

ANNUAL MEETING CH'TOWN Y. M. C. A.

President Reports Promising Condition and Much Valuable Work Done During Year. New Secretary, Mr. Cross, Commended for his Efforts.

The annual meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association of Charlottetown was held in the reading room of the institution last evening, the President, Mr. J. K. Ross, in the chair, with Mr. H. C. Cross, Secretary, present. There was a full attendance of members. The President read an excellent report on the work of the year, as follows:—

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Your Directors are pleased to be able to report that the Y.M.C.A. is at present in a promising condition. A larger number of young men are availing themselves of its services than for several years past and it is considered we are receiving a most efficient service for the outlay of money expended.

The year 1914 has been a year of changes. The General Secretary, Mr. C. J. Reilly, resigned the last of May. Mr. L. W. Macmillan, Physical Director, continued the work until the last of September, when he also retired and went into military service; he was ably assisted during the summer months by Mr. Fred Donald, who retired November 15th and joined the second Canadian contingent. Mr. Wesley Steele, who was employed as Y.M.C.A. Secretary from October until May and did much faithful work in this Department, also retired from the Association last of May and spent four months throughout the Province in the interests of the Boys' Conservation Work, in which he rendered most efficient services. Mr. Harold C. Cross, of Montreal, who was recommended to us by Mr. Chas. W. Bishop, National Secretary, took charge of the work the first of December and has been most energetic in building up the activities of the Association. Although Mr. Cross came in at a most discouraging time when the finances were low and the membership of the Association much reduced, he has taken hold of the work with a strong hand and secured the respect of the Board of Directors and the goodwill of our citizens to a marked degree.

to induce Mr. Statten, and other specialists in boys' work, to meet our boys here in the month of March.

As President, I desire to acknowledge the hearty co-operation and sympathy of the Board of Directors during the past year, and trust their continued support in 1915 will result in its being a banner year for the institution.

Respectfully submitted,
President.

VARIOUS REPORTS.

The various reports submitted showed a satisfactory condition of affairs. The "Religious Work" report for 1914 stated that during the winter and spring a series of men's meetings were held, with a total attendance of 515 for 4 months. In October meeting in connection with the war, foreign work collections totalled \$112, which will go to Y.M.C.A. work in Madras, India.

"Boys' Department Report" referred to the work of the Association among the boys during the past year. A troop of Boy Scouts has been organized, the boys being grouped into patrols from the different Sunday Schools. There are now 45 boys from the following schools:—First Methodist, Grace, Zion, St. James, St. Paul's.

Mr. Harold C. Cross, Secretary, Y.M.C.A.

The Directors feel that the Y.M.C.A. of Charlottetown is performing real service to the young men of the Province and assisting in the mental and physical life of the young men and, as such, should receive more generous support from Christian men throughout the Province as well as in the city of Charlottetown.

Valuable service was rendered us by Mr. A. S. McAllister, our Maritime Secretary, who spent several days in conference with your Directors, advising and assisting in every possible way. We also derived much benefit from the visit of the National Secretary, Mr. Chas. W. Bishop, of Toronto, who came to P.E. Island early in the summer and addressed a meeting of workers, setting forth the broader aspects of the Community type of work which the Associations in Canada are endeavouring to carry out. Mr. A. E. Turner, representing the Foreign Missionary work, also paid us a brief visit in December, and succeeded in securing over one hundred dollars (\$100) from Charlottetown for the Foreign Missionary purposes of the Association.

Our Association is in hearty sympathy with the great work which is being undertaken by our Maritime Committee in the establishment of Y.M.C.A. tents in the various military camps with which our Canadian soldiers are connected and rejoice in the good results which we hear, from time to time, concerning these efforts.

One of the most valuable features of the year's work was the Boys' Conference which met here in April under the joint auspices of the Y.M.C.A. and the Provincial Sunday School Association. Through the energy of Mr. C. J. Reilly and Mr. Wesley Steele, about two hundred boys were assembled and enjoyed a three-days' conference under such well known speakers as Mr. Taylor Statten, Boys' Secretary for Canada, and Rev. E. W. Halpenny, Secretary of the S.S. Association of Ontario. The results were so favourable that we are anxious to have another conference this spring, and arrangements are being entered into for the same.

THE WEATHER THE TEMPERATURE TIDE, MOON, ETC.

(Special to the Guardian.)
TORONTO Jan. 16. Maritime Northerly winds mostly becoming a little colder again.

THE WEATHER—Yesterday was beautifully mild, clear and bright. The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 26 deg. above zero, and the lowest 17 deg. above. The lowest the previous night was 14 deg. above. At 9 a.m. yesterday, it was 17 deg. above; at 9 p.m. it was 22 deg. above.

The tide will be high this morning at 11.19 tomorrow at 12.33 and Monday at 1.13; it will be high tonight at 11.03, tomorrow at 11.55 and Monday at 12.

The sun sets this afternoon at 4.44, tomorrow at 4.45 and Monday at 4.47; it rises tomorrow morning at 7.37, Monday at 7.25 and Tuesday at 7.3.5.

The moon sets tonight at 7.03 and tomorrow at 7.21.

There was a new moon on Friday, Jan. 15th at 10.42 a.m. The first quarter of the moon will be on Saturday, Jan. 23rd at 1.32 a.m.

The length of today will be nine hours and seven minutes and of tomorrow nine hours and eight minutes.

ALLIES MAKE GAINS IN NORTHERN FRANCE

Recent Losses by Allies More Than Compensated for in Successes of Past Few Days. Another Crushing Blow Inflicted Upon Turks by Russians who Captured Entire Supply of Mountain Guns, Field Artillery and Cattle for Slaughter and Transportation.

GERMANS CANNOT MAINTAIN SUCCESSES

(Special to the Guardian.)
LONDON, Jan. 15.—The temporary success of the Germans north of Soissons cannot be maintained, military critics declare. They point out that the British forces now on the Continent are being constantly augmented, and that these fresh forces will be able to withstand any German assaults.

BRILLIANT ATTACK OF BRITISH TROOPS

(Special to the Guardian.)
BEHIND THE BATTLE FRONT in Northern France, Jan. 14th, via Paris, Jan. 15.—British troops made a brilliant attack this afternoon upon the strongly entrenched position of Germans near La Bassée, realising a gain of more than half-a-mile. After preparing the way with heavy artillery fire, the British charged and captured the enemy's trenches, gaining an important strategic position. The British suffered only a few casualties, but the Germans lost heavily in killed and wounded.

TURKS CAPTURE TWO TOWNS

(Special to the Guardian.)
CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 15.—The Turks have captured two towns from the Russians in Persia.

NORWEGIAN STEAMER HAD PERILOUS VOYAGE

(Special to the Guardian.)
HALIFAX, Jan. 15.—The Norwegian steamer Reime, Captain Peter Bull, from Boston through Christiania, arrived here to-day short of coal. She sailed from Christiania on Dec. 21st, and suffered extensive damage during her voyage. Her engines were shaken from their foundations and numerous breakdowns were experienced. Steam pipes burst after the starboard engines had been battered and the bridge structures twisted. One sea sweep, one bridge, 40 feet above the water, tearing away the canvas shield and pulling out rivets. Officers narrowly escaped being swept overboard. Every place in the ship was flooded, including the chartroom. On January 4 the Reime was compelled to stop her engines and drift for 24 hours, as her propeller was racing out of the water and it was feared her shaft would be broken. The Reime will proceed to Boston after bunkering.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT

A serious runaway accident on Bequette Bay occurred yesterday afternoon. While Mr. Stewart McMichen, and three young lads were returning on their way home from Summerside, and crossing Bequette Bay, Mr. McMichen got out of the carriage and was skating along behind the team. The ice being very glib, the wagon began to slew and the horse, which was a very spirited animal, started up at a sharp pace, when the wheels of the carriage came in contact with some shell ice and capsized, throwing the two young lads out on the ice. Mr. McMichen, while endeavouring to catch the horse became tangled up in the wheels of the wagon and was thrown heavily, sustaining a bad cut on the head and other injuries. A team which was crossing on the ice rushed to the scene, when Mr. McMichen was found unconscious. The young lads were badly shaken and they were all taken quickly to Dr. J. C. Ballem, Bedeque.

MOBILIZATION FOR THIRD CONTINGENT AT CH'TOWN

OTTAWA, Jan. 15.—A statement showing the mobilization and organization centres for the third Canadian Contingent, was issued by the Militia Department today. The third contingent will consist of thirteen regiments of mounted rifles and twenty-two battalions extra division infantry. Recruiting centres will be every company squadron's headquarters or at any town or centre in the battalion district. Organization centres will be where the company or squadron units will be located. Mobilization centres and organization centres in Eastern Canada will include the sixth divisional area, mobilization centres at Halifax, St. John, Fredericton and Amherst. Organizing centres at Halifax, St. John, Fredericton, Amherst, Woodstock, Middleton, Chatham, Dalhousie, Sussex, Moncton, Lunenburg, Truro, Pictou, New Glasgow, Windsor, Baddeck, Bridgewater, Shelburne, Yarmouth, Sydney, Glace Bay, Newcasttle, Louisbourg, Canoe, Charlottetown.

"FOR CANADA AND OLD ENGLAND!"

(Special to the Guardian.)
LONDON, Jan. 15.—The Chronicle prints a despatch concerning a Canadian regiment in action. With the British the Canadians were ordered to charge the German trenches, and crying "For Canada and Old England," they succeeded in driving the Germans out, with much slaughter. While the name of the regiment is not designated, it is believed to refer to Princess Pat's Pals. So far as known this is the only Canadian regiment yet at the front.

SUMMARY OF THE SITUATION.

(Special to the Guardian.)
LONDON, Jan. 15.—Latest official reports from the Russian general staff disclose new operations on the part of the Russian army which may have far-reaching results. Starting on the New Year the Russian cavalry commenced a forward movement in Northern Poland on the right bank of the Lower Vistula River and have reached Skran River, some forty miles East of the German fortress of Thorn, West Prussia, driving a small force of German cavalry and infantry before them. It is believed Grand Duke Nicholas, Commander-in-Chief of the Russian forces, intends to use an entirely new army consisting, according to Petrograd despatches, of from 800,000 to 1,000,000 men in this region and operating in conjunction with the army which is advancing in East Prussia.

This army would place the German troops at Mlava in vize and at the same time threaten the rear of the Germans in front of Warsaw. The latter still are making occasional attacks on the Russian line and, according to a Berlin report, have taken a Russian vantage point Northeast of Rawka River. Along the rest of the Eastern front nothing of importance has happened.

In the West the German success near Soissons which it took the soldiers and General Joffre, Commander-in-Chief of the French forces, a fortnight to capture, remains the outstanding feature, although it has been somewhat offset by a reported British success near La Bassée and the capture by Zouaves of German trenches in the region of Arras. There have been attacks and counter-attacks at other points but, generally, it has been the artillery which has been kept busy.

The Russians continue to harass the Turks, who made a stand on the borders of Transcaucasia after their recent defeat, and claim to be capturing more prisoners.

The Russians are also making new dispositions in the province of Azerbaijan, Persia, which the Turks have promised to evacuate as soon as Russian leave the province and the Persian heir presumptive reaches Tabriz. The governorship of the province of Azerbaijan is an appanage of the heir presumptive.

Two boxes of dynamite, each containing fifty sticks, were discovered last night in a horror about sixty feet North of Danforth avenue, and two hundred feet East of Greenwood avenue, by Mrs. George Harbitt, 72 Chatham avenue. The explosive is thought to have been left in that district last fall by the workmen who had been engaged in laying a sewer. Marks of children's feet were found in the snow near where the cases were found and the fact that one of the cases had been opened leads the police to believe that children had been playing with the dynamite sticks unaware of their dangerous nature.

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BRITAIN TO RELEASE U. S. SHIPS ON BOND

(Special to the Guardian.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The release on bond of ships detained in the British Prize Courts will be permitted by the British Government if the Judge of court is willing, according to a statement issued to-day by the British Embassy.

RUSSIAN OFFICIAL

(Special to the Guardian.)
PETROGRAD, Jan. 15.—The Russian New Year opens with a sweeping victory over the Turks on the Caucasian frontier. In Olmy Valley the Turkish rear guard was completely destroyed. Simultaneously another Russian army routed the main Turkish force at Karakurn. The Russians captured the entire supply of mountain guns which the Turks had brought for the campaign, together with ammunition. They also took the Turks complete stock of field artillery and all their cattle, both for slaughter and transportation. The Russians also took five hospitals with 600 wounded Turks.

TURKS ADVANCING WELL EQUIPPED WITH GERMAN GUNS

(Special to the Guardian.)
CAIRO, Egypt, Jan. 15.—Turkish forces advancing towards Suez Canal number forty thousand men. Their artillery includes many guns of the most modern type, believed to have been sent to Turkey from Germany. British aviators brought this information to English headquarters to-day. They made a flight of eighty miles and got complete details of the Turks' equipment.

FRENCH OFFICIAL

(Special to the Guardian.)
PARIS, Jan. 15.—Officially made progress near Lombertzyde and near Beceleere. To the north of Arras a brilliant attack by Zouaves resulted in the capture, at the bayonet's point, of positions of the enemy near the road between Arras and Lille.

In this same region at Targette and St Laurent as well as at points north of Anche, in the region of Roye our artillery secured an advantage over that of the enemy. German batteries were reduced to silence and two pieces of artillery were demolished, a depot of ammunition exploded and field works in course of construction were destroyed.

At a point a mile and a quarter north-east of Soissons the Germans yesterday attacked a village, but we lost no time in recapturing it.

We have destroyed foot bridges set up by the Germans over the River Meuse at St. Mihiel.

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JAPS VOLUNTEER IN INTERESTS OF PEACE

Movement on Foot in Japan to Send an Army Corps to Assistance of Allies to Terminate the Miseries of War and Restore Peace to World.

(Special to the Guardian.)
TOKYO, Jan. 15.—Promoters in Japan of what is called The Volunteer Movement, have issued a manifesto, in which they announce their intention of despatching an army corps to Europe. To this end they are appealing to both Japs and foreigners for funds. The manifesto says that as Lafayette helped the United States and Garibaldi helped France, so the Japanese wish to assist the Allies, Britain, France and Russia, to terminate the misery of war and restore peace to the world.

BRITISH DROP BOMBS IN ANTWERP

PETROGRAD, Jan. 15.—The General staff of the Caucasus army devoted a statement to the operations in Azerbaijan where it is explained it became expedient at 3.05 a.m. to regroup the Russian force necessitating evacuation of certain places previously occupied. No important action took place only an engagement with the Russian advance guard. British tail-planes dropped bombs on the German position in Antwerp. It has not been ascertained where damage was done. Genna reports members of the Austrian nobility depositing large sums of money in Switzerland and Austria.

On the various portions of our front the enemy tried to cannorise our position with heavy guns, but the efficient fire of our Austrian nobility depositing large sums of money in Switzerland and Austria.

ALLIES MET WITH SLIGHT REVERSES

LONDON, Jan. 15.—A reverse of the allies along the river Aisne in the neighborhood of Soissons, is admitted in the latest French official statement, although the possible effect of a German advance is officially minimized. After continuous engagements which lasted nearly two days, the Germans forced the French to yield in front of Vigney to east of Crocy. It is explained by the French war office that flooding the river Aisne destroyed several bridges and rendered precarious the communication of troops operating on the right bank. These troops were withdrawn, as it was thought impossible to send reinforcements to their support. The success is a partial one for our adversaries says the French statement, "but will have no influence on the operation as a whole."

FORMAL CLOSING OF SHORT COURSE

The formal closing of the Short Course in Agriculture took place yesterday evening. The first speaker was Professor Davison, who spoke of the excellence of the class and the work done. He urged all the students to carry on this work at home. He thought that many students of this course could do work at home that would be of great value to agriculture; for instance, the cost of producing crops, experimenting with different varieties, etc. He appreciated the attendance of the students very much and the sympathy they showed in all their work.

Professor Reif was the next speaker. He said he could only voice the sentiments of Prof. Davison. He did not wish the students to be so proud of their accomplishments that they would want to wear white collars all the time. He told some very good stories that were appreciated by the students after two weeks of very hard work.

Professor Tennant said he had enjoyed the work very much. He felt that every member took an interest in his work and did his utmost. He felt the difficulty of selection of work but Short Course did work intended only to arouse enthusiasm. He urged them to read along the lines of their own business; read books, agricultural papers, etc., and try to put the information they acquired into practice. "We have tried to make our work practical, but you will have to continue your studies and put something into practice," he said. He hoped, in conclusion, they all felt their attendance had been worth while.

Hon. Murdoch MacKinnon followed. He hoped he said that they all enjoyed their work and would be benefited by it. He felt that this, although the smallest, was the best of the Short Courses. He thought there was a possibility of doing still better. In the schools more personal work was being done and perhaps more personal work might be done in the Department of Agriculture.

"Now," he said, "you have had two weeks of good, practical work; but what about when you go home? Are you going to carry on this work?"

"Can we not organize a permanent Short Course? Cannot each one of you undertake some particular line of work on the farm and keep in touch with our instructors who would be ready at any time to visit you and give you some aid? If we had a class of this kind, when you came back next January, the instructors would know what each of you were interested in, if any of you were interested in this you could give in your names and you would be the permanent short course. Suppose one of you undertook the raising of turkeys and one of the staff were assisting you in this. You would

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