

News From Eastern Ontario Points

THE DISTRICT NEWS

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Is Brief Form the Events in the Country About Kingston Are Told

W. Lawson, the Eganville lawyer, is to open a branch office at Killaloe.

In Almonte total taxes paid up to December 14th was \$26,841, leaving but \$285 unpaid.

The Women's Institute of Lanark village has purchased 46 pairs of mackinaw socks to send to Lanark boys overseas.

Miss Dorothy Wade, Renfrew, is among several teachers appointed to the public school staff in Toronto on probation.

Mrs. Anna Kall, born in Brockville, died in Sewickley, Pa., on Thursday last.

James Malvey, Belleville, died on Friday last after nine days' illness from angina pectoris.

William Montgomery, Drummond, sold a team of Clyde colts to William Haggarty, a horse buyer from Almonte, receiving therefor the tidy sum of \$320.

Mrs. James Kinch died at Toledo on Thursday. She had spent all her life in Kitley township.

Mrs. S. C. McLean, Spencerville, announces the engagement of her daughter, Harriet Pearl, to Mr. Alexander B. Lawrence.

After a year's illness, William Joseph Rose passed away on Monday at the family residence, Belleville.

The death occurred in Ottawa of Mrs. J. S. Huntington, formerly of Prescott.

The Black Donald Graphite Co., Calabogie, did not operate its mines on December 25th, but will probably do so on January 1st.

On Saturday the Brockville friends of A. T. Willgress, former editor of the Brockville Times and now King's printer for Ontario, presented him with a cabinet of silver and expressed regret at his removal to Toronto.

Rev. J. W. Allen, of St. Andrew's Church, Cobden, was agreeably surprised on Christmas night, when Mr. and Mrs. Moffatt and Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Parr called at the manse and presented him with a fur-lined coat and a substantial cheque.

The death is announced of Mrs. Ramsay, widow of the late Dr. Ramsay, of St. Paul, Minn.

Lionel Montrose Parker died in a hospital at Santourse, Porto Rico on January 1st.

Messrs. Carghey and Harnich, Pembroke, were enjoying a fast ride on an ice-boat on Allumette Lake when suddenly the boat went through the ice into thirty-five feet of water.

There are still 9,000,000 in Reserve. Says U. S. Physician Who Was In Warsaw Retreat.

New York, Jan. 3.—Dr. Phillip Newton, of Washington, who returned yesterday on the Baltic wearing the uniform of a brigadier-general in the Russian army and the Cross of St. Anne, which was bestowed upon him by the Czar, said that Russia had just drafted 5,000,000 men for war service and had 9,000,000 more in reserve ready to be called up.

The doctor said he went to Russia at the beginning of the war to offer his services and was attached to the Forty-second Regiment of the Sixth Army and took part in the retreat from Warsaw.

"We started with 45,000 officers and men and only 3,500 survived the march. All the rest were either killed, wounded, or captured," he said.

"With the 5,000,000 troops recently drafted Russia has put altogether 9,000,000 men into the field and has an equal number of good troops in reserve. She is receiving plenty of

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Gananoque

(From Our Own Correspondent.) Gananoque, Jan. 4.—The executive committee of the Gananoque Branch of the Patriotic and Red Cross societies met last evening.

The Young Men's organized Bible class of Grace Methodist Sunday School are furnishing the entertainment for the men of "A" Company of the 59th Battalion at the recreation rooms of Grace Church this week. There was quite a large number present last evening.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Joseph White was held yesterday morning from the family residence Stone street to St. John's Church where mass was sung, and her remains conveyed to Howe Island for interment.

Miss Nellie Lake, who has been holidaying here for the Christmas vacation, has returned to her duties as teacher at the public school at Sadyville, St. Catharines. She left yesterday for Delta to resume her duties as teacher at the public school at that vicinity.

Miss Ethel Bennett, trained nurse, who has been spending the past few months in town, left yesterday for her home in Winnipeg. Miss C. M. Wright, Stone street, left yesterday to resume her duties as teacher at the Eden Grove public school.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Edgely, Grambank, spent the week-end in town guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Lattimore, Stone street. Miss Pearl Webster, Sydenham and Cannifton. The latter circuit he held for a double pastorate of six years. About 1886 he superannuated owing to trouble with his eyes.

Five children survive: Frank C. Ferguson, B.A., B.D., recently called to be Counsellor to the State of China, Mrs. Sarah Anderson and Mrs. A. F. Sherman, Belleville, and Mrs. Taplin, Wellesley, Mass.

He is also survived by one brother, Duncan, of Idaho, and two sisters, Mrs. Blakey Shaw, Hastings, Ont., and Mrs. Thomas Wilson, Ontario, Cal.

Perth's Tax-paying Qualities. Perth, Jan. 4.—Monday, Dec. 27th, was the close of the allotted time for Perth citizens to pay their taxes, and roughly estimated, \$51,365 in taxes was paid up to that date, leaving in the neighborhood of \$1,800 in taxes still unpaid.

Five per cent interest will be charged on all these outstanding taxes. Collector Jamieson reports Saturday and Monday last as about one of the biggest tax-paying rushes he has experienced in his twenty years on the job, \$22,000 in taxes being paid to him during these two days. Mr. Jamieson is undoubtedly one of the most efficient town tax collectors in the Dominion.

May Go to Cairo. Renfrew, Jan. 4.—Clyde Shearn returned to town from Kingston on Wednesday evening after having successfully undergone a medical examination for overseas service. He went out with the idea of joining the artillery, but while there was half persuaded to cross the Atlantic as a recruit for Queen's Military Hospital at Cairo, for which his training as a chemist would well fit him.

Damaging a Fence. Brockville, Jan. 4.—Homer Kelsey, Lyndhurst, was charged in court by William Sloan, of the same place, with damaging a fence. The fence fronts upon an old unused cemetery, and there is a dispute between the men as to the right of maintaining a fence there. Kelsey was found guilty and fined one dollar with damages of four dollars and costs of \$15.11.

Grew Thickly. Carleton Place, Jan. 4.—Richard Scott, Black's Corners, did a remarkable thing on Friday last, one which possibly can have no parallel in this continent, namely: He cut down nine large trees, the smallest a foot in diameter, and he could reach nine without moving an inch in any direction.

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MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Lanark Village. Reeve—C. M. Forbes. Councilors—Neison Affleck, Arch. MacDonald, R. W. Robertson and James Watt.

Bath Village. Reeve—Parker Waite. Councilors—Robert Stevenson, Charles Rose, George Davy, William J. Calver.

Township of Loughboro. For Reeve—John M. Blake, 240; J. M. Stevens, 227. For Councilors—Edward Lawrence, 279; J. F. McRory, 239; David Walker, 190; Edward Sills, 173; R. H. Smith, 146; W. E. Ennis, 139; George Green, 165. The first four are elected.

Township of Oso. For Reeve—T. J. Munroe, 131; Robert McVeigh, 80. For Councilors—Archibald Gray, 115; Jerome Thomson, 103; H. Sargent, 100; S. C. Bourke, 99.

Township of Sheffield. For Reeve—J. E. Harris, 304; Bernard O'Neill, 188. For Councilors—E. A. McGuire, 296; H. York, 264; J. B. Palmateer, 233; John J. Neville, 239; John Morrison, 238; Robert King, 233. The first four are elected.

Township of Kingston. For Reeve—John A. Redmond (acclamation). Deputy Reeve—Benson C. Coulter. Councilors—John Heaton, Elgin Stover and A. E. Weller.

Reeves Elected. Camden—Archibald Phillips. Front Leeds and Lansdowne—David Dempster. Malton—E. C. Tuffin. Merrickville—Mr. Tallman.

HOW THE MONEY GOES. The Sum of \$40,000 Squandered, A Big Divide.

Montreal Herald. Sir Charles Davidson's Commission has unearthed an interesting fact, showing how the people's money is being squandered on war contracts. Some time ago the Militia Department required 188,000 pairs of trousers for Canadian soldiers, and called for tenders. The lowest tender was T. Eaton & Co., of Toronto, at \$3.20 a pair. Instead of awarding the contract to the lowest tenderer, however, the Government split up the order, for political effect, between ten different firms in Toronto, Montreal and Hamilton in lots of about 12,500 pairs to each, and gave them in each case the highest prices at which they had tendered. The prices paid were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Firm Name, Price per pair. T. Eaton Co., Toronto, \$3.20; A. Kibbert & Co., Montreal, \$3.28; Crown Pants Co., Montreal, \$3.43; Copley, Noyes & Randall, Hamilton, \$3.43; Cohen & Sons, Montreal, \$3.50; Puncture, Burrill & Co., Toronto, \$3.58; Canada Clothing Co., Montreal, \$3.64; Empire Clothing Co., Toronto, \$3.69; W. E. Sanford Mfg. Co., Capital Brand Trousers, Toronto, \$3.73.

It will be noticed that they were all paid different prices for the same work. For instance, the Capital Brand Trousers Company, of Toronto, received \$5,625 more for making 12,500 pairs of pants than the T. Eaton Company got for the same work. It was figured out that the 188,000 pairs of pants cost the country \$40,000 more than they would had the lowest tender been accepted. The reputation of the Eaton firm is such that there could have been no misgiving as to their capacity to handle such an order, nor their ability to give satisfaction. In this case \$40,000 of the ratepayers' money was squandered for political effect. And that is only one small instance of what appears to be the general rule.

Admitting the monkey was our ancestor, if he were here to-day he might not be proud of the progress some of us have made.

It is always well to remember that your knees might weaken under the burden, the other fellow staggers with.

True charity never seeks space in a newspaper.

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Cards of Thanks

I extend thanks to those of my friends who supported me in the mayoralty election, and while I regret that the result is a disappointment to them, I assure them that I did my best. I retire from municipal activities feeling that I have given to the city all the service that could be reasonably expected.

J. S. R. McCANN.

FRONTENAC WARD

Ladies and Gentlemen: I wish to thank the electors of Frontenac Ward for their splendid support in electing me Alderman, and I assure them their trust will not be placed in vain.

Sincerely yours,

S. S. CORBETT.

VICTORIA WARD

Ladies and Gentlemen: I greatly appreciate the splendid vote accorded to me in the above ward and will do all in my power on behalf of the truest interests of the municipality. Sincerely yours,

PERCY B. CHOWN.

VICTORIA WARD

I wish to thank the voters of Victoria Ward who yesterday elected me school trustee. I will try to merit their confidence.

J. F. MACDONALD.

FRONTENAC WARD

To the Electors of Frontenac Ward: I wish to take this opportunity of personally thanking the electors for their hearty support tendered me in my aldermanic campaign. I regret that I was unable to make a general canvass. Yours truly,

GEO. CLARK WRIGHT.

ELECTORS OF RIDEAU WARD

I take this opportunity of thanking you, especially the ladies, for the honor you have bestowed in electing me your representative for Rideau Ward.

I assure you I shall do all in my power to advance, not only the interests of Rideau Ward, but the welfare of the good old City of Kingston generally.

I again thank you, most heartily, and wish you one and all a Very Happy and Most Prosperous New Year. Yours sincerely,

GEORGE LATURNEY.

FRONTENAC WARD

Although not successful in my candidacy for Frontenac Ward, I wish at the same time to thank the many who did vote for me. A better New Year for all. Sincerely,

J. W. SMITH.

IRELAND IN THE WAY

OF THE ADOPTION OF SCHEME OF CONSCRIPTION.

Erin's Young Men Could Not Be Included in Bill Providing For Compulsory Service.

London, Jan. 4.—Ireland's attitude makes a sharp complication in the path of even the limited measure of conscription which Premier Asquith proposes to ask Parliament to adopt. Earl Derby's enrollment of recruits was not extended to Ireland; therefore Ireland's young men can hardly be included in a bill for the compulsory enlistment of unmarried men who failed to present themselves. Nevertheless, the Nationalist party in the House will fight any compulsory scheme, as John Redmond and John Dillon have already announced.

Conscription with Ireland left out, and left out principally because the authorities fear to attempt to enforce it there, will have an important bearing on the home rule issue, which is merely dormant during the war by general consent, but it is by no means dead.

Ulster's determination to fight home rule, when its enforcement is attempted, remains as strong as ever. Both Irish factions desire to be in a position after the war to point to their services in the struggle, and if the Nationalists fight universal service the Ulster leaders will use that fact as an argument that Ulster is more loyal to the empire, and therefore deserving of more consideration.

It is still doubtful whether there will be a great battle in the House of Commons over conscription. The anti-conscriptionists claim to have 200 members determined to fight to the last ditch against what they denounce as the surrender of liberal principles.

The Irish Nationalists may be counted upon to oppose Premier Asquith's bill, but whether they will use filibustering tactics, as Mr. Dillon has threatened, is doubtful. They will be supported by some Laborites and an uncertain number of Liberals.

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