

News From Eastern Ontario Points

THE DISTRICT NEWS

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.

Peter B. Davis, Glen Buell, has bought the John Patrick estate at Bellamy's. Walter Hawkins, Athens, has engaged to make cheese near Lyn next season.

Dalton Halliday, of the Merchants Bank staff, Athens, has been transferred to Perth. Mrs. Gordon Pierce, Newboro, had the misfortune to fall on the ice and fracture her arm.

Death came very suddenly to Effie Lavina, wife of Henry Walter, Brockville, on Tuesday night.

In Ameliasburg on Jan. 25th, Theodora, relict of the late Capt. W. Anderson, passed away in the seventy-sixth year of her age.

The Roman Catholic assembly in Toledo on Friday last was, despite the rather disagreeable weather, a success, proceeds amounting to about \$120.

Lieut. R. D. Webster, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Webster, Brockville, who has been a patient at the Brockville Hospital, is showing steady progress.

The Brantford Expositor of January 18th has particulars of the late Mrs. Seth W. Bradshaw, who passed away there. Mr. and Mrs. Bradshaw resided in Belleville for many years.

The marriage occurred on Jan. 19th of Miss Ethel Johnston, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Johnston, Lansdowne, to Frank Earl, Woman River, Sask., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Earl, Lansdowne.

CHEAP POWER.

Dominion Government To Take Speedy Action.

Peterboro, Jan. 27.—Capt. J. H. Burnham, M.P., writes from Ottawa that he has arranged for some members of parliament along the Trent waterway to accompany the Peterboro civic deputation to meet Sir Adam Beck in regard to the power question. Capt. Burnham has the assurance from Mr. Robert Borden that this question will be taken up and pushed to finally with all possible speed, and that the Trent district's desire for cheap power will be fully met.

The Late Thomas H. Asselstine.

Belleville, Jan. 27.—Thomas H. Asselstine died on Wednesday morning at the family residence, 293 Pine-nacle street. He had been ill with pneumonia and was unable for several months but was able to be out walking yesterday. Suddenly he was again taken across the Atlantic. He was born twenty-six years ago in Strathcona, Ont., and was the third son of John Asselstine. For the past seven years he had resided in Belleville. He was formerly in the employ of Marsh and Henthorn, Ltd., but later had been a hotel clerk at the Crystal. He leaves besides his widow, his father, and mother, five brothers and two sisters. He was in religion a Methodist. Deceased had many friends in the city who deeply regret his early demise.

Big Order For Alcohol.

Prescott, Jan. 27.—Prescott is one of the numerous Canadian towns which have shared in the prosperity that follows in the wake of the war contracts. For some time past "made in Germany" shrapnel shells have been going across the Atlantic to the Allies, and now the big Wisconsin distillery in the Fort Town has been awarded a contract to supply 600,000 gallons of alcohol for use in manufacturing high explosives. The distillery will be operated night and day until the order is filled. The product will be shipped to Trenton where the explosives are being manufactured.

LIBERALS GET COMMANDS.

Ottawa, Jan. 27.—Turning to the charge that politics had interfered with the appointment of officers, Sir Sam Hughes noted that two of the divisional commanders at the front were Liberals, while in the brigade commanding officers there were at least as many Liberals as Conservatives. Of corps commanding officers, three-quarters were Liberals and one-quarter Conservative. Of the medical officers forty of the senior officers were Liberal, with only four or five Conservatives. As to the Shell Committee and the contracts it awarded, Sir Sam claimed that four-fifths of the shell and seven-tenths of the shell-convoy contracts went to Liberals.

Twins Three Times in Three Years.

Reading, Pa., Jan. 27.—Mrs. Frank E. Walter, wife of a local contractor, has presented to her husband twins, both boys, and there are now six twin boys in the family. Two, Paul and Joseph, are three years old, and the next two, Leon and Carl, eighteen months old.

Manitoba Gives Women Ballot.

(Special to the Whig.) Winnipeg, Jan. 27.—Woman's suffrage passed the Provincial Legislature this afternoon. Manitoba is the first Canadian province to give women the ballot.

John Stanfield, M.P., Chief Conservative whip, is the latest to offer to recruit a regiment. It will be enlisted mainly in Colchester County, N. S.

ANDREW M. FERGUSON.

The New Warden of the United Counties.

Brockville, Jan. 27.—The selection of Andrew M. Ferguson by the members of the council of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville to fill the important office of warden, is a most worthy one. Mr. Ferguson has had six years' experience in the Counties Council, and has always been a hard-working and capable member of that body. As a member and chairman of various committees he has given the business of the counties much thought and time, and his high business ability has enabled him to become a very efficient municipal legislator.

Mr. Ferguson was born in the township of Kitley, his parents being the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ferguson. Starting out in business life he made a study of the cheese industry, and passed the examinations as a cheese inspector at the St. Hyacinthe, Que., Dairy School in 1899, also taking a certificate from the Kingston Dairy School.

For twenty-two years he was connected with the cheese industry, and was a member of the firm of McPherson & Ferguson, at Huntingdon, Que., the firm owning and conducting seventy cheese factories, being the largest manufacturers of cheese in the province at that time. In the year 1901 he sold out his interest in the firm and bought the farm at Glen Elbe, which he has conducted with marked success, making a specialty of dairy products.

Mr. Ferguson served several terms as councillor of the village of Huntingdon, and since returning to this section has served very creditably as reeve of the township of the Rear of Yonge and Escott for six years. He is a Conservative in politics, a member of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, and an Anglican in religion.

Mr. Ferguson married Elizabeth E., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wright, of Jasper, and they have three children, one son and two daughters.

Warden Ferguson is to be congratulated upon being honored with the important office of warden of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, and his well known abilities will enable him to fill the office with dignity and efficiency.

GRANDFATHERS, SOLDIERS.

Cross and Crown—But a Coincidence.

Belleville, Jan. 27.—Colonel Archibald Ponton organized the 15th Argyll Light Infantry in 1862, and was the first commanding officer of the regiment. His grandson, Maitland Ponton (son of the Adjutant of the Midland Battalion), was wounded in France in November, partly paralyzed, and shipped to England on the ill-fated hospital ship Anglia, which was sunk by the Germans in the Channel, and he and six other wounded officers, men and nursing sisters were drowned. Colonel A. A. Campbell was the second commanding officer of the 15th, and his grandson, Kenneth Taylor Campbell (son of Frank S. Campbell and Mrs. Jennie Campbell, Aurora), has just been awarded the British Military Cross for the gallantry he showed in the field. Kenneth Campbell is also the grandson of Sheriff "Freddy" Taylor, so is doubly a Belleville boy. Thus the two grandsons of the two first colonels have in this war won two undying honors, the one his cross and crown of immortality, the other the cross of his King.

Fell Down Stairs.

Belleville, Jan. 27.—John Huddleston was the victim of an accident, which fortunately was not a serious nature. He was engaged in carrying a bag of coal up a stairway when he slipped and fell some distance. At first it was feared he was seriously injured, and the ambulance was called to remove the victim to the hospital. Upon examination it was ascertained no bones were broken, but that Huddleston had hurt his back. He will be laid up for some days.

THE PROROGATION OF BRITISH HOUSES.

King George's Speech Refers To Carrying Flag to Victory.

(Special to the Whig.) London, Jan. 27.—The British Parliament adjourned to-day, the prorogation bill having passed both Houses. As is customary, the members of both Houses gathered in House of Lords to hear the King's prorogation speech. "For eighteen months," said King George, "my Navy and Army have been engaged in concert with our brave and steadfast Allies in defending the common liberty of Europe against the unprovoked encroachment of the enemy. I am sustained by the determination of my people at home and overseas to carry the flag to a final and decisive victory."

KINGSTON'S CONTINGENT

To Go With the Ontario Hospital Staff.

(Special to the Whig.) Toronto, Jan. 27.—It was officially announced to-day that Dr. Edward Ryan, Kingston, will be chief of the Province psychopathic section of the Ontario hospital in England. The following Kingston nurses will also go: Helen Black, Bella Kennedy, Ethel Luman, Mary Kenna, Carrie Vanastine, Margaret Redmond, Kate Murray, Elizabeth Mills. Dr. D. L. Kennedy is also named to go.

Ellen Lackee, aged eighty-six years, died in Belleville, and her remains taken to Gananoque for interment.

At the annual meeting of the \$35,000 Fund of Nova Scotia, the sum of \$5,000 was voted to the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

Gananoque

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Jan. 27.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry McCalpin, Pine street, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, it being the occasion of the marriage of their daughter, Miss Eva Valeria McCalpin, to Edmund Round, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Round, Oak street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Melvin Taylor, pastor of Grace Church, before immediate relatives of the contracting parties. Both bride and groom were unattended. The bride was garbed in a neat tailored suit of cadet blue broadcloth, with blouse of white silk crepe de chine, and wore hat to match and black wolf fur. After the ceremony a dainty wedding supper was served, after which Mr. and Mrs. Round left for their new home on River street. Both contracting parties are well known and popular among the young people of the town, and the groom being a member of the Citizens' Band. The bride was the recipient of many handsome and useful testimonials of esteem from her many friends.

Mrs. Robert Lackie passed away at Belleville on Tuesday afternoon after some duration. The funeral will take place this afternoon from the family residence at Woodburn to Gananoque vault.

Word has been received here by relatives that Sidney Griffin of Lakeside House, Gananoque Lake, is confined to her home with a severe attack of pneumonia.

The men of "A" Company, 59th Battalion, were given another march eastward along the Brockville road, leaving here at 9.30 yesterday morning and returning about noon.

A nomination meeting was held on Tuesday evening to nominate a candidate to fill the vacancy at the Council Board. Present were Messrs. T. I. Ellis, who was nominated, and the latter refused to accept unless the former positively refused to stand. Mr. Lloyd has complied with the requirements of the law, and therefore is elected by acclamation. Reeve David Darling is in Brockville in attendance at the sessions of the Counties Council of the united counties of Leeds and Grenville.

The funeral of the late Thomas Bolger, who passed away at Thornhill, Jan. 21st, was held on Tuesday morning from the home of his son-in-law, Frank Littlejohn, Stone street, St. John's Church, where requiem mass was sung, and the remains were placed in the vault at Gananoque cemetery.

Miss Jessie Gould, patient in Brockville General Hospital for the past two weeks, returned home on Tuesday.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Grace Church are furnishing the entertainment of the men of "A" Company, 59th Battalion, at the Methodist recreation rooms this week, and are having very fair patronage. The hinge department of the Steel Goods Company, which bought out the Cowan and Britton Hinge and Butt Works some six months ago, has been closed down for the past few days.

A well-attended euchre party under the management of Mrs. P. Pelow was held in the A. O. H. hall over the Merchants Bank on Tuesday evening, in aid of the debt on St. John's Church. Henry Beaverstock, King-street, was in Lansdowne on Tuesday visiting friends.

Two-and-Ninety for a Letter.

It certainly is no great grievance in war-time for the British public to have to pay a penny an ounce for sending letters. There must be people living to-day who remember perfectly well what a revolution it seemed when, in 1840, a penny postage came into force in the United Kingdom. Until then the rates had been ruinously high.

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CRAZIEST MAN IN THE WORLD.

British Traveler Reports the Most Remarkable Fanatic in the East.

It appears there are places where lunatics are not shut up and kept away from the rest of the world, but are revered as saints and far superior to the ordinary run of mortals. This is the queer state of affairs that exists in some of the interior cities of Persia. A British traveler named Peter, just returned from the Orient, brings back some interesting tales of mentally-deranged men who are looked upon in the light of wonderful beings.

One particularly crazy man, according to Mr. Fetter the craziest man he ever saw or heard of, does nothing all day long but race up and down the streets of the city crying out at the top of his voice: "All! All! All!"

This is not a temporary form of madness, either, for he has kept it up for twenty years or so. He started when he was still a young man and his idea, of course, is to venerate the name of the God he knows by ceaselessly shrieking his name.

Everyone venerates him. The richest men in the city have presented him with rare and valuable things, gave him a horse and saddle, and with that he gallops through the streets when he is not walking. He is privileged to break up any kind of a meeting or assembly, and all stop when he shrieks his cries as long as he is of the notion to stay in their midst.

At his death a huge monument has already been promised, on which will be carved the word "All"; so it will be generations to come the story of the man who spent the best years of his life and all of his waking hours shrieking the name of the deity he worshipped.

Photographing the Voice!

If Dr. Conto, of Paris, has his way, every prospective bride will have to furnish a photograph of her voice before she is allowed to marry. The inventor has tested the voices of a large number of people who have appeared in the French courts as defendants in divorce actions, and he declares that most of them have voices which "set their teeth on edge." He has worked out a camera for recording phonograph and camera, called a phonograph, which shows exactly what a voice looks like.

The invention is apt to prove of great value in the musical world. A singer cannot hear himself sing, but has to take the advice of a teacher and teachers are human and are liable to err. Suppose Caruso were told that one of his notes was harsh. He might believe it, but, on the other hand, he might only be annoyed. If, however, after he had sung the note the photograph showed him that while all his other notes were smooth and round, that one was jagged, what a boon to him it would be! Dr. Conto believes that his invention can be made to record a difference in vibration between the utterance of a falsehood and of the truth.

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THE SPORT REVIEW

A Ladies' hockey league may be formed next year including Montreal Cornwall, Ottawa and Brockville.

Amateur hockey has the call in Toronto. On Saturday afternoon when Argos and 40th Battery clashed fully five thousand witnessed the contest, and on Saturday night the pro. game between Toronto and Canadians drew but twenty-five hundred.

Hamilton Spectator: If the plans of some of the officers of the Tiger Football Club materializes, there will be a chance for some of the young Canadians who have been classed as shirkers to join a real Canadian regiment. The idea is to form another battalion here after the 120th and the new Highland regiment have been recruited to full strength, the new unit to be known as the Hamilton Tigers. Several members of the organization are already in uniform, and many more are ready to join the colors. The suggestion has been made that Major George Ballard be transferred to the new regiment in other positions also be transferred. The Tigers have over 100 members at the front or preparing to go.

The official records of the O.H.A. show Argonauts of Toronto, Berlin, Frontenacs of Kingston and Sarnia leaders in the four senior sections.

Owing to Willie Ritchie having broken one of his ribs during a boxing competition while training for Ted Lewis, whom he was to meet at Madison Square Garden on Friday, the bout has been postponed until some time in March, as the former lightweight champion will be unable to work for some weeks to come.

The winter harness meeting of the Black River Jockey Club at the Mount Royal race course has been declared off. The recent mild spell put the track in bad shape, and the officials decided to declare the meeting off.

The owners of the Richmond International announced yesterday they had arranged to retain all reserved players except Pick, Fawcett and Schautelle, and in addition would take over the players on the Jersey City list. William Smith, former manager of the Atlanta Southern Association Club, has been engaged to manage Richmond.

There was gloom in the camp of the Wanderers when it was discovered that Sprague Cleghorn, the star defence man of the red-hooped team, sustained a broken bone in his ankle in Wednesday night's accident, and would probably be out of hockey for the balance of the season.

Mayor T. L. Church has officially denied that he had anything to do with the arrest of Ronan, the Canadian hockey player after Saturday's night pro game in Toronto. Mr. Church was present at the match, he states that the police acted upon their own initiative and that he took no part in the trouble.

A Cartier, of Montreal, gave an interesting exhibition of chess at the Verdun Chess Club recently, when he played 14 boards at once. He won on nine boards and lost on five.

At the conclusion of a meeting of the International League Baseball Club owners in New York yesterday it was officially announced that the Providence Club had been purchased from Joseph J. Lannin by William H. Draper, a Providence business man, for \$30,000.

George V. Barker Sayers, whose name appeared in the list of killed was a member of the Queen's Own Rifles and went overseas with No. 1 Company of the 15th Battalion. He will be remembered as goal-keeper of the Argonaut hockey team of two seasons ago. He was a cousin of Lieut.-Col. R. K. Barker, commanding 95th (Overseas) Battalion C.E.F., and of Captain W. D. F. Barker of the 82nd (Overseas) Battalion C.E.F. A cablegram stated that Sayers received a gunshot wound through the heart on Jan. 11th.

At the request of some breeders of Brussels Griffons in Canada who made the request through Constant Van Camp, of Montreal, a class has been opened for the first time for smooth coated specimens in this now fashionable toy breed. There are quite a number of the smooth Brussels Griffons in Canada and about New York, so that the new class, which is 644a on the premium list, is expected to fill nicely, and be a feature of the Fortieth Annual Dog Show of the Westminster Kennel Club, at Madison Square Garden on February 22, 23, 24, and 25.

At a public meeting of the Guards at Petawawa Camp it was decided to form a hockey league to be known as the Petawawa Hockey League. The following officers were appointed: Hon. president, Col. Irving; president, Capt. Bothwell; vice-president, Lieut. Condit; secretary, Pte. Whitaker; committee, Corpl. Kerfoot, Corpl. Costello, Pte. Carmody, Pte. Enright and the above named officers Captains of quarters; No. 1 Quarters, Corpl. Dimmel; No. 2 Quarters, Corpl. McFadden.

A first class open air rink has been made and the players are practicing regularly. It is proposed, providing satisfactory arrangements can be made, to have outside teams come here to play.

A practice game, was played yesterday afternoon between a team picked from the Guards and the employees of the Canada Car Co. (Russian ammunition department.)

George Kennedy, of the Canadians, stated that he would appeal the ruling of President T. Emmett Quinn, of the National Hockey Association, giving him \$100. for playing Ronan against Quebec at Quebec and ordering the game replayed. When the

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Billy Converts Convict. Trenton, N.J., Jan. 27.—Billy Sunday was highly elated to-day because of the news that he had converted a twenty-four-year convict, John F. Corey, fifty-four years old, who came to Trenton to make as many "hauls" as he could. Sunday said that many criminals had given themselves to God in cities that he had been in. Str John Leslie Dead. London, Jan. 27.—Sir John Leslie died at No. 22 Manchester square yesterday, aged ninety-three. He is succeeded by Col. John Leslie, who in 1884 married Leonie Blanche, daughter of Leonard Jerome, of New York, and sister of Lady Randolph Churchill.