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News From Eastern Ontario Points

THE DISTRICT NEWS

GET READY FOR SERVICE

Men are Needed in the Front Trenches.

CLIPPED FROM THE WHIG'S MANY BRIGHT EXCHANGES.

In Brief Form, the Events In The Country About Kingston Are Told

—Full of Interest to Many.

Harry Clarke has moved on his farm lately purchased from the Church estate in Greenbush.

Col. J. Arnott, in command of the 151st Battalion, Calgary, was a former resident of Trenton, Ont.

William Norcott, Peterboro, will spend three years in penitentiary for assaulting a fellow prisoner in the police cells.

The Bishop of Ottawa has appointed Rev. Mr. Arnold, Massena, N.Y., as rector of the Church of England at Winchester.

The Evangelical churches of Middleville, Hopetown and Rosetta have extended a call to Rev. D. McCall, of Stratford, which has been accepted.

Charles Armstrong was killed in action on the Gallipoli peninsula on Nov. 24th. The young hero was a native of Heron's Mills, born there thirty years ago.

Four Pictonians have enlisted with the Mechanical Transport Corps now being recruited at Cobourg. They are Harry Cole, W. J. Dempster, Harold Gerow and James Beasley.

Lindsay friends of Gerald M. Padon, St. John's, Nfld., will regret to learn that he has been wounded at the front. A brother, Hubert, was killed in the war last spring.

There are, either at the front, or in training for the firing line, 104 Renfrew Collegiate graduates and students and nearly all passed through the hands of Principal Bryan.

The Jas. Smart Mfg. Co., Brockville, has appointed William P. Miller, Edmonton, formerly of Brockville, as western manager of their business. Mr. Miller succeeds the late William Sutherland.

Miss Mary Black, Westport, had the misfortune to have her collar bone broken in a runaway accident while visiting friends at Lyndhurst. James Brondo is in the jail at Perth awaiting trial on the charge of attempted murder.

Dr. J. T. Clarke, second in command of Number 1 Canadian Station Hospital at Le Treport, France, almost since the beginning of the war, has been raised to the rank of Lieutenant-colonel. He was born and raised at Foxboro.

\$2,500 To Two Battalions.

Cobourg, Dec. 20.—The Counties Council of Northumberland and Durham made a grant of \$1,250 to each of the two new battalions, 139th Northumberland and 136th Durham, now being organized in these counties.

PITH OF NEWS.

Despatches From Near And Distant Places.

Great Britain has barred any more women from visiting Egypt.

Each Toronto battalion is to do its own recruiting in future, the present centralizing system being abolished.

The death sentence on Hubert T. King for the murder of Eddie Nicholson, near Owen Sound, has been commuted.

George Pearse was burned to death in a fire at Sault Ste. Marie, being unable through illness to make his escape.

Lieut. Thomas D. Leonard, a former University of Toronto student and athlete, is reported dangerously wounded.

Two trolley cars collided on Victoria Bridge, Montreal, both motor-men being badly hurt and eleven other persons less seriously.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce report for the financial year ending November 30th shows smaller profits and larger cash reserves.

The total sum raised by the Province of Ontario for the British Red Cross on the Trafalgar collection stands to date at \$1,448,017.23.

The French army is now the most efficient in Europe, according to E. A. Powell, returned war correspondent of the New York World.

The main east and west headings of the Rogers Pass Tunnel through Mount Macdonald, on the C. P. R., were connected, 6,900 feet below the surface, near Glacer, B. C.

Chief of Police Edward Merkland, Ford, Ont., is alleged to have caused the arrest of citizens, releasing them afterwards on payment of sums of money for him not to prosecute.

French aviators dropped forty bombs on Sablons station south of Metz, and French artillery bombarded with excellent results, German positions southeast of St. Mihiel.

Three harvesters coming home for Christmas were killed in a train wreck near Fort William Saturday night; Adam Holmes of Seaford, and George Leach and D. H. Leach, of Bayfield, Ont.

The German Government has refused to liberate Hon. Dr. H. S. Bell, former Postmaster-General of Canada, but is willing to exchange him for Lieut. Rintlein, under sentence of death for espionage.

With The Cuglers.

The following have been elected honorary members of the Kingston Curling Club: Rev. D. M. Gordon, L. L. Henderson, E. Lyons, C. D. MacFarland, M. S. Sutherland. The following are associate members: W. F. Nickle, M. P., J. G. Elliott, Lieut. Col. F. Etherington, Capt. L. W. Gill, A. A. Turcott, W. D. MacKay. The teams have been selected for the season's games.

Oscar Gignac, who deserted from the 77th Battalion, Ottawa, two months ago, with Pte. Morton, was on Saturday sentenced to nine months in prison. Pte. Morton, who escaped with him at the same time, has been apprehended also and is awaiting trial.

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Cobourg, Dec. 18.—Major Beattie, writing to the front to a friend says: "I had a letter the other day from a boy of 16, who wanted to know if I thought he would be justified in saying he was 18 in order to come. We must consider the first spirit shown, but I can help but feel that there are plenty of men fully developed, who ought to, and will come, without taking boys who have not fully developed. This is no job for such. It is a man's job, a strong man's job, and the military authorities have an eye to the heavy packs to be carried, and long marches to be endured, the tedious nights on watch, and the continual strain of it all when they fixed the minimum age at 18. I question if many boys even at that age would be other than a care and a weakness to the army. Let such begin now to fit themselves for enlisting when they reach full maturity. They may still be in time for some of the fighting. The end is by no means in sight."

NO GRAFT APPARENT.

The Conclusion Judge Scott Came To After Enquiry.

Perth, Dec. 18.—Judge Scott has been investigating the construction of granolithic walls in 1914 in Perth, and has reported exhaustively. In conclusion he says:

"I am very glad to report that there is no indication, so far as the officials or members of the Council are concerned, of graft in its popular sense. It is clear that so far as this investigation reveals, none of them received in connection with these contracts more than he was legally entitled to, if the town has paid full prices for defective work and material or has paid sums in excess of the contract rates the contractor has been the recipient, and if this has occurred the cause may be attributed to laxity on the part of the corporation's servants and perhaps plaid on the part of the Council."

No Licenses Opposed.

Picton, Dec. 20.—The Ontario Li-

cens Commissioners held their first meeting here on Friday to consider applications for Picton for the coming year. No opposition was tendered to any of the six taverns and one shop license applications. Mr. Flavelle announced that this was the first meeting where no delegation presented opposition. He stated that the Board's decision on the applications would be known early in January.

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