

News From Eastern Ontario

NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT

CLIPPED FROM THE WHIG'S MANY BRIGHT EXCHANGES.

In Brief Form the Events in The County About Kingston Are Told—Full of Interest to Many.

St. John's Presbyterian church, Brockville, has engaged as organist Best Close, Winchester, who will commence his duties on Jan. 20th.

A wedding took place at Belleville on Dec. 26th, when Mrs. Melissa E. Mitchell, was united in marriage with Charles Wickett, Saskatchewan.

The death occurred on Sunday last at Billings' Bridge of Henry Evans, aged eighty-one, Mrs. (Rev.) Johnston Price, Lys, is a daughter.

George Marks, manager of the Balderson Theatre in Smith's Falls, has been transferred to Perth, where he will take charge of the theatre.

The congregations of the parish of Athens and Lansdowne Rear made their rector, Rural Dean Swayne the present of \$250 on Christmas Day.

Henry Bain, employee of the Canada Carriage Co.'s stock department, Brockville, passed away while en route from the carriage works to the General Hospital.

Capt. Gerald Allison, Picton, was recently wounded and gassed, and is now in Lady Northcliffe's Hospital, in London, for Canadian Officers, is progressing favorably towards recovery.

Mrs. James Ferguson, Mooretown, seriously ill for several months, passed away Christmas. Deceased, whose maiden name was Miss Margaret Davis, is survived by her husband and three sons.

Robert Wilson, who has published the Lanark Era for the past twenty-two years, has sold out to William H. McFarlane, who has been on the staff for several years, and is very competent.

After an illness of about six months, Mrs. Mary Jane Lewis McFarlane, widow of the late James McFarlane, of Prescott, died at the residence of her daughter in Toronto on Thursday, aged seventy-five years.

Messrs. Hugh McDougall and Maxwell Park have sold their farms near Watson's Corners to Thomas J. Johnston and J. J. McLaughlin respectively. The latter disposed of his farm at Clydesville to William Ferguson of Lanark.

On Dec. 21st, there passed away at his home, Frank Mastin, a very highly respected resident of West Lake. Mr. Mastin had been ill for over a year. His first wife was Miss Melissa Chadwick, Kingston, and the other who is left to mourn, was Miss Sarah Wildman, West Lake.

LIEUT. WICKETT HERE.

Toronto Officer Spent Few Hours With Relatives. Belleville, Dec. 29.—Lieut. Harry Wickett, Toronto, of the C.F.A., wounded at Passchendaele, was in the city and spent Christmas day with his aunts, Mrs. Stocker and Mrs. Splan. Lt. Wickett went overseas with the 73rd Battery and served at the front with the 15th. He is home on a month's leave. A rather unique incident is that in July last while at the front he dreamed he ate his Christmas dinner with his aunts, Mrs. Stocker. That thought had been in his mind quite often since and after he was wounded he saw the way to the fulfilment of his dream.

DELTA SOLDIERS RETURN.

Invalued by Wounds—E. M. Phelps Enlists in West.

Delta, Dec. 26.—Among those spending the holiday season at home are Misses Ella and Olive Russell, Belleville; Stella Russell, Kingston; Capt. R. S. and Miss Iwilla Stevens of Kingston, and Vera Calvert, Toronto.

Ptes. Peter Hillbrand and Roy Halliday have been invalided home. Pte. Hillbrand suffering from the result of a broken leg and Pte. Halliday from a piece of shrapnel near his spine. Pte. Gerald Felton arrived some time ago.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Brown are spending a few days with their daughter, Mrs. F. Preston, Lyndhurst. The annual Methodist Christmas entertainment held on Christmas Eve was a success. The cantata was well staged and a "Dairy-maids' Drill" by the young ladies was loudly applauded.

Sergeant and Mrs. L. A. Pierce spent Christmas with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Pierce, Miss Maymie Frye, Toronto, is visiting her parents here. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hazelton and little daughter, of Annapolis, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. Shawson. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Laficche and Clement are visiting Mrs. C. H. July, Watertown, N.Y.

Whitmore is able to be in his shop after a short illness. Master Everett and Miss Margaret Shaver are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Phelps, J. Birch was called away suddenly by the death of his brother, Thomas of Detroit. C. L. Broley is visiting at Stratton Lake, N.Y.

Mrs. George Hazelton was called to her parents' home at Lansdowne, where her mother is very ill. His father has received word the E. M. Phelps has enlisted in the Signalling Corps of the Canadian forces in Vancouver. Up to this time he has been travelling freight agent for the C.P.R. in the United States.

A service was held in the Anglican church Christmas night. The congregation of St. Paul's Presbyterian church held its annual bazaar, oyster supper and concert in Victoria Hall on Thursday afternoon and evening. The crowd which attended could scarcely be accommodated.

On Tuesday last while driving along the island shore near Stella on the ice W. H. Preston had the misfortune to come on a thin spot, and his horse dropped through. He called loudly for help, which was soon on the scene. The horse was recovered, though suffering from severe cold and exposure.

A concert was held by the teachers and scholars of S.S. No. 5, 3rd confession, in the school house on Friday evening last. A good programme was rendered. Great credit is due the teacher, Miss L. McMullen, for the success of the entertainment. The schools have all closed for the holidays, and the teachers have departed for their homes. The island young ladies who have been teaching in different parts of Ontario are also here for the holidays.

George Beaubien, who has been visiting friends at Collins Bay, has returned home. Capt. A. Glenn has returned home from sailing on the upper lakes. Miss L. Cochrane, nurse-in-training in Kingston General Hospital, has returned after spending a week with her parents here. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McFarlane left last week to spend the winter with their daughter at Three Rivers, Que. H. Tugwell has returned home from the west.

The death took place suddenly on Wednesday of Hugh McKeever, a prominent farmer living on the second concession of the township of Edwardsburg and a short distance northeast of Prescott. He was a man between fifty and sixty years of age. The residence of J. H. Moore, C.E., Mill street, Smith's Falls, was badly damaged by fire Sunday and the greater part of his furniture destroyed.

Death of Mrs. James Ferguson on Tuesday Morning. Lansdowne, Dec. 27.—Rev. Dr. Cooper and family spent Christmas at Iroquois. The entertainment for the Methodist Sunday school was held on Saturday evening at the church. Miss McNunn and Miss Todd, of Ottawa, are guests of Mrs. Hostler. E. E. Johnston left on Wednesday for Montreal on a business trip. Miss May Phillips and Miss Mary Robertson arrived from Cobourg on Tuesday for a brief visit. Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Moore arrived recently from Regina on a visit to their son, Paul Moore. Mrs. Isbender and son, Glenn, arrived on Saturday from Montreal. Mrs. Clemondine accompanies them for the winter. Miss Mayne Donovan is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Robert Donovan.

Mrs. John Shields entertained Saturday evening in honor of her daughter, Mrs. Wein, of Ottawa. Mr. and Mrs. George Phillips will spend New Year's with Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Leach, of Wolfe Island. John G. Mitchell and the Misses Jean and Mamie Mitchell, of Ottawa, spent Christmas with Mrs. William Mitchell. Mr. and Mrs. H. Leacock spent Christmas in Lyndhurst. Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Graham, of Guelph, arrived on Wednesday to visit Mr. and Mrs. William Graham. Rev. Mr. Winter and Mrs. Winter entertained the Sunday school children on Thursday evening last week at the rectory.

The death occurred on Tuesday morning of Mrs. James Ferguson. Her maiden name was Margaret Davis. Besides her husband she leaves three sons, Benjamin, a Caintown, Sanderson, of Brockville, and Harley, of Crosby; and six daughters, Mrs. David Huxley, of Ivy Lea; Mrs. Anson Adams and Mrs. Samuel Burth, of Rockport; Mrs. George Hazelton, Delta; Mrs. Robert Teaford, Crosby; and Miss Grace, at home. The funeral was held on Thursday at the union church.

Mrs. Scott, Lyndhurst, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. Leacock. The school concert was held on Wednesday evening in the village hall. The sum of \$55 was realized, half to go to the Red Cross fund and the remainder to the school library.

The funeral of the late John Bolger took place Wednesday from his late residence to the Roman Catholic church, Fairfax. Besides his widow, who was a Miss Lappan, he is survived by one son and two daughters.

NOMINATIONS AT STELLA.

Samuel Miller Elected Reeve—Council by Acclamation.

Stella, Dec. 24.—Nomination was held in the township hall to-day. A large number of the residents were in attendance. D. Caughy, Jr., who has ably filled the position of reeve for the past two years, resigned, and Samuel Miller was elected. These councillors were chosen: H. S. Patterson, W. Morrow, J. Gibson, B. Fleming and Hugh Filson.

The mail carrier is now making regular trips with the aid of the ice boat. Horses crossed over to the mainland for the first to-day, the earliest date on record. With a few days of cold weather the ice would be in splendid condition.

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THE CHIEF POINTS OF FORECAST FOR 1917.

By Gabriel Nesté. The year 1917 will be marked by greater earth dramas than ever before. In these Nature as well as Man will play a part.

War probably will continue to lay waste to Europe until 1918, when peace may intervene some time in the summer. The autumn Equinox will change the current of world affairs and bring grave responsibilities to the United States.

After March the President will find himself sustained by a unifying of public sentiment on international affairs. Changes in the President's Cabinet and in other high places may be startling and numerous.

The first week of August, 1917, probably will mark a turn in sentiment concerning the war in Europe, but if peace overtures are not successful the tide of blood will sweep over new places.

Tendencies toward a new outbreak in Mexico may be strong at the beginning of the year, when military movements may be started, but autumn probably will show a more settled condition than at any time since the downfall of Diaz.

A plague of caterpillars and locusts is predicted for the United States. Knowledge concerning the subliminal mind may aid in the development of new ideas in drama and fiction.

A wave of religious hysteria will sweep over the country in the early part of the year. The autumn of 1917 promises to establish a better understanding with Japan.

Congress will have a session marked by bitter discussions and members may be involved in criminal suits involving loyalty to the nation. February and March, June and July, 1917, will have war scares and even preparations for service, but no external peril will become serious.

The death of a financier in July will cause a slump in stocks and even danger of a panic. Public health may be impaired by more than one epidemic, and special care should be given to the prevention of tuberculosis, which may spread suddenly and rapidly.

Panama will suffer from storms of various sorts, which will do great damage. July is an adverse time. A late spring is likely to be followed by a summer of heat and humidity.

The Kaiser's horoscope indicates ill-health and possibly an accident. King George of England has influences that indicate danger to health and personal safety. The forecast for 1918 will be found on Page 15.

Letters to the Editor

Counsel Them to Obey. Kingston, Dec. 29 (To the Editor): The demand of the people of Canada, voiced by the pulp and the press, that party strife should be laid aside during the war, was possibly the strongest factor in determining Sir Robert Borden to form a Union Cabinet.

Unfortunately no French-Canadian Liberal could be induced prior to the election to enter the cabinet, since French-Canadian Liberalism is a majority of the people, and the Military Service Act, whereas the Unionist administration was committed to its immediate enforcement. That question is no longer an open issue. The Government's stand on the Military Service Act has been endorsed by a majority of the people, and it now remains for the Government to administer that act firmly and yet equitably.

In order, however, that the act may not be disruptive in its consequences, as some have predicted, it is incumbent upon the leaders of the Opposition to counsel their supporters to obey the law, since majority rule is one of the fundamental principles of democratic government. But it is equally incumbent upon the Government to make its cabinet representative of all sections of Canada, and intelligently the attitude of the opposition—both because the equitable treatment of minorities is likewise a fundamental principle of democratic government, and also because the adoption of an attitude of hostility and suspicion towards Quebec would only multiply difficulty at home and thus distract attention from the main task for which the Government has been elected—that, namely, of throwing the united resources of Canada into the prosecution of the war.

Since, then, the large support accorded the Union Government was, as much as anything else, an expression of approval on the part of the people of the steps taken by Sir Robert Borden to overcome party prejudice and make his cabinet representative of all sections of Canada, it would be but carrying out the mandate of the people to achieve the union of all Canadians in the vigorous prosecution of the war, were he to continue his efforts to secure Sir Wilfrid Laurier and other leading French-Canadian Liberals for his cabinet, now that the point on which they differed has been settled by popular vote. Sir Robert owes it to the people of Canada and to the task entrusted to him to spare no effort to make his cabinet thoroughly representative of the whole Dominion; and he owes it to French-Canadians to give them this assurance of his desire to do fairly by them. Sir Wilfrid likewise owes it to his supporters to give them the lead by accepting the inevitable and joining with his erstwhile opponents in administering the law, while he owes it to the rest of Canada to prove the loyalty of French-Canadian Liberalism to the Dominion and the Empire, by coming as its accredited leader into the Dominion's win-the-war cabinet.

Many and serious objections are, it is true, raised by the supporters both of the Government and of the Opposition to the proposed inclusion of Sir Wilfrid in the Union Cabinet. But the cry which won this election was that all personal and political considerations must be sacrificed to the main consideration of winning the war. If, then, Sir Wilfrid can be of assistance in the present administration in achieving the union of all Canadians for the vigorous prosecution of the war, it is surely Sir Robert Borden's duty to invite him to enter the Union Government and his duty to accept.

J. P. CHAMBERS. 171 Collingwood street.

Like a Letter From Home. Vanguard, Sask. Dec. 22 (To the Editor): I am sending you \$1 in advance for the Semi-Weekly British Whig for 1918. We are living so far away that I thought it would not

be worth while to take the Whig after this month, as it is nearly a week before we get it. But after all, we don't like to do without it, for it is like a letter from home. We will likely be going back to Frontenac county next fall or sooner, so we will have the Whig all the time.

—C. W. SNIDER.

MORE APPEAL DECISIONS.

By Judge Lavell With Regard to Military Service. Judge H. A. Lavell made the following decisions regarding exemption appeals on Friday afternoon:

Harry Timmerman, farmer, Hartington, to continue as a farmer. Emerson Morey, blacksmith, Hartington, in Category E.

Barney Smith, farmer, Sunbury, to continue as a farmer. Earl Teeple, farmer, Perth Road, to continue as a farmer.

E. Walsh, farmer, Perth Road, to continue as a farmer. E. Melroy, farmer, Keelerville, disallowed.

James Marsh, farmer, Inverary, under military age. James Duffe, farmer, Kingston Mills, to continue as a farmer.

Arthur Pomeroy, laborer, Hartington, disallowed. R. O. Kavaner, farmer, Harrowsmith, to continue as a farmer.

Thomas H. Johnston, farmer, Harrowsmith, until July 1st, 1918. Louis E. Gendron, student, Sydenham, disallowed.

T. H. Kinnely, farmer, Sydenham, to continue as a farmer. Miles H. Stover, Elginburg, to continue as a farmer.

George E. Morrison, farmer, Joyceville, until Class 2 is called. J. L. Koen, farmer, Leland, to continue as a farmer.

George McGarvey, farmer, Glenburnie, disallowed. William A. Watson, farm laborer, Verona, disallowed.

G. H. Hartman, mica worker, 426 Princess, until Class 2 is called. Bertram D. Daley, clerk, 38 Wellington, disallowed, subject to further medical examination.

Archie Riddell, farmer, Clarendon, disallowed. Charles S. Bradshaw, grocer, 51 Union, until May 1st, 1918.

CITY HOCKEY LEAGUE.

Officers for Coming Year Were Elected on Friday. The organization meeting of the City Hockey League was held in the Y. A. C. B. A. room on Friday evening. The election of officers for the coming year resulted: President, Charles Martin; vice-president, Harry Eves; secretary-treasurer, V. McDermott; honorary presidents, W. F. Clark, N. Steacy, J. Sowards and J. P. O'Brien; honorary vice-presidents, Dr. Hanley, W. R. Givens, Lieut. E. McCammon and Cadet L. Oldin.

Joe O'Brien resigned as president of the League, but is as earnest as ever in that it should continue as a success. It was reported to a meeting that the financial question was a serious one now.

Cooke's Sunday School Event. At Cooke's Sunday school Christmas entertainment Friday evening, gifts were contributed for bereaved children in Halifax. Charles Simons acted as Santa Claus. Prizes were presented to scholars for good attendance and study. The choir presented Miss Isabel Nelson as Leiseman with prizes for faith and attendance. Gibson New Year Cards at The College Book Store.

The Royal Piano. It makes no difference whether it is a high social function, an educational affair, or a great artistic event, in this country the piano made by Ye Olde Firme is used in nine cases out of ten. We refer to the Heintzman & Co. Art Piano. as the Royal Piano, because it was specially selected for the use of Queen Mary when in this country as Princess of Wales. This great Canadian instrument has stood the test for 65 years. In tone, in action, in durability, it is recognised as supreme among pianos, and deservedly bears the title: "World's Best Piano." C. W. LINDSAY, LTD., 121 Princess Street.



ORANGEMEN'S INSTALLATION

LARGE GATHERING AT THE EVENT FRIDAY NIGHT. The Officers of the Various Lodges—Mayor Hughes Presided at Banquet—W. F. Nickle, M.P., the Chief Speaker.

There was a big gathering in the Orange Hall on Friday night for the installation of the officers of the various city and Portsmouth lodges. After the installation a banquet was held with Mayor Hughes presiding. The chief address was given by W. F. Nickle, M.P., on national questions. The officers installed were: No. 6, L.O.L.: H. Akterley, W.M.; James Richardson, D.M.; Charles Wolfe, chaplain; William Grey, Rec. Sec.; William Porter, Fin. Sec.; William Milligan, Treas.; John Wilson, 1st committeeman; R. Walker, D.C.; D. Hunt, 1st Lec.; D. Lowe, 2nd Lec.; William Morrison, P. Tit.

No. 316, M. W. E. B. Harris; D. M. D. M. Brown; R. S. J. Berry; Fin. Sec. J. Purdy; Treas. E. J. Shannon; chaplain, J. Pomeroy; Fin. Sec. R. McCorkill; Rec. Sec. H. Walker; D.C. D. C. R. McKee; 1st Committeeman, R. Baker; inside Cy. F. Smith. No. 2679, W. M. F. Crozier; D. M. C. Higgins; chaplain, Thos. Donnelly; Treas. T. G. Bishop; Rec. Sec. S. E. Trotter; Fin. Sec. K. N. Walker; 1st Sect. R. Ward; D. of C. H. Edgar; 1st Committeeman, H. Milne; 1st Lect. B. Whitney.

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No. 577, W. M. D. McGillivray; D. M. S. Wood; chaplain, F. Nicholson; Treas. Scallan; Fin. Sec. B. Sears; Rec. Sec. C. H. Wood; D. of C. T. Smith; Lects. J. Heaney and J. Gregory; 1st Committeeman, T. Nicholson; inside tiler, E. Bostridge. No. 577, A. Bryann, P.M.; T. Bennett, W.M.; F. Saunders, D.M.; Bro. Hall, chaplain; J. Bennett, R.M.; Bro. Robinson, F.S.; Bro. Clarke, Treas.; E. Purdy, D. of C.; Bro. Little, Lect.; Bro. Armstrong, 1st Committeeman; Charles Phillips, I.T.

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BOYCOTT ONTARIO, QUEBEC PAPER SAYS

If French Money Withheld Upper Province Would Be Less Arrogant. Montreal, Dec. 29.—La Canada suggests that the Province of Quebec boycott Ontario. "No; Quebec will not go out of the Confederation," says La Canada. "On the contrary, when troubles come our salvation will come from Quebec. Quebec is not isolated in the Confederation, as she has the Lower Provinces with her, and after Ontario has been a whole year without seeing the color of French money she will speak a little less arrogantly of French domination."

L'Evènement, of Quebec, blames the Nationalist propaganda, through Henri Bourassa and his paper, Le Devoir, for the lack of recruiting in this province and for the growth of an antagonism between the French and English-speaking people of Canada, and says Sir Wilfrid Laurier could have rallied to the support of the Union Government the majority of his province if he had willed to do so.

Le Soleil, of Quebec, says to the other provinces: "If you wish the Confederation to last you will have to change your manners to endure your impertinence, your political conspiracies and much less your persecutions. Now that you know our sentiment it is for you to decide."

Mrs. Reeves has resigned her position in the East Ward school, Nanawac. Miss Vivian McLaughlin will take her place.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hubbs and family, Picton, have left for a few months' stay with friends in California.

Lots of people look thoughtful—then let it go a bit. Gibson New Year Cards at The College Book Store.

Saturday Evening Clearance COATS. 20 GOOD WARM COATS, \$12.50 VALUE FOR \$5.95. ALL \$15.00 AND \$18.00 VALUES FOR \$9.95. OTHERS REDUCED PROPORTIONATELY ALL COLLARS, APRONS, BOUDOIR CAPS, CAMISOLES, ETC., AT COST. ALL FUR SETS, EXACTLY AT COST PRICE. Mendels Kingston's Exclusive Ladies' Wear Store. 136 Princess Street. Opposite Randolph Hotel