

Red Cross

Aids

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Prescription Druggist
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CLOSING YEAR

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prosperity abounding everywhere due principally to the enormous orders for munitions and provisions placed there by the Entente Allies. The attitude of President Wilson has been to keep the United States out of the war at all hazards and in the closing days of 1916 he has carried the policy to the extent of issuing a note to the belligerents calling upon them to consider the advisability of holding a conference for the purpose of arranging terms of peace. Meantime the United States has had two small wars of its own on its hands, the trouble in Mexico being such as to necessitate an armed force being kept on the border. In November the Washington government ordered the landing of an American Naval and Marine force of occupation in the West Indian Republic of Santa Domingo. Martial law was established and the Santo Domingans were defeated in a battle which lasted nearly a whole day. Capt. Harry S. Knapp was placed in command of the American forces sent to Santa Domingo and proclaimed an American Military Government on November 29th. It is explained that the American government interfered in Santa Domingo in order to obtain payment of interest on its foreign debt in accordance with a treaty of 1907 between the United States and Santa Domingo, under which the Customs receipts of that country were mortgaged to the United States, collected by an American Receiver-General of Customs and disbursed in accordance with the terms agreed upon. Captain Knapp, in his capacity as Military Governor has provided for the payment of one hundred dollars a month to the Guarantary Trust Company of New York and interest on any other existing foreign obligations. Not until three days after the Presidential election when the final returns from California came in, was it established that President Wilson had been re-elected. The approximate plurality obtained by Wilson over Hughes was 600,000 votes.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

In our own province, as elsewhere throughout the Empire the war directly or indirectly dominated every activity and affected every thought. The Provincial Legislature met in April. The session was characterized by prolonged and at times heated discussions on aftermaths of the election, the details of which it is not necessary to recall. The estimates were very carefully gone over for the current year and passed without reduction. A number of important acts were passed into law and the session concluded after several all night sittings within six weeks. The departure in July of the 105th Prince Edward Island Regiment for Valcartier and afterwards to Europe. 1,200 of the Island's stalwart sons following an almost equal number who had previously gone in different units. was an event which will not soon be forgotten. Since the departure of the Island's recruiting companies have been held all over the province to secure reinforcements in order that these units may be maintained at full strength during the continuance of the war. From the various units now overseas some have returned bearing the honourable scars of battle. Others lie buried in France and Flanders having laid down their lives in the great cause of freedom and civilization. At a special session of the Provincial Legislature in August a "War and Health Tax" bill was passed increasing the provincial taxes by one third, with the exception of the taxes imposed under the Road Act. From this surtax an addition of \$27,000 to the revenue of the province was anticipated. Of this increase \$20,000 was appropriated for war purposes and \$7,000 for Health purposes. In December Hon. John A. McDonald of Cardigan was appointed Provincial Director of National Service and Mr. G. H. Holbrook, Charlottetown, was appointed Secretary of the Naval Recruiting Committee. Mr. Aeneas A. MacDonald was appointed Surrogate Judge of Probate.

GENERAL BUSINESS CONDITIONS

Business conditions during the year were exceptionally good owing very largely to the high prices of produce, particularly of potatoes. A peculiar feature of the potato situation was the fact that much of the crop of 1915 was kept over, through the winter and reaped the benefits of the abnormally higher prices in the spring of 1916, these prices ranging from 80 cents to \$1.00 a bushel. Then again the crop of 1916 was a particularly good one with an extraordinary demand for every bushel that transportation facilities could take care of and at prices ranging from 60 to 75 cents per bushel. The large amount of money realized for potatoes alone helped the financial situation very considerably. The farmers were able to settle up the country merchants accounts, and the country merchants to pay off their indebtedness at the Banks and with the whole sale trade. In oats, which the crop was considered a good one, and the demand good, the quantity moved out was not large and there must be a good many more to be marketed which will place things in a still more healthy condition. Hay is reported a good crop but the high cost of transportation prevents it from being marketed in considerable quantities. Fish, canned, dried and pickled have all ruled high with a fair catch. Meats, poultry, hides, eggs &c. have also been selling at extremely good prices and the Island had on the whole a very prosperous year.

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT.
The year has been very favorable to the farmers. Production has been large and generally quality has been materially improved. In February a conference of dairy men was called and as a result forward steps were taken. The Dairy Act was revised; the Dairy Inspector was made a provincial official and many ideas on improvement were suggested. In the spring most of the factories put forth greater efforts while in a few cases large appropri-

tions were made in improvements. The Patrons willingly co-operated and as a result the quality of cheese and butter is much higher than that of last year. Prices have been abnormally high and the quality has guaranteed a steady, firm demand. P. E. Island dairy produce has now a higher reputation than it had at any time in its history. Arrangements have been completed whereby a short course for butter and cheese makers will be held at Truro before the season opens next spring. Short Courses in Agriculture were held throughout the country for the first time. It was an experiment but proved so satisfactory that it will be continued and requests for these are so numerous that the work is even now a year ahead of the Department. Courses were held at Palmer Road, O'Leary, Egmont Bay, Mt. Carmel, Consolidated School, Murray River, Tracadie and Souris, the attendance averaging 85 for 91 sessions. The lectures were made as practical as possible and they always evoked discussion upon local problems. The Consolidated School had been closed for years but is now, as a result of the course, open for use as a community centre. The course will be continued during January and February.

HOUSEHOLD SCIENCE.

Short Courses in Household Science for women were conducted by The Officers of the Women's Institute in Charlottetown; 160 attended the six courses. These subjects were of the greatest interest to women in the country were under discussion. In addition to the courses Institute meetings were held throughout the country. Red Cross and allied activities occupied the members time and thought and probably as much credit is due to the women's organization for patriotic work as to any other source. The introduction of the teaching of Elementary Agriculture in The Public Schools has received attention commensurate with its importance. The normal child in the country is one of the great national assets and must be given every possible advantage. Every occupation must be placed before them properly in its relation to others so that they may choose wisely. Heretofore agriculture has been at a disadvantage. Changes must be made slowly but with the establishment of a Rural Science Department at the Prince of Wales College and the forward move inaugurated in educational matters every teacher will go out properly trained with some idea as to the value and importance of agriculture. This Department is equipped to serve so far as necessary in such an institution at the present time. A teacher who is well trained, experienced and a graduate of an agricultural college has been employed. Bonuses have been paid to teachers for any efforts made in the public schools. A summer school was held again to further equip the teachers for this work. School Fairs have been introduced. These are managed by the schools and are for the pupils. They differ from many fairs in that the prizes are not the chief end for which they exist. All are invited to attend and the children and their work is the attraction. Development of the child is the idea. Co-operation is the key note of the times, but it must be remembered that only true co-operation should be encouraged. Wool has again been marketed co-operatively with satisfactory results upwards of 28,000 lbs. were collected, graded and sold by tender. The co-operative marketing of lambs has also been encouraged and over 5,000 were sold in this manner. The greater gain from this work is the stimulus to better care and better breeding of sheep. The demand for pure bred rams was so insistent that the Department were not able to secure sufficient upon the Island or in the neighboring provinces, an importation was made from Quebec and already extension in the greater use of pure breeds for next fall is under discussion. Every man in the Department gave considerable assistance in the plating of rams. Considerable work has been done in the treating of sheep diseases. Oats, peas and vetches are a valuable crop in any form, but they will not take the place of corn as ensilage which is a cheap, efficient and succulent food for dairy cows. The building and filling of one silo was superintended and the silage well and regularly noted. Some dairymen were induced to by the crop in their silos. Field Crop competitions were conducted as usual. Seed Fairs were held at Summerside, Charlottetown, Murray River, Georgetown and Souris. Perhaps more correlation between these would give greater benefits to those actively engaged in the growing of good seed and also to those who are beginners. The usual Fall Fairs were given the necessary assistance. Meetings were held occasionally throughout the country but the Short Courses detract from that form of work. Small fruits have received some attention; the growing of strawberries was encouraged and the methods of marketing in Nova Scotia were investigated. A Strawberry Growers Association was formed at Montague. The aims are to encourage the growing of high class fruit, to ship nothing but the best and to stimulate co-operative efforts in the buying of supplies and the selling of the crop. 75,000 berry boxes have been ordered.

DRAINAGE CROPS.

Drainage has received considerable attention. A Drainage Act was passed at the last session to control the construction of large open drains and loaning of funds for underdrainage. A company has been formed to manufacture the necessary tile and also to make brick for building purposes; the plant at Richmond is practically complete and some have already been made. The superior quality of the product ensures large sales. A large open ditch has been constructed in the Mt. Carmel section which will carry away all surplus surface water which heretofore remained on the land until evaporated or, in many cases, throughout the season. Requests that the building of another similar drain be supervised have been made. The drainage experiment has proved successful.

The Central Guardian

IT PAYS to buy in this Province.

BAND AT THE ARENA this afternoon at 4 o'clock. 3721

TO AID RECRUITING.—Gunner Dolron of the 1st Canadian Division who returned home wounded this week, will speak at the recruiting meeting to be held at Granville next Thursday.

ANOTHER ADOPTED.—In addition to the prisoners of war mentioned in Canon Simpson's letter in this issue as having been adopted in this province, it is since learned that the Young Men's Bible Class of the Charlottetown Baptist Church, has adopted one, making a total of fifty-seven in all adopted here.

BAPTIST SERVICES.—Tomorrow morning at the Baptist Church Rev. Charles R. Freeman will preach on "Our part in the FIVE YEAR programme." At 2:30 the Sunday School meets and a cordial welcome is extended to everyone. In the evening at 7 Rev. Charles R. Freeman will preach on "Mental Stock-taking." Good music at all services. 3714.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT.—The Christmas Tree and Cantata in the Heart Memorial Hall by the children of the First Methodist Church Sunday School was a most enjoyable affair. There was a very large attendance. The children in their different numbers took their parts splendidly and in the Christmas cantata in which they appeared in costumes their work was highly creditable. There was a well-stocked Christmas tree from which Santa Claus distributed some dainty bags of candy. Greatly appreciated were the readings by Miss Johnson, of Ottawa, and Miss Dennis, of this City. Others who took part and added greatly to the success of the affair were Miss Mary Fulton, who read the address of welcome; Miss Ethel Heaney, soloist; Willie Stanley, Fred Godkin and little Miss Esery who gave recitations.

ST. JAMES' SUNDAY SCHOOL.—The annual entertainment given by the children of St. James Sunday School, came off last night in the church hall. There was a large attendance of children, parents, and friends, presided over by the Rev. Dr. Fulton. A delightful programme of vocal and instrumental music and recitations was gone through, the children offering a great deal of pleasure to everyone by the creditable manner in which they rendered their parts. After the more serious part of the programme had been gone through, Santa Claus made his appearance and displayed a magnificent Christmas tree, at the same time distributing gifts to everyone of the little ones. A most enjoyable evening concluded with the national anthem. The programme was as follows:—Chorus, The Twinkling Stars, children; piano duet, Florence Lantz and Dorothy Stewart; recitations, Mary Sinclair, Doris McInnis, Ian Burnett; harmonica solo, Malcolm Ross; recitation, Eleanor Sterns; song, Helen Cameron; recitations, Bobbie McInnis, Nora McKenzie; dialogue, Wilma Johnson, Amy McInnis, Amie Howatt; boys' chorus, Keep the Home Fires Burning; recitations, Norma Jamieson, Helen Jamieson; chorus, Good Luck to the Boys of the Allies; recitations, Hazel Edgett, Lorna Campbell, Constance McFarlane; song, Jean Stewart; Santa Claus dialogue.

SKATE AT THE ARENA this afternoon with band, 4 to 6. 3721

RESERVATIONS FOR PARTIES for the New Year's Eve Supper may be made by phone to the Kozey Korner. 3722.

THE ARENA RINK will open this afternoon for the season. Band at 4 o'clock. 3721.

RED CROSS FUND ORGANIZATION MEETING

The meeting in connection with Red Cross work held in the Legislative Chamber last evening owing to the very cold weather was not largely attended. Mr. Justice Hazard presided and among others present were the Secretary, Mr. Joseph McCarey, Rev. Canon Simpson, Rev. J. J. McDonald, Rev. T. W. Murphy, Rev. C. E. Freeman, Colonel Jenkins, M. D., Colonel Moore and a number of ladies. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read by Mr. McCarey, a number of questions were asked and replied to. In answer to one of these Mr. McCarey stated that it had been decided to adopt the envelope system of collecting. Rev. J. J. McDonald for the Patriotic Fund stated in answer to a question that the Patriotic Fund was well organized and that envelopes were about to be distributed through Kings County and that Queen's County would come next. Father McDonald expressed his willingness to render any assistance he could to the Red Cross Fund and gave some details of organizing for the Patriotic Fund collections. On motion of Col. Jenkins, seconded by Col. Moore it was decided to form an executive committee and proceed at once to work, the committee to consist of seven persons, three for Queen's County and two each from the other counties.

The following were appointed:—**QUEEN'S COUNTY.**—Colonel Moore, Chairman, Hon. J. S. Martin, Kinross; William Hogan, Hope River, **PRINCE COUNTY.**—Hon. J. H. Bell, Summerside, John Hackett. **KING'S COUNTY.**—H. H. Acorn, Souris, W. H. Prowse, Murray Harbor.

Mr. Percy Pope was appointed treasurer, and Mr. McCarey, Secretary of the Fund. Resolutions were passed granting the executive power to add to its number, and that the necessary expenses be deducted from the general fund. After some further discussion the meeting adjourned.

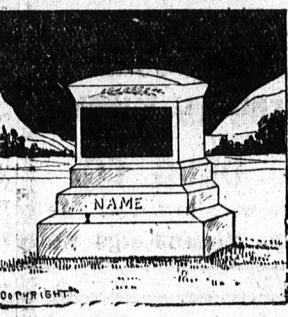
PERSONALS

Mr. W. S. Louson, City, left yesterday on a trip to Montreal. Major Weeks left yesterday on return to St. John. Mr. Thomas Morris, City, went to Summerside yesterday. Mr. Heath Strong, Summerside, was in the city yesterday. The Misses Florence and Ellen Dorsey, of this City, have gone to Wichita, Kansas, on account of the death of their brother, Dr. James Dorsey.

Prince Edwaad
LAST TIME TODAY
CHARLIE CHAPLIN
—IN—
"The Pawn Shop"
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ALSO
THE SEVENTH CHAPTER OF THE WONDER SERIAL
"The Shielding Shadow"
And a New Comedy
Burns and Stull "Pokes and Jabs"
—IN—
"FRENZIED FINANCE"

MONDAY and TUESDAY
The Fifth Chapter of the Trilling Serial
"The Secret of the Submarine"
DAINTY IRRESISTIBLE
MARGUERITE CLARK
—IN—
LITTLE LADY EILEEN
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Miss May Wright, nurse at the P. E. Hospital, who has been ill, is improving.
Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Parkman, City, are spending a few days at St. Peter's Bay.
*Mrs. Thomas Moyse, Central Bedeque, accompanied by her son Master Henry are visiting in Souris the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Leard.

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