

News From Eastern Ontario Points

FARMERS AT VERONA

HAVE HAD TO PLOUGH UP SOME SEEDED LAND.

Sammy Resort at Card's Point Over-looking Long Lake — The Late John McMaster, a Civil War Veteran.

Verona, May 30.—The recent rains have flooded the lands so that farmers have been obliged to plough up some land that has been seeded. Meadows are exceptionally fine.

S. Campbell, station agent, purchased a new auto car last week. Herma Freeman, military cadet, spent Sunday with his family. Milton Jewell, cadet, here for a few days recruiting, returned to camp today.

A quartette of sports from Moscow, viz., Morley Huffman, Joseph Foster, Charles Amey and Alfred Martin, have built a fine cottage on C. Card's Point, overlooking Long Lake and it will be utilized as a summer resort.

Chilly Card has built sixty-five rods of wire fence along the main road and intends building about one hundred rods this summer.

Joseph Bandwater, visiting with his mother for a few weeks, left yesterday to resume his duties at Cobalt. Arthur Rider, accompanied Mr. Vanderwater back and expects to remain in Cobalt for the summer.

Death claimed an old and respected resident last week in the person of John McMaster, a veteran of the Crimean War and one who drew a pension from the American Government. The funeral was held on Saturday morning to the Methodist Church and the remains were interred at Desert Lake. Deceased's widow survives.

Austin Muir of Toronto has a gang of men cutting on the dump on the border near High Falls.

Zara Reynolds has discovered another vein of feldspar on his lot. Miss Da Walroth, who underwent an operation for appendicitis, is improving nicely.

BACK TO ALBERT COLLEGE.

Prof. V. P. Hunt Secured Also For Bridge Street Church Choir.

Belleville, June 1.—Arrangements have been made with Prof. V. P. Hunt of Edmonton to assume charge of the music department at Albert College, and to take the organ and act as leader of the choir of Bridge Street Methodist Church, succeeding Mr. Dan A. Cameron, who has enlisted with the 155th Battalion. Mr. Hunt is well known in this city, having lived here a number of years, and while here brought the musical standard of Albert College to the highest point it had ever reached. Prof. Hunt left Belleville for the First Methodist Church in Edmonton, and has been in that position since.

TRACED TO DRINK

Private Thos. Kerr's Suicide Due to Too Frequent Indulgence.

Port Hope, June 1.—At the inquest to inquire into the cause of the death of the late Private Thomas Kerr, of the 136th Battalion the jury brought in a verdict that deceased came to his death by carbolic acid, administered by his own hand, while in a condition of depression due to too frequent indulgence in intoxicating liquors, notwithstanding that he was on the prohibited list.

MET WITH ACCIDENT IN SHOEHING HORSE.

Wilson Taylor Received a Painful Wound In His Hand.

Wolfe Island, June 1.—Wilson Taylor met with a very painful accident on Wednesday afternoon while shoeing a horse. He came in contact with a nail in the foot, which caused a very painful wound.

Miss Sarah O'Reilly, Kingston, is visiting her sister, Mrs. F. Briceland. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cressmer have returned home from Ottawa after motoring there to visit relatives.

Grant Grimshaw purchased five valuable Holstein cows and a bull at a Brockville sale. William Bolton is building a new house on his lot in the village.

George McDonald has opened up a stone quarry in E. White's pasture, where he is crushing stone for the roads on the seventh concession. E. Briceland has painted and decorated his house. Sedo Eccles was the artist. Oscar Henderson, Watertown, N.Y., spent a day here visiting relatives.

STILL NEED FUNDS

For the New Rink To Be Built In Renfrew.

Renfrew, June 1.—At a meeting of curlers held at the Hotel Renfrew, the special committee appointed to solicit subscriptions for the erection of a new rink reported that they had secured about \$1,600 less than the amount aimed at before commencing construction, and the committee will continue its work.

It is expected that the Ladies Curling Club will take a few hundred dollars stock, also hold a couple of enchures. A demonstration will be held here on Dominion Day, under the auspices of the Curling Club, when, with fine weather, the building fund can be materially increased.

REV. MR. OMOND'S WORK

To Supervise Religious and Social Activities at Petawawa.

Petawawa, June 1.—Rev. M. N. Omond, pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Petawawa, has been appointed to take charge, under Y. M. C. A. direction, of the religious and social work at Petawawa camp this summer, and reports at headquarters this week.

Rev. Dr. Wallace, of Queen's University, Kingston, will supply at St. Andrew's during Mr. Omond's absence.

The Late Mrs. P. J. McGrath.

Sulphide, May 30.—After an illness extending over three months, the death occurred on Thursday morning, May 25th, of Mrs. P. J. McGrath at the home of her sister, Mrs. John McGrath, Sulphide. The deceased left Minneapolis, Minn., about three weeks ago to attend the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Thomas O'Connor, Kingston. She leaves to mourn a sorrowing husband, one sister, Mrs. John McGrath, Sulphide, and four brothers, James, Alexander and Edward, Harrowsmith, and John, Toronto.

The funeral took place from the home of her sister, Mrs. John McGrath, to the Church of St. Edmund, Stone, where requiem high mass was sung by Rev. Father Quinn, for the repose of her soul. May she rest in peace.

Gananoque

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

June 1.—The local merchants started yesterday afternoon to observe the Wednesday afternoon as a half-holiday from now until the end of August. The day was fine, and quite a large number of those freed from the places of business spent the afternoon on the river.

A meeting was held in the town hall on Tuesday evening to make arrangements for the Dominion Day, as has been in order for a number of years past. Strong committees were named to look after the various details, and the celebration will be pushed so as to make it one of the best.

The Thousand Island Gun Club held another successful shoot at their traps on William street yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. G. Nelson, Wellington street, was taken to Brockville Hospital for treatment yesterday.

Mrs. William McAvary, Charles street, who has been spending the past few weeks in Pontiac, Mich., with her daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Sherry, returned home on Tuesday, accompanied by Mrs. Sherry, who will spend the month of June here with her mother.

The Government supply boat Grenville was in port yesterday afternoon.

Pte. George Mack, of the 156th Battalion, was in town during the past few days.

WHAT THE 109TH MEANT TO LINDSAY.

The Men Spent Fully \$60,000 During Their Stay There.

Lindsay, June 1.—Now that the 109th Battalion has left us for Barriefield Commons, the khaki clad boys who were familiar figures on our streets are conspicuous by their absence. That the presence of hundreds of soldiers in our town meant much for the town is proven by the fact that during their stay here between \$50,000 and \$55,000 monthly was paid out in board and pay. Practically every dollar was circulated in Lindsay, and our merchants reaped the benefit. The total amount paid out monthly in board and pay throughout the united countries where soldiers were quartered was \$260,000. These figures are absolutely correct, being obtained from a reliable source.

REMOVED TO BROCKVILLE.

New Registrar of United Counties Settled In Home.

Brockville, June 1.—J. T. Gallagher, the new registrar for the counties of Leeds and Grenville, has been settled in his new home on Garden street. His removal from Newboro is deeply regretted by the people of that place, and that he and his excellent wife take with them the best wishes of a host of friends is evidenced by the fact that prior to their departure for Brockville over sixty of the members of the Methodist Church assembled in the spacious parlors of the old home where a very pleasant social evening was spent.

WAR HERO RETURNS.

Private Stiles Was Recommended For D. C. M.

Tamworth, June 1.—Pte. William Stiles of Phillipstown, a veteran of four battles, has returned from the war. At Ypres he received a gunshot wound in the thigh, which splintered the bone in such a manner that he may be incapacitated from further overseas service.

He was recommended for the Distinguished Conduct Medal because of gallantry in the field in carrying eleven wounded men to safety while under violent shell fire.

Capt. Nicholson Weds.

Brockville, June 1.—A pretty house wedding was celebrated yesterday at the home of Benjamin Chapman on the occasion of the marriage of his daughter Geraldine to Capt. Nicholson, chaplain of the 198th Battalion, C.E.F., Toronto. Assisted by Rev. Dr. Taylor, of Shanghai, China, the ceremony was performed by Rev. L. E. Davis, rector of St. Paul's Church. The bride and groom will spend the summer at the Barrie Camp, where Capt. Nicholson will be attached to his battalion.

Lord Derby and Pressmen.

Lord Derby makes a point of receiving some of the Press correspondents at the War Office from time to time, says London Opinion, and lets them fire questions at him with an entire absence of ceremony, albeit, though in the most good-natured fashion he does exactly as he likes about replying directly to their queries. The impression which Lord Derby leaves with his inquirers is one of extraordinary vivacity, coupled with quick-wittedness and bluff good humor. He gives them many a laugh for their pains, if they do not leave him overawighted with information.

What He Would Do.

A British officer inspecting sentries guarding the line in Flanders came across a raw-looking yeoman. "What are you here for?" he asked. "To report anything unusual, sir." "What would you call unusual?" "I dunno, exactly, sir." "What would you do if you saw five battleships steaming across the field?" "Sign the siege, sir."

The coat of a horse is the gift of nature, but the coat of donkey is of ten the work of a tailor.

IN FREEZING TRENCHES.

Officer Describes First Adventure of New Battalion.

An interesting and detailed account of how a battalion first takes to the trenches in cold weather is given in a letter from Lance-Corp. C. E. Bennett, attached to a Warwickshire Regiment, of the Imperial Army, to his father in Montreal.

"We marched out of the village about three o'clock in the afternoon," he says, "and after a very hard march over very bad roads we arrived at a barn where two companies of the regiment were to be attached to—until our own battalion arrived—were preparing to go into the trenches that evening as soon as it was dark. It was a black night and raining hard, and the nearer we got to the trenches the worse the roads became. The regiment were to go in with very old hands and knew the ropes well."

"Before we got to the communication trench proper, we had to enter a trench to get through a rising bit of ground, for at this point the bullets were whining overhead, just to remind us that we were in it at last. Well, this trench proved to be not less than three feet deep in water which gave us a delightful sensation about the legs. We at length reached the dug-out we were to pass the night in. It was about five feet high and five feet wide by about twenty-four feet long, and the floor was wet and muddy. We sat on our backs and as sleep was upon us the question of the night soon made some hot tea which put new life into us. There were three other N. C. O.'s beside myself of our battalion, and we took it in turns to sitther about the trench during the night to see how men were posted and made ourselves acquainted with their periods of duty, etc."

"During the night all the men were ordered to turn out, except those on sentry duty, to clean up the trench. I thought at the time that daylight would have been a better time to do such work, but I learned on enquiry that it was done to keep the circulation going and therefore prevent frost bite, a complaint which is exceedingly painful, and everything possible is being done to minimize it. When the light arrived I had a pot at the enemy over the parapet and somehow I felt it was worth the journey of the night before, to be able to do that."

"After four days' instruction, our own battalion relieved the regiment we had been with and then we carried on the good work for another four days in which we experienced the trencher weather conditions. The trencher was deep and wide in many places and thigh and waist deep in mud. More than one poor chap got hopelessly stuck, and it proved an exceedingly hard task to get them out again."

An Ancient Superstition.

Superstition still survives in County Antrim, and an illustration was recently furnished by a remarkable incident which occurred at a place called Aghadalan, near Crumlin. A few weeks ago a farmer was working in a field about 200 yards from his dwelling-house, when the latter was broken into and a sum of £50 abstracted. He advised the Crumlin police, who proceeded to make investigations, but were unable to find the slightest clue that would lead to the detection of the criminal. On the following day, accompanied by his brother, the farmer paid a visit to Belfast, and on their return in the evening a story got circulated that they had been in consultation with a witch, who produced a mirror, in which was reflected the guilty person, and that she assured them the lost money would soon return. And, behold, on the next morning, when the rural postman was coming in from his rounds, he discovered, on a window-ledge at the back of his house, a small parcel addressed to the farmer, which on being opened was found to contain £45 10s. It is stated that the farmer intends to consult the Belfast witch again about the balance not returned.

Sex Antagonism Stopped.

One of the most subtle results of the war is the far-reaching change in the relations of the sexes to each other. Before the scraps of paper came to be torn up there was a great deal of sex-antagonism, about the declaration of war seemed to blow it away as if by magic. Instantly, the sexes fell into their proper places, the men to fight for their homes, the women to stop there and "carry on." Like all great things, it was wonderfully simple, and we never noticed it till months afterwards.

"But I doubt whether this happy state of affairs will last," says Mrs. Chilton Braby in a London, Eng., newspaper. "With all my heart I would it might so prove. But to me it seems that the most bitter war of all will be the sex war to come. Not, perhaps, quite in the near hereafter, but roughly speaking, within a few years of peace."

To Exclude All Aliens.

At a communication of the Grand Lodge of England in London recently the Duke of Connaught was unanimously re-elected Grand Master of England, Free Masonry, for the ensuing year. In June of last year, Grand Lodge decided that in order to prevent the peace and harmony of the craft being disturbed it was necessary that all brethren of German, Austria, Hungarian, or Turkish birth should not during the continuance of the war attend any Masonic meeting of any description. It was determined at this meeting to extend this restriction "until Grand Lodge, after the treaty of peace has been signed, should otherwise determine," which might result in a perpetual exclusion of all brethren of alien assembly birth.

The British invasion of German East Africa has been carried further into the interior, and one of the British columns is now confronted with a German army, which has taken up strong defensive positions.

FOE NOT STARVING

BRITISH PRISONERS.

Baron Newton Says That Germany is Not Discriminating Against Them.

London, June 1.—Discussing in the House of Lords yesterday the condition of British prisoners in Germany, Baron Newton, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said their condition was much better than at the beginning of the war, and that it was unjustifiable to contend that Germany discriminated against British prisoners.

Moreover, Baron Newton added, it was cruel to suggest, as had been done, that British prisoners were literally starving. Every week 100,000 parcels went from Britain to Germany, which was an average of three parcels per man per week. It was an exaggeration to say that without these parcels they would starve, because there were a million Russian prisoners in Germany who received no parcels.

A vast majority of the German population, said Baron Newton, were probably in a condition of comparative hunger owing to the British blockade, and prisoners naturally would share that hunger.

CHARGE OF GRAFTING

Bennett Brought to Regina From Chicago After Long Fight.

Regina, June 1.—After fighting deportation proceedings for nearly a year, David D. Bennett arrived in the city in custody of the Mounted Police at noon yesterday from Chicago. He was immediately charged with forgery in connection with hay supplies furnished to the remount department in February and March, 1915, investigated by the Davidson commission here last summer.

A cablegram from Peking, says the reported illness of President Yuan Shi-Kai is untrue. A report from Tokio a few days ago and later one from Shanghai said Yuan Shi-Kai had been poisoned and was gravely ill.

Official figures published by the British embassy show that up to the end of April neutral nations had lost 121 ships sunk by submarines.

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