

SUB-CONDUCTOR M. DOWNIE THE PEAK OF PROSPERITY

WRITES INTERESTING LETTER ABOUT ORDINANCE WORK.

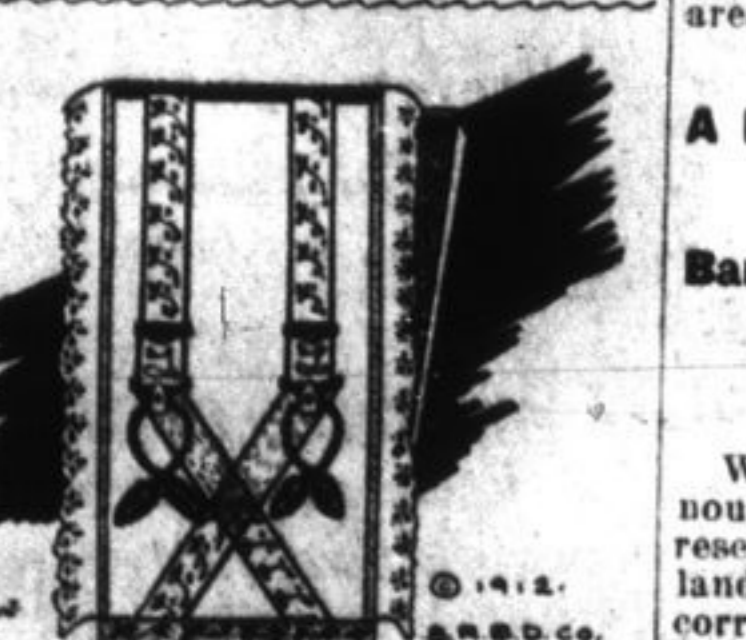
He Mentions Several Names of Interest to Kingstonians—The C.O.C. Doing Big Work.

William J. Clarke, Wellington street, has received a new letter from Sub-Conductor M. Downie, W.O., who is with the Canadian Ordnance Corps at Ashford, Kent, England. It reads as follows: "This job keeps us so busy that we do not feel like writing letters when you get through at night. I got my warrant rank fourteen months ago, and have now passed the doctor and been recommended for my commission. Self is now located at Liphook, near Bramshott camp. He is being recommended for the warrant rank. Harry Bray is still in London, but has not seen him. I am told that he is not in very good health. Capt. Potter, who used to be at the Ordnance, is attached to the C.O.C. at Liphook, but I do not think he will be able to be with us long. We have two Kingston chaps here with the Ordnance, Flaherty and Cottman. They came over with the 21st. Cottman is not in very good health, and I expect that he will be going back to Canada soon. We have also got Hanson, who is in charge of the tailors shop. He worked for Livingston's for some time before going west. His father, I believe, is employed by Crawford & Walsh. "We have got all sorts of departments here now. We repair all clothing, boots, saddlery, etc., for the C.E.F. It has now developed into quite an important branch, and it means a big saving for the country. Boots and clothing that were formerly destroyed are now made fit for reuse. We also employ about seventy carpenters and wheelers, so that we do not have to rely on outside contractors. We have altogether about 600 men here in the C.O.C. It is still increasing; in fact, we have not got accommodation enough in this town."

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A NEW TIE BINDS BRITAIN AND U. S.

Bank of England and Federal Reserve Bank of New York Linked.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Official announcement is made by the federal reserve board that the Bank of England has been named as the foreign correspondent of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and authority was given the eleven other reserve banks to participate in the agency relations. This action marks a radical departure from the previous financial policy of the country, inasmuch as it places the governments of the United States and Great Britain in direct, continuous financial relationship. It is understood that authorization of this appointment is a part of a general plan for establishing financial connections that will strengthen the United States as a creditor nation in the commercial competition, which probably will result when the war closes, and to provide a ready means to offset any tendency on the part of foreign bankers to withdraw the huge supply of gold accumulated here during the war.

MURDERER MAKES ESCAPE.

Bridgeport, Conn., Man Shot Through Heart by Youth. Stamford, Conn., Dec. 27.—Joseph Macey, a Bridgeport (Conn.) shot dealer, 25 years old, was shot through the heart at Norton Heights, Conn., by a youth known as Joseph Pell, and employed by William Ziegler, the millionaire baking powder magnate and dairyman, on his country estate in Norton. The authorities have not yet learned the motive of the murder. Pell escaped.

Romantic Betrothal.

Lynn, Mass., Dec. 27.—The announcement that Myrtle E. Gass, daughter of a milk wagon driver, is engaged to marry Ellison Goddard Day, a sophomore at Harvard and heir to a fortune of \$7,000,000 left by his father, the late Frank A. Day, a Boston banker, has caused a sensation. Miss Gass, who is a clerk in a Tremont street store in Boston, will, by her marriage, become the sister-in-law of the Countess Montanari of Italy. The wedding will not take place until Day has finished his college course, it is said.

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Norman Duncan a Literary Loss

So interested have Canadians been in the struggle in Europe that one of the leading writers of the Dominion passed away a few days ago and very little was said about the literary loss suffered by the country.

Norman Duncan was known and loved as the author of "Dr. Luke of the Labrador," a novel that found readers in every part of the American continent. In this country, people have been rather slow to realize that in recent years Norman Duncan developed into one of the finest short-story writers of the day. There is a prominent literary man in Boston who makes a classification of all the short stories published on this continent every year, arranging them according to merit. There are about fifty out of several thousand that are recorded first rank every twelve months. Last year Norman Duncan wrote two of these, a fact that speaks for itself of his literary skill. Still it is not for his short stories that Norman Duncan is known best on this side of the line.

It is as a writer of boys' books that Norman Duncan will be remembered. Boys are as difficult to manage as successfully in literature as in life, says a writer in The Toronto News. Very few writers have succeeded in developing their boy characters in an altogether satisfactory way. Kipling gives us little savages, and Dean Farrar gives us little saints. Boys as a general thing are neither the one nor the other. No popular writer has succeeded better with his boys than the brilliant young Canadian whose call into the other life came so suddenly on the Fredonia golf links a few days ago. It was said of Henry Ward Beecher that he was an eternal boy. This may well be said of Norman Duncan. His love for boys, especially for unfortunate street urchins, manifested itself in a very pronounced way during the years he spent at the University of Toronto. The street Arabs all knew him, and looked upon him as a friend to whom they could see for refuge at any time, who wanted to help them, not only to get out of the thing good of life, but to make something good of it.

Every book Norman Duncan wrote contains an interesting boy-character. Davy Roth, in "Dr. Luke," is one of the most interesting boys of literature. The bleak, rugged shores of Labrador waken a questioning spirit in the boy's heart as to why God made so many rocks and so little soil. As he grows older he comes to understand life better, although he can never get beyond the mystery which lurks at the heart of things. Little Dannie in "The Cruise of the Shining Light," creeps into our hearts from the start, as into the heart of old Nicholas Top of Twist Tickle whose chief object in life was to make a bit of a gentleman out of the boy he loved so dearly. When Dannie was tucked into his little bed at night and old Nicholas sat by his side out of sheer loneliness, what interesting talks they had together. A host of readers have sat by that little bed and listened with a tender touch of emotion to the old man's efforts to give the child a peep into larger life.

Who can ever forget Billy Hallovan, the little Irish boy, in "The Soul of the Street"—the poor, helpless cripple in a wretched tenement in the most squalid part of New York City, whose only friend in the world, except the old Syrian in the next room, was a twisted, scrawny, pale little plant like himself which he loved very dearly. When the old Syrian, in telling the story of the boy of Saint George and the Dragon, comes to the part where Saint George rides against the Dragon, crying, "The Lord for George and the Lady," the child asks: "Who is the Lord?" The old man stared at Billy, with a great sorrow in his eyes. "Oh, do you not know, my boy? He is our Heavenly Father!" Billy Toppall of Ruddy Cove, Newfoundland, is Norman Duncan's last boy. We cannot help a bit of heart-ache as we say this, for this brilliant writer of whom Canadians are so proud, will never create for us another of his lovable boy-characters. Through three books—"The Adventures of Billy Toppall," "Billy Toppall and Co.," and "Billy Toppall, D.,"—we follow the boy as he develops all the finer qualities of soul, in a life of hardship and peril till he reaches a strong and beautiful manhood of service. It would be hard to find in the literature of the boys' world anything so wholesome and inspiring as Norman Duncan's boys' books.

A Tribute to Our Men.

M. Rene Cliseri, burgomaster of Ypres, has paid the following tribute to the men of Canada. It is given as a foreword in the booklet by Mr. Beckles Wilson, entitled "The Ypres Salient": "On its departure from Ypres on October 7 and 8, 1914, the German army, in making me hostage, threatened me with a prompt return to the city which it called the 'key of Calais,' which was itself the door of England. Since then your heroic troops have kept the key, the door has remained closed, and during two years have rendered vain all the efforts of a superior army to press through. Victory approaches at last. Soon the sun of our deliverance will shine on the salient of Ypres, bathed in the blood of your heroes, who have fallen on the field of honor in the cause of justice and civilization. We of Ypres will strive on these grave laurels and roses. When our people at length return from their long exile and build anew their ruined hearths and homes, they and their children will celebrate for all time to come the glorious deeds of England and Canada."

The Wampoos County, Perth, has built an additional roof tank for fire protection.

Lieut. Howard Hutton, Arrnprior, is now a transport officer in France.

Told In Twilight

An informal dance was given at the Yacht Club on Christmas night, when some of the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Wendling Anglin, Miss Lassie Kirkpatrick, Miss Sybil Kirkpatrick, Miss Winifred Claxton, Miss May Rogers, Miss Rose Rogers, Miss Isabel Fraser, Miss Marion Booth, Miss Margaret Cunningham, Miss Elizabeth Gunningham, Miss Margaret Hemming, Miss Ethel Kent, Miss Evelyn Gilbert, Miss Evelyn Stokes, Miss Florence Knox, Miss Harriet Gardiner, Miss Mary Strange, Miss Beth Small, Miss Evelyn Macgowan, Miss Helen Meek, Miss Bertha White, and Messrs. Ted Rogers, Carroll Ashby, Jack Hickey, Sherman Hill, Henry Hill, Gurney Kirkpatrick, L. P. Guttman, Dumley, McCarter, H. Penhale, Phinney, Powell, Langford, Omsstead, Douglas Chown and W. Kent Macnee.

Mrs. G. W. Mahood, Gore street, entertained at a Christmas tea on Christmas night, when her very young guests were much delighted by a visit from Santa Claus.

Mrs. J. B. Carruthers, "Annan-dale," was hostess at a children's Christmas tree on Christmas afternoon in honor of her grandchildren.

Mrs. Charles Livingston entertained at a tea to-day in honor of Mrs. C. W. Livingston, Toronto, who is her guest.

Some of the officers who are taking the artillery course are planning a dance for Friday evening.

Miss Myra Dyer, Johnson street, is entertaining at tea to-morrow in honor of Mrs. C. S. Parsons.

Mrs. St. J. M. Campbell, who is at present with Major Cosmopolitan in Hastings, leaves shortly for France to do canteen work at Rouen. Miss Mattie Robertson, Peterboro, is the guest of Mrs. R. Uglow, Barrie street.

Miss Flora Stewart spent Christmas in Harrowsmith with her aunt, Mrs. J. P. Day. Henry Fowler returned to Toronto yesterday after spending a few days with his sisters, the Misses Fowler, Brook street.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stewart, Campbellford, spent Christmas with Mrs. J. P. Day in Harrowsmith.

Mrs. Stratford Lawson and son, Lionel Smith, have returned to Montreal after spending the holiday with Canon and Mrs. Loucks, Division street.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bongard, University avenue, were the guests of Capt. and Mrs. Bangard in Peiton for Christmas.

Miss Bertha White, Ottawa, spent the week-end with her parents, A. and Mrs. W. J. E. White, University avenue.

Carroll Ashby came from Ottawa to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. H. L. Ashby, William street.

Mrs. John McKay, Sr., and Mrs. Lionel McKay, Jr., are expected from Montreal at the end of the week to spend New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. John McKay, Sydenham street.

Mrs. E. J. Adams has returned to Ottawa after spending Christmas with her sister, Mrs. James Craig, Earl street.

Capt. W. Kent Macnee came down from Belleville to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Macnee, Union street.

Mrs. Griffin and Mrs. Watrous have returned to Brockville after a short visit with Mrs. W. T. Minnes at "Hillcroft."

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Craig, Ottawa, spent Christmas at Cape Vincent, and arrived to-day to be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Craig, Barrie street.

Capt. and Mrs. Frank Stewart, who have been in town for the past week, have returned to Campbellford.

Major A. P. Miller, D.S.O. has returned to Trenton after spending some time in town.

J. B. Davidson spent Christmas in Durham.

Mrs. E. G. Craig, Brock street, is the guest of the Rev. R. J. Craig, Demorestville.

Mrs. John Wellwood (formerly Miss Elsie Perley), who is at present in England, has been singing for the Red Cross in Crowborough, in Sussex.

Miss Kate Fraser, Ottawa, spent Christmas with her sisters, the Misses Fraser, Barrie street.

Mrs. Lawrence Lockett and her two sons are visiting friends in Montreal.

Probs: Milder, with snow or sleet Thursday.



Warm Winter Stockings

FOR WOMEN Black Cashmere Hose, with wide elastic knit tops, 35c, 50c, 60c and 75c. White cashmere hose. Special values at 50c and 75c. FOR CHILDREN. Ribbed cashmere in black, white and colors, from 25c to 50c. Boys' "Wearwell" hose in black, priced at 25c to 35c. Overstockings in black, white, sky and red, from 25c to 75c. FOR MEN. Fine cashmere socks, old values at 25c, 35c, 50c, 60c and 75c. Grey working and army socks, priced at 25c, 30c, 35c, 40c and 50c.

STEACY'S "The Woman's Store of Kingston."

NATIONAL SERVICE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given under the authority of the "War Measures Act, 1914," that during the first week in January, 1917, an inventory will be made by the Post Office Authorities, of every male between the ages of sixteen and sixty-five, residing in Canada. National Service Cards and addressed envelopes for their return to Ottawa have been placed in the hands of all Postmasters for distribution amongst the persons required to fill in such cards. Every male person of the prescribed ages is required to fill in and return a card enclosed in an envelope within ten days of its receipt. Any person who fails to receive a card and envelope may obtain the same upon application to the nearest Postmaster. R. B. BENNETT, Director General. Ottawa, 15th December, 1916. GOD SAVE THE KING. NATIONAL SERVICE WEEK : 1st to 7th JANUARY.

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DEATH OF FRANCIS RIDDELL. Brother of Mr. Justice Riddell passed away at De Kalb, Ill. Cobourg, Dec. 27.—Francis Riddell, agent for the Wells-Fargo Express Company, at De Kalb, Ill., dropped dead some little time ago at his home in that city, where he had resided for many years. He was born at Cobourg in 1839, being the eldest son of the late Walter Riddell of this place. Three sisters, Mrs. Ballagh, Miss Riddell and Mrs. James Davidson, reside here, and another sister, Mrs. Nicholson, at Pilot Mound. Mr. Riddell is survived also by three brothers, Walter Riddell, Winnipeg, Justice Riddell, Toronto and Robert Riddell, Calgary, and by his wife, four sons and two daughters. Mr. Riddell was a member and active worker in the Congregational Church. Major Boggs' Appointment. Cobourg, Dec. 27.—Word has been received here that Major F. D. Boggs formerly Police Magistrate of Cobourg, has been appointed President of the District Court-martial Board at West Sandilac Camp, Kent, England.