

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.

The many friends of Walter Levens, Picton, will regret to learn that he is still in a very critical condition. The machinery hall to be reared at Renfrew Agricultural grounds will be built on the west side of the Drill Hall.

Mrs. Patrick Ward, Picton, has knit over 75 pairs of socks for the front. She is one among many who is doing her "bit."

At the statutory meeting of the Athens High School Board, A. W. Johnston, P.M., was re-elected chairman and H. H. Arnold secretary. At a largely attended official board meeting Rev. Charles E. Cragg, B.D., was invited to return for his third year as pastor of Grace Church, Napanee.

The Almonte Board of Education met on Wednesday when P. A. Greig was re-elected chairman and James McLeod re-appointed secretary treasurer.

A number of Gananoqueans hold stock in a mining company in the Michigan district, and hope their holding will become valuable in the near future.

The Gananoque Patriotic and Red Cross Funds Maintenance Committee has so far received promises of payments aggregating \$765.13 a month.

The death occurred at Erie Hospital, Buffalo, on Jan. 23rd, of T. Talbot Smith, formerly of Picton, aged fifty-five years, after an illness of pneumonia.

Percy Dansey, who arrived home from the West recently for a few weeks' vacation, has been supplying in Miss Donaldson's place on the Public School staff, Picton.

The marriage of Miss Jessie B. Stewart, daughter of John Stewart, Calabogie, to Thomas C. Montgomery, son of William Montgomery, took place in Renfrew Wednesday evening. The young people will settle down in Lanark.

The Princes Edward County Orange Lodge held its annual meeting at Hillier on Tuesday of this week, when a grant of \$100 was given to the 155th Battalion. It was decided to hold the next 12th of July celebration at Wellington.

A report from the Provincial analyst on samples of water sent from the Belleville water supply calls attention to the large number of colon bacilli present and states "such water must be looked upon with great suspicion, as it contains large quantities of inorganic impurities."

Another of Almonte's old residents passed away on Feb. 2nd, in the person of Mrs. Jessie McPhail, in her ninety-third year. She was born in Ramsay, on the 11th line, and was a daughter of the late John and Mary Fumerton, and was one of a family of eight.

Mrs. (Rev.) F. Bowerman, of Freeman, Mich., and sister, Miss B. Hitchens, of Toronto, came down with the body of their mother, Mrs. R. Hitchens, to Bath on Wednesday last for burial, and afterward spent a few days with their cousin, Mrs. James B. Miller, Morven, and other friends.

GANANOQUE SHOVELS.

Found Very Handy By The 21st Battalion.

Gananoque, Feb. 4.—Drummer S. Swan, 21st Battalion, writing on January 8th to friends in Gananoque says:

"I wish to state that the 21st Battalion is doing fine at present. We have just finished ten days work in the trenches and are now at the rest camp for six days, then we expect to go back for another eighteen days. Things are quiet at present, but we expect a big rush very soon. All the Gananoque boys with us are doing fine. We expect our passes to start very shortly which most of us are looking forward to.

Major Britton's Battery is not far away from us although I haven't seen many. We spent Christmas and New Year's days in the trenches. They were both very quiet except for the shouting from both sides on Christmas day, which caused fun to some of the boys.

The 4th Brigade is putting more time in the trenches than any brigade in the 2nd Division. I might say Jones' shovels are the best shovels for dry ground, most of us are using them every day digging trenches and making dugouts. We have a lot of new faces in the Battalion. The mud is awful, which makes it hard for us to get about, but it isn't very cold. The Belgian people still live in their houses with big shell holes all around it. One house here a shell went through it and they still live there; they seem to be quite used to the shells.

We are now in the trenches again. This morning at 4 o'clock our guns opened up with terrific fire on enemy's lines, not long afterwards Fritz retaliated, shells dropping uncomfortably near, which lasted a few hours. One of the shells went on to the dugout and just slightly wounded two of my comrades. I helped to carry them out of the dressing station, we said good bye and then we returned to our lines again, everything was very quiet then. I think myself we got away with it all rather lucky.

Tobacco Shower For 21st Batt.

Cornwall, Feb. 4.—A little more than a week ago a request was received from Major R. M. Gray, now with the 21st Battalion, C.E.F., in France, by Long Sault, Ontario, I.O. D.E., for tobacco for his men. On Saturday a shower was held, and a great deal of tobacco and cigarettes was received, as well as \$130 in cash which will be sent to England to purchase tobacco.

Capt. Craig Back To Duty.

Cobourg, Feb. 5.—Capt. C. S. Craig, after several months in the hospitals and convalescent home in England, has returned to duty at the front with the 17th Battery, 5th Brigade, Second Canadian Artillery Division. Captain Craig was very seriously wounded upon the occasion when he displayed such valor as to win for himself the Military Cross.

Petition Largely Signed.

Cobourg, Feb. 5.—The local branch of the Committee of One Hundred reports that the petition for a "dry Ontario" by July 1st is being largely signed, especially by the people of the townships.

WILL BRING BODY HOME.

Sir Sam Hughes Cables Instructions Regarding Remains.

Lindsay, Feb. 5.—Gen. Sir Sam Hughes has cabled Gen. Carson to have the body of Col. F. Holmes Hopkins sent home and to give his brother, Lieut. Hopkins, every care and assistance. Later cable state Lieut. Hopkins is unharmed, but suffering severely from shock. It appears Col. Hopkins had only recently returned from the trenches. The early report that Col. Hopkins was married and practised law with his brother is an error. He was unmarried and practised law with his father, G. H. Hopkins, K.C. Col. Hopkins was a gallant young officer, only thirty-five years old, cool, capable and courageous. He was one of the first volunteers to go to the front, and all his officers offered to go as a battalion with him, and since then most of them have gone and those remaining are raising a battalion here. The Hopkins boys are natives of Lindsay.

THE LATE J. P. HANLEY.

He Passed Away in Napanee on Wednesday.

Napanee, Feb. 5.—There passed away at his residence, on Bridge street, on February 2nd, one of Napanee's oldest and most respected citizens, in the person of J. P. Hanley. The deceased, born in Kingston, came to Napanee in 1875, as agent for the Grand Trunk Railway. In 1892 he was appointed assistant customs officer, and held that office until his death. Mr. Hanley, seventy-two years of age, had been for the past three years in very poor health. He was a member of the School Board for over thirty years, and always had an interest in public matters for the betterment of the town. He leaves to mourn, his widow. The funeral service took place Friday at St. Patrick's Church. He was an uncle of J. P. Hanley, Kingston.

MARRIED AT PICTON.

Capt. Ackerman Weds Miss Hilda B. Hepburn.

Picton, Feb. 5.—A wedding of unusual interest took place in the Church of England at Picton, Wednesday, when Rev. F. L. Barber united in marriage Miss Hilda Bernice Hepburn, Picton, and Capt. C. H. Ackerman, Peterboro. The ceremony was quite military; a guard of honor being present from the 155th Battalion, and all the ushers were military officers. Major Keith Lech of the 93rd Battalion was groomsmen.

Captains and Mrs. Ackerman motored to Belleville, where they took train for Toronto.

The New Registrar.

Brockville, Feb. 5.—It is understood that J. T. Gallagher, Newboro, will receive the appointment of County Registrar, succeeding Col. W. H. Cole, deceased. Mr. Gallagher is a life long resident of Newboro where he has universally been respected and esteemed for his many excellent qualities as a citizen and friend. Mr. Gallagher is well qualified to fill the position.

\$60,000 For Patriotic Fund.

Cobourg, Feb. 5.—The Cobourg Council of Durham and Northumberland has made a grant of \$60,000 or \$5,000 a month, to the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

DR. MICHAEL STEEL

OF PERTH, HAD A CLOSE CALL IN THE FIRE.

Escaped Through Window With Col. Arthur, Member For Parry Sound.

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—Dr. Steel, member for South Perth, had a thrilling story to tell of his adventure in getting out of the burning buildings.

"I was reading in room 16, Conservative headquarters," he declared "when Albert Bradbury, brother of the member, came rushing in, telling us to get out as the whole place was on fire. All in the room moved towards the corridor. I was about the last. When I reached the lobby I ran for my overcoat, about a rod away, in my locker. By this time the corridor was full of smoke and in darkness.

"I could not get out of the main entrance and ran again into room No. 16. There was there Col. Arthur, member for Parry Sound, and the caretaker, Mr. Cash and Thomas MacNutt were rescued. We then found ourselves imprisoned in the court yards, as the gates were fastened, but finally found an exit through the messengers' rooms and succeeded in getting out."

Dr. Steel assisted in endeavoring to resuscitate the two guests, Madame Sevigny, who had been overcome with smoke. They were too far gone. They were Madame Bray and Madame Morin. The bodies were found by the firemen in the Speaker's quarters.

"Madame Desautel, a guest of Madame Sevigny," said Dr. Steel, "had a narrow escape. She hung on the window of her apartments for a long time until a net could be procured. The smoke was pouring out all around her and she exhibited wonderful pluck."

Notes Of The Fire.

Fire of a mysterious origin completely destroyed the Grant, Holden & Graham Company's manufacturing plant, engaged in making clothing for the army. Loss, \$20,000.

With flames all around it, the old Parliament tower clock kept up "business as usual" and struck up the midnight hour. It kept on running, stopped finally at 12:30.

It is positively known that some hundreds of volumes of the Edinburgh Review, the Quarterly Review and other such valuable periodicals, dating back as far as 1807, have been lost.

The main portion of the clock tower still stands, but all above the clock has gone. Till the wind strengthened and the flames were flung from the north to the south and west, there was hope of saving the tower.

There are some people of German extraction in the employ of the Government. One of the Dominion Mines Branch is a German. He came here from the United States when a young man. One of the private secretaries is of German parentage. The superintendent of dredging is another. There are two others, experts, one in the experimental farm.

The Dominion police force had a guard of twenty men at the House of Commons during session, in addition to the many plain clothes men. One officer was at the main door. Two policemen and two plain clothes men at the door leading from the

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lobby to the House, while at the other end of the corridor were two more men, one of whom was stationed at the reading room. They were scattered throughout the House.

TREAT WATER POWERS.

Some Questions in Parliament And The Privileges to Them.

Toronto Globe.

Hon. George P. Graham asked if the report was true that, following a conference between the Dominion and Provincial Governments, it had been decided to turn over to the Ontario Government the water powers now under Federal jurisdiction.

Premier Borden replied that there had been some negotiation between counsel representing the two Governments concerning the prospective rights of the Dominion and Province. He understood that no arrangement had been reached, but that the negotiations were "progressing favorably."

"Progressing favorably" toward turning the water powers of the Dominion over to the Province, do I understand? asked Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Premier Borden said that was not the point. It was the sentiment of questions which had been before the courts. The endeavor was to secure settlement without further litigation.

Hon. Mr. Graham stated that he had read in the press a statement credited to Sir Adam Beck to the effect that an arrangement was being made under which the Eastern Ontario water powers were being handed over to the Province to be subject to the Legislature.

"That may have reference to some particular feature concerning which I have not yet been advised," replied the Premier.

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KENTUCKY Turns Down PROHIBITION

A BILL submitting an amendment to the Constitution of Kentucky providing for state-wide Prohibition was defeated, 20 to 14, on January 25th, in the Upper House of the General Assembly of the State, where it originated. Which goes to show that old Kentucky has not failed to learn the lessons taught her by her sister states of the South, which lessons are certainly sufficiently plain, backed up, as they are, by a mass of incontrovertible facts and figures.

Takes Warning From Sister States

For example, owing to the Yost Prohibitory Law, by which the State lost \$600,000 of revenue, West Virginia was literally "broken" financially. In Tennessee there was, owing to the introduction of Prohibition, an increase in the cost of criminal prosecution, that is, of crime, of 100%; while as to the financial situation, The State Manufacturers' Association said: "There is a tendency throughout the State to increase taxes on an already overburdened people, both by constant increase of the assessment as well as the rate." In North Carolina 57.5% of all the boys and 34.1% of all the girls were employed in gainful occupations and thus deprived of all educational opportunities.

The following tables are also illuminating:

| DRY | WET |
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| Number of Persons in Almshouses to Every 100,000 Inhabitants. | |
| Tennessee 71.8 | Florida 27.5 |
| North Carolina 63. | Louisiana 11.3 |
| Homicides per 100,000. | |
| Memphis, Tenn. 68 | New Orleans, La. 24.8 |
| Savannah, Ga. 48.3 | Louisville, Ky. 15.2 |
| Nashville, Tenn. 39.4 | Buffalo, N. Y. 4.9 |
| Atlanta, Ga. 33.3 | Brooklyn, N. Y. 4.8 |
| Charleston, S. C. 30 | Milwaukee, Wis. 3.4 |
| The following illicit stills, by the way, were seized and destroyed by United States Revenue Officers in 1914: | |
| Alabama 308 | |
| Georgia 802 | |
| North Carolina 535 | |
| Tennessee 249 | |
| South Carolina 253 | |

And so on we might go through the whole gamut. Prohibition is a failure, not only economically, but morally and in every other way. **And Kentucky knows it.**

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