

NEWS ABOUT TROOPS QUARTERED IN CITY

After spending Christmas at their homes throughout the division, the soldiers of the garrison have all returned to the city. Fifty per cent. of the men were allowed leave over the holiday and the remainder—those who were in the city for Christmas—will be at their homes for New Year's Day. In this way the authorities have arranged that every man will have a holiday.

Lieut.-Col. E. C. Arnold, supervisor of the artillery training at the Drydock Barracks, returned on Tuesday from Ottawa where he spent the holiday. In his absence, Major E. C. Barrett, 32nd Battery, was in command.

There seems to be a movement on foot to build a barracks for the 14th Regimental guard at Fort Henry as their quarters at the Artillery park is needed for other purposes. The barracks would be built to accommodate about 400 soldiers and it would be located at the fort so that in case of trouble the men could be called out without trouble. The barracks would cost about \$4,000 or by Government contract about \$6,000.

The stone barracks now used by the 14th Regimental guard is needed to accommodate the ever-increasing number of officers, N. C. O.'s and men training for different branches of the overseas service. The Royal School of Artillery officers are scattered all over the city in different private homes and the N. C. O.'s are located in the Richardson building, in the Artillery park dormitories and throughout the city. The discipline and training would be very much better could they be quartered in the one place. The stone barracks at the Artillery park is essentially an artillery barracks, and for this reason it is natural that the authorities would want it for that purpose.

The Royal School of Artillery was never as big as it now and it is expected that the next course will be attended by over 250 officers and N. C. O.'s.

Capt. P. G. C. Campbell, Commandant of Fort Henry, is on the sick-list.

Nine cases of articles for the prisoners of war at Fort Henry arrived on Monday morning and were sent over to the fort. They contained delayed Christmas presents that were held up in the rush of traffic.

Major E. C. Barrett had the men of the 32nd Battery on a ride and on harnessing drill on Monday.

Major R. F. Massie, O. C. 34th Battery, returned on Monday afternoon, from Cobourg, where he spent the holiday.

Lieut. Webster, 34th Battery, spent the holiday in Toronto.

Lieut. Newton, 34th Battery, returned on Tuesday from Montreal where he spent Christmas.

The officers of the Provisional School of Infantry have returned to the city from their Christmas vacation. No leave is being granted at New Year's as all of the officers had leave over Christmas.

Capt. Gill, Queen's Battery, had one gun for the use of his men but it is proving of great value and is kept busy at all times. Capt. Gill has also eight horses for equitation classes.

Half of the men of Queen's Battery had leave for Christmas and have returned to duty.

Shortly after the first of the year a big recruiting meeting will be held in the City Hall at the inaugural meeting for the recruiting campaign for the 146th Battalion. The speakers of the evening have not yet been chosen.

There are now about twelve officers of the 146th Battalion on recruiting duty throughout the district.

Major W. Alan Stroud, O. C. squadron, C.M.R., Hamilton, was in the city over the holiday and stated that the weather there had been steady.

possible for a great many of his men contracting severe colds. Trooper Leighton is in the Hotel Dieu; Trp. Cook, Hanson, Walker and Woodcock are all in the city and under doctors' care. Trp. Cotton of Gananogue, is also on the sick-list. Trp. Elmer has recovered from his illness.

Lieut. R. L. Sparks, "C" squadron, who has been on sick-leave in the city, has completely recovered.

Lieut.-Col. H. J. Dawson, O.C., 59th Battalion, was in the city on Monday.

Pte. Roadhouse, 51st Edmonton Battalion, was in the city on Monday.

The next course in the Provisional School of Infantry starts on January 24th.

Lieut. Col. Barragar, Commandant of the Provisional School of Infantry, is in Belleville.

Cpl. W. Whalley, 59th Battalion, was in the city on Monday.

Trp. W. Timms, "C" squadron, Hamilton, was here for the holiday.

There are 175 applicants for the Royal School of Artillery course that opens on January 10th.

The 59th Battalion has a splendid skating rink on their grounds.

Lieut. B. J. Hazelwood, A.M.C., has been detailed for duty at Bowmanville.

Lieut.-Col. W. J. Brown, G. S. O., is president of a board to examine the officers of the Ottawa P. S. I., on the 28th inst.

Retreat is being sounded at 4.45 p.m.

Dr. W. A. Brown will examine the recruits at Chesterville.

Q. M. S., J. E. Harter, C. M. S. C., has composed a patriotic song entitled "I'll Miss the Girl," which is being published.

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ONLY ONE ARREST IN THREE DAYS. The Police Have Had a Very Quiet Time This Christmas.

Since the bars closed at eight o'clock in the evening the police have been called upon to make very few arrests. The reason given for this is that men who used to spend a portion of their time in the bars at night go home from their business and work and by the time they get down street again the bars have been closed.

Since Friday mid-night the police have been called upon to make only one arrest, which is certainly a record for Kingston. In former years the Christmas holidays used to be a busy time for the constables.

Post Office Rush Is Over. The big Christmas rush at the Post Office is over for another year. The last of the Christmas mail was delivered on Monday. Postmaster James Stewart, when speaking to the Whig, stated that thousands of letters were handled by the clerks. The parcel post mail was also very heavy. The mail going to France and England was tremendous.

The letter-carriers were kept on the jump for the past week.

The Time Extended. Thomas Gaskin, issuer of automobile licenses, has received notice from Toronto that the Provincial Government has extended the time for the issuing of 1916 licenses to January 31st.

The cakes left over from the Y. M. C. A. social event in the City Hall on Saturday evening for the soldiers were sent to the Orphans' Home.

Prof. Edward J. Williamson, Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y., left for Cleveland on Monday afternoon after spending a week here.

Long, Ottawa, was a visitor in the city for the holiday.

THE MASONIC ORDER BELGIUM CRIES OUT

HONORING THE FESTIVAL OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST. TO THE WORLD TO SEND IT HELP.

Ancient St. John's Lodge Held a Splendid Banquet With Delightful Addresses—Installation at Other Kingstons Lodges.

The festival of St. John the Evangelist was honored by Masons on Monday. Among the pleasantest was the annual banquet of Ancient St. John's Lodge, No. 3, A. F. & A. M., G.R.C., at the Hotel Randolph. Over fifty sat down. The spread was choice, mine Host Spence serving it expeditiously and well. The chef outdid himself in his skilful work. From soup to coffee, everything was appetising. The chair was filled by Worshipful Master C.S. Kirkpatrick and a fine toast list was furnished with addresses of a high order. The war was the chief theme and was ably considered by Bro. J. W. Edwards, M. P., R. W. Bro. W. S. Her- ring, R. C. Napanea, Bro. Canon FitzGerald and Bro. A. W. Richardson. Their remarks were illuminating. Bro. Herrington concluding with a stirring appeal for enlistments. The Empire was calling and the response in Canada should be strong and valiant. Canon FitzGerald, in fervid style, told of the brilliant work of Irishmen. They had enlisted for King and Empire in remarkable fashion. The toast list composed these subjects: "The King and Craft," proposed by W. M. Kirkpatrick and capriciously received. R. W. Bro. R. J. Gardiner, in timely words, honored "The Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada." Bro. Dr. Edwards eloquently declaimed on Canada's place in the empire in the toast "Canada and the Empire" and R. W. Bro. Herrington responded in a captivating fashion. "Our Sister Lodges" was gracefully presented, by Bro. W. Bearance and V. W. Bro. P. H. Burke and W. Bro. O. Daly told of their reception at the united festival of Catequai and Minden Lodges. "The Worshipful Masters of the Ancient St. John's Lodge" was toasted. Through illness, W. Bro. P. H. Ryder was absent, but he sent letter of appreciation for the cordial treatment given him as master. Bro. Iva Martin very wittily replied to "Masons' Wives and Bairs," giving a new meaning to the theme. V. W. Bro. R. E. Burns responded. "Other Masonic Bodies" was presented neatly and effectively by Bro. W. J. Saunders and eloquently replied to by Bro. A. W. Richardson, who demonstrated the noble and inspiring objectives to which masonry could attain, and Bro. W. Y. Mills. Bro. Canon FitzGerald, in an impassioned outburst of patriotic fervor, toasted "Our Visiting Brethren," and laudatory replies came from V. W. Bro. Lyman, Bro. Johnson, Montreal; Publow, Thorold, and Farrar, Montreal. W. Bro. Seels toasted the "Press," and Messrs. J. G. Elliott and R. Henderson replied. "Out Guest," "The Incoming Worshipful Master," and the Junior Warden's toast, brought a unique banquet to an end.

There were excellent songs by Bro. Angus Orr, A. W. Richardson and J. M. Saunders. The company closed with a rousing "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King."

St. John's Officers. The officers of Ancient St. John's—No. 3 A. F. and A. M.—were installed by R. W. Bro. J. H. Birkett, assisted by R. W. Bro. A. Shaw, V. W. Bro. Smeaton and W. Bro. Murch at noon Monday. The officers are: W. M., W. Bro. C. S. Kirkpatrick; L.P.M., W. Bro. P. H. Rider; S.W., Bro. A. W. Richardson; J.W., Bro. Iva Martin; chaplain, V. W. Bro. J. G. Elliott; Er., W. Bro. Daly; secretary, Bro. A. W. Cathcart; S.D., Bro. T. R. McCormick; J. D., Bro. W. Bearance; I.G., Bro. W. J. Saunders; D.C., Bro. J. E. Mortimer; S.S., Bro. J. McRae; J.S., Bro. H. Edgar; Tyler, W. Bro. B. Bunt.

Catequai and Minden. D.D.G.M., W. Bro. J. H. Birkett installed the officers of Catequai and Minden lodges on Monday evening. After the installation a joint banquet was held, which was followed by an address by Capt. E. D. Ponton, Belleville, who has recently returned from the front. Capt. Ponton outlined in a very clear manner his experiences in the trenches and explained the reason why more men are so urgently needed. The usual toasts were proposed.

The officers of Catequai lodge, A.F. and A.M. and A.M. are: W. Bro. Thomas J. Bishop, W.M.; Bro. H. J. Graham, S.W.; Bro. William, King, J.W.; R. W. Bro. Robert Hendry, secretary; W. Bro. G. S. Wheeler, treasurer; Bro. G. A. Sears, chaplain; Bro. H. A. Warwick, S.D.; Bro. W. Renton, J.D.; Bro. H. Grey, I.G.; Bro. E. Hartwick, D.C.; Bro. J. J. Newman, S.S.; Bro. F. Wilson, J.S.; W. Bro. Bunt, Tyler.

The officers of Minden lodge are: W. Bro. W. M. Campbell, W.M.; Bro. H. Milne, S.W.; Bro. J. E. Twigg, J.W.; Bro. H. W. Newman, S.D.; H. F. Price, J.D.; Bro. R. Ward, I.G.; Dr. Knapp, S.S.; G. VanHorne, J.S.; H. Singleton, organist and W. Bro. R. Bunt, Tyler.

Change in Train Service. Effective January 1st, 1916, C.P.R., mixed train No. 615 timed to leave Kingston at 8.10 a.m. for Renfrew, will run Monday, Wednesday and Friday only. No. 618 timed to leave Renfrew at 7.30 a.m. for Kingston will run Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday only.

Weather Notes. Depressions are situated in the western provinces and over the gulf states while the pressure is no-where much above normal. A few light local snow-falls or burries have occurred from Alberta to the Maritime Provinces but the weather has been for the most part fair.

Change of Time. Commencing Thursday, Dec. 20th, S.S. America will leave for Cape Vincent daily except Sunday at 10.30 a.m., instead of 1.15 p. m.

Over Two And A Half Million People Destitute As the Result of Industrial Paralysis.

Kingston, Dec. 27.—(To the Editor):—Will you kindly give a place in your columns to the following extracts from the last report of the Belgian Relief Fund.

"Since November 1st, 1914, practically the entire Civil population of Belgium has been dependent on the Relief Commission for bread and for many other necessities.

"As the result of the industrial paralysis 2,750,000 people are now reduced to destitution.

"This industrial paralysis results from the prohibition by the Germans of all imports and exports.

"Financial transactions and communications of any character over the frontier are rigorously interdicted.

"It is human experience without parallel. History contains nothing like it."

"Through the Benevolent Department the charity of the world and of the Belgian people themselves, is mobilized in the support of the destitute, and through it, over 2,750,000 persons are now being assisted in some measure with food and clothing. The total resources made available to the Commission from abroad, for the support of the destitute, was over \$31,000,000, to the 30th June, and the expenditure from these sources was at that date about \$25,000,000, and is now proceeding at the rate of about \$5,000,000 per month. Beyond the expenditure, lies the large amount of local charity—now exceeding \$10,000,000—for the policy of the rolling organizations has been, only to supplement the resources of the Communal and other local Relief Committees, they in turn supplementing the resources of the individual. The Belgian people have risen to an unprecedented emergency, with the utmost determination, and aside from local charity about fifty per cent. of the charitable resources of the Commission from abroad are provided by Belgians and Belgian Institutions.

"The response of the American, British and other peoples to the plea on behalf of the Belgians has been without parallel in international philanthropy—amounting to-day to nearly \$15,000,000, in cash, food and clothing. Without this extraordinary generosity success in the prevention of starvation would have been impossible. It must continue, for day by day individual reserves and local resources become less and less."

"Generous as the resources placed at our disposal are, they are pitifully small when spread over the number who are now wholly dependent on the relief becoming dependent with increasing frequency. It will appear from this report that we are transmitting \$5,000,000 per month from the outside world for the destitute, yet this sum divided over those now unemployed and destitute, would average less than five cents per day. It can be said emphatically, that no human being can be kept alive even in Belgium, with the most rudimentary food and clothing at war prices, on a less outlay by somebody somewhere, of between two and three times this amount. It is evident, therefore, that our work has been only supplemented to individual resources, and these can, obviously but diminish throughout the period of the war, unless something can be done to at least partially overcome the industrial stagnation."

G. M. MACDONNELL.

McGowan-Sherman Wedding.

A pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Byron Sherman, 247 Montreal street on Christmas eve, when his sister, Miss Elsie Pearl Sherman, daughter of John Sherman, Napanee, was united in marriage to George C. McGowan, Kingston. The ceremony was performed by Prof. A. Laird. The bride was given away by her brother and was handsomely gowned in white silk with lace over the shoulders and trimmings. She carried a bouquet of lily of the valley and carnations. The gifts were numerous and among them was a cheque from her father and a seal-coat and muff from her father and brother. The happy young couple will reside at 47 Albert street, Kingston.

Wedded at Stella.

A quiet wedding took place at Stella on Wednesday morning, Dec. 15th, when Rev. James Cumberland, at the Manse, united in marriage Robert D. Glenn, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Glenn, Jr., and Miss Olive Henderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Henderson. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn left by Grand Trunk for a visit with friends at Port Perry and other western points. On their return they will reside on Amberst Island.

Prof. L. W. Mulloy left Monday for Detroit, Mich., to spend a few days with W. J. Macnamara, ex-Mayor of Edmonton.

CATARRH LEADS TO CONSUMPTION

Catarrh is as much a blood disease as scrofula or rheumatism. It may be relieved, but it cannot be removed by simply local treatment. It causes headache and dizziness, impairs the taste, smell and hearing, affects the voice, deranges the digestion, and breaks down the general health. It weakens the delicate lung tissues and leads to consumption.

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WOUNDED COME BACK AT 150 A WEEK.

More Than 450 in Various Convalescent Hospitals—250 Attended At Home.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—E. H. Scammell, Secretary of the Dominion Hospitals Commission, left for the west yesterday, where he will arrange for additional accommodation at Winnipeg and Regina for returned soldiers who require further medical attention.

In the future the Dominion wounded men will be coming back at the rate of 150 per week. They are now being examined and classified either at Liverpool or on the way across, so that there will be no delay at the port of disembarkation.

There are now upwards of 450 men in the various convalescent hospitals of Canada, while about 250 others are receiving medical attention at their homes.

SOME SMALLPOX CASES.

Discovered At Harrowsmith—A Quarantine Established.

There has been great excitement in Harrowsmith during the past few days owing to the discovery of some cases of smallpox in that village. When the first case was located, Dr. J. W. Geddes, the Medical Health Officer, made an investigation, with the result that two more people were found to be suffering from the disease. The homes in which the three people were living were immediately placed under quarantine and Police Constable Dowker is making sure that none of the people leave the home.

GREETINGS FROM THE 21ST.

To Their Comrades, the Kingston Veterans' Association, Lieut.-Col. W. S. Hughes, O. C. 21st Battalion, has sent the following Christmas greetings to the Kingston Veterans' Association:

"My Dear Comrades: On behalf of the 21st Battalion I send you the best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We remember the many kindnesses you showed us while in Kingston. Wishing that God may bless you all. (Signed) W. S. Hughes."

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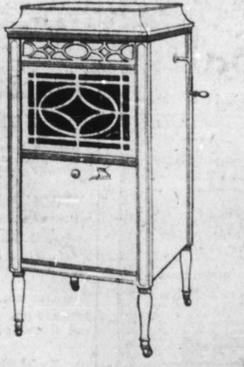
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