

MILITARY CIRCLES

William R. Huffman has enlisted in the Queen's University Highlanders for overseas service.

The Canada Gazette contains the following about two well-known officers who were recently awarded the Military Cross:

Capt. (now major) Henry Edward Pense, Inf.—For conspicuous gallantry in action. He led his company in the attack with great courage and determination, and, although wounded, by his personal coolness and example assisted in the success of the operation.

Capt. John Edwards, Inf.—For conspicuous gallantry in action. He fought his machine guns with great skill and determination. He made a valuable reconnaissance and was wounded.

The following additional merchants have returned the recruiting coupons and have expressed themselves as endorsing the Business Man's Recruiting committee: S. Anglin & Co., C. J. Corrigan, F. J. Hoag, David Hall, J. E. Johnston, Kinross & d'Esterre, C. Livingston & Bro., A. Maclean, T. E. Montclair, Partridge & Son, Jas. Redden & Co., Smith Bros.

The Business Man's Recruiting committee's window card will be issued to-morrow. They are in two colors, red and white, and will show at once that the firm where they are displayed are behind the recruiting, and have for their motto "Patriotism Before Profit."

If you are a merchant and have not yet returned your coupon do so at once so you will receive your window card at once.

Ten recruits arrived to-day for Queen's University Highlanders, Ottawa and Incoquois supplying the men.

Major Cameron, O.U.N., Cornwall, was in town this morning and reports recruiting "good."

Lieut. G. R. Emery, Queen's University Highlanders, left Tuesday for Picton and other points in Prince Edward county to bring in recruits for Queen's University Highlanders.

Capt. J. d'Esterre, Queen's University Highlanders, has reported for duty after a few days leave.

Capt. N. Bowen, Director of National Service for this district, whose home is in Lansdowne was in the city on Thursday morning and left at noon for Sharbot Lake. He interviewed several friends in the city and made some arrangements for the census to be started after New Year's.

Major-Gen. Otter, Director of International operations for Canada, was in the city on Thursday morning on his periodical inspection of Port Henry. This is his first visit since Major Date was appointed commandant.

Major W. Van Allen, who recently returned from overseas, has been authorized to raise a company at Ottawa as reinforcements for forestry work.

Major J. M. Wilson, A.D.D.S., was in Ottawa on Thursday.

Lieut. B. Lyons has been taken on the strength of the Depot Ambulance.

Lieut. R. P. Tett has been transferred from the 197th to the A.M.C. as honorary lieutenant and quartermaster of Military Hospitals here.

The City Elections.

Ald. Hughes and his friends do not want the public meeting called for this evening in the City Hall by Mayor Richardson. They do not relish the searchlight being thrown upon their connection with civic matters. Mayor Richardson invites the closest scrutiny of all he has done, and proposes this evening to give a full account of the year's work in civic circles. Citizens should attend and hear him. All aldermanic candidates are to be given a chance to address the electors. The meeting is a citizen's meeting, and Mayor Richardson invites suggestions from any ratepayer.

The hearty commendation of Mayor Richardson's work during the year, given by Aids. Newman and Peters, is a feather in the cap of his worth, and should help the voters, particularly in Victoria and Freetown wards, in coming to a decision as to which is the better man to be Kingston's mayor next year.

Ald. Hughes' council record this year shows that he is away from the city too much to attend to the people's business. He missed nearly one-half of the civic Finance Committee meetings during the year. This is the most important committee of Council. Ald. Hughes' broom business demands his attention more than the city's business. Mayor Richardson was always on the spot.

GOT NOTHING OF VALUE.

The Oil Fields Plants Were All Destroyed. (Special to the Whig.) London, Dec. 28.—The British military mission in Rumania destroyed the Rumanian oil fields valued at \$150,000,000 before the territory fell into German hands, W. W. Rutberford, M.P., announced to-day. He said the property and stock obtained by the Germans was valueless.

W. E. McDonald, a Hamilton man, who was reported killed in the South African war and not heard from by his family since, returned home Christmas Eve.

F. Roberson, the noted travelogue man, died suddenly in Colorado.

VERY FINE ENTERTAINMENT

HELD BY COOKE'S SUNDAY SCHOOL WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

Pictures of Members Overseas Were Shown on the Canvas—Gifts Distributed From Christmas Tree.

The Christmas tree and entertainment of Cooke's church Sunday school was held on Wednesday evening, and the event was a happy one to the many who were present. Aid. H. W. Newman, the superintendent, presided, and the pastor, Rev. E. R. McLean, was also present, and delivered an interesting address.

The members of the Sunday school provided the programme, which consisted of dialogues, recitations, violin solos, vocal solos, etc. Each number was given with fine effect, and the programme was much enjoyed. Some very interesting features marked the evening, R. J. Diack, on behalf of the session, presented Bibles to five scholars, who recited the children's catechism. The scholars receiving the Bibles are Florence Newman, Iva Lewers, Emma Horne, Lella Gilliland and Eldon Boyd.

W. Chaplain, secretary of the Sunday school, presented the diplomas from the General Assembly.

Fourteen scholars and teachers received books for perfect attendance during the year.

A beautiful Christmas tree, nicely decorated, occupied a prominent place in the school room, and the gifts were distributed by C. C. Simons.

Miss Margaret Jackson was the recipient of a cameo brooch from the teachers and officers, in recognition of many years service as a teacher.

D. A. Shaw was presented with a silver-mounted walking stick by the young men of his class.

Another special feature of the evening was the pictures of members of the Sunday school serving overseas, shown on the canvas, together with the pictures of two young men who are leading in continuous attendance at the Sunday school. They are William Cleahnan, who has been attending regularly for seventeen and a half years, and James Turner, for sixteen years.

MADE MILLIONS.

(Special to the Whig.) Washington, Dec. 28.—Over sixty million dollars was made in Wall Street by those having advance information of President Wilson's peace note, according to a telegram received to-day from Thomas W. Lawson by Representative Wood of Indiana.

Georgyman Wins a V. C.

The first Saskatchewan man to win the Victoria Cross is the Rev. Francis George Frost, a student of Emmanuel College. The news was reached his friends recently in a letter from a colleague who was with him in the trenches. "He leaped over the parapet and ran out under heavy fire to bring in a wounded comrade," is the simple story of the heroic action which earned the greatest military prize was awarded.

The local Victoria Cross hero was a resident of Saskatoon for five years prior to enlistment during which he studied at the theological college. His action is rendered more notable when it is stated that he did not display any outstanding traits either in scholarship or athletics which would have led his colleagues to suspect that he had buried deep within him the latent qualities of abnormal courage and great heroism. He was, however, conspicuous for impulsiveness and good nature to a high degree.

Born at Leytonstone, Essex, England, Frost entered Emmanuel College in September, 1909, and was awarded his college bachelors in 1912. The same year he was ordained to holy orders and at the time of enlistment was reading for Emmanuel College, B.A. He enlisted in October, 1914, with the 28th Battalion, and was attached to D. Company and the college authorities immediately granted him his degree.

The news of Private Frost's brilliant exploit at the front was sent to the college authorities by Private H. A. Jack, a fellow student and comrade-in-arms.

This was the first student of Emmanuel College to win distinction in the present war, the D.C.M. having recently been awarded another student, Sergt. Walter Burd. Practically 75 per cent. of students training at the college at the outbreak of the war have gone to the front. In addition to 27 students who went direct from college, 10 others who are closely connected with the college in various capacities are under arms, giving Emmanuel a representation of 37 men serving King and country.

Mr. McMaster's Views.

On the eve of the re-opening of the British Parliament, the Weekly Despatch put to several of the members the question: "What ought to be done this session?" Among the answers published is the excellent one given by Mr. Donald McMaster, the Canadian K.C. who sits for the Chertsey Division of Surrey. It is as follows:

- (1) Apply conscription to every part of the United Kingdom. (2) Provide that our sailors, soldiers, and munition workers shall have the opportunity to vote at the next election. (3) Provide that the disabled sailors and soldiers shall be shepherded, here and in our great Dominions, and given the opportunity to resume civil life within the Empire. (4) Tell the Government that war is war—that the full power of our fleet must be asserted in stopping imports into Germany, directly or indirectly; that Roumania must be backed up, and that there must be no more nonsense with Greece.

The Natural Response. Wrathful Recruit: "Ere, wot did yer call me a thick-headed idiot in front o' the colonel for?" Astonished Sergeant: "Why, it ain't a secret, is it?"—The Tatler.

THEATRICAL NEWS

At the Grand. An excellent programme will be presented at the Grand to-night, to-morrow, and Saturday. William Farnum will appear in the feature picture, "Fires of Conscience." A two reel Universal photoplay, a comedy, and the Pathe News will also be shown. A first class variety bill has been arranged. Miss Norma Telgmann, local violin artiste supreme, who has become so popular with Kingston audiences, will present a classical musical offering, Eddie and Francis, a clever pair will appear in a singing and dancing specialty.

At the Strand. For the last three days of this week the management announces the latest Triangle play, "Fifty-Fifty," in which Miss Norma Talmadge has the stellar role. So many inquiries have been received about the next appearance of this popular star that announcement of her picture will be gladly received. "Fifty-Fifty" is a drama of Bohemia. In one episode of the play Miss Talmadge does a Hawaiian dance—in a grass skirt, and rumor says she is some swift little danseuse. A two-part Keystone comedy, "A Tugboat Romeo," with Chester Conklin, the Selig Tribune, showing current events all over the world, and other good reels and Granstaff and Davis in a high-class musical and singing act complete a well-balanced programme.

At Griffin's. The bill for the last three days at this popular play house has for a leading feature a Lasky production, "The Lash," with that ever popular star, Marie Doro, in the leading role. Among the many brilliant young artists of the stage who have turned to the screen as a field of greater artistic activity Marie Doro stands out prominently above all the others. The above photoplay reveals Miss Doro in the character of an appealing young woman, the daughter of plain fisher folk on Brittany's storm-swept shore. The maid marries and is taken to Paris by her wealthy husband, where she is placed in the centre of a maelstrom of social activity, deceit and jealousy. The scenic vestures of this production surpass in beauty anything of a similar nature that has ever been attempted in photoplay production.

OBITUARY

The Late George Fortesque.

The death occurred in Montreal of George Fortesque. The deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Fortesque, both of English descent, who came here to live many years ago, taking up their home finally on King street west. The deceased was a twin brother, and during the family's residence here his twin brother and his parents all passed away. During his residence here Mr. Fortesque senior took a great interest in the choir of St. George's Cathedral. He and both of his sons were in the choir.

About twelve years ago George Fortesque moved from here to Montreal. He was at that time in the Bank of Montreal.

There survive three sisters and three brothers. The eldest sister is Mrs. Traile, now in Prince Albert. The second is Miss Gertrude, who is overseas as a nursing sister. The brothers are Mack, in Ireland, Charles in Pittsburg, and Percy, who arrived in the city from the west on Thursday.

The remains were brought to the city at noon on Thursday and conveyed to Cataract cemetery, where they were placed in the vault.

NEAR TO BRAILLA.

(Special to the Whig.) Berlin, Dec. 28.—Braila is within reach of the camera of the German armies in their steady advance in Rumania, said a German official statement to-day.

FEARED FIVE ARE KILLED.

Through the Explosion of An Acetylene Plant. (Special to the Whig.) Mount Holly, N.J., Dec. 28.—An acetylene plant in the cellar of the Madison Hotel exploded at 11.30 o'clock to-day, destroying the building. It is feared five are killed.



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Very Special Tomorrow . . . . . 59c for 6.

100 DOZ. LADIES' HANDKERCHIEFS Very fine sheer Shamrock Lawn, tape border and hemstitched. These are worth regularly \$1.00 doz.

Very Special tomorrow . . . . . 5c each

100 DOZ. CHILDREN'S SCHOOL HANDKERCHIEFS

Good quality Irish Lawn, hemstitched border; proper size.

Special . . . . . 6 for 25c

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Women's and Children's Black Wool Tights. Heavy wool sweater coats in all sizes and colors.

Wool Blankets, flannel blankets and comfortables, and eiderdown quilts, at less than present mill prices.

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