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MAJOR KING DEAD. HE PASSED AWAY SOON AFTER MIDNIGHT. He Had Been Ill for a Few Days—He Was a Native of Kingston—Known in Military Circles in Early Times.

Major King, special tax collector, died at midnight, at his residence, Alfred street. He had only been a few days ill, alarming symptoms setting in on Friday. Wednesday he was at home, feeling poorly; his physician, thought he had summer gripe. The pain increased and developed into oedema of the lungs, superinduced by faint failure. Quietly he passed away at midnight.

Deceased was in his sixty-ninth year, a native of Kingston, a son of Ralph King, a veteran British soldier. His son inherited the military spirit and went through all ranks in the 14th P.W.O. Rifles to his majority. For years he was superintendent of military stores in the 14th Regiment and for many years paymaster of military districts Nos. 3 and 4. He was also former dry goods merchant and secretary of the "Middleton" Relief Association for a number of years in its early days. He is survived by two brothers, George King, a veteran of the United States civil war, and John King, of Iowa.

Major King was one of the oldest members of Queen Street Methodist church, having been associated with its history since its separation from the mother church, Sydenham street church. He was a trustee for years. He was a man of quiet life, yet social, genial and companionable. He loved his home and family and there displayed the graces of cheerfulness, contentment and affection. He was married over thirty-five years ago to Miss Johnston, daughter of the late John Johnston, an ex-city tax collector, and his widow and three children survive. Wallace W. King, M.A., New York; Dr. Parker, of New York, Mass., and Miss Beatrice, at home.

Within the past month his absent children have been at home and enjoyed many happy and pleasant hours, with him, a comfort and gratification which he greatly esteemed in view of the sudden termination of life. On Thursday his son Wallace, with his wife and son, only left for New York. Major King was a liberal in politics. Known and highly respected by many, his sudden demise will be a source of sorrow to and his widow and family will have the tenderest sympathy extended to them in their sad affliction.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. Should Approve of Principle of Adequate Compensation. Kingston, Sept. 2.—(To the Editor): History verifies the wisdom of the remark that "Never did a nation fare the worse for having able men at the helm." It is in our own interests, that we should have the best and best representatives in our legislature. Strange, it is not, that while we pay our servants according to the value of their services, we expect our legislators to neglect their personal interests to become targets for war and to devote themselves to our best interests for the sake of a pittance that, for many of our members, forms but a fraction of their expenditure. The consequence is that many of our well-qualified citizens decline to sacrifice their personal interests, leaving it to others to become members who are of lower calibre and therefore more easily influenced by the blighting curse called graft.

Towards our legislatures the eyes of every citizen are turned, and hence the importance of securing members conspicuous for their abilities and integrity. Can laws have so good an effect with the governed when the makers of these laws are not themselves imbued with the principles which good laws inculcate? We should act honorably by giving full compensation to our legislators for their public services, we could then with a good grace require them to reciprocate in kind. Compared with other nations, we can well afford to act liberally; look at the enormous sums given to the royal families by every kingdom in Europe and to which our expenditure is, comparatively, a mere nothing. It should be a great satisfaction to be able to give to our representatives permanent and beneficial public works and that so little of it has been incurred in bloodshed or preparations for war. Consider the vast part of the debt of the United States which was incurred in that way and the heavy annual payments still made by their government for pensions in consequence of their war. To conclude, instead of grumbling at the so-called "salary grab," I am of opinion that although we have reason to object to certain details of it, we should approve of the principle of giving adequate compensation to our representatives.—Yours, JOHN MUDIE.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE. Labor Day, Matinee And Night. There may be people who do not like to laugh when they go to the play, but they are so much in the minority that it is scarcely worth mentioning that they should be visible. All such had best keep away from the Grand Opera House, on Monday, September 4th, afternoon and evening, when the stage of that popular playhouse will be occupied by "Quincy Adams Sawyer," which public patronage has declared to be the greatest rural play now upon the stage. Yet there does not appear to have been special effort on the part of the playwright to secure the merriest, it comes naturally. The dramatist may have set up half the night for months devising the famous comedy which is the making scene, but the play played it in a lugubrious way. It also could well have happened at that point. If all the world loved fun it also "loves a lover," and there are a hundred dozens of them in "Quincy Adams Sawyer." "Quincy Adams Sawyer" in mimic form, is kept busy. But the sentiment never becomes mawkish and before one tires of it, bang and a bit of humor has convulsed everybody.

"Girls Will Be Girls." William A. Brady's musical comedy, "Girls Will Be Girls," comes to the Grand Opera House, Thursday, September 7th. The play was brilliant and successful on the road last season and had a highly successful engagement at the 14th Street theatre, New York, where it played to crowded houses for six weeks. One of the most interesting points is the appearance of Al Leech as a star at the head of the Brady company. For ten years Leech and his "Rosebuds" have been headliners in vaudeville, counted most popular favorites in variety houses. "Girls Will Be Girls" was written by R. McVie Baker and Joseph Hart with several musical numbers added by A. B. Stone, composer of "Sergeant Kitty," "The Mocking Bird," "Cupid & Co." and a host of popular airs. The piece is filled with scintillatingly funny lines, features and novelties. Al Leech and the three Rosebuds carry the burden of the fun-making, supported by a clever and peculiarly attractive company, including a large number of beautiful girls whose ability in both song and dance is far above the standard of the average chorus. There are more than thirty musical numbers, including a new Japanese specialty, "Moy O San."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. Capt. James F. Allen Tells of the Skiff Incident. Kingston, Sept. 1.—(To the Editor): In your issue of August 21st I see a statement made by the "Two young men in the skiff." I think them very much for their opinion of my ability as a master mariner. They are astray, however, as to my side of the story; as I have not told it up to the present time. The boys in the skiff were, no doubt, very much frightened or they would not have rested on their oars, and would have crossed the river on the steamer American on Sunday. I have not sailed all summer. Dead Man's Bay, but as occasion required, I never saw a more foolish set in all my experience than the crew of the steamer American on Sunday, crossing the American's prow. "If people in skills would stop rowing when steamers were approaching they would not be run down. It is a good rule to give the young men in the skiff at least one warning enough to pull across the steamer's prow; the other one came to his assistance and the two together accomplished what one could not do, by the steamer's bow. I was in the pilot house at the time and know where I speak.—JAMES F. ALLEN.

THE STREET RAILWAY Will Continue Present Service if People Use the Cars. After next Saturday, unless the weather conditions are such as to cause a suspension of the service, the cars will continue to run to Lake Ontario Park. Since the railway was reopened, about the middle of July, the traffic to the park has been all that could be expected. The cars have been running remarkably well patronized. The management of the road is well satisfied with the summer patronage.

If the people continue to ride on the cars in good numbers, the present ten-minute service will be continued through the fall. The service will depend entirely upon the patronage. If the travel is light, a twenty-minute service will be put into effect next week. The cars will run on a ten-minute service right through the year if the travel meets expenses in the winter. The people can thus decide for themselves whether they wish a good car service or half a one. Let them use the cars regularly if they want a ten-minute service.

Capt. Panel, of the R.C.F.A., met with a painful accident at Petawawa camp. He fell and dislocated a knee joint and will be under the care of his physician for some days.

His excellency, the governor-general, has been pleased to appoint Col. L. Buchanan, C.M.G., to be honorary aide-de-camp to his excellency. Lieut. A. W. Jamieson, Kingston field battery, is retired, on appointment to permanent force.

MILITARY MATTERS. NEWS OF INTEREST TO THE KINGSTON GARRISON. Col. Buchanan Appointed Honorary Aide-de-Camp to Governor-General—Capt. Panet Injured—Baseball at Petawawa Camp.

The following officers are authorized to make the course: Capt. W. R. Marshall, D.S.A., M.D., No. 8; Lieut. C. H. Hill, R.C.R.; Maj. S. P. Lyle, D.S.A., M.D., No. 1; Capt. J. N. S. Leslie, R.C.F.A.; Capt. and Lt. R. P. O. Fleet, R.C.R.; Capt. E. de R. Panet, R.C.F.A.; Lieut. J. G. Grant, R.C.R.; Lieut. E. P. 29th Regiment; Lieut. C. R. Grant, 1st Regiment; Lieut. J. S. Brown, 39th Regiment; Lieut. C. G. Chrysler, R.G.F.A.; Lieut. A. S. Law, 10th Regiment; Capt. E. B. Stanger, 39th Regiment; Maj. P. Winter, G.G.P.G.; Capt. E. D. Snider, 39th Regiment; Major C. J. G. Barham, R.C.R.; Lieut. S. P. Williams, 10th Regiment.

A special gun course for gun layers will be held at the artillery camp, Petawawa, and it is hoped all layers will attend for as long as possible before the course is held. Layers may join the course at any time. Layers prior to practice, during the continuation of the course, on application to officers commanding higher commands or districts, who will issue the necessary transport to Petawawa camp and notify the camp commandant of the date of their joining. Officers commanding units are reminded that these courses afford gun layers the opportunity to qualify as such in order to obtain the special rate of pay authorized by the G.O. quoted above for the whole period of annual training, and for the special prizes offered by the Canadian Artillery Association.

Militia orders just issued contain the following information: The Royal Canadian Artillery—To be lieutenants: Louis Stanislas Vien, Henry Eversley, Ernest Harris, Stanley Wright, Alexis Burt, Arthur Norman, Swinton Cockburn, Sheffield Grace Bacon, Edward Bruce Irving, Arthur de la Cherois Irwin. To be majors: Capt. B. C. Thayer, vice Gairdner, seconded. Capt. and Brevet-Major H. A. Panet, D.S.O., continued on seconded list, vice Bursell, seconded; Capt. J. E. L. du Plessis, continued on seconded list, vice Panet, seconded; Capt. D. I. V. Easton, continued on seconded list, vice Farley, retired.

Capt. E. W. B. Morrison, editor of the Ottawa Citizen, has been gazetted to take in command of the new 23rd field battery, which is being established there. He is highly qualified for the position, and will no doubt quickly advance the corps to the foremost rank. His selection for the command is a fitting recognition of his long and faithful service in the militia.

The following will be the staff for the camp at Petawawa: Camp commandant, Col. C. W. Drury, C.B., A.D.C., commanding M.P.; orderly officer (t), Gen. staff, Capt. J. M. G. Brown, Col. and Bt. Col. J. D. Irving, C.S.D., M.P.

Royal Military College—The following gentlemen cadets are granted their discharge at the request of their parents: H. E. Baak, A.; S. Wright, A.; E. Harris, L. W. S. Cockburn, S. G. Bacon, E. B. Irving, A. de la C. Irwin.

IN CHURCH CIRCLES. Movements of Ministers and General Church News. The St. Andrew's Presbyterian congregation of Brantford, have extended a call to the Rev. A. J. Maxwell, of Ripley.

Rev. F. C. Harper, Knox church, Sydenham, has received a call from Pickering and Brougham Presbyterian churches.

Cook's church, Toronto, held a farewell meeting, Wednesday, to W. H. Anderson, who is going out on a missionary to lepers in India. The marriage of Rev. Neil M. Leslie, M.A., of Londonbury, formerly of Hamilton, to Miss Georgia W. Smith, announced to take place in September.

Rev. E. J. Etherington, rector of St. Thomas's church, Peterboro, and Mrs. Etherington, who have been on a wedding tour in the old country, have arrived home.

Rev. David Winter, ex-president of the Montreal conference, now on the Winchester circuit, is in a very critical condition, and there is almost no hope.

Rev. S. S. Garvin, Richmond, Vt., died from the effects of a paralytic shock, aged eighty years. The deceased had been a preacher of the Evangelical Adventist faith for fifty years.

Rev. Canon Brock, of Kentville, N.S., was attacked by paralysis, Tuesday, and is very low. Canon Brock came out from England some years ago, and was president of the King's College, Windsor, retiring from that position he was elected rector of Kentville.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY OPENS FOR SESS'ON 1905-06 ON SEPT. 27TH. Expected That Students Will Number 1,000—Over 200 Students Here Last Session from West of Toronto.

The arts and science supplemental examinations at Queen's begin on the 12th, and the matriculation examinations on the 14th. On the 27th, the university session of 1905-06 opens. Last session, the number of students registered in all faculties in Queen's was 957. It is to be reasonably expected that the number will, before the end of the coming session, total 1,000.

Every post in the university is filled, and an addition has been made by the appointment of an assistant professor of modern languages. The medical staff has been rearranged, owing to the death of Dr. Herald. Regret is expressed among students and graduates over the ill-health of Rev. Prof. Nicholson, the university's best classical scholar, who has, however, will be able to resume his lectures by the end of the year.

Rev. Robert Laird, M.A., the university endowment agent, leaves on Monday morning for Western Ontario to address the presbytery of Bruce, Huron and Maitland. Bruce is the only presbytery which recommended against Queen's being retained by the Presbyterian church, but there are probably in it some men of means who will help the endowment.

Mr. Laird has great hopes of a hearty response coming from Western Ontario to the appeal of Queen's for the half million endowment. Queen's he says, is a university for the west as well as the east. Last session there were 200 students who came to it from places in Ontario, west of Toronto. They passed Toronto University and came to Kingston. This is a larger number than Toronto draws from the east, and is over one-fifth of Queen's total registration.

Counting Manitoba, the territories and British Columbia, the western students at Queen's numbered 225. Mr. Laird will be in Western Ontario for the next three weeks. He will make Kingston his headquarters, having an office at the university.

Funerals and Marriages Occupy Attention of the Town People. Napanee, Sept. 2.—The funeral of the late Fred Butland, killed at Deseronto, will take place, Sunday, at two o'clock, from his late residence, Belleville road, to the Western cemetery. The remains of the late George E. Huffman are expected to arrive on Saturday midnight. The funeral will take place Sunday morning, from the G.T.R. to the Eastern cemetery. Dr. Freeman Huffman is accompanying the remains home.

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