

A BRIGHT AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO A HALF MILLION MEN FOR CANADA'S NEW YEAR TO ANOTHER COUNTRY

Premier Borden, in Message from Sick Bed, Announces That Authorized Forces from Dominion Will Be 500,000 in Token of Dominion's Unflinching Resolve to Crown the Justice of our Cause With Victory and an Abiding Peace.

SPECIAL TO THE STANDARD

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 31.—Canada's overseas force is to be increased to half a million men. Sir Robert Borden made this official announcement today. The authorized force at present is 250,000 and will shortly be recruited. There is no dearth of men willing to fight in the Canadian army for the good cause of the Allies, and half a million men will be recruited without much difficulty. This New Year message came from the sick bed of the premier. He is ill with a severe attack of lumbago and grippe. The net figures of recruiting for overseas service to Dec. 15, are 177, and since Dec. 15 about 15,000 have enlisted, making a total of 192,000. There have been sent to Europe and 1,200 to Bermuda and St. John's so that the total force sent overseas is 120,000. About 1,817 have been brought back from Europe. In the firing line in France and Britain today there are upwards of 50,000 Canadians. In the transport these troops in Canada one soldier was accidentally killed, not one yet been lost by water transport. There are now practically no divisions at the front with more than three in England for reinforcements. The following official statement was handed to the press:

MR. BORDEN'S MESSAGE

"More than a twelvemonth ago our empire consecrated all its powers and its supreme endeavor to a great purpose, which concerns the destinies of the world and the destinies of all its nations. It was the dawn of a new year our hearts are more resolute than ever to accomplish that purpose, however formidable it may prove. By the greatness of the need, whatever efforts must be measured. Nowhere is the Canadian spirit more firm and unwavering than among the men who hold the trenches and those who will shortly stand by their side; nowhere is it more undaunted than in the hospitals and convalescent homes.

"Already we have learned the full meaning of sacrifice. To all Canadian homes that have been saddened, to all Canadian hearts that have been stricken by the tragedy of this war, we pray that Divine blessing may bring consolation and healing.

"Much had to be learned during the past fifteen months, because we had not prepared for this war. The strongest assurance of ultimate victory lies in the fact that we were not crushed in learning that hard lessons. Those who forced this war upon us may be assured, by the traditions of our past, that the lesson will be thoroughly learned to the end that there shall be enduring peace. The very character and greatness of the ideals for which we are fighting for bid us not to pause until their triumph is fully assured.

"The Canadian forces at the front have indeed fought a good fight; and they have won the name of Canada with undying laurels. To them and to all the overseas forces now under arms, and awaiting the opportunity to do their part, we send the sure faith that they will never fall in their duty.

"On this, the last day of the year, the authorized forces of Canada number 250,000, and the number enlisted is rapidly approaching that limit.

"From tomorrow, the first day of the New Year, our authorized force will be 500,000.

"This announcement is made in token of Canada's unflinching resolve to crown the justice of our cause with victory and an abiding peace."

OF K. MENTIONED IN CONNECTION WITH CABINET CHANGES

All Members of Government Present at Session Yesterday to Discuss Conscription Question—No Resignations Yet.

HUNGARIAN GOVT PROMOTES CREDIT OF 500 MILLION FRANCS

Used for Military Purposes—Ex-Minister of Foreign Affairs Declares Nation Will Be Defeated.

London, Dec. 31.—All the members of the cabinet attended the meeting today to consider the draft of the bill for compulsory military service, and accordingly there have been no resignations up to the present.

The foreign secretary, Sir Edward Grey, and the war secretary, Earl Balfour, are also mentioned in connection with possible changes in the cabinet, but if several members withdraw it is not clear the government

BERLIN SAYS FRENCH "SUB" HAS BEEN SUNK

Claims the Monge Sent to Bottom by Austrian Fleet in Fight off Durazzo.

Berlin, Dec. 31.—By wireless to Italy.—An official Austrian report, received here today from Vienna, says that the French submarine Monge was sunk on Wednesday by the Austrian flotilla.

The action occurred in the Adriatic, off Durazzo, Albania. The statement follows: "An Austro-Hungarian flotilla consisting of the cruiser Helgoland and five destroyers, on the morning of December 29 destroyed the French submarine Monge. The second officer and fifteen sailors were captured.

The Monge was built in 1909. She was 167 feet long and 323 tons displacement above water. Her complement was 24 men.

London, Dec. 31.—A despatch to Reuters' Telegram Company from Saloniki says: "A Taube aeroplane which flew over Saloniki at midday was driven off by gunfire. The air raids of this week constitute the first overt acts of the enemy since December 12 when the Entente Allies recrossed the frontier. Bombs were dropped this morning on the British lines and encampments, but they did no damage.

The Greek camp just outside the town apparently was mistaken for Entente Allied quarters. A bomb was dropped there and exploded near the divisional general's headquarters, killing one shepherd and four sheep.

The scenes during the air raids have been reminiscent of the Zeppelin visits to London, except that they have occurred in the daytime. The movements of the raiders were closely followed by the populace. As the shells seemed to be getting nearer them, the aviators swerved their machines or dodged or altered their directions. Throughout the air-craft remained at high altitudes, some of them at 9,000 feet. The crowds gathered in the streets cheered when shells burst close to the machines. It is reported that two of the aircraft were hit during the first raid.

The Case Settled

Seven sailors of a Donaldson line steamer who had been charged with breaching a cargo recently, and stealing a quantity of whiskey, were taken from the county jail last night by Detective Barrett and Briggs and placed on board the ship. The charge against the sailors was that they had agreed to pay the damages to the amount of forty dollars and the captain promising to take them on board the ship again.

foreign affairs, is quoted as expressing regret that, as representative of Bulgaria, he had signed the Bucharest treaty after the Balkan wars, under the terms of which part of Macedonia was turned over to Serbia. M. Gheorghiu, who has been known as a sympathizer of Russia and Great Britain, said conditions had been changed by the world war.

"The Bulgarian nation is united," he added.

"We must provide the financial support necessary for the army, which has created a united Bulgaria."

ENGLAND AND FRANCE BOUND TOGETHER BY TIES WHICH HEROISM OF SOLDIERS AND SAILORS HAVE MADE INDISSOLUBLE

London, Dec. 31.—The following telegram to President Poincaré of France, dated January 1, 1916:

"At the commencement of a new year I desire, M. Le Président, to convey my warmest wishes for the well-being and strength necessary to enable you to carry out your duties. Our two countries are united in common with the Allies in the prosecution of a great cause, and it is a source of gratification to me that the two peoples are bound together by the ties of the heroism and sacrifice of our gallant soldiers and our brave sailors.

"I beg you to convey my warmest wishes to the Emperor, and to express my admiration for the heroic qualities of the land and sea forces of France, which have been in the war of such incalculable value and which have secured the independence of this country."

PILES OF BODIES HEARD IN FRONT OF TRENCHES AFTER ATTACK ON BRITISH NEAR KUT-EL-AMARA

London, Dec. 31.—The following of special communication was issued this evening:

"General Townshend reports that on the night of the 29th a village on the right bank of the Tigris river just opposite Kut-El-Amara, which was held by us as a detached post, had been subjected to a heavy rifle fire, on the two previous nights. There was no other firing. He also reports that the enemy asked for a four hours armistice to bury their dead and remove their wounded, who were lying in large numbers in front of the fort which they attacked at Christmas.

"Independent reports confirm that very heavy losses were suffered by the Turks at Ctesiphon during Gen. Townshend's retreat and in the recent attacks on Kut. (Kut-El-Amara). "Our total casualties during the Christmas fighting was seventy-one men killed, including three officers, one missing and 309 wounded. Reinforcements for relieving the column are being steadily pushed up the line."

ALLIES STILL LANDING TROOPS AT SALONIKI

Offensive Against Allies Would Cost Enemy at Least 150,000 Men—Greece Again Protests Against Fortifying Territory Around Saloniki.

Paris, Dec. 31.—The situation at Saloniki as General Edouard Castelnau, chief of the general staff of the French army, is said to view it after visiting the Entente forces at that place, is given by the Rome correspondent of the Journal, as follows: "A person who discussed the situation at Saloniki, with General Castelnau informs me that the general said: "We are at Saloniki and have no intention of leaving. We are waiting for them to attack us, for that they have made up their minds to great sacrifices. I am more than satisfied. I am enthusiastic at the defenses prepared."

"A member of the general's staff declared: 'An offensive at Saloniki would cost the invaders 150,000 men. Anglo-French troops continue to land.'"

Italians in Balkans

Paris, Dec. 31.—The Journal's correspondent at Avtona, Albania, reports under date of Thursday: "The Italians now have a fairly strong contingent here and have sent a regiment to Durazzo. All these troops seem intended for garrison duty, and there is no sign that they are preparing to march toward Macedonia, although an effective blow could be struck at the badly equipped Bulgarian army, which could be taken on the flank."

Leave Macedonia Border.

Rome, Dec. 31.—The Athens correspondent of the Giornale D'Italia confirms the withdrawal of the Austro-German troops from the Macedonian frontier.

Berlin, Dec. 31.—(By wireless to Sayville)—Advises received from

SIR THOS. SHAUGHNESSY RAISED TO THE PEERAGE

C. P. R. President Created Baron, in New Year's List of Honors—Six Others Likewise Honored by His Majesty the King—Wm. Waldorf Astor One of Number.

London, Dec. 31.—Among the honors conferred by King George at the New Year list are the following: Baron William Waldorf Astor, Lord Charles Bessborough, Sir Alexander Henderson, Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, David A. Thomas, and Captain Cecil William Kennedy.

Among those who received baronies are Vice Admiral Sir Frederick C. B. Sturdee, Sir William Goschen, Sir Charles Johnston, and Alfred A. Cook.

Lord Curzon of Kedleston, and the Duke of Devonshire are made Knights of the Order of St. Michael and St. George. Lord Murray is elevated to the rank of Viscount.

Aster Elevation The Big Surprise

The honors announced tonight struck a party of invited guests with the absence of rewards for political and party services and the substitution of recognition of various sorts, for war activities.

There was one notable surprise—the conferring of a peerage on William Waldorf Astor, the wealthy American citizen, who years ago became an expatriate. Another surprise, which is certain to be as popular as it is harmonious with the spirit of the day, is the appointment of William, or Will, as he is better known, Crooks, the Labor leader, to the privy council.

CANADA'S GREETING TO MEN IN TRENCHES WHO ARE FIGHTING HER FIGHT

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—Sir Robert Borden sent the following cable to Sir George Parley, acting high commissioner for the Dominion of Canada in London:

"Please convey the following message to the officers commanding the Canadian Army Corps in France, to the officers commanding the Canadians in England, and to the officers commanding Overseas Canadian Units, if any, not comprised in above:

"On behalf of the Canadian people it is my duty and my privilege to convey to you the season's greetings and their warmest wishes for success and victory in all your enterprises during the coming year.

"All Canada has been inspired by the splendid gallantry and the dauntless spirit of the Canadian forces at the front, and we realize the intense eagerness of those still in England to undertake their part. You are fighting, not only for liberty and civilization, but for the future peace of the world. No nation ever sprang to arms for a greater or nobler cause. In the dawning of the New Year Canada bids you God-speed in firmest confidence that our cause is just, that you will uphold it worthily, and that it will assuredly prevail.

(Sgd.) "BORDEN."

Athens by the Overseas News Agency state that the Greek government has made a second protest against the fortifications of the Allies of the territory surrounding Saloniki.

Battle on Southern Front still raging—German attempts to break through at Novo Alexiniee and take Tarnopol.

Petrograd, via London, Dec. 31.—The battle on the southern front is still the subject of much conjecture. There is little official detail concerning it, and nothing but conflicting rumors from other sources.

"The general staff," says the Reich "draws attention for a third time to the fact that the battle is still continuing from Priepet southward and in Galicia, but at the same time it gives no details. The last German official reports said the Germans had taken the initiative in the offensive at Zaleszyky and the troops were advancing in close formation. Apart from this the news has cropped in of a German attempt to break through the Russian line at Novo Alexiniee and also to take Tarnopol.

"Not waiting for official confirmation of the above we point out the probability of the German concentration in the Galician Volynsky theatre, both at Tarnopol and at Novo Alexiniee, as being of great strategic importance. The Russians' possession of Tarnopol gives them complete control of the chief railways of eastern Galicia, while Novo Alexiniee is the centre of the principal wagon roads.

"The offensive in September in this region was more intense than at the present. At that time the Germans were driven back with great losses."

The Novos Vremya says: "The battle in question is being fought according to a broad general plan. The fighting is equally severe along the whole line. If there is any concentration it is at Tarnopol and Novo Alexiniee."

Some Silhouettes and Lantern Slides of War

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The sheepskin is certainly not smart. It still preserves the shape of the animal. There is a hole for the head, and it is tied round the waist with a piece of string, the fleece, of course, being worn inside.

Vienna Denies.
Vienna, via London, Dec. 31.—The following semi-official statement was issued today:
"The Austrian government denies the story printed in England from Italy that two American bankers had been tried and executed in Gorizia as spies and their entire property confiscated. Inquiry at the southern army headquarters brought the answer that nothing whatever was known of the incident."

TORONTO BANK CLEARINGS.
Toronto, Dec. 31.—Bank clearings for Dec. 1915, \$292,121,048; Dec. 1914, \$154,252,756. Clearings for 1915, \$1,855,956,287; for 1914, \$2,019,955,665; for 1913, \$2,181,281,507, and \$2,170,230,376 in 1912.

ROYALTY OF GREECE AIDING THE POOR
Princess Helena, daughter of King George, is distributing food to the needy families of Greek soldiers.



EIGHT DIE IN EXPLOSION, SEVERAL HURT

Naphtha tank at American Linsed Company's Plant blows up.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Explosion of a naphtha tank at the plant of the American Linsed Company in South Chicago today brought death and injury to a number of employees, jeopardized the lives of men and caused a fire which threatened the destruction of the plant of the company.

Two hours after the explosion the coroner was told by the police at the scene that eight men had been killed and as many more injured. Earlier reports placed the dead at from fifteen to twenty.

The inflammable nature of the products manufactured there made the blaze difficult to fight and time after time the firemen were forced from their stations by dense clouds of smoke.

SOLDIERS' COMFORTS ASSOCIATION MAKE SPECIAL APPEAL

Owing to the urgent constant appeals from our Overseas contingents now in the trench stocks, the above association has decided to hold a "Special Stock Drive" commencing January 3rd, 1916.

Please address all parcels to: Soldiers' Comforts Association, C. P. R. Building, Corner German and Kings, St. John, N. B.

KAISER UNLOADS CARGO OF IRON POLISH SOLDIERS

Several officers and rates decorated by Emperor with Iron Cross for their bravery.

Berlin, Dec. 31.—(By wireless cable)—Emperor William has ordered the Iron Cross on a large number of officers and soldiers of the Polish Volunteers. General Skiski, commander of the Legion, has been named an order of the day, in which the emperor's action is in recognition of the bravery of the volunteers.

In Tropical Countries Liver Chill Very Common

In Northern latitudes also the liver is a very unruly organ and requires careful watching. The concentrated vegetable juice in Dr. Hamilton's Pills act directly upon the liver to stimulate its action to a normal level.

HANDSOME CONTRIBUTION TO PATRIOTIC FUND

The Canadian Patriotic Fund has just secured a very handsome New Year's gift of five thousand dollars from the Paint and White Lead manufacturing firm of Brandram-Henderson, Ltd.

BERNSTORFF CONFERS WITH SEC. LANSING

Discussed Lusitania controversy — Westminster Gazette calls Austrian note cold blooded excuse for Commander's conduct

Washington, Dec. 31.—Count Bernstorff, the German ambassador, called at the State Department today and conferred with Secretary Lansing nearly half an hour.

Secretary Lansing let it be known that he and the German ambassador had discussed the Lusitania controversy, but it was not indicated what had been the result.

EMERGENCY RATES ON GRAIN

To provide for continuance of shipments from Western Provinces to elevators at Montreal and Quebec.

Montreal, Dec. 31.—The government railways, in conjunction with the Grand Trunk system and the Ontario government railway, have established emergency rates on grain with a view of providing for a continuance of grain shipments from the western provinces to elevators at Montreal and Quebec, notwithstanding the congestion in the elevators at Port William.

MISSIONARIES SAFE

Peking, China, Dec. 31.—Chinese troops have reached the missionaries at the Scandinavian Alliance Mission at Falschong, Mongolia. Recent advices were that the mission had been surrounded by bandits.

DR. PRATT, MEDICAL OFFICER F.O.J. ST. JOHN

Dr. Bishop and Curran appointed Special Medical Officers for Recruiting Purposes.

At the meeting of the recruiting committee yesterday Capt. Tilley reported that Dr. C. M. Pratt had been appointed as medical officer for Saint John.

Mrs. Mary Coffey

Mrs. Mary Coffey passed away on the morning of Christmas day, at the home of her daughter, in the West End.

The deceased who was in her 74th year of age, was predeceased by her husband, the late John Coffey, 19 years ago. She was held in very high regard by all who knew her and is survived by one son, the Rev. W. G. Lane, of St. John's, and one daughter, Mrs. J. H. Lane, of St. John's.

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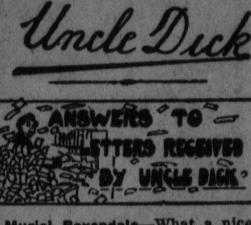
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Mrs. Cochran Tom

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Marian Holt—Thanks for your letter in which I was unable to see you and ink yet?

Basel Gauthier—Yes, your opinion helped towards the success of the treat for the soldiers' kids...

Freda Coles—You got the best of it, but as the writing of the award, try again...

Fannie Bell—You have done well in getting the correct set and your writing is also well...

Annie Wallace—Many thanks for your letter, together with the pencil and the ink...

Mildred J. de Viller—I am glad to hear you are finding the treat for the soldiers' kids...

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A Special Message To St. John Boy Scouts

In today's parade it is particularly important that you all carry yourselves smartly, with head erect, and shoulders back...

By A Scoutmaster. One of the qualifications for a Scoutmaster reads, "Ability to obtain the use of some sort of clubroom for Scout meetings..."

Scout News. The offer made to the Soldiers' Welcome Committee, by the local Boy Scouts Association, to have Boy Scouts on duty whenever a vessel arrives in port with wounded soldiers on board...

Games, Jokes, Etc. Kitchener and the Monocle. Some time ago Kitchener sent for an officer who was in the habit of wearing a monocle...

Things Worth Knowing. "Oxford and Cambridge." Divide the troop into equal numbers, preferably by patrols...

Extracts from The M. Name in Paper Causes. MacAdam. Dear Uncle Dick:—I received my broad sheet. It is very pretty. I got the Christmas presents this year...

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THE OLD AND THE NEW

1915—A Retrospect.
The year which closed at midnight has been fraught with sorrow and joy, each the keener by contrast with the other. The storm of war that burst in August, 1914, has drenched the world with its red rain and there is scarcely a home in all this broad land that has not mourned because of it.

A survey of the war situation on the morning of January 1st, 1916, brings alike satisfaction and disappointment. Some of the projects in-ception by the Allies have proven successful; others have failed.

In point of territorial gains the Teuton enemies occupy today more country than was the case a year ago, and whatever the future may hold, we cannot escape the fact that as yet the power of Germany is far from vanquished.

On the western front the situation has changed but little. New Year's Day of 1915 opened with a terrific artillery duel between the contending armies firmly entrenched in positions but a few miles from where they are located today. The gain, after twelve months of the fiercest fighting the world has ever known, carried on with the assistance of all the inventions and appliances science has contributed to the business of man-killing, can be measured by less than a score of miles.

On the eastern front developments have been more marked. A year ago the Russians were in Poland and the German and Austrian armies were advancing on Warsaw. The succeeding twelve months saw the tremendous German sweep through Poland and into Russia, carrying back and ruin in the train of the advancing armies. There came the turn of the tide. Revivified Russia, which had done wonders since the opening of the war once more amazed the world by the tenacity with which she bore back the invading Germans until finally much of the territory lost had been regained, and today whatever may be said of the situation on the western front there will be general admission that in the east the Central Powers have attained nothing save colossal failure.

The year has seen the opening of new campaigns. Italy has openly entered the lists on the side of the Entente and against great difficulties has steadily eating a way into Austrian territory. The campaign against the Dardanelles, which a year before every evidence of early success, has been abandoned and in this the Allies must record their solitary failure. In the Balkans the early advances of the Teutons have been checked and the effect of the accession of Bulgaria to the ranks of the enemy has already been discounted. Turkey, the tool of German intrigue, is slowly crumbling and while the Sultan's soldiers have performed prodigies of military achievement the future can hold out only the gloom of failure.

Despite the favorable outlook however, it is useless to attempt to disguise the fact that in the year 1915 the world paid terrible tribute to the God of Battle. The wastage and loss of life. The wastage and loss of effort and labor will be required to place the warring nations where they were a year and a half ago. The achievement of centuries has been swept away in a few short months; the fruits of patient and sacrificing labor, treasures of art and architecture valuable beyond price have disappeared as if they had never existed. Altogether the world can well breathe a sigh of relief that 1915 has been relegated to the past and that with it goes the most terrible period the world has ever known.

1916—An Anticipation
And now what of the future? Will the sacrifices of the past twelve months receive the glorious remuneration of victory in the year to come? The New Year finds the Empire calm, undamaged, determined that the struggles of the past shall not be fruitless. The call to service has found ready and gratifying response from all quarters of the red mapped lands, and today Greater Britain is united as never before, consecrated to the task of removing forever from the world the menace of German

militarism. And the outlook for success is good. The Allied armies are stronger today than at any time in history and as the result of concentrated effort Great Britain is worthy to be rated as a military power of the first class. Last year these armies were in the making; today they stand forth as a completed force, virile, competent, and it is the opinion of competent and qualified observers that today the British army in the west possesses the man and gun power to break through the German lines whenever the command is issued.

As with Britain, so with France. The French people, differing in characteristic and temperament from their more phlegmatic British cousins, realized the importance of this war more quickly than we did. Consequently they did in the first six months what it has taken Britain a year and a half to accomplish, united all parties into an harmonious whole, consecrated, dedicated to the duty of prosecuting the struggle against the German monster until victory certain and sure finds permanent lodgement with the arms of France.

Russia, too, has experienced a bloodless revolution which cannot but leave its indelible mark upon the future of that great country. The war against the common enemy has had the effect of cementing all classes and effecting all differences. "For God, the Tsar and Holy Russia" is the slogan to which the whole Muscovite race will rally and march on to the certain triumph in store for them.

Altogether the outlook for the New Year is particularly bright. There is a feeling that long before another New Year's Day the sword will have been sheathed and the nations now engaged in the greatest war of all time will devote their awakened pow-er to the problems of peaceful development which will arise after the conflict has ceased.

The night of war has been long and dark but already the pale light of the sun of the morning of the future with every promise that high noon will find a world purged of the evils of war and preparing for a welcome era of peaceful prosperity.

CANADA'S GIFT.
Sir Robert Borden's New Year announcement to the people of Canada is that the authorized Expeditionary Force which has been limited to 250,000 men, will be increased to half a million men. While this gift is most inspiring and demonstrates to the world at large that it is the intention of Canada's Premier, working in cooperation with the great mass of people, that this, the greatest of Overseas Dominions, shall do her full part in participating in the Empire's War, it must not be forgotten, that the increase in Canada's contribution from one-quarter to half a million of men means that recruiting effort in every county in the country must be redoubled.

Already New Brunswick has done well. One who walks through the city's streets at this time cannot but be struck with the fact that an appalling large proportion of our friends of last year are now wearing the King's uniform. It is useless and inadvisable to disguise the fact that already this Empire War has made sad inroads upon our Canadian manhood.

Canada was ever prepared to render immediate and sturdy response to the calls of the Motherland. Canadian voyageurs rendered signal service in the Gordon campaign on the Nile. Canadians gave Empire service to the ultimate degree in the South African quarrel and already Canada's name occupies the topmost niche in the grim story of achievement on the blood-sodden field of France and Flanders. Ypres, Festubert and Langemarck will stand as memorials to Canadian heroism, and it is to be expected that the forces yet to go will endeavor in every way to emulate the splendid example of the heroes of the First Contingent and "The Fighting 26th."

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be heart burnings over the one already made, the great heart of Canadian people, irrespective of politics, will beat in hearty response to the pronouncement of our Premier at an opportune time. What better for the New Year than the declaration that Canada's gift shall be one Empire asks and more. Our fathers rallied to the slogan "Aye Ready." Canada can do better than emulate the example of their ancestors.

Little Benny's Note Book

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Why, we take turns trying to hit each uthir with the ball, you get across the street and tern your back and stoop away over so your head wont get hit or nothing, and I get 3 shots at you, and every time I hit you it dont count for a shot, and wen I miss you 3 times then its your tern to throw at me, its only a soft rubber ball.
Yes, but who sed you half to go first, I sed.
The one that makes the game up goes first, sed Skinny Martin.
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Reddy, I yelled. And Skinny throo the ball all his mite and it hit me a fearsome krack, maybe only being a soft rubber ball, but stinging like the mischief. And it bounsed part way back, and Skinny ran and got and went back to the uthir pavement and throo it igen and hit me wauthir fearsome krack. Skinny being a grate shot.
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THE NEW YEAR

GAZE forth on the bright, shining sun of to-morrow,
 Think not of the faults and mistakes of the past,
 Nor drink from the gall flavored goblet of sorrow—
 Take one backward look and let that be your last.
 The old year has gone and the new is before us,
 The road to the future is open to you,
 So mingle your voice with the joy swelling chorus
 And heed to the call of the year that is new;
 Away with the thoughts and the words pessimistic,
 The wrongs of the past and the things that annoy;
 But substitute action and deeds optimistic
 And anchor yourself in the harbor of joy.
 The future depends upon striving and trying
 And doing your best with your own little part,
 The slogan of all should be "Doing or Dying"—
 Just swing into line with a good running start.
 Forget all things past that are bordered with sadness,
 Retain only that which is wholesome and sweet;
 Oh! may the new year be overflowing with gladness—
 A gladness unstinted, minutely complete.
 So keep straight ahead on the new opened highway,
 The sunshine is bright and the sky is clear blue;
 Retrace not the past's narrow, roughened old byway,
 But travel the road of the year that is new.
 Ray I. Hoppman.

Some suggestions for Winter Evenings.

One of these winter evenings when you can't entertain your party of boys out-of-doors and time begins to drag, you might introduce a few stunts that will soon have every one laughing and trying to excel his fellows.

If you have a pair of opera glasses the first stunt will be a "tight rope walking contest." Lay an ordinary piece of string in a straight line across the floor. Give the performer the opera glasses and have him place the wrong end to his eyes, so that objects will seem very far away. Looking down at the string through the glasses he is to walk it without stepping off. Tell him it is a rope, and he is to be very careful to keep his balance. He will begin to sway and before he reaches the other end of the string if he has been successful in keeping his feet on it without stepping off, he will have to take the glasses from his eyes to catch his balance, the illusion of distance is so great.

Ask all the members of the party to stand erect, feet perfectly straight and arms extended above the head. Now tell them to swing down and touch their toes without bending their knees. Not many, especially among the older ones, will succeed at the first attempts, though the feat may be easily mastered with very little practice.

To those who accomplish this, you may propose the following variation: Stick a pin into the carpet so that only the head is visible. Now have the boy stand with a foot on each side of the pin, his heels together. The object is to set the pin without bending the knees. Some of your friends will touch it, but very few will be able to hold the position long enough to extract it.

For the third trick you can place the palm of your hand on the top of your head and defy anyone in the room to lift it off. On account of the unfavorable position in which your opponent has to work, you will be able to defeat his efforts. Of course, the hand is to be lifted from the head, not dragged off.

You can boldly announce now that "there is one place in this room where no one can stand on one foot for one minute." This wording of your proposition leads your listeners to suspect a catch in the sentence.

The Poison Pen.

The queer case that has been both intriguing New York detectives and post-office officials for some time—relating to malicious letters sent to young women directly after the announcement of their engagement or marriage—seems to be solved. The authorities thought that a mad woman was responsible for the letters, and now a woman has been arrested charged with writing them, and she is said to be insane.

It is understood that this malicious letter writer had a disappointment in love and that she later developed the idea that it would be a good thing for her to prevent as many marriages and make others, for a time, very unhappy—for her letters that were sent to young women invariably carried the news that the men of their choice were deceivers, married already, fathers made fearful trouble, as they were intended to do; and it will be a good thing for society if any woman who could write such things may be put under some sort of restraint, so that she may work no more mischief.

There are many people who will read about this case and condemn the letter writer. But did the poor deluded woman who wrote those evil letters do very much worse intentionally than the common, or garden-variety of gossip sometimes does carelessly? Possibly some of those who most violently assail the writer of the "poison pen" letters are just the ones who do a lot of harm themselves by thoughtless gossiping. When an engagement is announced do not some of these gossips almost invariably rake up the fact that the young man in the case was "very attentive" to some other girl "way back years ago at the seashore? Don't they recall with tender solicitude the time when the young man "flirted outrageously" with that handsome college boy at a dance—when she was having the time of her life in her first season of social festivities? Such remarks have been known to make trouble.

Much of the gossiping that is done is harmless. It is simply talk to pass the time away. But there is always the chance that some if it will find a way to make trouble for some one; add isn't there enough of that in the world without making more? When an engagement is announced it usually means that two young people are planning to have as happy a life together as circumstances will permit. Every little flirtation or foolishness of the past life of each may, or may not, be known to the other. The outside's business in the matter should consist in carefully keeping his or her mouth shut. The "poison pen" letter is simply the mildly irritating word of gossip magnified a few times.

Suggestions for Embroidery workers.

If the rose motifs are conventional, develop the design in even round eyelets. This is a new and extremely attractive way to embroider conventional patterns. Mark dots at regular intervals along the outline of the design, the division of the petals, the veins, in fact, every point of the outline. Set the stiletto gauge for small eyelets, pins and work. If you do not have a gauge stiletto, be careful to make the eyelets the same size. All white would be best for a design embroidered in this way.

You could carry the work by making a motif in all eyelet and the other in satin stitch and sewing the eyelet motifs giving a sort of shadow effect.

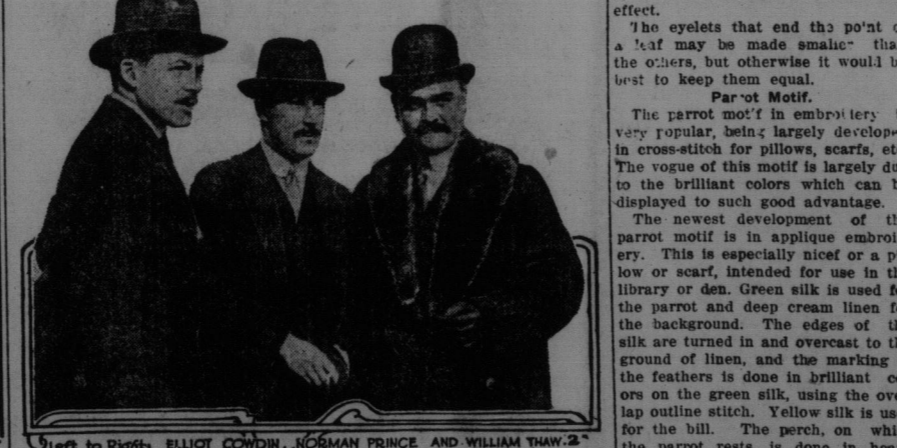
The eyelets that end the point of a 'leaf may be made smaller than the others, but otherwise it would be best to keep them equal.

Parrot Motif.
 The parrot motif in embroidery is very popular, being largely developed in cross-stitch for pillows, scarfs, etc. The vogue of this motif is largely due to the brilliant colors which can be displayed to such good advantage. The newest development of the parrot motif is in applique embroidery, in cross-stitch for pillows, scarfs, etc. The vogue of this motif is largely due to the brilliant colors which can be displayed to such good advantage. The edges of the silk are turned in and overcast to the ground of linen, and the marking of the feathers is done in brilliant colors on the green silk, using the overlap outline stitch. Yellow silk is used for the bill. The perch, on which the parrot rests, is done in heavy chain stitch.

Helpful Hints

An old rule for roasting turkey is an hour for each year.
 Medicine stains can almost always be dissolved by alcohol.
 Use paper bags for covering pitchers with food in them.
 Cotton crepe makes good dish-

DARING AMERICAN AVIATORS HOME



William Thaw, Elliott Cowdin and Norman Prince, American aviators, who for many months have been making history as members of the French aviation corps, and each of whom has received the Cross of Merit, returned home. These three young men, who have been fighting for France largely in a spirit of adventure, could tell many interesting stories of air fights along the battle line, but as they still are active members of the French army on furlough they were unable to give much information. Even though their lips were not sealed, the modesty of the young men would not permit them to glorify themselves by giving accounts of the engagements in which they have figured prominently.

towels which need no ironing.
 Use hot water, ammonia and washing powder to clean mops.
 Add a cupful of boiled rice when next you make a beef loaf and it will keep nice and moist till eaten.
 It is a good plan to buy a cheap teapot for melting paraffine. Always keep it for that purpose. The melted paraffine pours so easily just where it is wanted and need not be all used at one time.
 Never do your hair up tightly; it injures the scalp and bulbs of the hair. Never use a hot iron, it dries the scalp and splits the hair.
 Three teaspoonfuls of lime water in a glass of water, taken twice a day—morning and night—will sweeten an acid stomach.
 It is said that one tablespoonful of flour of sulphur in a pint of rum will remove moth patches or brown spots on the face. Apply to the patches once a day, and in a few weeks they will disappear.
 Oil of sassafras, applied full strength is excellent for chilblains.
 Perspiring feet can be relieved by using this preparation: Talcum powder, 10 parts; alum powder, 2 parts; borax, 1 part. This should be dusted well over the feet after bathing and drying thoroughly.

Reliable Recipes

Seasonable Sweet.
 One lb. Dromedary dates, 1-2 lb. Brazil nuts, 1-2 lb. almonds.
 Seed the dates and put through a food-chopper. Fill seeded dates with the ground nuts, press tightly together, then roll in pulverized sugar.
Fruit Conserve.
 One lb. dates, 1-2 lb. raisins, 1 lb. figs, 1-2 lb. Brazil nuts, 1-4 lb. almonds, 4-2 lbs. pecans.
 Peel the above mixture through a meat chopper, and pack in tumblers or molds, and keep in cool place. This may be made into balls and dipped in chocolate, or cut in blocks, or slices, and put between bread and butter sandwiches to serve in place of cake.
Cranberry Sauce.
 Three quarts cranberries, 1-2 lb. chopped raisins, 3 pints sugar, 3 oranges, 1 cup English walnut meats.
 Cook cranberries a short time in water—until they are soft. Remove rind of the oranges with a knife and chop medium fine. Then add the oranges chopped (removing tough part). To this add the sugar, and raisins. Cook altogether. When almost done, add the walnut meats. The walnut meats can be left out if desired. This same recipe can be used for plums, grapes, currants, cherries—in fact almost any favorite fruit.
Apple Sauce Cake.
 One cup sugar, 1-3 cup butter, 1 egg, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1 teaspoon ground cloves or allspice, 1 1/2 cups apple sauce, 1 teaspoon soda, 1 cup raisins and ground nuts, 1 teaspoon baking powder, flour.
 Mix the sugar, butter, egg, cinnamon, cloves or allspice apple sauce (in which has been dissolved one teaspoon soda), raisins and nuts, baking powder and flour together. Use flour enough to make a rather stiff batter. Bake in layers or loaf. Any good filling can be used.
Boston Roast.
 One pound can kidney beans, or equivalent quantity of cooked beans, one-half pound grated cheese, bread crumbs, salt. Mash the beans or put through a meat chopper. Add the cheese and sufficient bread crumbs to make the mixture stiff enough to be formed into a roll. Bake in a moderate oven, basting occasionally with butter and water. Serve with tomato sauce.
French Tart.
 One-half cup sugar, 3 tablespoonfuls melted butter, 1-2 cup milk, 1-4 teaspoonful salt, 1 egg, 2 teaspoonfuls baking powder, flour, peaches.
 Grease well a deep round or square cake pan. Use sufficient flour to make thick batter. Pour into pan, cover thickly with sliced, canned peaches. Sprinkle with sugar, spice if desired, and bake in quick oven about half an hour. Serve with cream or a good pudding sauce.

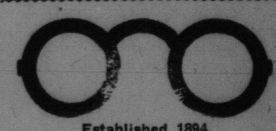
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MINIATURE ALMANAC. January Phases of the Moon. New Moon, 9th 46m a.m., First Quarter, 11th 28m a.m., Full Moon, 17th 11m p.m., Last Quarter, 23rd 30m p.m.

DOMESTIC PORTS.

Liverpool, Dec 29—Arr: Sch Percy C Evans, Boston, and chi for Bridge-water.

BRITISH PORTS.

Liverpool, Dec 28—Arr: Strs Boston, Boston; Welshman, Portland. Preston, Dec 28—Arr: Str Sheba, Manning, Halifax.

FOREIGN PORTS.

New York, Dec 29—Sld: Sch Minnie, Forsyth, Yarmouth, N.S. Boothbay Harbor, Me, Dec 29—Sld: Sch Nettie Shipman (from Beaver Harbor, N.S.) New York.

WALL ST. CLOSED YEAR WITH TRADING-BRISK AND ENCOURAGING OUTLOOK

With Foreign situation improved market opened with considerable breadth, strength and activity, and session ended with bright prospects for 1916.

New York, Dec. 31.—Approximately in the judgment of Wall Street, the year came to an end with a marked diminution of the strain in this country's foreign relations.

This condition found immediate and constant reflection in the tone of the market, which opened with considerable breadth, strength and activity, gathering momentum with the progress of the session.

United States Steel led the movement throughout, repeating its record high price of \$9 1/2 at a point advanced but the oil shares particularly Mexican Petroleum, overshadowed all others by

STOCK QUOTATIONS ON N.Y. EXCHANGE

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PRESIDENT OF DEFUNCT TRUST BANK ON TRIAL

Chicago, Dec. 31.—William Lorimer, former United States senator, and president of the defunct La Salle Street Trust and Savings Bank, was formally placed on trial today on a charge of losing the institution of \$2,000,000 in money and securities.

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Washington, Dec. 31.—Former President Taft, as head of the executive council of the American Red Cross, has had a conference with Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, respecting the admission to

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British General Headquarters, Dec. 30.—There are still some simple folk, I suppose—God bless them!—who imagine that a soldier's only work in war is to fight, and that when he is not fighting with bayonet, bomb or rifle he is sitting snug in a dug-out writing letters home. During these winter months of "inactivity" (it is surprising how the casualties pile up), when there is little news from the front, those simple people will be wondering what our soldiers have to do and what amusements they find to fill up all their time. Well, the winter has begun, and there is nothing in the way of a big action with men across the parapets (though the guns are busy in the mist), but our troops have not yet begun to be idle. It's work, work, work, and not time enough for all there is to do.

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"Wood!" says the C.R.E. "Perhaps you would like gold and precious stones? Who's going to send us all this work of war which goes on incessantly night and day in and behind the fighting-lines. "What are we here for?" is a question asked in a soldier's song (very popular in my bit, let), and the answer, sung "on expressions," is "To beat the Boche!"

It was to beat the Boche, by doing his particular bit in this highly complicated process, that the engineer officer was getting through a dirty and difficult job with a perseverance that put a strain upon his nerves and temper. It was a question of getting an awkward piece of metal, weighing some ten tons and belonging to an incomplete crane, a mile or two along a Flemish road. The way of doing it was by rolling it forward on logs with 30 men harnessed to it by ropes. As soon as it had passed over two logs those left behind had to be carried forward and put in front. Then the men tugged again, sweating and grunting, and the progress through half a foot of stoney mud in a road crowded with horse transport was, as far as I could reckon, a yard in five minutes.

Race Against Time.
"Lord God!" said the engineer, loading up his pipe as he stood on top of the piece of metal, steadying himself in a miraculous way every time it jerked forward an inch or two. That was a prayer for help, to get this precious part of a crane to the right place at the right time.

It is not easy, for instance, to keep the trenches in order, now that it has been raining for weeks, so that the sandbags have rotted and the parapets crumbled, and the walls of the trench show an awful tendency to slide away into pulp and water.

"We must have more wood, sir," says the junior subaltern in charge of a section of trench which won't stand up straight. (It's a nasty place for the men in daylight, where they can be seen by watchful eyes behind the enemy's loopholes.)

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There is an awful irony in his voice and the junior subalterns heart sinks into his boots (which, are extremely moist, as he is standing in two feet of water) because he knows that without wood his section of the trench will melt away like summer snows leaving some very good fellows and himself exposed to a German machine gun over the way.

Yet there are lots of wood-cutters at work, so that timber may go up to the trenches. A month and more ago I used to pass parties of soldiers in the glades and coppes behind the lines, cutting and sawing and carting away logs as though the whole business of war were to get enough of them. The rains have outpaced the car-

penters in some places, and there are not huts enough to house all the new divisions who have come out since early days when camping grounds were delightful under summer skies and when the roads were white with dust. Now it is rather different and under a sky full of rain some of those camps are quadrangles. So now, if they can get material or find time for the labor (there are lots of other jobs to do) they are putting up wooden shelters and timbering the floors, with a hurrying zeal, so that when they are "reading" after a spell in the trenches they do not get shock with illness.

There is not much sleep of nights up in the trenches themselves or behind them. Working parties are out in the darkness digging, and digging—repairing communication trenches which have silted in making new trenches in places where men who captured the ground were too busy bombing off the enemy to make safe ways back.

From the Army General to the youngest of platoon commanders the officers are as busy as the men, although there is "nothing doing" along the front. One little scene yesterday, not far from the enemy's front line, was typical of the incessant watchfulness and work of Staff officers and regimental officers who are responsible for the safety of our lines and the lives of men. It was in a little wooden hut which serves as the mess room of a Divisional headquarters, so close to the lines that its timbers shake when the guns are busy. It was the luncheon hour, and the General commanding one of our armies was expected as a guest of the Divisional General. But there was no ceremony, and it was the hurried meal of working men who have many jobs to do.

The Army General was muddy to the top of his top-boots after a long tramp round the camps. There was a great collection of muddy boots in that log hut as one after another officer came in.

One young gentleman looked like the Beas Brummel of the trenches. Exceeding tall, with waters up to his waist, he wore his mud with a swagger, and it gave him an extra touch of grace. . . . I sat among these officers listening to their "shop." The Army General was the first to go. There were more camps to inspect. The Divisional General had to hurry away to deal with reports from his brigadiers. The door of the log hut opened and shut as after another the officers went out in a hurry because somewhere outside there was a job which would not wait.

in those days was faster and harder than now and to see Shevlin sweeping down the field at close to a ten second gait with his 200 pounds of bone and muscle poised for a flying tackle was enough to worry the bravest back who ever assayed to catch a punt and avoid the charging end.

As captain of the Yale team of 1905 Shevlin left a record that few gridiron leaders can equal. His team played eleven games, scoring 227 points to its opponents'. The list included Wesleyan, Syracuse, Springfield, Holy Cross, Penn. State, West Point, Columbia, Brown, Princeton and Harvard. The Tiger team was the only one to score on Yale that season, the final result being Yale 23; Princeton, 4, while a week later Harvard was defeated 6 to 0. Shevlin's record as an emergency coach at Yale in 1910 and 1915 is too well known to need repetition.

There are, however, those who can testify to a feature of Shevlin's undergraduate life that is not so generally known. Many a successful business man of today will remember the great Yale football player for financial help, anonymously given at times, which aided him over trying periods while working him way through Yale with Shevlin as a classmate. More than one student, about to leave college because he did not have a dollar to meet further expenses, found at the crisis an unaddressed envelope on his desk, containing what appeared to him to be a small fortune and did not learn until months after that it came from Tom Shevlin, the "varisty end and son of the wealthiest men of the middle-west."

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NEW AND OLD RING STARS

New York, Dec. 31.—Although Jack Johnson was the only recognized champion to lose his title during the year just closed there are a number of boxers who appear to be on the verge of ascending or descending the pugilistic ladder during 1916. In the bantam class Johnny Erbe has fought his way to a point where he divides honors with Kid Williams; Johnny Kibbeno has several dangerous rivals for his featherweight titular crown; among the lightweights Freddie Welsh still holds the championship although Charley White and one or two other candidates for the title are clamoring for a chance to win it from the English boxer. Ted Lewis, Johnny Griffith and Mike Glover appear to be the leading contenders for the welterweight honors while in the middleweight division Young Ahearn, Mike Gibbons, Les Darcy, all claim superiority over Al McCoy the nominal champion. Jack Dillon and Battling Lavinsky are the leading contenders for the light heavy title while Jess Willard reigns supreme in the heavyweight class.

THE PASSING OF HOS. SHEVLIN YALE COACH

In the case of Shevlin it is only necessary to mention that his running mate was the famous Rafferty and that when Yale lined up against Princeton these blue jerseyed ends were opposed by the famous Tiger pair, Davis and Henry, while Bowditch was holding down a wing tip position for Harvard about the same time. Play

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Mr. J. P. Carritte, of Detroit, spent Christmas in the city with his family and left for Detroit on Tuesday accompanied by his son Jack, who will resume his studies at Ann Arbor, Mich. Mr. Carritte was entertained at dinner the first of the week at the Bungalow, a guest of Mr. John E. Moore.

Mr. Thorne entertained twelve gentlemen friends on Wednesday at his delightful camp Minto.

Christmas Day found many willing hands making the day a happy one for the soldiers. At the Soldiers' Club, "Caverhill Hall," a Christmas tree had been provided by a committee of ladies working under Mrs. John Keeffe, Mrs. H. A. Powell and Mrs. Kuhring. Cigarettes and a rich feast were served by the many good will workers who were on duty at the discharge depot and those who charge of the wounded soldiers. Generous contributions were sent by Mr. C. F. Baker, Mrs. George McAvity and Mrs. Appleby. Beautiful baskets of fruit, cigarettes and candy were sent to the brave returned soldiers who are under care for mental troubles caused by the strain of the war.

Miss Jeanette and Mr. Joseph Bullock entertained a number of their young friends on Monday evening at an imperial party and afterwards at a supper and dance at the home of Germain street. Amongst the guests were, Miss Mary White, Miss Doris Sayre, Miss Isabel Jack, Miss Miriam Knowlton, Miss Rosamund McAvity, Miss Lou Robinson, Miss Johnston, California; Mr. Harrison Bullock, Lieutenant Douglas White, Lieutenant Stewart McLeod, Mr. Laurence Scovill, Mr. Fisher, Massachusetts; Mr. Atwood Bridges, MacLaren, and Mr. Arthur McLennan.

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The soldiers on Partridge Island were not forgotten at Christmas. Mrs. J. Walter Holey, Mrs. L. W. Barker, Mrs. G. Kuhring and the Williet Fruit Company provided many delicacies which were thoroughly appreciated by the men.

Mr. Justice Grimmer and Mrs. Grimmer are entertained on Friday evening at dinner party at their residence, Germain street.

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Mr. Fred Foster, of Royal Military College, Kingston, Ont., is spending the Christmas vacation at his home here.

Miss Ruth Kingston, professional nurse, spent Tuesday in town, guests of Miss Mollie and Jean Perry.

The Girls' Branch of the Women's Auxiliary, of Trinity Church, met on Monday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. A. B. Pipe.

Miss Carmelita Richard, spent Friday last in Moncton, guest of friends.

N. S., arrived in town, on Tuesday last, and is the guest of her grandfathers, Mr. James Percy and the Misses Percy.

Mr. A. E. L. Oulton, spent Christmas in Sackville, guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Rennie.

Miss Jean Brown, of Moncton, and sister, Miss Jessie Brown, of Truro, spent Christmas at their home here.

WOODSTOCK

Woodstock, N. B., Dec. 31.—A dinner was given "D" Company of the 104th Battalion on Christmas Day by the ladies of Woodstock. The affair proved to be most enjoyable to the soldier laddies. There was an unlimited supply of all the good things which go to make up a Christmas dinner, after which cigarettes and cigars were passed around. The ladies who assisted in serving were: Mrs. George E. Balmann, Mrs. J. R. Brown, Mrs. I. B. Merriman, Mrs. Albert E. Jones, Mrs. F. McLean, Mrs. B. E. Holyoke, Mrs. Geo. W. Gibson, Mrs. Walter Cogger, Mrs. A. D. Holyoke, Mrs. John Watt, Misses Laura Balmann, Mildred Balmann, Edith Dalling and Mary Balmann. The gentlemen who carried and served were: J. R. Brown, E. R. Teed, E. W. Mair, Wm. Balmann, A. D. Holyoke, Dr. McLean, W. E. Stone, Fred Noyes, G. E. Balmann, A. W. Dyer, Mrs. Bowles of Woodville is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. R. Tompkins, Connell street.

Misses Alice and Ruth Tompkins, students at the Houlton Convent, are spending their holidays with Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson.

Mr. Charles Armstrong of Sackville is spending the holidays with his father, Deputy Sheriff Armstrong.

Mr. J. C. Stevens and Mrs. Stevens of Centreville spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Stevens.

Lieut. Nicholson and Maxwell attended the military home at the Queen Hotel, Fredericton, last week. Mrs. Harry Colpits of Boston is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. McKimber.

Miss Lancelay of St. John is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. Teed.

Capt. Mark C. Gillen of Halifax is the guest of his mother, Mrs. Pat Gillen.

Richard and child of Chipman are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hall.

Lieut. Douglas, H. Balmann of "A" Company, 65th Battalion, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Balmann, Woodstock, is spending Christmas in town.

ROTHESAY

Rothestay, Dec. 31.—An event of great interest this week was the visit of two sections of the Siege Battery, from Partridge Island, under Lieutenants Kerr and Fairweather. The men marched from St. John on Tuesday evening, arriving at Rothestay College about nine o'clock, where they were met by Mr. W. R. R. Hibbard, head master of the school, and a hearty welcome to which Lieut. Kerr replied. Ladies who assisted in serving the guests were Mrs. Hibbard, Mrs. Margaret and Nan Fairweather, Mrs. Purdy, Misses Anna and Dorothea MacKeen, Miss Daniel, and Mrs. Swan, of New York; who is visiting on College street.

Lieutenant Fairweather thanked the friends for hospitality. Songs and choruses were sung and later the soldiers "turned in" at the gymnasium, which had been prepared with mattresses. On Wednesday morning there was a march about the village, and after dinner all left on the march back to St. John.

The many friends of Mrs. E. S. Carter will be pleased to know of her safe arrival in England, and that she is at Saltwood Hythe, only a mile and half from Shoreham, where her son George is training with the Princess Pat's. Her other son, Arthur, fighting in France has been steadily promoted to a first Lieutenancy. He expected to get leave from the front and see his mother in England.

Mr. William Davidson was here from Montreal spending Christmas with his mother and sisters, Mrs. W. J. and Miss Alice Davidson and Mrs. Rupert Turnbull.

Miss Allison has gone to Nova Scotia to visit friends.

Among those leaving home for Christmas were: Mrs. Heber Daniel and his bride. They arrived on Saturday and remained at the rectory over Sunday, guests of Mr. Daniels' parents, Rev. Canon and Mrs. Daniel.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Starr that she was able to return from Boston last Thursday and be at home for Christmas, also that her health lands best improved. Everybody extends her best wishes for the New Year.

Mrs. J. M. Robinson very informally entertained as luncheon guests, on Tuesday, Mrs. Beverly Armstrongs, Mrs. Louis Barker, Mr. Alexander Foster, and Mrs. Walter Harrison, of St. John.

It is always pleasant to hear from our Rothestay boys at the front, and a very interesting letter received this week from Harold Scribner, who

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Mr. Whiteley and family left town on Tuesday for Port Daniel, where Rev. Mr. Whiteley has the rectorship of an Anglican church.

Mr. Robert Dyrart, Rothestay, spent Xmas at his old home in Cocagne, N. S., with Mrs. A. H. Hanington of Rothestay. Miss George Hanington, Shodiac Cape, Mass., also visited Mrs. D. S. Harper before returning home.

Miss Breda Macdonnell of Fredericton is home for the holidays.

Mr. Douglas McDonald of the Bank of Montreal staff spent Xmas in Moncton.

Dr. Alphonse Bourque of West Newton was the guest for a few days of his brother, Mr. J. V. Bourque at Xmas.

Mr. Allen Tall, Mr. Allison, is spending his vacation at his home in town.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wortman spent Xmas evening in Sussex.

Miss Lillian Dorian of Lemist, Massachusetts, is the guest of her relatives here.

The Misses Patmel and Miss Margaret Melanson are home from the Ursuline Convent, Quebec, for a vacation.

Mr. Arthur Aglanson is home from St. Joseph's for the Xmas-tide.

The Misses Maloney of Rogersville were recent guests of Mrs. Eric Robitoux.

Capt. Milne of the "Curlew" spent Xmas at the home of his sister, Mrs. H. W. Murray.

Miss Elizabeth Blair is home from Mt. Allison for Xmas-tide.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Harper and children of St. John and Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Bell of Moncton were Xmas guests of Mrs. D. S. Harper, Sackville street.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Charters were Xmas guests of their daughter, Mrs. J. W. Black, Sackville.

Dr. and Mrs. Oulton were in Pt. de Bute Xmas Day.

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Prepared by J. W. Dodds, 23 THE PRE...

1916 has come and the year 1915, with its many varied events of joy, sorrow, personal and national, has passed on to join the centuries. There have been many changes in the social and family life of our people in 1915. Sunshine and shadow have each held sway, and in many households the shadows deepened and fell, and for those bereft of dear ones the old year shall ever recall some of the saddest memories of life. To others it has brought added prosperity and sunshine. Surely it has been a most memorable one in his history. In its passing it could be said that it is a year which will be remembered with it the end of the present terrible conflict that is convulsing Europe, we would rejoice and join heart and voice, as never before in the poets refrain:

Rings out the old, rings in the new,
Rings happy bells, across the snow,
The year is going, let him go,
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Rings in the valiant man and true,
The larger hearted, the kinder hand,
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

Miss Dorothy Tennant entertained at a very delightful New Year's Eve dance last evening at her home Orange street.

Miss Mary and Edith White will be young hostesses at the tea hour this afternoon.

A number of the members of the Royal Standard Chapter I. O. O. F. entertained Miss Maud McLean, Boston, at the tea hour at the Manor House on Friday.

Lieutenant Frank R. Fairweather, 6th Battalion now at Halifax, spent a few days in the city this week.

On Monday afternoon the annual Christmas treat was given those in the Home for incurables. A large treat on each floor was beautifully trimmed and laden with gifts. The ladies assisting were Mrs. Silas Alward, Mrs. J. A. McAvity, Mrs. E. C. Elkins, Mrs. Samuel Gilvan, Mrs. R. Allan, Mrs. H. B. Schofield, Mrs. Struan Robertson, Mrs. Thomas Walker and Mrs. Hazen.

Most enjoyable dinner was given by Hugh G. Worsley Mayor Frink and seven other and guests at the Royal Hotel on Wednesday evening in honor of Major the W. R. Brown, of the 26th Battalion by kind recognition of his gallant conduct which won him the Distinguished Service Order. Major Brown's host of friends in St. John are giving him a hearty welcome home and hope to him a speedy recovery from his wounds.

Mr. John Hehan who spent Christmas in the city has returned to Ottawa.

Lieut. D. King Hazen, Mrs. Hazen and little daughter arrived home on Monday.

The many friends of Ven. Archdeacon Raymond will be glad to hear he is daily improving after his recent illness.

The engagement of Miss Marjorie Young Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. T. Smith, Moncton, to Mr. Donald Hearn Cowe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarkon Cowe, of Great Neck, Long Island, New York, has been announced. Miss Smith has a number of friends in St. John who will add their congratulations.

Miss Doris Sayre will entertain at the tea hour tomorrow in honor of her guest Miss Johnston, of California.

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Miss Bird and Lillian Trites of St. John, were holiday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Keith, Church street.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sharp spent Christmas at Amherst, N. S.

MEN FROM NAVY GUESTS AT THE SOLDIERS' CLUB

Visiting Jack Tars entertained last night by Women's Canadian Club and spent enjoyable evening.

The ladies of the Women's Canadian Club, wishing to show in some slight manner their appreciation of the work of the men of the navy arranged for a concert and lunch last night at the Soldiers' Club in honor of the sailors and marines who are present in the city.

The members of the Women's Canadian Club were present in force to welcome their guests, and they were assisted by the following members of the recruiting committee: E. L. Rising, C. W. Hallamore, Capt. Mulcahey and Lieut.-Col. Sturdee.

Col. Sturdee acted as chairman and opened the proceedings by extending a welcome on behalf of the Women's Canadian Club to the sailors and marines who were present.

In doing so he said it was a great pleasure to him to be present on an occasion like the present to pay honor to the gallant men of the greatest fighting force on earth—the British navy. The force that had made it possible for us in Canada to work out our destiny unhindered and unafraid. The citizens of St. John were all proud of the boys in blue and would do all they could to make their stay here a pleasant one.

The following program was then carried out: Chorus, O Canada; song, Pte. Speed; song, Mrs. Gerow; song, Pte. Hoare; recitation, Pte. McDonald; song, Mrs. G. K. Bell; song, Mr. E. C. Matthews; song, Mr. J. J. Punter; chorus, Auld Lang Syne.

After the formal program had been concluded a number of the sailors entertained with song and story.

Lunch in the canteen was very much enjoyed by the boys. His Worship the Mayor was present for a short time and gave a short address.

After the lunch had been disposed of the gathering sang God Save the King and then broke up, everybody voting it a most successful evening.

WINNIPEG CLEARINGS

Winnipeg, Dec. 31.—The bank clearings in Montreal for the month ended today were the largest in this city's history, \$290,163,540, as compared with \$197,162,549 for December, 1914. The past year's clearings totalled \$2,628,122,319, as compared with last year \$2,631,412,630.

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London, Dec. 31.—The value of the property in England of Dr. Frederick S. Pearson of New York, who lost his

OPPOSED TO MONARCHY IN CHINA

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—General Lushan, commanding Chinese government troops in the province of Kiang-Si has declared his independence of Yuan Shi Kai, prospective emperor, according to a cablegram received here today from revolutionary headquarters at Shanghai, China, by Tong King Chong, former member of the Chinese Senate and president of the Chinese Republic Association.

FORD DELAYED BY STORM

New York, Dec. 31.—The steamship Boreas, on which Henry Ford is returning from his peace expedition has been delayed by high westerly gales and will not reach this port until Sunday morning, according to a radio message from the steamer today.

SCHOONERS CHARTERED

St. John, Dec. 31.—The schooner Philadelphia to Porto Rico, coal, \$2.50.

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ST. ANDREWS

Mr. George Cockburn leaves on Saturday to resume his studies at the Military School, Halifax.

Mrs. Lloyd Murray arrived in town this week to spend a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Grimmer.

Professor Harrison Wade, who has spent Christmas with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Wade, returned to Boston, on Thursday.

Mr. Raymond McCarty, St. Joseph's Memorial College, has been spending the holiday season in town with his father.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Vall, of Jacksonville, have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Mallory, during the Christmas season.

A very interesting programme of solos, recitations and choruses, was given to a large audience on Monday night by the scholars of the Methodist Sunday School. There was also a large Christmas tree laden with bags of candy and other good things, which were distributed to the children at the close, by the teachers, assisted by Santa Claus in person. An interesting programme was extremely well carried out by the following: Elizabeth and Leonard, Chase, Elsie Mason, Preston Holmes, Christine Cummings, Primary Class, Ernestine Graham, Ralph Graham, Kathleen Mason, Indah Chase, Bessie Thompson, Ruth Graham, Kathleen Mason.

Mr. Hayter Reed returned from Calgary last week.

Mr. John Morris, of Montreal, is the guest of his daughter, Mrs. A. W. Mason Corey, "Corey Cottage."

Mrs. G. N. Babbitt and Miss Helen Babbitt, of Fredericton, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Grimmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Grimmer and Miss Bessie Grimmer spent Xmas in St. John.

Mrs. Margaret Boyd, of Calais, Me., is spending the winter with Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Cockburn.

Mr. John Donahue, of Boston, spent the Christmas season in town, the guest of his mother, Mrs. Sarah Donahue.

Robert Clark, B. Sc., arrived in town on Wednesday, leaving the same night accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Jennie L. Clark, who will spend the winter with him in Toronto.

A pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Blumark Dick, on Saturday night, Dec. 26th, at six o'clock, when their daughter, Treva Cornelia was united in marriage to Aubrey K. Mowatt, of St. Stephen.

Rev. R. W. Weddall officiating. The bride who entered the parlor on the arm of her father to the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, looked charming in a gown of white satin with overdress of chiffon and pearl trimmings, with veil arranged in Juliet style, with orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of white carnations, orange blossoms and Maiden Hair Fern. The couple were attended by Miss Edith Dick, sister of the bride, who wore a pretty gown of shadow lace over pink satin and Mr. Frank Mowatt, brother of the groom. The house was prettily decorated for the occasion with greenery, holly and white roses. The groom's present to the bride was a cheque and a set of black Wolf fur, to the bridesmaid a pearl necklace, to the best man a set of cuff links.

The young couple left on Monday night's train for an extended tour to the Upper Canadian cities. The bride's travelling suit was of African brown gabardine, with black wolf trimmings. On their return they will reside in St. Stephen, N. B.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bedpath and children left for Montreal, on Friday last to spend Christmas.

The Misses Helen and Winnifred Everett, of Fredericton, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Everett.

Miss Bradley received the sad news of the death of her aunt, widow of Dr. W. V. Wallace, which took place at her home in Providence, at an early hour on Christmas morning. She leaves to mourn her loss two sons, W. V. Wallace, of Providence, R. I., and Charles C. Wallace, of St. Andrews, N. B., a little grand-daughter, Delphine Wallace, and a niece, Miss Maria Bradley. A private service was held at her late residence on the 29th, at 2.30, after which the body was placed in the receiving vault at

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THE WEATHER
Forecast
Washington, Dec. 31.—Forecast
Northern New England—
Cloudy and warmer Saturday,
probably followed by rain or
snow by night and Sunday.

Around the City

Registered in Massachusetts.
Last October, when Dr. J. D. Maher
of this city, was in Boston he heard
of the approaching Dental examina-
tion for that state and decided to
take them. He returned a week later
and presented himself for examina-
tion with the result that he has suc-
cessfully passed and is now regis-
tered in the State of Massachusetts,
is probably registered in more states
and provinces than any other dentist
in Canada, and is receiving congratula-
tions from his many friends. There
are five state examiners. The prac-
tical parts of the examinations were
held at Harvard College and the
theoretical portion at the Old Boston
State House. The standard of the
Massachusetts examinations is prob-
ably the highest of any State in the
Union.

OBITUARY.

John B. Robertson.
The death is announced as taking
place in Boston on Thursday, of John
B. Robertson, formerly a resident of
St. John. Mr. Robertson was sixty
five years of age, son of the late
Henry Robertson, who conducted a
large crockery store on the north side
of King square before the fire. He
himself was a well-known citizen and
took a prominent part in the work
of the volunteer fire department. Since
removing to Boston he had been a
member of the staff of Jordan, Marsh
& Company.

Mr. Robertson is survived by one
brother, William, in British Columbia,
and two sisters, Miss Henrietta, of
Lynn, Mass., and Mrs. Claire, of Cali-
fornia. Fred Blackadar of New York,
a nephew, will accompany the body
to St. John and the funeral will take
place at noon today on the arrival of
the Boston train. Interment will be
made in the family lot in Fernhill.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Victoria.
J A McNeill, E Price, Partridge
Island; J C Gillespie, Truro; J R
Fiske, C R Murray, Springhill; E L
Deer, Lunenburg; B W Kaye, Oshawa,
Ont; Mr and Mrs A M Dunn, Hamp-
ton; B F McDermott and wife, Freder-
icton; E Grandiere, Vanceboro; H
P Morton, Penobscot; T A Edwards,
Toronto; C R Murray, Springhill; John
N Gavel, Regina; J V Daves, Moncton;
J L Chisholm, Truro; J Stansky, Lon-
don; T C Dennis, O'Leary, P E I; H L
Sprague, L A Morrison, Partridge
Island; R R Bradley, Grand Falls; H
H Woodworth, Sackville; R Jopson, St
Johns, Que; D B Gauthier, Buckfield,
Me; Major Kennedy, Centreville.
Royal.
Warren T Soper, Harold W Soper,
Walter E Soper, Ottawa; G C Mafr,
Montreal; J F Avard, Moncton; J H
Crockett, R W McLeellan, Fredericton;
Mr and Mrs J Gahan, Pittsfield;
Mr and Mrs V L Alward, Chicago; C
K Palmer, Mr and Mrs J Rankin,
Fredericton; H S G Lindsay, R A
Spencer, M W Maxwell, Montreal; P L
Hamblin, Regina; Lieut W Scatter,
Nelleville.
Dufferin.
Fred Garreau, Montreal; Jas E
Green, St Stephens; W T Stackhouse,
Winnipeg; H E Ellis, Woodstock; E
L Palmer, Amherst; P C Price, Donk-
town; James H McParland, Houston,
Me; W A Gallop, Dalhousie; M R Nut-
ting, Fighting for France; Pauline P
Fox, New York; Elizabeth B Fox, New-
ton; Roy Sypher, Cookshire; J J Mc-
Rae, Campbellton; W T Anderson,
Nowell, P E I; W L McGee, do; John
Grady and wife, Summerside, P E I;
W W Wallace, Sussex; W A Heeman,
do; L A Dawson, Boston, Mass; J A
Dawson, Lieut, 104th, Sussex; M Bar-
rett, Riverside; P A Oliver, do; Dr W
H White, Sussex; H S Whinnell and
wife, Moncton; F G McNally, Brun-
swick, N S; E L Watter, Montreal.

MATINEE TODAY — OPERA
HOUSE, 3.15.
No Mention of Place Where accident
Occurred.
London, Dec. 31.—In accordance
with its procedure of late, the Ad-
miralty has given no indication as to
the locality of the Natal disaster.
The military regulations make it im-
possible to give this information
publicly. The loss is generally at-
tributed to foul play. In support of
this theory attention is called to the
similar disasters which overtook the
British battleship Bulwark, which was
blown up off Sheerness in November
of last year with the loss of 700 or
more men, and the British steamship
Princess Irene, blown up in Sheer-
ness harbor last May with the loss
of between 300 and 400 lives.

Says Germans Took British Trench.
Berlin via Sayville, Dec 31.—The
announcement from the war office says
that German troops, after exploding
mines, captured an advance British
trench near Hulloch, taking two ma-
chine guns and a number of prisoners.
Allied aviators made an attack on
Ostend. No damage was done to mil-
itary establishments, but a number of
buildings were shattered.

The heaviest damage is said to have
been inflicted on the convent of the
Sacred Heart. Nineteen Belgian civi-
lians were wounded and one was kill-
ed.

Sweden Calls Home Soldiers and
Sailors.
Berlin, Dec. 31, by wireless to Say-
ville)—Sweden has forbidden all of-
ficers and privates of her naval and
military establishments to remain in
belligerent countries, according to the
Lokal Anzeiger. The order also ap-
plies to members of the military who
are newspaper correspondents.

An Error Corrected.
The Standard yesterday in its report
of the dinner to Major Brown said
that Mr. A. C. Skelton sang. This
should have read C. Brooke Skelton.

VISITING TAR WAS ON WARSHIP SUNDAY NIGHT'S
TORPEDOED AT DARDANELLES MEETING AT
THE IMPERIAL

Bombardier W. A. Clement had thrilling experience
aboard H. M. S. Ocean, sent to bottom on March
18th, 1915, when Allied Fleet attempted to force
the Narrows.

Among the sailors who are in the city are several who were in some
of the fighting in the Dardanelles. One of them, Bombardier W. A. Cle-
ments, was on H. M. S. Ocean when that vessel was torpedoed on the
18th of March, 1915. When asked about his experience in that fight he
said on the 17th they were given to understand that an effort would be
made next day to force the Narrows. The Queen Elizabeth was flagship
and the Ocean was second flagship of the fleet. On the morning of the
18th orders were given to weigh anchor and proceed up the straits. The
fleet consisted of thirty English vessels and four French, they sailed up
in two lines headed by the Queen Elizabeth and Ocean respectively. When
they reached their stations the order was given from the flagship to
commence independent firing and the Queen Elizabeth, on account of
having very heavy guns, dropped back, the French battleship Bovet tak-
ing her place at the head of the line. About two o'clock the latter was
torpedoed from the land and sank within short time, taking all her crew
with her. The irresistible tank her place and about four o'clock she too
was torpedoed from the same battery, but did not sink immediately and
her crew were saved. The Ocean was ordered to move up and take her
in tow as it was felt that she could be saved. In obedience to the order
the Ocean steamed up and just as preparations were being made to take
her in tow she was herself torpedoed by the same battery that hit the
other two.

When it was found that she was sinking the order was given every
man to leave the ship. Most of the men jumped into the water and
were picked up by the destroyers and torpedo boats of the Allied fleet.
They were placed on board the Lord Nelson and Agamemnon for the
time and later sent home to England. Bombardier Clements has four
wounds as mementos of his campaign in the Dardanelles, two from bul-
lets and two from shell splinters.

NINE MORE MEN
ON HONOR ROLL
WORK OF REV. MR. CAMP
IS APPRECIATED

The following resolution of apprecia-
tion for Rev. Wellington Camp, on
the occasion of his removal from the
pastorate of Leinster St. United Bap-
tist church, St. John, N. B., to the
pastorate of the United Baptist church
at Campbellton, N. B., was passed by
the executive committee of the New
Brunswick Sunday School Association
December 30th, 1915:
Resolved, That in view of the re-
moval of Rev. Wellington Camp from
the city of St. John to assume the du-
ties of the pastorate in another part
of this province, this executive com-
mittee of the New Brunswick Sunday
School Association desire to place on
record its sincere appreciation of the
personal worth and labors of Mr.
Camp during the many years he has
served on the executive and shared in
its councils and deliberations from
time to time. We have found him at
all times a warm friend of the associa-
tion, contributing freely of his time
and talent to the furtherance of its
work. His sane judgment, well bal-
anced convictions of duty, and fine
ancient brotherliness, which, ever-
won for him the cordial esteem and
confidence of his fellow-workers in
this executive and the association at
large. He has filled the office of
president in the County and Provin-
cial Associations in turn, and has
done full honor to these offices so fit-
tingly bestowed upon him.

We rejoice to know that Mr. Camp
will still discharge the duties of his
calling within the bounds of the pro-
vince, and therefore within the bounds
of the Provincial Sunday School Asso-
ciation, and that, while as an execu-
tive we will be deprived of his close
personal fellow-work which we have
so fully enjoyed in the past, he will
still have opportunity to exert large
influence upon the growth of Sunday
school work in the same large field
whereof we all are laborers. We wish
for him a rich and abundant blessing
from God in the new pastorate to
which he has been called.

ROLL OF HONOR.
For the 115th.
Alfred Muise, British street.
Clarence Wasson, Young's Cove
Road.
Daniel McGloan, Harcourt.
Edward Johnson, Perth.
Charles Armstrong, Perth.
Oscar L. De Marchant, Perth.
George H. Marchison, Perth.
For Siege Battery.
James J. Power, Saint Andrews.
C. H. Campbell, Exmouth Street.
The campaign for recruits for the
115th is going with a swing this week
and after today's meeting the total
should be near the 200 mark.

MAN AFFLICTED WITH
EPROSY TO BE SENT TO
LAZERETTO AT TRAGADIE

Swift Current, Sask., Dec. 31.—The
suspected case of leprosy quarantined
her has proved to be the genuine dis-
ease and the afflicted man will be sent
to the leper hospital in New Brun-
swick, all precautions being taken to
completely isolate the victim on the
way to that institution.

OPERA HOUSE MATINEE
AT 3.15 TODAY

Those who want to go to the matinee
today at the Opera House and see that
splendid comedy "Baby Mine," by the
Harkins Players, and at the same time
see today's big parade, will be interest-
ed in knowing that the matinee will
not start until after the parade goes
by, about 3.15. The parade starts at
3— it will pass down Union by the
Opera House—take up your position
on Union or Charlotte street, see the
parade and then go to the Opera House
and thus take in the two big events of
the day.

MARRIED.
STEPHENS-CANTY—At St. John, N.
B., Dec. 30, by Rev. W. G. Leno,
Garfield Hayes Stephens, to Eliza-
beth J. Canty, both of St. John.
WANAMAKER-McMAHON — At the
home of the bride's father, on De-
cember 30, 1915, by the Rev. J. H.
A. Holmes, Ann Jane, youngest
daughter of William McMahon, of
French Village, Kings county, to
Joseph William Wanamaker, of The
Range, Queens county, N. B.

DIED.
ROBERTSON—In Boston on 30th
Inst., after a short illness, John B.
Robertson, eldest son of the late
Henry and Elizabeth Robertson, of
this city.
Funeral today, Saturday, on the
arrival of the Boston train, from the
depot to Fernhill.
HAMMOND—At 14 Germain street,
on December 29th, Harry S. Ham-
mond, aged 73 years, leaving one
son and two daughters to mourn.
Funeral from late residence at 2.30
p. m., Saturday.
BROWN—In this city on the 30th
Inst., Burpee E. Brown, leaving
mother, brother and two sisters to
mourn.
Funeral from residence of E. Clin-
ton Brown, 66 Mecklenberg street,
Saturday. Service at 3 p. m.

Band at Victoria Rink this after-
noon and evening.

Fire Sale Bargains
In Our Sporting Department
SKATES
These are but Very Slightly Damaged, being
EXCELLENT VALUES at the MUCH REDUCED
PRICES.
Acmes, 52c, 56c, 59c; with Strap supporters, 93c.
Boys' Hockey, plain, 47c; Nickled 55c.
Climax, Plain, 92c; Nickled, \$1.50.
Miomac, \$3.00; Miomac, Featherweight, \$2.00.
Regal, \$3.40; Regal Featherweight, \$3.45.
Velox, \$4.25; Sootia, \$4.13; Tube Hockey, \$4.25.
Ladies' or Gentlemen's "Beaver" \$1.90.
Ladies' "Glasier," \$2.12; Tube Racer, \$5.10.
Skating Boots, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$3.00 and \$3.25.
Sporting Department, Second Floor,
Market Square Store.

Macaulay Bros. & Co., King Street, St. John, N. B.
Saturday our stores will be open until 10 p.m.; open at 8 a.m.; close 6 p.m., excepting Saturday 10 p.m.
By a contract made by us in June last we secured then at the lowest point
of the cotton market.
6,000 Yards of 36 Inch Wide White Cotton
Just the make and finish for family use, underwear, etc. This cotton is
finished soft for the needle—extra fine, firm weave—and will be sold as long as
the stock lasts at the extraordinary low price of 11 1/2 Cents a Yard
Mail orders have prompt attention.
This Sale Commences Monday, January 2nd, 1916
It's a starter for the New Year.
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A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS

THE FREE HEMMING SALE
Of Household Linens and Cottons
Will Start Next Monday
TABLECLOTHS, SHEETS, PILLOW CASES, TOWELS AND QUILTS ALL NEATLY
HEMMED FREE OF CHARGE, DURING THIS SALE.
This great annual event is of much interest to householders and hotel keep-
ers, and our stock represents the best to be found in the British, Foreign and Cana-
dian markets.

BLEACHED DAMASK TABLECLOTHS including all newest
designs and ranging in size from 1 1/2 yards square to
2 1/2 by 5 yards long.
TEA AND DINNER NAPKINS to match the cloths.
BLEACHED AND CREAM DAMASKS by the yard. From 54 to
72 inches wide.
BLEACHED AND UNBLEACHED SHEETINGS, 54 to 100 in-
ches wide.
PLAIN AND CIRCULAR PILLOW COTTONS, 40 to 54 inches
wide.
BLEACHED MARSEILLES OR SATIN QUILTS, for all size
beds, in scroll and floral designs.
ENGLISH DIMITY QUILTS, CROCHET QUILTS, ready hem-
med.
TOWELS and TOWELLINGS of all descriptions, by the yard.
Our counter display is worthy of attention.
BLEACHED COTTON, put up in ten yard lengths.
Also a Great Many Other Interesting Items are Included in this Sale and Will be
Advertised Later.
LINEN ROOM—GROUND FLOOR

Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited

Imperial Theatre Today.
The first show this afternoon will
start at 1.45 so that it will be over in
time for patrons to witness the big
patriotic parade due to pass the the-
atre between 3.30 and 4 o'clock. The
second show will start immediately
after the parade passes. The holiday
programme includes Blanch Sweet in
the Lasky detective story "The Clue",
"The Broken Coin" and Arthur & De-
Witt.

St. John Business College, day and
evening classes will re-open Monday,
January 3rd.
Band at Victoria Rink this after-
noon and evening.
GREAT WINDOW DISPLAY OF
KNITTING YARNS AT M. R. A.'S
All those who intend answering the
appeal during the next week of the
Soldiers' Comfort Association for
socks for the boys now in the
trenches will be interested in the
great display of knitting yarns in M.
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Week" purposes and offered in grey,
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at different prices, and all on the best
possible terms. A. Milne Fraser, Jas.
A. Little, manager, 37 Dock street,
St. John.

St. John Business College Day and
Evening Class will re-open Monday,
January 3rd.
Serge Dresses.
F. A. Dykeman & Co. are clearing
out about fifty all wool serge dresses
at about two-thirds their usual price.
They are mostly in staple colors such
as navy blue, Copenhagen, brown,
and black. The sizes run from 12
years up to size 44. They are good
styles nicely trimmed and good fitting
garments. The prices run from \$2.50
to \$5.39.