

**CAME FROM ARCTIC CIRCLE**

**CAPT. R. E. DOYLE MEMBER OF THE MEDICAL BOARD**

Formerly Resided at Ottawa—Has Been Medical Officer of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police.

Captain R. E. Doyle, one of the members of the Medical Board at the Base-Recruiting Office came from a point 300 miles north of the Arctic circle.

Dr. Doyle is a former resident of Ottawa. He spent three years in the north at Hudson Bay Trading posts before going as a medical officer of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police. His duties were at Fort MacPherson and he travelled north for 2,500 miles from Edmonton to reach his destination.

At Fort MacPherson there was a sub-division of the N. W. Mounted Police. Here also was a Mission church and a Hudson Bay post. The village was made of about 150 Indians who had built shacks in the neighborhood.

Every summer Dr. Doyle went to a little island post on the Alaska Yukon boundary where there were many Eskimos. During the summer this work and that of looking after the Indian settlement kept him very busy. It was during the long winter months that time was liable to hand heavily on a man's hands. There was reading and photography to keep one busy. Capt. Doyle said that he brought out one of the finest collections of pictures ever taken in the north. He did his own developing and printing and made the work a hobby.

The utter lack of civilization was often felt in the post. There were two women—one the wife of a missionary and one the wife of a sergeant—who lived at this post. They seemed very contented and happy with their house work and other work to take up their time.

It is a great and intensely interesting story that the captain can tell but he is very modest and quiet about his strange life. He came out of the silent places to do what the country considered a more important work. As soon as the war is over he is going back to enjoy the fascination of the northlands.

Speaking about the farming possibilities Dr. Doyle says that little gardens were able to give lettuce, radishes, and such things. The frost is never out of the ground, however, and the summer only lasts from June to September. As one goes south the climatic conditions lend themselves better to cultivation of the ground, but one cannot expect polar bears and roses on the same ground.

The health of the Eskimos and Indians is fair in this district. Due to the exposure and the hard work the races are dying out however, tuberculosis claiming a lot of victims. The doctors try to fight it off but the natives' ignorance prevents them gaining a knowledge of the dangers of infection and bad sanitary conditions.

The doctors do their best, however, and much good is done. Speaking of the military police the captain was very enthusiastic over them speaking of what a fine body they were. The police think nothing of going out by dog sled 200 miles to arrest a man. There is little crime and arrests are principally for small misdemeanors, theft, fighting and such things.

Capt. Doyle travelled from the north with the party which brought into Edmonton the murderers of two priests. This created quite a sensation some time ago.

"If peace was declared to-morrow I would go back to Fort MacPherson on the Arctic ocean," said Capt. Doyle.

**Autumnal Dirge.**

By Crawford & Walsh.  
Nature's feathered band of pipers,  
They who played for us so sweet  
Through the gone and golden summer  
From their field and bower  
retreat.

Now their music seems to shudder  
With the thoughts of frost and  
snow.

Seems as if they chant their dirge  
For their comrades' leaf and  
blow.

Dirges for the yellow aster and the  
royal goldenrod.

For the dandelion and daisy now  
decaying in the sod.

For the iron weed and the primrose  
which they hailed at early May.

They are chanting mournful dirges  
in the summer's twilight gray.

The thistle down is drifting over  
reed beds brown and dried.

And the damp fogs seem to hover  
where the fire-fly lived and  
died.

The early white frosts linger in the  
fallow's lowest spot.

It has dyed the berry bushes in the  
old stump lot.

The ferns are crisped and faded and  
the purple iris dead.

And the frosts with eerie whisp-ers  
creep around their winter bed.

The hazels in the corner of the  
fence are wind-swept bare.

The grape-vine and the bittersweet  
are clothed in garments rare.

And from the cornfield yonder with  
its russet stalks in rows,  
is heard the merry prattle of the  
congregated crows.

The eaves are now deserted for the  
martins all have fled;

Their nests once blith and cheery  
now are silent as the dead.

The redstarts and the white-wings,  
tuneful singers of all sorts,  
are convening and are winging to  
their southern resorts.

They are chanting farewell dirges  
for their comrades, leaf and  
blow.

Which they leave behind them  
sleeping in their winding sheet  
of snow.

**Golden Wedding in Rawdon.**  
Stirling, Oct. 27.—Mr. and Mrs. James Moore, Rawdon township, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, about twenty of their children and grandchildren being present with them, also Bidwell Sine, Stirling, who was present at their

**BRITISH GUNNERS LOADING A PONTOON BOAT WITH SHELLS**



The accompanying picture shows the arrival of a truckload of shells at the point where they are to be transferred to pontoon boats for transport nearer to the front. The light railways have proved themselves to be invaluable in modern warfare and follow the line of advance very closely. The pontoon boat, built by British engineers, is moored close to the bank and a party of gunners are returning to the railway, which here runs alongside a canal, for a further load of shells. The next stage is the journey of the shells from the base to the positions where the guns are waiting for them.

marriage. On behalf of the family, Mrs. William Martin, the oldest daughter, presented her parents with a purse.

**THE GERMANS FACING AN UNHAPPY WINTER**

**Fuel and Food Scarce—Boots of Cloth With Wooden Soles.**

Copenhagen, Oct. 27.—Some of the prospects which the German people are called upon to face the coming winter are officially announced in to-day's German newspapers as follows:

"There is only enough shoe leather for the use of miners, fishermen, canal workers and a few allied trades. The manufacture of leather footwear for the rest of the population will soon be suspended. They will have to get along with wooden soles and cloth uppers.

"There is a big shortage in vegetables, and no hope of any material improvement in the fresh vegetable supply. The turnip must again be one of the mainstays of German diet this winter, although to a less degree than last year.

"The fuel problem has not been solved, despite all the efforts made for its solution, and the city populations may expect to notice the results of this fact keenly from time to time. The Coal Commissioner prophesies that the pinch will be felt here and there within the next few days.

"The railway administration of Saxony announced that railway travel will not be allowed without special permission. Soldiers in the home camps are limited in their week-end furloughs, and Saturday and Sunday trips of mothers and sweethearts to see the boys in camp are stopped in order to cut down railway travel. The Prussian railways will probably follow suit.

"Finally, after the fashion plates for winter are out, the Government has decreed that women's skirts must be made with a reduced amount of material, which will necessitate their being made both shorter and tighter."

**Exemption Boards.**

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Kemptville—J. A. Watterson and S. H. Guest.

Merrickville—G. R. Putnam and William Hughes.

Cardinal—William Clark and W. E. Burchell.

North Augusta—Albert E. Warren and Dr. Waddell.

The men who grumbles at the heat does a lot of kicking when the mercury goes into winter quarters.

Mrs. Albert Henry, North Augusta Road, and family have been called to Ottawa owing to the serious illness of her daughter, Mrs. Annie Forrester who underwent a very serious operation.

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