor, coronor of J. P. Donald, N. B. Her death was notified on the discovery at once. After viewing the remains and carefully investigating the circumstances in connection with the case the coronor decided that exposure to the inclement weather prevailing on Friday night was the cause of Miss LeBreton's death.

It appears that Miss LeBreton, who made her home with Mrs. John Wilson at Derby Junction, visited her sister, Mrs. Henry L. Rink Friday evening until about 9:30 o'clock, at which hour she started to return to the Wilson home, about a quarter of a mile distant. A wind and rain storm was raging at the time. Miss LeBreton carried a lantern to light her way, but this was found extinguished at some distance from the body, although it was found in the woods. It was blown out by the wind, but the slipper which she was wearing and the lantern were found near the body. The coronor, Mr. Donald, is of the opinion that the death was caused by exposure to the weather. The body was found in a shallow ditch, and the coronor is of the opinion that the death was caused by exposure to the weather. The coronor, Mr. Donald, is of the opinion that the death was caused by exposure to the weather.

#### FOR BETTER GAME PROTECTION

The New Brunswick Game Association is to make a report to the provincial government for the appointment of a commission to insure a better protection of game in this province. The proposed commission would be composed of three members, two from the Legislature and one from the Game Association. The report is to be presented to the provincial government at the annual meeting in Fredericton last week, and that the entire enforcement of the game law be handed over to the commission, who will be empowered to enforce all game laws and to handle all matters pertaining to big game hunting in New Brunswick. It has been pointed out that much of the game is killed on the coast, and the game law is not strictly enforced. The commission will be empowered to enforce all game laws and to handle all matters pertaining to big game hunting in New Brunswick.

#### NO MORE LIQUOR FOR CANADIAN SOLDIERS

The Secretary of War has written Mr. S. R. Wright of London, Ont., president of the Dominion W. C. T. U., as follows—"I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter and in reply to inform you that rum is only issued to the troops under the strictest supervision and when considered necessary by the General Officer Commanding, and this only through the recommendation of the medical officer.

Rev. Dr. T. Albert Moore, Secretary of the Army and Navy Board of the Methodist church, speaking of the letter from the war office said: "This is certainly better than the indiscriminate handing out of the rum ration. Let us hope that the General Officer Commanding may have the views of Mr. Wright or a Roberts, and the medical officer, the scientific knowledge of a Sir Victor Horsley as to effect of intoxicants upon the efficiency, the courage and the endurance of the soldiers.

New Brunswick has great possibilities. On a recent visit to Westmorland county Mr. Gilchrist and his party were forced to walk over twelve miles in a heavy snow storm, and it has been deemed expedient to discontinue inspection of farm lands until conditions are more favorable for the work.

### NATIONAL SERVICE WEEK

#### Every Man in Canada Will Have a Card to Fill Out

National Service Week is drawing very near and the fact that the first week of the New Year bears that title is something in which everyone in Canada has an interest. The man interested because it is obligatory upon each of them, between the ages of 16 and 65 years, to fill out one of the cards which the Government is sending to them through the Post Office authorities. The women are interested because their cooperation is being invited, in seeing that their men-folk attend to this important duty. The children are interested because their school teachers have explained to them the meaning of National Service and the way in which father and the big brothers at home have to reply to the various questions.

To write in the answers and return the card promptly is a good New Year's resolution for every man throughout the Dominion and it has the advantage of being easy of fulfillment. It only means a few minutes' careful thought.

National Service means that we are to get into that frame of mind which will cause us to think of the good of the country, to realize that we are citizens of the State and of the Empire, and to be prepared to do our share in the maintenance of the law. The duty of every citizen of the British Empire is to do his share in the maintenance of the law.

There are many ways of serving the nation besides going to the front. The man on the farm and the mechanic in a workshop may be serving the nation as usefully as the man in the trenches. Every man should be doing the work which represents his most efficient service to his country.

The war is teaching us, or should be teaching us, great lessons. Terrible as are its effects, those who have faith in Canadian manhood hope and believe that the nation will emerge from this experience a stronger and a better people. If the meaning of National Service is thoroughly grasped and properly understood, if the Government's call for information is responded to in the right spirit, the coming year will be the banner year in Canada's history.

### SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST LAND REGULATIONS

The sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years old may homestead a quarter-section of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. Applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-Agency for the District. Entry by proxy may be made at any Dominion Lands Agency (but not Sub-Agency), on certain conditions.

Duties—Six months residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 80 acres on certain conditions. A habitable house is required except where residence is performed in the vicinity. Live stock may be substituted for cultivation under certain conditions. In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter-section alongside his homestead. Price \$3.00 per acre.

Duties—Six months residence in each of three years after earning homestead patent; also 50 acres extra cultivation. Pre-emption patent may be obtained as soon as homestead patent, on certain conditions. A settler who has exhausted his homestead right may take a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price \$3.00 per acre. Duties—Must reside six months in each of three years after earning

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### THE APPLE IN CANADA

There were 10,168,157 bushels of apples produced in Canada in 1915, according to the census of the following year. Of this quantity, 6,259,672 bushels were produced in Ontario, 1,666,882 bushels in Nova Scotia, 1,851,229 in Quebec and 377 in British Columbia. New Brunswick produced 272,886 bushels and Prince Edward Island 1,922 bushels. In Ontario production was lower than in its history, but the quality was exceptionally high. The Ontario apple crop was estimated at 6,259,672 bushels. The Ontario apple crop was estimated at 6,259,672 bushels. The Ontario apple crop was estimated at 6,259,672 bushels.

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GENERAL NEWS

Some 12,000 employees of the C. P. Railway... The new Almanac De Götting's list of mortality fallen in the war includes 188 counts 507 horses and 1,455 loss of animals.

Nordin School Pupils Finish Half Term with Entertainment

The annual examination was held at the Nordin school on Friday afternoon Dec. 22nd with a grand attendance of visitors. The classes were well up on the work of the half term and the pupils very cheerful.

LOCAL NEWS

Among the returned soldiers who came across on S. S. Northland to Halifax were Sergeant William Glasgow, Captain N. J. and Dr. Norman Roberts, Bathurst, N. E.

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EDITORIAL

NATIONAL SERVICE

The federal government has selected in which to begin the active work of its National Service Commission. Next Tuesday the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Mackenzie King, will be in the provinces and will be holding out cards to all the provinces which are ready to begin the work of 18 and over is called for. The above to be appointed are expected to discuss to the government the extent and character of the man power of Canada available to the country. The contribution of each province to the national service will be a matter of the highest importance. The war in which Canada has undertaken to do a nation's share is, we are told by the Empire's leaders, not nearly such in the service in which it must be won for the good of mankind. The struggle requiring the highest degree of earnestness, determination, sacrifice and ardor to let its arms be not by fighting in bloody battle fields alone in victory to come. We are nations and fighting men the simple requirements, the task before Britain and her allies would be far easier than it is to be. These instruments of the Allies must have of course, and in prodigious quantities and numbers.

But it must be remembered that today's perfectly organized and equipped armies, are in no manner self-sustaining. Every day witnesses the expenditure of almost incomprehensible quantities of munitions, the destruction of guns and other material, the consumption of food, clothing and medical supplies and the wastage of men. All these must be replenished and the original stocks even must be augmented. And upon the civilian population devolves the necessity of keeping up the supplies of every kind which are essential to the maintenance of our fighting machine at a degree of efficiency which will bring victory.

Before much further progress is made in the war it will probably be realized generally that every ounce of human energy residing in the allied countries will be required for the production of the multitude of articles which are necessary to the continued prosecution of the war, and to the economic maintenance of the nations themselves. The application of this energy must be made by the governments. Before it can be applied effectively, the extent and quality of this human energy must be ascertained. The present purpose of the Canadian government is to ascertain just how much and what kind of human energy is available in this country. It is the duty of every citizen to assist the authorities in gathering this desired and necessary information. It is the duty of every man to fill out the card he receives, and to ask for one if he should by chance be overlooked in the distribution of the cards.

Supplied with the information which it seeks the government will then be in a position to employ the country's man power in such ways as will be most useful to the Empire in the present crisis. Later on each man will probably be asked to expend his energies in the direction in which they will be of the most value to the Empire.

It should be recognized that National Service is simply individual service to the nation. Industrial and commercial activities along the lines valuable to the nation are quite as much national service as is military duty. While armies are necessary, everybody can not be a soldier. Some must fight while some must labor to produce. Producers are needed as much as are soldiers. Men capable of productive effort can serve their country now by placing themselves at the disposal of the Government to be used as the government thinks it best to use them.

Press reports concerning the visit of Hon. J. A. Murray to the old country, indicate that New Brunswick's Minister of Agriculture has been doing some very effective work in the way of letting people know something about New Brunswick. Hon. Mr. Murray's chief object in going to England was to place the province's land settlement scheme before the people there. The English papers have published columns of comment on the scheme, which everywhere seems to have been received with high favor, and as a result of the Minister's trip across the water it is more than likely that New Brunswick will get a good share of home-seekers from the old country when the war is over. In the meantime the provincial government is going ahead perfecting the details of its farm settlement scheme and will be in a position to provide homes and opportunities for thousands of new comers when they are ready to settle down in this part of

WITH THE ALLIES' COLONIAL TROOPS IN FRANCE



These pictures depict scenes with the Allies' Colonial troops in action somewhere along the western front. In view No. 1 a regiment of Colonial troops is shown on its way to the fighting line. No. 2 shows an African rifleman on guard.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN THE LOCAL CHURCHES

(Continued from page 1)  
Messrs. Famous Godefray (Cher.) Verse 2. Mr. Gray remarked that the simplicity of the typical view of a birth in a stable was a sign of the downfall of the two kingdoms who threatened Judah, so the true Virgin Birth was an essential sign to the downfall of the two European empires of today.  
At the evening service, the subject was the Twin Bethlehem Stories of the Shepherds and the Magi. Rev. Mr. Gray mentioned the results of a letter from his son, Rev. Ernest S. Gray, a chaplain at the front, telling of the splendid line set of fellows there, and of an afternoon's Bible class and evening service he conducted with them.

Special music was rendered at each service by the choir with Mrs. T. A. Scribner organist.  
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At Lower Derby, Sunday afternoon Rev. S. Gray delivered a Xmas sermonette to the young people and a Xmas discourse to the older folks. The church was beautifully decorated by Mr. Volkman and Mr. Capt. Spurgeon Amos with evergreens, flowers and flags. The Misses Lyon sang a Xmas duet with great power. Mr. Volkman accompanied.

Methodist  
Rev. John Squires preached at the morning service, assisted by the pastor, Rev. Dr. C. W. Squires. In the evening Rev. Dr. Squires preached. The special music was as follows: Morning—Arise, Shine, for Thy Light is Core (G. Elvey); and Let us Now Go Even Unto Bethlehem (J. T. Field).  
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On Sunday the Salvation Army held three services—11 a.m. and 3 and 8 p.m. At all of these the local officers, Ensign Dow and Lt. Willard were assisted by Capt. Samuel Capson of St. John.

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BAPTIST SOCIAL HOUR TONIGHT  
In concluding its first sermon tonight, the Baptist Young People's Guild are spending a social hour in Baptist school room, under the presidency of Rev. S. Gray. Miss Gray will sing "The Maple Leaf," and other solos. There will be various recitations and readings with music interspersed, coupled with a light supper. Miss Edith O'Donnell will render various devotional services, and Miss Muriel Scribner will be a companion for the evening.

THE BACON HOG—A GREAT OPPORTUNITY  
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March 31, 1914, Canada's exports of hogs to Britain amounted to 2,200,000 pounds, and for 1914, 14,155,000 pounds. The total value of hogs exported to Britain in 1914 was \$1,100,000, and in 1915 it was \$1,100,000. The total value of hogs exported to Britain in 1916 was \$1,100,000. The total value of hogs exported to Britain in 1917 was \$1,100,000.

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During the last year we have added many new friends to our list of patrons—old friendships too have been renewed and we take this opportunity of wishing you a

# VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR

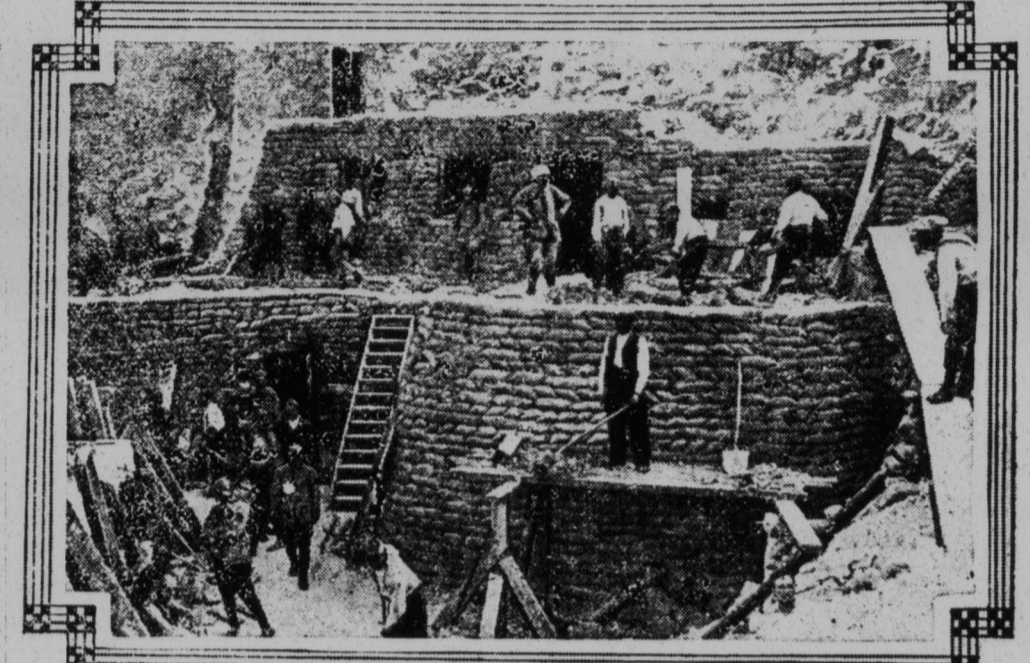
During the last few years prices have advanced, and are still advancing by leaps and bounds. We have done our utmost to protect you against high prices—Already our stock rooms are filled to capacity with goods for the coming year which you can buy then at the old prices.

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The picture shows French troops fortifying one of the French officers' quarters back of the line on the Verdun front, where in battles which raged furiously the noble French soldiers displayed the same grit which has made them famous and respected the world over.

threshes the grain harvested separately so that it will be known how much is harvested from each field. The records just mentioned of the work and crops resulting, together with brief notes made each week, are duly entered on blank forms provided for that purpose. The work of making such notes and entering up the work done in each field does not entail more than one hour's work each month. Each week the farmer mails to the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, a form filled out with full particulars as to the work done, general weather conditions and crop progress on the different fields. The farmer permits to be placed in front of each field a sign stating briefly the method of preparing the land for the crop thereon, or the treatment given the plot that year.

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for her three young children—a total of \$500 a year until the children are grown.

LUMBERING RISK THIS WINTER  
Fully 3000 men are now in the Miramichi woods cutting the logs and hauling them to the streams for transmission to the various mills.

RETURNED SOLDIERS ARRIVE  
The Steamer Metogama with 240 returned soldiers on board, docked in St. John Sunday. One of the men on board was Pte. B. F. Dixon of the 132nd, belonging to Chatham.

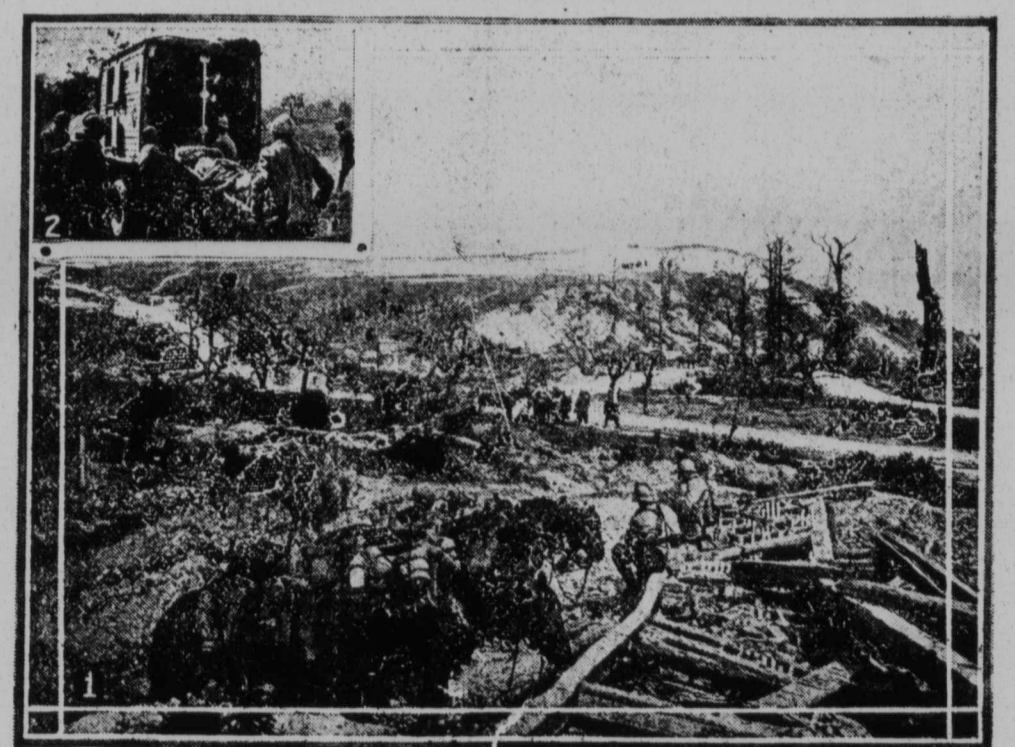
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PICTORIAL EVENTS IN THE SOMME OFFENSIVE



These pictures were taken during the great advance along the Somme, when the Allies made some big gains against the enemy. The large view, which is typical of a territory in the Somme district, shows a scene on the way to Curtil. The small inset at the top shows some of the wounded being taken away from the scene of fighting in motor ambulances.

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THE CAPTURE OF GERMANS IN THE SOMME OFFENSIVE



This little incident is only one of the many which are often of nightly occurrence on the Western Front, says the London Sphere, which writes: "The British have surprised and carried a German trench; some of the enemy are only half awake and unprepared as our men come surging over the parapet. A few offer desperate resistance, but the majority hold up their hands with the usual cry of "Kamerad." A bursting star shell throws its vivid light over the scene as the victors help a wounded German over the parapet. The officer switches on his electric torch and discovers another "Kamerad" lying on the bottom of the trench.

New Brunswick Leads in Land Settlement Plans

Old Country People much Interested in Attractive Scheme Explained by Hon. J. A. Murray

(By J. A. Murray, Hon. Minister of Agriculture, New Brunswick, Dec. 27, 1916.) The Dominion of New Brunswick, one of the smallest in the Dominion of Canada, is in the midst of a land settlement scheme which will help to solve the problem of the landless in the Dominion. The scheme is being carried out by the Dominion Government, and is being carried out in New Brunswick first. The scheme is to settle old country people on the landless in the Dominion. The scheme is to settle old country people on the landless in the Dominion. The scheme is to settle old country people on the landless in the Dominion.

How the Scheme Works Setting to work at once, the Provincial Government established an Advisory Settlement Board, which was soon about the country looking for the land most suitable for the purpose, and in a marvellously short time such land was discovered. Some of us who belong to that very live Empire rendezvous, the Royal Colonial Institute, had a little talk the other day with Hon. J. A. Murray, the very able Minister of Agriculture in New Brunswick, and we heard a good deal about this excellent proposition. The scheme briefly, he said, "is the establishment of community settlements to accommodate one hundred to two hundred and fifty families, depending on the size of the area of suitable land that is available in each locality. Each of these com-

unities will radiate from a central town or village, and will be arranged in a series of small plots, each of which will be suitable for the settlement of a family. The scheme is to settle old country people on the landless in the Dominion. The scheme is to settle old country people on the landless in the Dominion. The scheme is to settle old country people on the landless in the Dominion.

Easy Terms of Payment I gather that the holdings will vary in price from \$700 to \$1,200, but that about five per cent. will be paid down in cash and the rest distributed over, perhaps, 20 annual instalments. These terms should be possible for almost any disbanded soldier at the end of the war. And here is an interesting feature of the

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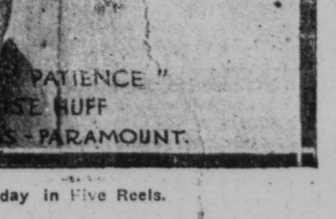
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