

News From Eastern Ontario Points

THE LATE MRS. POLLEY

SKETCH OF OLDEST RESIDENT OF AMHERST ISLAND

Was Well-Known To Practically Every Person in the Township—Passed Away While Sitting In Chair Knitting.

Stella, Feb. 1.—As before noted there passed away at Amherst Island on the 27th of December, 1915, the oldest resident in the township, Mrs. (Capt.) Thomas Polley (formerly Miss Sarah Patterson). She was ninety years and six months old, having first seen the light of day on June 27th, 1825 on the old Patterson homestead fronting on the beautiful Bay of Quinte. Her parents, Hugh and Mary Patterson, had come over from Ireland and settled on their farm on the island in the early part of the 19th century and here the late Mrs. Polley was born. She was a life-long resident and was known to practically every person in the township as well as to many others scattered throughout Ontario. She received her early education in what she termed "the new school" but which many years ago had vanished from the landscape.

On March 4th, 1851, she was married to the late Capt. Polley by the Rev. George Carr, minister of the Wesleyan Methodist church, having as witnesses her sister Mrs. James Lindsay, Lucknow (who is still living), and George Wright, long since deceased. Capt. Polley sailed the lake for a total of twenty-two years and frequently Mrs. Polley and some of her sisters would accompany him on his trips around the lake and east as far as Quebec City. Up until the last few years Mrs. Polley remained in her usual good health and was always in her pew in the little Methodist church on Sunday. Lately, however her sense of recollection was slightly dimmed although her other physical faculties remained quite normal for one of her great age. No sickness preceded her sudden demise. Her daughter spoke to her as she sat in her chair knitting—a favorite pastime—and she answered quite cheerily but when spoken to five minutes later it was found that the Angel of Death had entered and Grandma Polley's work was done.

Mrs. Polley had a number of children, five of whom survive, Mrs. S. K. Tugwell, Stella, Mrs. S. M. Smyth, Strathroy, Mrs. James Math, Clinton; Thomas Polley, Calgary, and Mrs. Herbert Field, Mitchell. She is also survived by a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren and also by two sisters, Mrs. James Lindsay, Lucknow and Mrs. R. G. Givrin, Hamilton.

The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Porter, pastor of Stella Methodist Church, assisted by Rev. James Cumberland, M.A. of the Presbyterian Church. The following acted as bearers: W. H. Montgomery, Stella; Mrs. S. K. Tugwell, James McMath and H. G. Givrin.

The remains were laid to rest beside her late husband in Glenwood Cemetery, Stella, on Dec. 30th, 1915.

King-Little Wedding.

Enterprise, Feb. 1.—A pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Little, when their eldest daughter, Miss Catherine Selena, was united in matrimony to Allen James, youngest son of Gideon King, Enterprise, on Dec. 22nd. Rev. James G. Robeson officiated. Lohengrin's wedding march was played by Miss Sarah, sister of the bride. The bride looked charming in a gown of rich sub-navy blue tulle with white shadow lace and trimmings, and wore a bridal veil caught up with orange blossoms. Miss Ella Mae King, sister of the groom, was bridesmaid. She wore a dress of navy blue velvet and trimmings. Archibald Little, brother of the bride, did honors for the groom. After the ceremony and hearty congratulations, the party repaired to the dining room, where an elaborate wedding dinner awaited them. The bride's travelling dress was navy blue corded velvet and black velvet hat with white trimmings, and a black body lamb coat and muff. The happy couple left for Tamworth, Havelock and other places. On their return they were given a reception at the bride's home by their many friends at Shannonville and the vicinity. The bride was the recipient of many useful presents. On their return to the groom's father's home a hearty reception also awaited them. Mr. and Mrs. King intend taking up farming near Enterprise.

WANTS FREE WHEAT

W.F. McLEAN CHAMPIONS CAUSE OF WEST.

Whose Demand Should Be Granted—Government Denies That Vaillancourt Has Resigned From Shell Committee.

Ottawa, Feb. 2.—At the opening of the House yesterday afternoon Sir Wilfrid Laurier asked Sir Robert Borden whether the report that Mr. Vaillancourt, president of the Banque d'Hotelaga, had resigned from the Shell Committee were true. Sir Robert Borden replied that President Flaville of the Shell Committee, had been in receipt of a letter from Mr. Vaillancourt, which gave a direct denial to the rumor. This letter said that Mr. Vaillancourt had simply gone South for his health for a short period.

W. F. McLean, M. P. for South York, declared that he believed that the demand of the West for free wheat should be granted. Those who desired it should know best what was best for themselves, and what was best for the farmers was best for the country as a whole. (Opposition applause).

Mr. McLean declared that a number of systems of financing would have

PEMBROKE MAN KILLED.

John Behan, Aged Twenty-three, a Well-known Citizen.

Pembroke, Ont., Feb. 2.—A tragedy which has stirred deeply the sympathetic impulses of the community occurred on Saturday afternoon, as a result of which John Behan, one of the best known of Pembroke's young men, died in the General Hospital. He had long been connected with the Dominion Express Company here and about three o'clock yesterday afternoon he fell out of his sleigh at the C. P. R. station, striking his head on the ice. He was taken to Dr. Sparling's office, and from there was removed to the hospital. He was suffering from a hemorrhage of the brain, and never regained consciousness, death resulting at 7.30 this morning. He was a son of Mr. John Behan, who was in his twenty-third year, and was married a year ago. He leaves with his young widow an infant child, and is mourned also by his parents and one brother.

WERE DEPORTED.

Last of the Suspects Gone to Chicago.

Belleville, Feb. 2.—Belleville has seen the last of the suspects who were arrested here some time ago as likely to be a source of danger to the 80th Battalion. They have been deported to the United States and taken in charge by secret service officials to be dealt with by the American Government.

At the request of the military authorities the news of the arrests was kept suppressed for some time. The Col. Ketcheson of the 80th had his military police act with the local police department. The three men of the quintette—Abe Silver or Frank, Ben Silver alias Frank, and William Cohen, alias Fort—were arrested. The two women of the party were not.

The gang was wanted in Chicago in connection with a robbery.

GOVERNMENT'S TASK

To Buy Field Kitchens the Councilors Say.

Perth, Feb. 2.—Lanark County Council in committee voted down the proposition to grant \$1,000 to the 130th Regiment to assist in purchase the field kitchens, etc. Later the matter was introduced into council and a vote taken which resulted in a tie. The warden gave his casting vote in favor of the grant. Those in opposition were willing to do anything they could toward the winning of the war but felt it was the government's duty to give each regiment all necessary equipment and pay for it from war taxes.

Died at Ninety-Seven.

Belleville, Feb. 2.—Mrs. Sarah Parsons, one of the oldest residents of this part of the country, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Kerr, on Tuesday, at the age of ninety-seven years. Deceased was born in the County of Down, Ireland, in 1819, and when young came to this country, residing continuously in this section until the time of her death. She was the widow of the late Richard Parsons, and is survived by one son and three daughters. Mrs. Parsons was an attendant at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

The Annual Meeting.

Frankville, Ont., Feb. 2.—On Friday last the annual meeting of the Frankville Fair Association took place in Montgomery Hall. The association has a little over \$300 in the bank and all debts paid. The election of officers for 1916 took place: President—Watson Davis. 1st Vice-President—Henry Moran. 2nd Vice-President—W. M. Hamilton.

Successful Church Year.

Renfrew, Feb. 2.—The annual business meeting of St. Andrew's Church was held on Wednesday evening. In the absence of the pastor, J. H. Walford, was voted chairman. Reports from the various departments of church work were read, all of which spoke of a successful year, with bright outlook for the coming year. Receipts for the general fund amounted to \$3,995.04, whilst a further amount of \$1,730.35 has been raised for missionary purposes.

to be adopted in Canada, to meet present and future tremendous commitments. He advocated the nationalization of currency and the institution of a system of re-discounting such as existed in the United States, where money had been made cheap through this system. He further advocated national mortgage banks for the advance of money at long-term loans to the farmers on the national credit. Four per cent. loans could thus be advanced to the farmers on easy terms, for the improvement of their farms. Such a system had been worked out in Australia and New Zealand and such a system had regenerated Ireland. Mr. Maclean declared that now was the time to make a big loan in the United States. Canada, he believed, could secure money cheaper there than any other nation could, as the United States had absolute faith in Canada.

It may console the self-confessed coward to realize that he is still in a position to admit it. Good cheer in public sometimes changes to gloom at home. Trying to keep from worrying is what worries some people. There are times when a woman imagines that she suffers in silence. A man sometimes makes money, but money never makes the man. Innocent and needed recreation is not waste of time.

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.

Mrs. Joseph Fournier, Brockville, died on Monday night. She was seventy-six years of age. Mrs. Emily Sumers, Watertown, N.Y., aged 78 years, died on Sunday. The remains were buried at Cardinal, Ont.

The marriage of Miss Fiske in Renfrew for a little over a year, to Mr. O'Gorman, manager of the Dominion House, took place last week.

The death occurred on Sunday at Jasper of Ambrose Olmstead, an old and highly respected resident, at the advanced age of eighty-eight years.

George Mott, Athens, died Sunday at the residence of H. Putnam after an illness of a few days of pneumonia. Deceased was sixty-two years of age.

In one ward in Belleville 95 per cent. of the electors signed the petition for a dry Ontario. The average for the city is between 80 and 85 per cent.

George Leury, an aged resident of Rawdon township, passed away on Jan. 24th, at the advanced age of eighty-nine years. Death was due to heart failure.

The marriage of Miss Madeline Gordon, youngest daughter of D. W. Gordon, Montreal, to John Lee, Toronto, son of John Lee, Belleville, took place on Monday.

Private Samuel Jackman, Brockville, with the 21st Battalion on the firing line in Belgium, is officially reported wounded.

The engagement of Miss Eithel Margot Van Riper, daughter of Mrs. Mathanle Van Riper, of Chicago, Ill., to Ralph Burton Britton, youngest son of C. E. Britton, Gananoque, has been announced.

On Sunday last the death took place at Bishop's Mills of a pioneer of Grenville county, when William Connell laid down the cares of this life. He was seventy-seven years of age.

The action of the King vs. Captain Chambers, Merristown, N.Y., charged with having in an altercation at the C. P. R. wharf, Brockville, on Jan. 8th last, stabbed a fellow sailor, Henry Carter, was heard on Monday.

South Renfrew Agricultural Society has made a profit of about \$1,000 on the year's business. The society will erect a machinery hall at \$3,000 to hold night shows. Before spring the society will put on a seed fair.

Joseph Major, Brockville, died Tuesday, following an illness of a few days. He was first taken ill with grippe nine days ago, and erysipelas and other complications ensued. Deceased was born at South Mountain sixty-four years ago.

The members of the office staff of the Frost and Wood Company, Smith's Falls, presented Miss Helen Hyndman and Miss Ida Leach, each with a beautiful leather lined club bag on their leaving the firm's employ to take up other work.

Death of Hugh Gay.

Belleville, Feb. 2.—Hugh Gay, a well-known yeoman of Sidney Township, passed away Monday in his sixty-fourth year. Deceased had been all his life a resident of Sidney, where he was well and favorably known. In addition to his wife, one daughter, Mrs. R. G. Rollins, Belleville, survive. Six brothers of the deceased are living.

Helping the Cause.

Smith's Falls, Feb. 2.—Messrs. John and James McGillivray sent a letter to H. B. Wilson, the local treasurer of the Canadian Patriotic Fund, enclosing \$550 for that fund. \$500 from themselves and \$25 each from their nephews, John and Harry Coombs. This will make a fine start for the fund that is to be raised here next month.

Skated in Streets.

Cornwall, Feb. 2.—All day Monday Cornwall was held in the throes of one of the worst snowstorms it has ever known, and the sidewalks were in such a slippery condition that several of the employees of the cotton mills skated to and from work, as did several hundred school children.

Papers brought down in Commons show payments under the head of unforeseen expenses of \$1,475, expenses of Sir Robert Borden to England, and \$2,982 for the state funeral of Sir Charles Tupper.

Rev. Robert Hamilton tendered his resignation as pastor of St. Enoch's Presbyterian Church, Toronto.

The New Goods Are Appearing

February marks the beginning of spring business in the stores.

The first of the new goods begins to appear; the first suggestion of the advanced styles are seen.

To the up-to-date woman this is an interesting shopping month. Often it is an index to her of what she will buy a little later on.

She likes to visit the stores and look.

She likes particularly to watch the newspaper advertising for the helpful messages that will assist her in forming a definite opinion.

And the merchants knowing this, crowd their advertising with notes of the new.

"KING GEORGE" AS A STOKER.

He Earned Seven Shillings for a Week's Work.

It was the cruiser H.M.S. Cumberland which contributed not a little to our success in the Camerons, and the story of its operations in that part of the world, told in Blackwood's Magazine, makes a thrilling reading. There is also a lighter side to the story.

One amusing episode was the employment of thirty natives—Kroonmen, as they are called in that part of the world—who were engaged to trim coal in the bunkers. These men, to quote Blackwood's, had to be borne on the ship's books for pay purposes. "Some had no names, and others were blessed with patronymics which baffled the Accountant Staff; hence they were made to select 'aliases' for entries in the ship's ledger."

Undoubtedly they were assisted by the sailors in their choice, which accounts for the appearance in our books of such distinguished personages as King George, Lloyd George, Jack Friday, etc. To see King George receive 7s. as a reward for a week's work, which formed part of the month of both officers and men.

Of great assistance was a native entered on the books as "King Bell." It appears that at the outbreak of the war the native King of the Camerouns was imprisoned by the Germans.

His failure to comply with some order issued by his captors led to his property. By some means he managed to communicate with the English authorities at Lagos, asking for help, for which offence he was hanged.

With characteristic thoroughness, the Germans also hanged all the king's relatives, which cost the hands on. King Bell was uncle to the king who was hanged, and the Cumberland found him only too willing to join the English and help in driving the Germans out; for he was heir to the throne, which he would occupy in due time.

As soon as it was agreed to take this monarch with them, runs the narrative in Blackwood's, he was sent on shore to collect a staff of guides, spies, and pilots from the natives who knew the country. The result of his efforts added another twenty to our ever-growing complement.

It is mentioned, too, that a special inducement to the Cameroun natives, whom it was desired to tempt to friendliness, was the offer of tinned goods, which were added to the stores: It appealed specially to the native palate. An amusing incident occurred when an officer in charge of an armed boat was proceeding up a creek to act as guardship off a small town, at that time occupied by our troops, which were advised to board the friendliness of the tribe which inhabited the entrance to the creek and to prevent any news of the operations getting through to the Germans farther up.

With this object in view, he invited the chief of the tribe on board and regaled him with the delicacy referred to. Its effect was the establishment of such mutual good-will that he insisted on presenting his host with seven wives, an offer which, for diplomatic reasons, was accepted.

Peacetime in Pieces.

Great Britain's prospective peacetime is being rapidly wiped out. Of every 10,000 casualties in France and in Gallipoli one heir to a seat in the House of Lords is reported killed.

Forty prospective wearers of the purple have already made "the great sacrifice"; have proved by their examples that the aristocracy of Great Britain is in the supreme peril, and is degenerating. No other class in the country, proportionately speaking, has paid so big a price.

The House of Lords, three years ago distrusted by the nation, discredited by the politicians, humbled by the House of Commons, and threatened by the Cabinet, has, on the blood-stained fields of France and Turkey, won a new charter through the self-sacrifice of its sons. To-day the upper chamber is stronger in the affections of the people than it has been for generations.

But what a price to pay! Hardly a great family in the country is unvisited by the angel of death. The House of Lords seems crowded with peers who have to mourn the loss of their first sons.

Men who previous to the war were three and four times removed in succession to titles are now presumptive or prospective peers.

England's low birthrate is bearing especially hard on the peerage at this moment. A score of peers have lost their only sons in the terrible fighting.

Evans' Romance.

The marriage of Commander Evans, the famous second in command of the Scott Expedition to the South Pole, to Miss Elsa Andvord, is the outcome of a charming reception in Christiania, when Lieut. Trygve Gran, the ski expert to the expedition, introduced him to the belle of Christiania, Miss Elsa Andvord.

Like most of her race, took a deep interest in Pola; exploration, and knew the history of the various expeditions thoroughly. Naturally friendship sprang up between the two, and now they are to be married. This, by the way, will be the gallant commander's second marriage. His first wife, whom he married when he was 23 and she 20, died in 1913, after nine years of married life.

No Need for Lunch.

An English town council, after a protracted sitting, was desirous of adjourning for lunch.

The proposition was opposed by the mayor, who thought that if his fellow officeholders felt the stimulus of hunger the despatch of business would be much facilitated. At last a rather illiterate member got up and exclaimed:

"I have astonished. I have surprised, I have amazed, Mr. Mayor, that you will not let us go to lunch."

"And I am surprised," replied the mayor, "that a man who has got so much 'ham' in his mouth should want any lunch at all."

Capt. G. R. Geary, assistant adjutant of the 35th Battalion, C.E.F., and Corporation Counsel, is to return to Toronto soon on furlough. He was recently operated on in an English hospital for appendicitis.

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A DARING AIR FEAT.

Lieut.-Col. Maitland Dropped 10,000 Feet in a Parachute.

Undoubtedly the most daring aeronautical feat on record was that performed by Lieut.-Col. E. M. Maitland, who commands the Airship Section of the Naval Air Service, and who recently jumped from a balloon flying over London at a height of 10,000 feet, descending by parachute. Hitherto, the record seems to have been held by the intrepid balloonist, Captain Baldwin, who in 1887 claimed to have descended from a height of one mile (5,280 ft.) in just over three minutes.

Colonel Maitland was fifteen minutes coming down, and he confesses that the most trying part of the experience for him was before the parachute opened. He fell several hundred feet dead weight, and the suspense "seemed like an eternity," but at last the parachute opened, and the descent continued steadily.

The feat was the result of a discussion which took place concerning a certain official project, a question arising as to whether a balloonist could make a safe descent from such a height. "Someone," said Lieut.-Colonel Maitland, "must make the experiment. I don't know what will happen, but I will take the jump myself, as there is only one person whom I have the right to ask."

An extremely large parachute was used for the experiment, the descent safely accomplished, and thus the official query was satisfactorily solved. The experiment also demonstrated the fact that a parachute descent in no way interferes with the stability of an airship, so that a man could be landed after a long journey with reports while the airship continued its flight.

This is by no means the first parachute descent which Colonel Maitland has made, for in October, 1913, he made a descent from the airship Delta at a height of 1,800 ft. The airship on this occasion was travelling at twenty miles an hour, and the lieutenant-colonel fell 300 ft. before the parachute opened, but he landed safely in the Colne Reservoir at Aldershot.

Famous War Horses.

One probable result of the introduction of mechanical vehicles into warfare will be the abolition of the old custom of cherishing the memory of famous war horses. When generals conducted campaigns on horseback, before the advent of the field motor-car, their favorite chargers used to receive many honours. When a statue of Lord Kitchener was erected at Calcutta, the famous soldier arranged that the sculptor should picture him mounted on a stone reproduction of his famous horse Democrat, which carried him through many of his important campaigns.

Wellington's famous charger, Copenhagen, when he died was buried with full military honors. The Iron Duke's horse was a magnificent chestnut, and he carried his master many hundreds of miles in Spain, and at the battle of Toulouse. "If he fell," said the Duke, "it was on standing corn as I sat in the saddle."

The First Skaters.

The first man or nation to skate is lost in the mists of antiquity. The Eskimos of the farthest north were found to be in possession of runners carved from whalebone when they were first discovered. Skating is mentioned by a Danish historian about 1134 and Fitzstephen, in his History of London, says that in the 12th century young men fastened the leathern shoes on animal under their feet by means of thongs, in order to slide along the ice.

A pair of these bone skates is now in the British Museum. Londoners got the idea from Holland, probably via Lincolnshire, where skates have been used on the frozen fens from the very earliest times.

A Jewish Corps.

The Zion Mule Transport Corps has been formed in Alexandria, composed of refugees from Palestine. Those who were of Russian nationality expressed the desire to serve under the British flag, and the British military authorities immediately took steps to form a battalion. In a very short time 500 had enlisted. Officers and men will wear on their military caps the Jewish token, the crossed triangles, or "Shield of David," in addition to the British ensign, and in the camp the words of command are spoken in Hebrew.


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