

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.

Smith's Falls Council has voted \$4,000 to the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

At the inaugural meeting of the Smith's Falls Board of Health G. W. Fluker was appointed chairman.

R. H. Connor, Frankville, sold a beef on foot to W. Kilmole, the well known drover, of Smith's Falls for \$160.

The death occurred at Belleville on Monday of Mrs. Stephen Wood, Smith's Falls. She leaves a growing-up family.

The Deseronto fire alarm system, formerly owned and operated by the Rathburn Co., has been taken over by the town.

The death occurred on Thursday of Mrs. Clara Ketcheson, wife of James Ketcheson, Front of Sidney, and a daughter of the late Charles Rose.

Two Deseronto ladies, Mrs. M. M. Copeland and Mrs. John Dalton passed away during the past week, the former from dropsy the latter from a fall and a paralytic stroke.

Thomas Martin, Campbellford, charged with stealing a pair of boots from one Babcock of Belleville, last September, was found not guilty and discharged.

The marriage of Francis Leonard Caley, Toledo, Ont., and Miss Mary Annava Glenn, Astoria, Que., was solemnized in the Roman Catholic Church at Axminster on Feb. 2nd.

Miss C. Urquhart, one of the best known public school teachers of Belleville district, who taught for upwards of forty-nine years passed away on Thursday at the hospital.

Miss Martha Casey died on Tuesday at the home of Mr. Badgley, Eight Concession of Thurlow. Miss Casey was about eighty years of age and a native of Thurlow township.

Walter Hendrick who was teller of the Royal Bank, Pembroke, for over three years before taking the same position at the Leithbridge branch, has been appointed secretary of the Y.M.C.A. and Boys' Work Society for that city.

Dr. J. B. White, Inspector of the Jones Packing Co., Smith's Falls, met with an unfortunate accident on Saturday. At the corner of McGill and John streets, he slipped on an icy spot and fell, breaking his right arm.

On Wednesday J. A. Sherman died at the residence of his brother-in-law, Erasmus Livingstone, near Athens. Mr. Sherman was a native of Plum Hollow. He spent all of his life there and in Athens. Last spring he suffered a stroke of paralysis.

At the Deseronto High School Board meeting the following officers were appointed: Wilbert Woodcock, chair; G. W. Wright vice-chairman; executive members, Messrs. W. J. McKelving, Dr. Vandervoort, W. Stoddart, Charles D. Gouge and E. Armistead. E. F. Edwards is the secretary-treasurer.

The brick residence of William Armstrong, Havelock, was destroyed by fire on Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong were awakened by the dense smoke and escaped in their night clothes. All the contents of the upper floors were destroyed; a few articles of furniture were saved.

Caught At Orillia. Belleville, Feb. 11.—"Joe" Gage, the Serbian, twice convicted in Belleville on charges of having liquor for sale in Point Anne, a local option municipality, but who skipped before his cases came to court, has been caught at Orillia, where he was living along the Trent Canal. Through headquarters of the department at Toronto, his whereabouts had been learned by John Stokes, Inspector of East Hastings. Gage was brought in jail for six months, the period of two terms of three months each, because he did not pay the fines.

Purchased The Paper. Athens, Feb. 11.—On Feb. 5th, the Athens Reporter was bought by Austin G. L. Tribune, who entered the office in 1908, and has been connected with the paper since that time, with the exception of three years spent in Toronto completing his printing apprenticeship.

When a man gets into trouble the majority of those who call to sympathize with him are merely after the full particulars.

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ELGIN SCHOOL, SMITH'S FALLS

Was Burned Down On Wednesday Morning.

Smith's Falls, Feb. 11.—Fire, which started from the furnace, totally destroyed Smith's Falls, finest public school on Wednesday morning. In less than an hour from the time the fire was first noticed the roof had fallen in, and despite heroic efforts on the part of the Fire Company, who were promptly on the scene and worked like trojans, nothing could be saved.

Very shortly after the classes had assembled smoke was noted and fire drill resorted to with the result that the children all reached safety, although some of them lost their caps and overcoats.

At the time the fire was first noticed Mr. Halpenny, acting principal of the school and the janitor Joseph Leach, were engaged in conversation, but before the source of the fire could be reached it was realized that the services of the firemen would be required.

The children marched but in good order and the fire alarm was sent in. Such rapid headway did the blaze make, however, that in a very short time the entire building was wrapped in flames and sparks were flying in all directions from the school. Fortunately the roofs of the houses in the vicinity were mostly covered with snow, and no further fires started, although a stream of water was necessary on one roof to prevent this.

The west half of Elgin school was built in 1894, when Mr. Clark was chairman of the Board of Education and the east had in 1901, with R. J. Brodie chairman of the Board. The school contained eight rooms, and was said by the inspector to be the best school in the county.

The loss to the town will be heavy. The school building alone cost the town over \$20,000, but cannot be replaced now for less than about \$30,000. Insurance was carried to the extent of \$21,000, placed with three companies in two \$8,000 and one \$5,000 policies.

Efforts will be made immediately to secure temporary quarters for the pupils.

The Late Ezra Wyatt McCrea. Brockville, Feb. 11.—Word has been received by relatives here of the death of Ezra Wyatt McCrea, aged seventy-eight, a former resident of Leeds County, at his home in Pleasant Valley, Saskatchewan, which occurred on January 24th, 1916, after a brief illness from pneumonia. The deceased was the only son of the late Col. H. M. McCrea, of Frankville, Leeds County, and for the past few years had been extensively engaged in farming in Saskatchewan. The late Mr. McCrea was twice married, his first wife being Miss Elizabeth O'Connor, of Ottawa. He is survived by his widow, who was Miss Helen Wing, of Toledo, Ont., and three sons and one daughter, Hiram, Roy and Gertrude, all of Saskatchewan; three sisters, Mrs. Christopher Richards and Miss Bessie McCrea, of Toronto; and Mrs. Amos Robinson, of Brockville.

The interment took place at Melfort, Saskatchewan.

Mr. McCrea was a man of many kindly qualities and had many friends. His family were U. E. Loyals who settled in Leeds County and in many ways took a prominent part in the affairs of this district.

Annual County Orange Meeting. Brockville, Feb. 11.—The annual meeting of North Leeds L. O. County Lodge was held in Elgin Orange Hall, Feb. 1st, with James Polk in the chair. A fairly good representation from all the various primary lodges in the county were in attendance. After the usual routine of business had been gone through the following officers were elected and installed by the installing officer, G. E. Godkin, of Oak Leaf: W.M.—C. R. Taylor. D.M.—T. J. Pritchard. Chap.—Will Jacques. Rec.-Sec.—Herbert Clyn. Fin.-sec.—John Selmour. Treas.—Hugh Burns. D.C.—Robert Irvin. Ins. Officers—John Earl and Alexander Irvin.

Lyndhurst was chosen for the next place of meeting.

Had A Narrow Escape. Smith's Falls, Feb. 11.—John Davidson, had a narrow escape from probable death in his planing mill, but happily he did escape. He was working about one of the machines when he was caught in the fast running belt and whirled away on it in a trice. His two sons were near by and at once stopped the machine but not until Mr. Davidson had been carried up to the ceiling, over the pulley and flung to the floor. His right arm was terribly lacerated and his head badly cut, but doctors were called to attend him and it was found that no bones were broken and that his injuries were not likely to be fatal.

The Late Joseph Marrs. Brockville, Feb. 11.—Private Joseph Marrs, of the 15th Leeds and Grenville Battalion, died suddenly on Wednesday at the residence of his father-in-law, Thomas McVeeny, after a brief illness. Pte. Marrs had rendered valuable assistance to the firemen in fighting the fire in the Harding block and was apparently in good health. While returning to his home he was taken ill, and went into the residence of his father-in-law. His condition became worse and he was put to bed and medical aid summoned, but notwithstanding the efforts of his physician, he passed away. The deceased was thirty-five years of age.

Presentation To Soldiers. Rednersville, Feb. 11.—A patriotic rally was held in the Methodist Church at Rednersville, when Pte. Wilder and Pte. Lorne Dempsey, who have recently joined the 155th Battalion, were presented with pocket tissues and wrist watches by Nelson Parliament.

Gananoque

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Feb. 11.—The bugle and brass bands of the 59th Battalion came up from Brockville yesterday afternoon and rendered an excellent concert in the Opera House last evening. Each number was well rendered and was received with appreciation by a well filled house. The concert will be repeated this evening. The band came by special permit of Major Dawson.

The funeral of the late John E. Cunningham took place from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gillespie, Charles Street yesterday afternoon at Gananoque Vault and was largely attended.

The regular monthly session of the Women's Missionary Society of Grace Church was held at the home of Mrs. William Carpenter, Charles Street, yesterday afternoon and was well attended.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. James Turcotte, Pittsford, was thrown open to their friends for a dance on Wednesday evening and a large number were availed themselves of the opportunity of the evening's enjoyment, among the goodly number from Gananoque.

Ivor Stevens, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Warren Stevens of the International Hotel, entertained a number of his male friends at the Hotel last evening.

Mrs. (Dr.) S. McCallum and children, Niagara Falls, spent the past few days in town, the guests of Mrs. P. McCallum, King Street.

REGULATIONS FOR MEASLES.

Must Be Carried Out, Says Chief Officer.

Peterboro', Feb. 11.—Dr. Amys, Medical Health Officer, says that as the quarantine for measles has caused a great deal of inconvenience to the citizens and military men he writes to the Provincial Board of Health, requesting that the quarantine for measles be either raised or mitigated and the reply received from Dr. McCullough, Chief Medical Health Officer was that he must enforce the regulations. He adds: "So far as the military authorities are concerned, there are a great many more troops in this city than in any other single point in Canada and their disposition is to obey these regulations in every particular. Why should they not be obeyed? Measles is a far more infectious disease than small-pox. In the military hospital in Halifax this season out of fifty-two cases of the disease, eleven died."

TELEPHONE COUNTY.

Spencerville, Feb. 11.—At the eighth annual meeting of the Leeds and Grenville Independent Telephone Company, Limited, the following directors were elected:

William Holmes, Spencerville; J. A. Connell, J. W. White, J. A. Connell and C. J. Jones, Allouanville; T. W. Ralph, North Augusta.

At a subsequent meeting of the directors, the following officers were appointed: President and Manager—C. J. Jones. Vice-President—William Holmes. Secretary—G. W. Chapman. Treasurer—J. A. Connell.

Latham-Patience Wedding.

Brockville, Feb. 11.—A pretty home wedding was celebrated on Feb. 9th, at the home of Holmes Latham, Halifax, when their youngest child, Alice Elizabeth, was united in marriage to Howard Gordon Patience, Querrin, Sask. The bride wore a charming gown of Alice Blue velvet and was attended by Miss Eva Charleton, of the Tinclip, while Frank Latham, brother of the bride, was the best man. Rev. Dr. P. Wright, Lyn-officiating. After a dainty wedding luncheon the young couple were driven to Brockville where they took the train for Toronto and Hamilton. The wedding gifts were of a varied nature with substantial money presents included, testifying to the high esteem in which the bride was held by her many friends. The guests from a distance were, the groom's father, from Querrin, Sask., and Mr. and Mrs. McCready also from the west, and Mrs. Roxy McCready of Lansdowne.

A Wife Seeks Alimony.

Peterboro', Feb. 11.—In court here Mrs. Florence Ferguson seeks to recover alimony from her husband Edward J. Ferguson, a cement contractor in the city of Peterborough. In the statement of claims the plaintiff recites that she was married to the defendant in 1906. In 1911 by reason of abusive conduct on the part of her husband, she was compelled to leave him. She has lived with him at different periods since, but on May 22nd, 1915, she left him finally, and has not lived with him since. The defendant denies the statements of the plaintiff and asks that the action be dismissed.

Splish-Shaver.

Brockville, Feb. 11.—A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized at the parsonage of Wall Street Methodist church on Wednesday, when the pastor, Rev. A. E. Rannels, united in marriage, Frederick Lyons Splish, Kamsack, Sask., a former well-known resident of Brockville and Miss Caroline Davina Shaver, Aultsville, Ont. The bride is a graduate nurse of the Brockville General Hospital.

Major Williams.

Major Williams, chief recruiting officer of the Toronto military district, plans to mobilize boys, women and men over age to take the places of young men going on active service.

John Toimie, ex M.P. Kincardine, is dead as the result of a fall.

THE M. O. OF ETAPLES.

Dr. Birkett of Montreal is Having a Strenuous Time.

Before the war, Dr. H. S. Birkett did delicate operations in big hospitals before the eyes of awed students and other practitioners. To-day Montreal knows him only as a "name" and a recollection. He wears khaki and dominates the McGill Base Hospital over at Etaples-aux-Boulogne. He is Lieutenant-Colonel Birkett and his internes and orderlies stand up to salute him when he passes. His hospital is a collection of tents. His X-ray room is a tar-paper shack. His grounds are plain fields rising at the rear of his tents to a big bald ridge of hills, and dribbling off on the other side of the Boulogne road into a "three-weeks" course to England. He is called "sisters" and his "house-surgeons" are majors. Instead of the queer half-madness of illness of city folk pouring into his wards, there are train-loads of wounded men pouring into his hospital. City folks complain when they are sick and explain that this is one of the silliest hospitals of war. Soldiers have tight tongues. From one side this hospital taps a battle-ground. On the other side it feeds the hospital ships of a certain port. When Birkett and his men cannot cure in a "three-weeks" course go to England.

Lieut.-Colonel Birkett comes from Hamilton originally. His father was a merchant there, of U. E. L. descent. He was educated in England and at McGill University. He practised medicine in Montreal General Hospital, Montreal Dispensary, Royal Victoria Hospital, and privately. He has been demonstrator and lecturer in important teaching centres. He was secretary of the Dominion Medical Association. He dared the horrors of gynaecology and otology—whatever they are long enough to be a great authority on them. War has long been his hobby. In 1892 he was attached to the Army Medical Staff at Aldershot. He was made a Lieut.-Colonel in 1904. In 1909 he was President of the Association of Medical Officers of the Canadian Militia.

Another Fighting Parson.

"Every time the Germans fire a shell at us we give them four in return," we're on top now all along the Western Front," was the message that Major (Rev.) Dr. D. Bruce Taylor, M.A., the popular pastor of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Montreal, brought back from the trenches a couple of weeks ago. Major Taylor was with the 42nd Highlanders in the trenches. Most of the officers were from his congregation, while many of the men in the ranks were his parishioners or members of his congregation. So when they marched away to battle, the minister got six months leave of absence from his fashionable church, donned the khaki, and went to Flanders. Dr. Taylor was never a slave to ritual and rules, so it was easy for him to preach of the end of an ammunition wagon or behind a hedge where the Hun aviator would not see the little congregation. He stuck with the Battalion and when it went into battle he was on the spot. "I have no hospital stories to tell," he declares. "I saw the men well and strong—or dead. If they were wounded they were carried off to one of the hospitals back from the front, and I was through with them." So near did he get to the battle that a German shell fell within forty feet of him. Fortunately the earth was soft there and the shell went five feet into the mud before it exploded. A shower of mud was what he got out of it—and the nose of the shell which a soldier dug out for the parson, who was on the spot.

Standing of the Breeds.

During the past year 40,466 pure-bred animals were registered in the Canadian Live Stock Records. Of this total 828 were registrations of cattle, 9,961 were of hogs, 6,265 of sheep, and 4,412 of horses.

In cattle Shortborns led with 11,135. Ayrshires coming next with 2,682. Herefords following with 1,693. Angus with 997, and Jerseys with 1,065. French-Canadian, Guernseys, Galloways, Canadian Red Poiled and Brown Swiss accounted for the balance.

In horses Clydesdales led with 2,555. Berks coming next with 825, and Stanbreds following after with 319. Thoroughbreds with 219. Hackneys with 128. Shires with 93, and other minor breeds making up 273.

In swine Yorks led with 3,147. Berks coming fairly close after with 2,535. Chester Whites with 1,555. Duroc Jerseys with 1,337, and Tamms 675. Poland Chinas had 595, and Hampshire 117.

In sheep Shrops led with 2,234. Oxford coming next with 1,439, and Leicester being a fairly close third with 1,074.

Crucifix Figure Remained Intact.

Driver John J. Gomme of Queen's Engineering Corps of Kingston, Ont., writes home that he had been sent to rescue an old lady, her daughter, and granddaughter from a house which the Germans were shelling. He went back after the little girl, who had disappeared, and a shell exploded in the doorway as he entered, and a remarkable thing happened. Everything in the house was smashed. On the dresser there was a crucifix, the glass of which was broken, but the figure of God Christ remained intact.

Cod Catch Increases.

Indications of increased prosperity for the fishing fleet of the French 16-lands at St. Pierre and Miquelon are shown in the advices giving figures for the season of 1915. Although the fleet was diminished from 22 steam trawlers and 251 sailing vessels in 1914, to eleven trawlers and only 25 sailing vessels last year, the catch of cod was increased from 182,629 quintals to 192,119 quintals. The withdrawal of so many vessels was due to the war. The price of cod is much higher than a year ago.

Lord Northcliffe may accept a seat in the British Cabinet. It is rumored he may be the Minister of Aviation. The total Prussian casualties were estimated to be 2,377,378.

WARRIOR ASSELIN.

French-Canadian Nationalist is Raising a Fighting Unit.

Politics makes strange bed fellows, they say, but its vagaries cannot be more peculiar than those of war. For example, Oliver Asselin, Nationalist, founder of the Nationalist League of Quebec, brilliant advocate of the Nationalist creed, is going to war across the seas for the defence of the Empire. Strange, is it? Ask a writer in The Canadian Courier. Possibly. But Oliver Asselin, who is a major in the Canadian army, says that his war for civilization has been attacked and the time for fighting—not talking—has come. "My Nationalist Jews are just as strong as ever," he says, "but just now the battle call is supreme."

General Sir Sam Hughes offered him a command—and received a surprise. Oliver Asselin said he would be glad to raise a fighting unit and go with it as major, but the command would have to go to a veteran from the trenches, some one of experience in modern warfare. The offer was accepted and a Langemack hero came home recently to assume the leadership of "Asselin's Battalion"—the 163rd.

His has been a varied—and lively—career. It began on a farm near St. Hilarion, Que., on Nov. 9, 1874. Rimouski College is his "alma mater"; then he taught school a couple of years across the border. He returned to Canada in 1901 to become private secretary to Sir Lomer Gouin. But while he had been wandering around he had begun contributing to the papers. It was very long after he reached Montreal until he was appointed city editor of La Presse. In 1902 he organized the Nationalist League and founded the weekly paper, La Nationalist, as the party organ.

From 1902 to about 1912 he wrote and spoke at public meetings. The Nationalist creed had no more brilliant exponent, either with pen or voice, than the fiery French-Canadian. He took hard knocks, and gave back some terrific blows. He was attacked by all parties, yet he never became embittered. In fact, Oliver Asselin remained an intimate friend of Asselin who considered his politics deplorable.

Although a most busy man, he entered the United States army, and served ten months with the force that was sent to overcome the Spanish in Cuba. That was his first and only taste of warfare until he began to raise the unit he is now forming.

Major Asselin is no longer merely the Nationalist orator and author, he is the soldier ready to risk all at the call of civilization which needs assistance.

ENCOURAGE SHIPBUILDING.

Speeches of Dr. Edwards and W. F. Nickle Applauded.

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—The whole of the night sitting of the House of Commons was devoted to making progress on the routine estimates of the Marine Department. One interesting discussion developed. The situation with respect to shipbuilding facilities at the present time prompted by reason of lack of shipbuilding facilities at the present time urged upon the Government the advisability of taking some speedy and serious step to encourage the development of the shipbuilding industry in the Dominion. Dr. Pugsley was supported in this view by Messrs. E. M. MacDonald, F. F. Pardey, J. H. Sinclair, William Carroll and other Liberal members. The Opposition applauded the speeches of Dr. Edwards, Frontenac, who advocated action toward the public ownership and operation of steamship lines, and W. F. Nickle, Kingston, who pressed strongly for some definite action to meet the situation.

Lu Chien, in the southern part of Sze Chuen Province, has been captured by the Yunnan revolutionists. James H. Ashdown, ex-Mayor of Winnipeg, millionaire hardware merchant, is dying in a hospital at Rochester, Minn., where he was operated for gall stones.

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Large advertisement for Grand Mid-Winter Carnival and Military Bazaar. Text: 'Grand Mid-Winter Carnival and Military Bazaar! At The Armouries EVERY AFTERNOON AND EVENING, 2 to 4, 8 to 10 P. M. Under Auspices of 146th Overseas Battalion, C.E.F. PROGRAMME FOR TO DAY: 75 yards dash, 220 yards race, 440 yards race, 1 mile race, 1-mile walk, broad jump, fat man's race, 75 yards non-com's race, running high jump, 1-4 mile relay race, Victoria Cross race, three-legged race, 3 mile walk, potato race, ladies' race, officers' race, 1 1/4 mile N.C.O.'s race, several fine boxing bouts. Band Concert, R.C.H.A. Band. Everything Free. A Good Time for All. Come. Tea Room and Canteen Open.'