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THE PORTSMOUTH COUNCIL

RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Regarding Obstruction in Harbor—Can Take Action, Proving It is Menace to Health—Roadway on Church Street to be Put in Good Shape.

At a meeting of the Portsmouth Council on Tuesday night a communication was received from the Marine Department in reference to the old wreck in the Portsmouth harbor complained of by the council. In the letter the department stated that they had no authority to have it removed unless it was obstructing navigation, but that if the water was becoming stagnant and that it found to be a menace to public health, then the council could take action under the Municipal Act. The matter was allowed to stand over till the next meeting.

A letter was also received from Deputy Warden O'Leary, of the penitentiary, stating that the road leading to the quarry on Church Street would be put in proper condition. It was decided to make an appeal to W. F. Nickle, M.P., to have him use his efforts to have the new walk being put down in front of the penitentiary extended along to the breakwater.

Reeve James Halliday was in the chair, and all other members were present.

RELEASED BY THE POLICE.

Could Not be Identified as Man Who Entered King Street Home: On Tuesday afternoon the police took in charge a man under suspicion of having been the party who entered a King Street home, on Monday afternoon, and when found crouching behind a piano, pointed a revolver at the woman in the house. The man was held at the police station for identification purposes, but the woman in the case could not identify him and he was released from custody.

136 ATTENDING R.M.C.

Two More Students Expected—Women To Be Employed.

All the classes of the Royal Military College are now back in harness. The attendance at present is 136 and two more students are expected. Help is very scarce at the College. In consequence of men enlisting and it will be necessary to employ some women.

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**KINGSTON PRESBYTERY MET
UNIFORM OF BRIG. GENERAL**

TRANSACTIONAL CONSIDERABLE BUSINESS AT BELLEVILLE.

Refused to Accept Resignation of Rev. Mr. Omond, of Picton, Chaplain to an Overseas Force, and Extended His Leave of Absence.

The Kingston Presbytery, which met at Belleville Tuesday at the request of the congregation, refused to accept the resignation of Rev. M. N. Omond, minister of the Presbyterian church at Picton, and chaplain of the overseas force, and readily extended his leave of absence, at the same time expressing appreciation of the spirit which the congregation is manifesting and of the patriotic service which Mr. Omond is rendering to his country.

Rev. Dr. Gracey, of Gananoque, told of a visit he had made to a number of the home missions in the Presbytery, and his report on the whole was encouraging. He stated that the people of Bath had increased their subscriptions, and it was expected that next year the mission grant to that charge could be refilled.

Rev. Robert Laird, secretary of the finance board, told of the efforts that were being made to wipe out the deficit of \$170,000. It was decided to ask each congregation in the Presbytery to contribute what it could, the collection to be taken the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

D. Gracey and D. A. Shaw, Kingston, were appointed to represent the Presbytery at the re-opening of the Presbyterian church at Glenvale, which takes place the first Sunday in October.

Rev. A. S. Kerr, minister of St. Andrew's church, Belleville, was re-elected moderator.

Those who attended from Kingston were Rev. Dr. MacGillivray, Prof. Wallace, Rev. J. D. Boyd and Rev. E. R. McLean.

SUCCESSFUL SOCIAL HELD.

Fine Programme was Rendered at Princess Street Church.

The lawn social which the Epworth League of Princess street church intended to hold Tuesday evening was converted into a church social owing to the chilliness of the atmosphere; and was a splendid success, everything considered. The pastor, Rev. H. E. Curry, presided, and an excellent programme was rendered. Those taking part were: R. Hudson, of the military Y.M.C.A.; Sergt. Poimet, of the 156th Battalion, an Italian, who played a number of exquisite selections on his clarinet, being accompanied on one or two occasions by a fellow member on a coroneo; Miss Vanstone, Toronto, who sang two solos with fine effect; Miss Parrott, who contributed to the evening's enjoyment with a song and a reading.

Mr. Hudson in an exceedingly interesting address, told of his call to the work at Barriefield camp, which he described as a divine summons. He discussed the life of a soldier in camp, and said that the boys appreciated what was done for them. They were especially grateful for the kindness of the people of Kingston. Mr. Hudson closed his remarks by urging the citizens to continue to remember the soldiers at Barriefield.

The accompaniments of the evening were Miss Wilder and Mr. Hudson.

STREET LIGHTING QUESTION

Has Not Yet Been Considered by Utilities Commission.

Last March the City Council voted only \$16,000 for street lighting. The lamps now on the streets consume about \$22,000 worth of electricity in a year and have been all in operation as usual, the Utilities Commission not having been officially notified to cut down the service, although it was generally known that only \$16,000 had been provided by the Council. By the end of September the bills to cover the appropriation will amount to over the appropriation. Is the city to be in default for the remaining three months of the year, or will the commission accept \$16,000 for lighting all the street lamps for the year? The matter has not yet been considered by the commission.

Help the Belgians.
Capt. Frederick Reid, of the Ontario Street Fire Hall, is packing another box of clothing for the Belgians, and would like to receive any parcels the citizens have ready. He also wishes to acknowledge the receipt of clothing from the following: Mrs. William McFedridge, Miss Campbell, Frontenac street; Mr. Gould, 132 Earl street; Dr. and Mrs. Waugh, Mrs. Green, Bath road; Mrs. Gould.

WAS PRESENTED TO CAMP COMMANDANT T. D. R. HEMMING.

At a Reception on Tuesday Evening—Presentation Made by W. F. Nickle, M.P.—A Fine Concert Was Given.

At a grand concert and reception given to the officers of Barriefield Camp and their friends on Tuesday evening, Brig-General T. D. R. Hemming, camp commandant, was the recipient of a magnificent testimonial from friends. The concert took place in the big tent of the Young Men's Christian Association, and W. F. Nickle, M.P., made the presentation, which consisted of a brigadier-general's uniform with gold trimmings, a pig-skin saddle and bridle, riding crop, Bible, cigarette case, and finally a beautiful chime clock for the general's wife.

It was one of the most enjoyable events of the camp season. W. F. Nickle, M.P., in his address gave a brief outline of his recent trip to England, and showed how valuable are officers of Gen. Hemming's calibre to the British Empire in this great war.

The concert music was given by the 154th pipe band, the 155th brass band and the women's band of the Salvation Army. After the playing of the National Anthem by the 155th band, a very high-class programme of vocal and instrumental selections were given. Solos were rendered by Miss D. Craig, Miss Phyllis Devlin, W. Shaw, Staff-Sergeant Mayer, P. Macdonnell and Lieut. Cameron, while Q.M. Sergt. Harle favored the audience with "One Hundred Thousand Men," which was written by himself. Capt. Robinson, 154th Sgt. L. Marchand, O.F.A., and A. Johnston were accompanists. Messrs. Hart, Mayer Hill and Shaw gave a well-received quartette selection; Miss O. Devlin and P. Macdonnell gave a duet; Mrs. Teigman gave a reading, while Miss Norman Teigman rendered a violin solo.

Following the concert, a reception was held, and on the parade grounds outside a huge bonfire was lighted. The programme closed with the National Anthem.

RECRUITING IN THIS MILITARY DISTRICT

It is Good Only Where Battalions Have Been Organized.

Major G. I. Campbell, chief recruiting officer for No. 3 military district in conversation with the Whig stated that where battalions were organized and actively enlisting men, recruiting was as good as it was a year ago. Where, however, no battalions were organized it was practically dead. On the front, from Belleville east, where there were no battalions actively recruiting, very few recruits are being secured.

Asked if more battalions would be organized in this district, Major Campbell replied in the affirmative, but he thought it would be some little time yet before they were authorized, not until, in fact, the battalions now in training were ready to go overseas.

The mayor stated that details for the national registration scheme were being worked out, and that he expected an announcement in a short time.

RELIGIOUS PROFESSION

Was Held at the House of Providence on Monday.

At the House of Providence on Monday morning a religious profession took place in the chapel of Our Lady of Sorrows. The officiating clergyman was Archbishop Spratt. Those taking the final vows in the order were Miss Mary Pennock, Brockville, in religion Sister M. Wilfrid; Miss N. A. Kerney, Railton; Mrs. M. Flavian; Miss Harrington, Railton; Sister M. Hilary; Miss Loreta McDonald, Railton; Sister M. Casmier; Miss Rose Gravel, Mayg.; Sister M. Eucheria; Miss Helen Sloan, Perth; Sister M. Bridget.

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