

News From Brisk Eastern Ontario Points

THE VILLAGE OF YARKER

REV. ROY McWILLIAMS LEAVES SHORTLY FOR JAPAN

He Was Recently Married—Officiated at His Sister's Wedding—Seventy-four-year-old Lady a Good Fisher.

Yarker, Aug. 23.—The Methodist Sunday school held their annual picnic to Hart Lake in C. Emberly's Grove.

The highest point was touched in heat Monday afternoon when the mercury registered 100 degrees in the shade.

The hay crop has been well harvested and there is an abundance of it. Hay has been cut on the highway this year. The potato crop is suffering from rot and, and there are very few to be had.

Rev. Roy McWilliams preached to the Methodist congregation Sunday evening last. He leaves Canada for Japan as a missionary on Tuesday, Sept. 5th, and does not expect to return for seven years.

A few weeks ago he was married to Miss Bessie Winter, who accompanies him to Japan.

On Wednesday, Aug. 23rd, Miss Leta Mary McWilliams was married to Clarence Allen, Moscow. The wedding took place at the home of the bride, and Rev. Roy McWilliams, brother of the bride, officiated. They leave for a short western trip, and will reside on the late Silas Johnston's farm on the shores of Hart Lake.

Miss Everton Emberly, St. Anne de Beaupre, spending the summer here, was taken ill and is now a patient in the Kingston General Hospital, where she is rapidly recovering.

F. Connoley, bitten by a dog last fall, is still having trouble with his hand.

August 15th was A. A. Connelly's birthday, and in the evening at Camp Hart he wondered why there were so many at his cabin. He was soon set at rest when a short address was read and a box of cigars was presented to him.

Miss Elizabeth and Mr. Wilson leave in a few days for Toronto. Misses Long and Merrill have been re-engaged for Yarker public school. Cement walks are being help up for the school.

The Community Center idea is a good one, as we notice by the Kingston papers. Not so much notice has been taken of orders for dry goods and notions, but groceries are ordered from departmental stores. Should those same buyers walk into any country store with a ten dollar order and country store could and would meet the departmental store prices, and we ask the people to try it and keep their money in circulation in their own home town.

Mrs. A. H. Montgomery leaves this week for a trip to Auburn, N.Y.

Mrs. W. H. Woodhouse, who is 74 years old, is still a good angler. She went up Monday in her boat, and one fish she brought back with her was a small-mouthed bass weighing 4 1/4 pounds.

Those who spent part of the summer at Vartz Lake were: Mr. A. Connelly and family, Yarker; Rev. E. Farnsworth and family, Newburgh; Mrs. F. Walsh and family, Kingston; Mrs. Frazzell and family, Toronto; Mrs. Smith and family, Toronto; Dot Mears, Bessie Paul, Wila Farnsworth, Lola Shannon, Bird Madden, Buelah Spencer, Luella Pringle, Mildred McKim, Newburgh; Misses Calder, Toronto; Mabel Jackson, Montreal.

Wellington Murphy has secured a position in Kingston and is working there.

Miss Tuna Stewart has returned home after visiting Miss Grace Boomhower, Arden.

Miss Buelah Walker has returned from Toronto, where she spent a month visiting her relatives.

The wheel factory has been shut down and stocktaking commenced. They are also putting some repairs on the power house No. 1.

William Lushman, of Georgetown, is visiting friends for a short time. Felix Benjamin has arrived home from visiting at Dunville. Gerald Warner is working in Kingston, where he secured a position.

George Carl and family also Morris Wallace and family have moved to Kingston.

Miss Ruth Babcock has returned to Dexter for a short visit. Archie Babcock has returned to Toronto to resume his studies.

Arthur Shultz, of Kingston, is visiting his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Babcock. Mrs. William Connolly and children, of Verona, visited Mrs. C. Shultz recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Burgess spent Sunday last with their son, Irben, of Centerville. Mrs. G. Montgomery is visiting friends in Waterbury, N.Y. Mrs. William Brown and children, of Brockville, has returned home after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Babcock. Frank Deane, of Gananoque, is visiting his father, George Deane. Mr. and Mrs. William Grier, of Bent River, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Foster.

Edward Joyner is working in Kingston. Bryan Holden has returned home from the General Hospital. Mrs. "Jack" Hawley and children visited her daughter, Miss Monica Moran, for a few days recently. Archie McNeely underwent a successful operation on his nose and throat at Saturday in the Kingston General Hospital. A few days from here attended the lawn social at Murvale and Sydenham. There was a very little shower of rain last evening, but it was greatly appreciated. Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Stewart and daughter, Mrs. Teena, and Harry, spent last Sunday at G. Kennebec's, River road. Mrs. C. Leggett and two children, Kathleen and Frank, are visiting Mrs. A. Sallsbury, River Road.

HE WON VICTORIA CROSS.

But Lieut.-Col. Shaw Was Killed in Action.

Millbrook, Aug. 23.—It has been learned here that Lieut.-Col. Shaw, formerly of Otonabee, who was killed in action, was recommended for the Victoria Cross. On March 18th one of the air scouts was in difficulties, his machine taking a nose dive upon a part of the ground at Ypres that was under shell fire. Col. Shaw rushed out of his dugout and carried the pilot to safety, the aeroplane being shattered by a shell immediately afterwards.

To Be Ventilated.

Mallorytown, Aug. 23.—Albert Jordan, Mallorytown, has laid information against eight young men dancing with disorderly conduct.

The trouble began over what is known as a "chivaree" following a wedding. The chivaree, always an objectionable form of amusement, has been made a continuous performance in this instance, and its being lost sight of, apparently, County Constable Dyer visited Mallorytown Saturday evening and made an investigation, but it is reported that the disturbance was repeated Sunday night again. The whole matter will be ventilated in police court.

Everything is Growing.

Marmora, Aug. 23.—The tax rate will be the highest in the history of the village this year, but the responsibility does not rest with the council. The county rate has been going up each year by leaps and bounds until it has become a grave injustice. A few years ago Marmora paid from \$1,000 to \$1,200 into its county. Last year it was a little over \$1,950, and this year the county demand is \$2,304.87.

A Memorial Town Hall.

Retnew, Aug. 23.—A memorial Town Hall is suggested to provide a fitting memorial for the Renfrew men who fall in the war, rather than having that memorial in the form of a monumental shaft. The market building would be removed, the hall set back and the front of the square made into a nice little civic park with trees and grass and flower beds.

An All Too Common Story.

Colborne, Aug. 23.—Apple buyers are on the move, but we have not heard of any. There is said to be about a fifty per cent. crop, with only fifteen to twenty per cent. into it that can be classed first and seconds. The apples are ill shaped and scabby, presumably the result of the continued wet weather during June.

It is Sergeant Neil Stewart.

Retnew, Aug. 23.—Neil G. Stewart, youngest son of James Stewart, now at the front for many months with the Engineers, has had another stripe added to him; and is now Sergeant Stewart. Friends here will not be surprised at Neil's advancement, and will be glad to hear of it.

GEN HAIG ACHIEVES TWOFOLD AIM

Relieves Pressure on Verdun and Aids Russian Drive.

London, Aug. 23.—David Lloyd George, in the House of Commons yesterday, contrasted what he termed the extraordinary change in a couple of months in the relative positions of the Entente Allies and the Central Powers on all the fronts except Mesopotamia, where climatic conditions had kept the British forces quiescent. Mr. Lloyd George said the criticisms of the British operations on the Somme front, on the ground of their failure to break through the German lines, were unjustified. The German having two alternatives, said Mr. Lloyd George, chose the alternative of bringing troops and guns from Verdun to prevent the British from breaking through.

"That suited our purpose," the War Secretary continued. "It relieved the pressure on Verdun, and prevented the enemy from pouring his forces into the Russian theatre to support the Austrians against Gen. Brusilov's thrust."

"The German accounts of our losses on the Somme are ludicrously exaggerated. Our losses, though deplorable, have been relatively low as compared with those of the Germans. The French and ourselves have captured positions on the Som-

LEFT FOR BATTALION.

Corpl. Oliver Clow Has Recovered From Pneumonia.

Sydenham, Aug. 22.—A good rain would be welcomed for the root crop. Unless rain comes the potato crop will be very poor. Farmers have finished their haying, which was an abundant crop this year. Several young men of this vicinity have come on the farm excursion to help in the abundant harvest in the western provinces.

Corporal Oliver Clow, 14th Battalion, left on Monday for Valcartier Camp, where he will join his battalion. Corpl. Clow has just recovered from pneumonia, and his many friends wish him a safe return. Several soldiers from Valcartier camp have visited friends here, and they expect this is possibly their last leave previous to the going overseas. Pie Jackie Woodruff, 30th Battery, Petawawa camp, returned on Monday, after spending his last leave with his parents. His battery expects to sail in a few days. Leland Roche has enlisted for home service.

Mrs. Gairns is the proprietor of the millinery shop by building a large dormer window. The post office looks much better since being painted. Miss K. Joyce has returned home after visiting at Joyville. Mr. and Mrs. S. Allport spent Sunday at Westbrooke. The guests of Mr. Campsall, Miss H. Joyner is renewing acquaintances in Yarker this week. Mrs. R. Hamilton is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Joyner. The many campers are enjoying the warm days in some shady nook on the lake shore.

Public school will open with Miss L. McKnight, of Godfrey in II, junior room and J. Medcof, Hartington, as principal. The high school teachers are Principal Mr. Sine, assistants, Miss Hiscock, Miss Davidson and Mr. Knowles.

Arnprior Editor Dead.

Arnprior, Aug. 23.—J. C. Williams, editor of the Watchman, died in an Ottawa hospital Sunday, following an operation. The late Mr. Williams was about fifty-eight years of age and had been seriously ill for some time. He was a well known figure in the highest esteem. He had always taken the keenest interests in all matters affecting the progress of the town, and he will be greatly missed in many circles. The funeral took place at Arnprior Wednesday afternoon with Masonic honors. He is survived by his widow, two sons and three daughters.

Ernest Toole Left Regiment.

Peterboro, Aug. 23.—For some time the officers of the Children's Aid Society have been trying to locate Ernest Toole. It appears that he enlisted with the 92nd Battalion and on Saturday was taken in charge by the military police near Keene.

When questioned the boy stated that he is seventeen years of age and had been engaged on farm work but did not have any reason to give why he had left his regiment. The court decided that he should be held pending the arrival of a military escort from headquarters.

A Quiet Wedding.

Seeley's Bay, Aug. 21.—A quiet wedding took place on August 21st, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luke Willis, Seeley's Bay, when their niece Miss Luella Pearl Stuart, third oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Stuart, of Perth, was united in marriage to Leonard Keeler. The young couple were unattended. The groom's gift to the bride was a diamond ring. The bride looked charming in a dress of white satin, with lace hat to match. The bride's travelling suit was of navy blue corded silk.

Purchased Water Power.

Calabogie, Aug. 23.—The Caldwell water power here has been purchased by M. J. O'Brien, Retnew. For years it stood idle as one of the Malloch's in owned it, and matters have remained the same so long as it has been in Caldwell hands. A man who does things, Mr. O'Brien will develop.

To Return Salary To Town.

Cobourg, Aug. 22.—Major Boggs, who was granted his salary of \$800 per year as police magistrate by the town council while on active service, has stated it is his intention to pay the salary of Police Magistrate Davidson for the time he has been acting.

FIRE THREATENS SEVERAL TOWNS

Hot Weather and High Wind Revived Flames in North Country.

Cobalt, Aug. 23.—With a high wind blowing all afternoon, bush fires at various points along the line of the T. and N. O. Railway, fire which have been smouldering for some time, have again been fanned into flame on Tuesday, and at several places assumed large proportions. At Latchford the bush on fire threatened the town so badly that immediately upon the arrival of the afternoon train the women and children were taken to Cobalt and Halleyville. At New Liskeard twelve farmers were burned out, losing their houses, buildings and a large portion of their crop. Communication with the Casey mine has been cut off. The Casey is about nine miles from New Liskeard, and all the wires are down. A big swamp is now burning, and citizens of New Liskeard are fighting fires within the town limits.

Prisoners to Play Tennis.

The prisoners of war at Fort Henry, who have been going in for association football, are now going to take up tennis. Among the parcels received on Wednesday for the prisoners was a number of rackets, and a court will be laid out in the yard of the fort.

War Prisoner Released.

V. Soin, who has been detained at Fort Henry, was released on parole on Wednesday, he being afflicted with an incurable disease, and left for his home in Toronto. He is a married man.

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NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT

CLIPPED FROM THE WHIG'S MANY BRIGHT EXCHANGES.

is Brief Form the Events in the Country About Kingston Are Told—Full of Interest to Many.

Lindsay Whyte and Leo Raby, Arnprior, jointly doing business as confectioners, have made an assignment.

Charles B. Price, Arnprior, a member of the insurance firm of McNaly & Price, has enlisted with the 240th Battalion, and will qualify for a lieutenant's commission.

Effie, the seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Marshall, Brockville, died at St. Vincent de Paul Hospital following an illness of tubercular meningitis.

Miss Maud McCormick, Arnprior, becomes principal's assistant for the Retnew Model School. Miss McCormick was once a member of the Retnew post office staff.

A. B. Scott, Smith's Falls, received word from his son, Lieut. Gordon Scott, that he had crossed over from England to go at once on the fighting line and in the trenches.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Albert Healy, Smith's Falls announce the engagement of their second daughter, Ida, to Cecil E. Ferguson, of Beckton, with the marriage to take place in September.

Charles Edward Rosebush, a man of about sixty-five years of age, has been arrested in Trenton on a charge of having stolen in July one grey robe, one set of harness and one long wagon, the property of Lena Letts.

David Craig, Arnprior, awarded the contract for the erection of his grist mill to Thomas Moran & Son, and they have commenced excavation. The site lies south of the G.T. Keefe property.

The jitney drivers doing business between Pembroke and the Petawawa military camp were on the carpet before the military authorities. The Pembroke Observer understands some of them have been suspected of carrying liquor into the camp.

Very Rev. Canon Crocker, pastor of Pakenham and Fitzroy Harbor for many years, died on Sunday in his 72nd year. He was one of the most widely known Roman Catholic priests in the district, and his death is keenly regretted.

A Chef Drowned.

Alexandria Bay, N.Y., Aug. 23.—A German chef employed at the Crossman House at Alexandria Bay, was drowned at the foot of Wellesley Island, with another employee of the same hotel. The body of the drowned man, about twenty-five or twenty-eight years of age was recovered shortly after by Mr. Lindsay, Gananoque, who drives Mr. Funnell's boat. The body was recovered by it becoming caught on an anchor.

Very Hot Weather.

Calabogie, Aug. 23.—In letters home Capt. Howard Box, M. D., speaks of the very primitive farming methods prevailing among the Greeks. Around Salonika agricultural work is the same in form to-day as it was in the ancients. Greece has hot summer, and now Dr. Box knows what weather 109 degrees in the shade feels like. Late-ly Dr. Box's work has consisted mainly of lecturing upon poisonous insects how to guard against and overcome its effects.

Leaving For The West.

Perth, Aug. 23.—John Crobbie and family will leave this week for Retnew, Saskatchewan, where he has secured a position with the government of that province as an electrical inspector. Mr. Crobbie has been employed here by the Canadian Electric and Water Power Company for some years and knows his business thoroughly. His father and brother are also in the west.

To Make It a Police Village.

Calabogie, Aug. 23.—A movement is on foot for the making of Calabogie a police village. A petition to that end is being circulated for signatures. Made a police village, Calabogie would enjoy several advantages which it does not to-day possess.

GIVEN AWAY BY MOTHER.

Buffalo Man Really Son of Toronto Family.

Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 23.—Arthur Bruce, aged twenty-four, has just discovered that his right name is Arthur Churchill, and that instead of being the son of David and Eliza Bruce, of 97 Urban street, Buffalo, he is the son of a family named Churchill, living in Toronto, Ont.

When the foster mother, Mrs. Bruce, recently died in Buffalo, she told him that he was given to her by his mother in Toronto when he was only three years old. Immediately after learning that his real name is Churchill and not Bruce, the lad started proceedings in the County Court to permit him to continue using the name he had always borne. Yesterday afternoon here in County Court Judge Laing issued an order directing that Churchill be allowed to change the name to Bruce.

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An ounce of practice is worth a pound of theory.

LIGHTNING STUNS A BATTERSEA MAN

A Fine Garden Party—American Visitors Paid For Band.

Battersea, Aug. 23.—The garden party held on Vanluven's lawn on Saturday evening, August 19th under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church was a decided success, the proceeds amounting to \$60. The Battersea brass band gave several selections through the kindness of the Hon. Joseph E. Stricker and Judge Slizer, both of New Jersey, and F. G. Wallace, of Kingston, who offered to pay for its services. These gentlemen are guests at the Van Luven House. The Ladies' Aid owe a debt of gratitude to American friends, who are always ready and willing to assist in any way.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Chas. Hartley, of Seeley's Bay, was held on Tuesday afternoon in the Methodist church here. Rev. J. A. Waddell conducted the service, assisted by several selections from the floral offerings were beautiful. Deceased is survived by her husband and four children, the youngest being only three years old.

Rev. W. F. Crawford, B.D., gave an interesting address, illustrated by lantern views, in the Methodist church on Tuesday evening in the interests of the Bible Society.

Ralph Sleeth was stunned by lightning during the heavy electrical storm on Tuesday afternoon.

CONSTRUCTION CORPS FULL

Lieut.-Colonel Ripley's Battalion is Ready to Go Overseas.

No. 1 Construction Battalion, which started recruiting in Toronto on May 12, has already filled its ranks to the number of 1,050 men, and is now in camp at Valcartier for a short period of training before going overseas. In the ranks are a number of graduate civil engineers who are qualified as lieutenants, but have resigned their rank in order to go overseas with the battalion. In this category are Lieutenants Jupp, Mitchell, Lindsay, and Nicholl, all of whom have completed courses at the School of Practical Science here, and a number of graduates in engineering from McGill University. There are also a number of men who have filled important positions as construction men for the Canadian Pacific, Canadian Northern, Grand Trunk, and Grand Trunk Pacific Railways, and on the New Welland Canal. Mr. E. P. Munz, who had charge of a section of the Welland Canal, for instance, was taken on the strength of the other day as a supernumerary lieutenant.

An analysis of the first 600 men recruited shows the wide range of callings represented in the battalion. They were classified as follows: Blacksmiths (general) 14, bricklayers 21, carpenters 72, concrete workers 33, cooks 17, construction foremen 17, civil engineers 7, draughtsmen and surveyors 4, drivers and conductors 24, dynamite men 2, farm and stockmen 19, firemen 15, iron workers 26, laborers (railway construction) 91, locomotive engineers 5, machinists 68, miners 11, plumbers and steamfitters 19, stationary engineers 11, stationary engineers (framemen, drillers, etc.) 23, sailors 3, shoemakers 5, timbermen 8, tradesmen 72, tailors 3, trackmen and section men 12.

Some 57 men were taken on the strength of the battalion in a single week at St. John, N.B., where the officer in charge of recruiting is Lt. David G. Cross, who has been engaged in construction work for the Canadian Pacific Railway in Western Canada for the past seven or eight years. During the same period 59 men were secured at Montreal, and others have been enlisted at Fort William, Sudbury, Parry Sound, Pembroke, London, St. Thomas, and other places.

Lieut.-Colonel Ripley, the officer commanding No. 1 Construction Battalion, has had much experience as a railway construction engineer. He has had charge of railway building in every province of Canada, and has done work in the United States. The unit is not yet known as a railway construction battalion, but with the experience of the commanding officer and the railway engineers among the officers and the class of men being enrolled, it will be able to carry on high-class railway work, including tunnelling and bridge building in France.

Co-operative Wool Selling.

The co-operative system has been successfully applied to the marketing of wool in Quebec, the work being under the direction of Mr. A. A. MacMillan of Macdonald Agricultural College.

The amount of wool handled this season was 143,639 pounds, with a total value of \$71,092.70. Medium combing, fine medium combing, and medium combing grades sold at 43c a pound. Low medium combing at 42c, coarse combing at 41c, black and grey and rejections at 38c. Fifty per cent. of the wool sold for 43c a pound, while the average price for all grades, including rejections, was 41.8c a pound. The associations had no difficulty in selling their wool to Canadian mills immediately after grading at the above prices, which were 1.0c above at shipping points. The wool throughout was put up in excellent shape for market, and was considered one of the choicest lots of Canadian wool offered for sale this year. Local prices for ungraded wool throughout the Province ranged between 31c and 35c a pound, so that grading and co-operative sale, as noted, means a gain of seven to twelve cents a pound, or twenty to forty per cent. advance.

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Miss Margaret N. Hanna, a resident of the township of Bastard, passed away Monday after a brief illness, aged fifty-seven years. Deceased was a daughter of William Hanna.

A case from Athens in connection with sheep owned by R. J. Earle being killed by a dog was heard in Brockville. Three dogs and three lambs were killed and it was charged that a dog owned by Richard Willis had caused the damage. Willis claimed that the dog under suspicion did not belong to him, but to his sister, who did not live at his place. The decision of the Court was that the dog should be shot and an order was made accordingly.

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