IMPORTANT READING MATTER SELECTED FROM THIS WEEK'S NEWS FOR THE GUARDIAN'S SATURDAY SUBSCRIBERS

FRIDAY

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED. — Announcements have been received of the marriage of Miss Penzie B. Robblee (formerly of Tryon) to Lieut. L. Duff. Marriage took place on Dec. 12, at Calgary. V

CALEDONIAN CLUB.—At a meeting of the Caledonian Club on Wednesday evening President White in the chair, it was resolved to hold the usual Burns Concert in the People's Theatre on Jan. 24th and 25th. Arrangements will be made for special trains from the different centres.

WEDDING BELLS.—On Dec. 20th, the home of Mr. and Mrs. John G. McKenzie, South Granville, was the scene of a quiet wedding, when their daughter Charlotte was united in marriage to Andrew McNeill, a prosperous farmer of Malpeque. The ceremony was performed by the bride's uncle, Rev. J. C. Martin, Wood Islands, in the presence of about thirty of their near relatives. After the bridal feast, the young couple left for their future home, amid the hearty greetings and best wishes of their many friends.

In the death on Dec. 12th 1917, of Mr. George Macmillan, as previously mentioned in the Guardian, Albery Plains, has lost its oldest and one of its most respected citizens, at the advanced age of eighty-four years, after an illness of only four days. The deceased was favorably known throughout the community, having successfully carried on extensive farming and milling operations to within a few days of his demise. Kind and curteous in manner with strict attention to duty he won for himself a large circle of friends. He leaves to mourn the loss of an affectionate husband and father, a widow, three sons and one daughter, Shaw, Alex. and George at home and Lieut. E. Victor in France. The funeral took place on Sunday Dec. 16th, to Christ Church, Cherry Valley, and dispite the bad roads was very largely attended. Rev. Mr. Pepper, conducted the services at the home and Rev. Mr. Mitchell of Charlottetown officiated at the Church and grave. The pall bearers were six six nephews, John, Fred and George Richards, George and William Mac Millan and Spence Moar.

—READ'S ISLAND MAJORITY.—The official count of the Prince County election was taken on Monday before Sheriff Wright at Summerside, when the following results were declared: Total vote for Lefurgey 3,437; Read, 4204; majority for Captain Read, 767.

PRISONER IN GERMANY.—Mr. E. T. Higgs received a telegram yesterday stating that his nephew Flight Lieut. Bert Farquharson of the R. F. C., who has been reported missing for the past two months, is now definitely located as a prisoner in Germany, wounded in the leg. The gallant officer states that he is being well treated.

The death took place at Bradalbane Saturday evening, Dec. 22nd at 8.30 o'clock of Mrs. Mary McKenzie, widow of the late James McKenzie Bradalbane, after a short illness of five days of paralysis. The late Mrs. MacKenzie was 67 years of age and leaves to mourn their great loss, three sons and two daughters Mrs. M. G. Buchanan, Alliston, Mass., Mrs. Frank Gillis, John D., Vancouver, B. C., James at home; Duncan of the Freight Office, P.E.I. Ry., Charlottetown. The funeral took place Tuesday 25th at one o'clock to Hartsville Cemetery.

...*NEW SOCIETY ORGANIZED.—A meeting was held Nov. 20th at the home of Mrs. Calbe Gorrett, Bangor, for the purpose of organizing a Red Cross Society. Previously this district was connected with the Morell Red Cross Society but owing to the difficulty in attending meetings on account of the distance it was decided to organize separately. The following officers were appointed: Pres. Mrs. Alex Grant, Vice-pres. Mrs. Caleb Gorret. Secy-treas. Miss Elizabeth Compton. Also on Executive Committee. It was decided to hold meetings on every second Wednesday night beginning at seven o'clock. After the business of the meeting was over luncheon was served and the meeting was closed by singing God Save our Splendid Men. The first meeting of this Society was held at Mrs. John Martin's, Bangor, where twenty-four pairs of socks were received and shipped. The next meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Alex Grant, Bangor on Dec. 19.

FLAG AT HALF-MAST.—The flag over the Federal Building (Post Office) is at half-mast in respect to the memory of James Lawson, a valued member of the excise branch of the Inland Revenue Department. Customs Service. The funeral takes place from his residence on School Street this morning at ten o'clock.

—NORTH ST. ELEANOR'S SCHOOL.—The Chirstmas closing of North St. Eleanor's school which took place Friday the 21st was as usual interesting and entertaining for all who attended. The room was very prettily decorated with flags, Christmas bells and evergreens. The children entered heartily into the spirit of the occasion and the excelent manner in which they rendered the programme indicates most effective training on the part of the teacher. Miss Kathleen MacEwen. One pleasing feature was a song by the school entitled "Till Your Boy Comes Back to You". The dialogues and recitations were also worthy of note. After old Santa made his appearance to the teacher, pupils and visitors and a vote of thanks tendered Miss MacEwen the afternoons entertainment was concluded by the singing of God Save Our Splendid Men.

ROTARY CLUB—Rotarian G. S. Inman presided at the weekly luncheon of the Rotary Club in the Kozy Korner yesterday. Mr. Reuben MacDonald was introduced on taking his seat for the first time as a member. Vice-President VanBuskirk reported on behalf of the committee appointed to co-operate with the Fur Sales Board, and the report was ordered to be placed on the agenda for discussion at next meeting. The "business" provided by the Entertainment Committee was a Christmas tree for members, each receiving an appropriate gift suitably inscribed in rhyme This stunt proved highly diverting and was greatly appreciated, the Committee being awarded a special vote of thanks on the motion of Rotarian Dudley Wright, seconded by Secretary Grant. It was unanimously resolved to hold a Rotary Night at the Prince Edward Theatre on Saturday when forty or fifty seats will be reserved for Rotarians and their lady friends in the centre of the theatre.

It is with deep regret and genuine sorrow that the residents of Wheatley River heard of the death of Mrs. John McKay on Saturday night Dec. 8th. Mrs. McKay before her marriage was Sarah Thres a daughter of the late David Mutch, Oyster Bed Bridge. The deceased was only ill four weeks and although the best medical skill available was procured and most efficient nursing provided it was soon found the end was drawing near and that one, who was greatly respected and highly esteemed by all who knew her, must soon leave her circle of friends.

It was indeed sad for those who gazed on the peaceful sleeper. She will be greatly missed, not only in the home which her sweet and gentle disposition brightened but among her many friends.

Her funeral took place to St. Mark Cemetery, Rustico, Tuesday Dec. 11th was attended by a large concourse of people. Deep sympathy is extended to her husband daughter and son. She also leaves to mourn one brother Jas. Much, Cymbria.

BUNGLING AT SACKVILLE.—Passengers coming to this province via Tormentine and Borden, the only route now open, complain bitterly and indignantly of the arrangements, or rather lack of arrangements, at Sackville. They complain that no information can be obtained as to the movements of trains and passengers are obliged to hang round the station or in unheated and unlighted cars for hours waiting for a train that may move out within a few minutes or a few hours nobody knowing which. There is similar complaint about the mails and express matter, both being held at Sackville for no other apparent reason than that there is nobody that knows anything about anything. Trains arriving in Charlottetown anywhere between 12 midnight and two or three o'clock in the morning bring unassorted mail, some of it days old, express matter that should have been received days before, and indignant passengers held up for hours at Sackville. This was the mail, passenger and express history by the new winter route up to yesterday.

—SCHOOL EXAMINATION.—The semi-annual examination of Kildare School was held on the afternoon of Dec. 19th inst a large number of the rate payers, ladies and gentlemen being present. The teacher Miss Josie Gaudet was ably assisted by Miss Hazel Callaghan, teacher of Kildare Cape and the Misses Clara Gavin and Anna O'Brien teachers from Greenmount. All the pupils acquitted themselves well, giving evidence of patient, careful training and Mr. Hill Kinch, after some complimentary remarks, moved a vote of thanks to the energetic teacher which was seconded by Mr. Whalen carried unanimously and duly tendered to Miss Gaudet. Of course good old Saint Nicholas appeared on the scene in due time and made both young and old happy with his gifts to the little ones and the children on their part presented their teacher with a handsome gift. A prize for full attendance was awarded to Lilla Cahill Highest aggregate in the different Grades. Grade VI—Carrie Kinch, average 91. Grade V—Marie Wade, Belle Whelan, 86 (equal). Grade IV—Alphonse Whelan 78. Grade III—Lilla Cahill average 79. Grade II—Raymond Foley, average 78. Grade I—Justin Kinch, Roy Wade, equal, average 81.

In the casualty list, dated Ottawa, Dec. 24th, under the heading, infantry Killed in Action, appears the name of H. Arsenault, Abram's Village, under wounded and missing—L. Robertson, Charlottetown.

HE SIGNALLERS.—Sec. Lieut. H. L. Sellar, R. F. C., Christ Church College, Oxford, England in writing to change the address of the Guardian pays a splendid tribute to his chums in khaki. He says:—I read with great interest a short time ago, your inscription of Lieut. Heber Large receiving his appointment at the Canadian School of Aronautics, and I was delighted to hear of him gaining such an appointment, as I think with all due justice he is certainly entitled to it. I knew Heber very well in fact all the Island Signallers of the first Contingent, having served with them during many of the first Canadian engagements, and I think there has been a great stream of good fortune bestowed upon all the Island Signallers of the first Contingent considering over three years of this great struggle has passed and so far as I can ascertain at present we are all living and well and none the worse for our great experience. Lieuts. Harry Whitlock and Colin MacDonald both of Charlottetown passed through this school a few weeks ago and are now at their squadrons, busy training for the front.

VICTORIA PERSONALS. — Miss Mary Inman, Hampton, spent Friday with friends in Crapaud. Misses Blanche and Bertha Cameron, Hampton, were visitors to Crapaud on Saturday. Miss Grace Woodside, Tryon, returned home Thursday after a pleasant visit with friends in Cornwall. Mr. James Henderson, Bedeque, was a recent visitor to Victoria. Mr. Frank Lowther, Cornwall, was a welcome visitor to Tryon recently. Miss Helen Fleigher, has returned to Victoria, after spending a short time with friends in Charlottetown. Mrs. F. Collins, of Boston, is spending a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Stordy, Victoria. Miss Irene Miller, Moncton, spent Christmas at her home in Victoria. Mrs. Everett Ives and little son, George, North Tryon, recently spent a few days in Victoria, the guests of Miss Minnie Wright. Mr. Robert McKinnon, Belfast, spent the week-end with friends in Crapaud. Miss Blanche McDonald, Crapaud, intends leaving soon for Camrose, Alta., while there she will reside with her brother, Charles. Miss Maymie McDonald, Crapaud, spent Friday in Hampton, the guest of Mrs. F. McDonald. Mr. A. D. Inman, Hampton, was a visitor to Crapaud on Sunday. V

...*CHRISTMAS CLOSING.— St. Margarets School examination and Christmas tree was held in St. Margarets Hall on Thursday evening December 20th where upwards of one hundred people spent a very enjoyable evening. The pupils who acquitted themselves most creditably were examined in their various subjects by their teacher Miss Laura MacKinnon assisted by Rev. K. C. MacPherson, Mr. Hugh MacPhee, Miss Wanda MacLellan and Miss Elizabeth MacGuigan. The programme was as follows:—Welcome song by the school. Recitation by John D. MacCormac. Chorus "Memories" by the school. Recitation "Four little pussy cats" by Annie and Marion MacDonald. Dialogue, "Taking the Census". Recitation "Shorcham Camp" by Reginald MacDonald. Chorus, "The Long Long Trail". Recitation, "Why girls can't whistle" by Patrick MacCormac. Dialogue "Guess what it is." Recitation, "Grandfather's Story" by John F. Feehan. Dialogue, "What's the Matter." Recitation, "Five o'clock Tea" by Catherine Gillis. Dialogue, "The Sick Doll." Recitation, "When the Minister comes to Tea" by Mabel MacDonald. Song, "The Island Hymn." Recitation "Our Sunbeam" by seven pupils. Phonograph Selections. Dialogue, "Advertising for a Companion" Intermission. Tea and cake were served by the ladies of the district. Candy was also passed round by the pupils. Chorus, "Ring the bells." Arrival of Santa Claus. Distribution of presents. A marked feature of the evening was singing by Pte. Gillespie the accompanists on the organ were Mr. Ronnie MacPhee, Miss Lily MacPhee and Miss Mary E. Gillis. Father MacPherson in a few closing remarks congratulated the Teacher and pupils on their rapid progress. Thus ended with the singing of the National Anthem a very enjoyable entertainment.

The annual Christmas tree and concert at Falconwood Hospital was held last night, with Dr. W.J.P. MacMillan, Medical Superintendent of the institution, presiding.

The following programme was very successfully carried out:—

Chorus—"When we Wind up the Watch on the Rhine" by attendants and nurses.

Duet by Miss McLeod and Mr. McCabe.

Recitation by Miss Jessie Campbell.

Solo by Miss Jessie McLeod.

Gramaphone Selections by Mr. Louis Hughes.

Dialogue—"Mrs. Smith's Boarder" by Miss McLeod and Mr. McCabe.

Solo by Miss Ethel Saunders.

Piano Selections by Mrs. L. L. Jenkins.

Solo by Miss Morgan.

Reading by Mr. L. L. Jenkins.

Duet by Miss Livingstone and Miss Campbell.

Speech by Mr. Wm. McLeod (patient.)

Dialogue— "Mrs. Marshall's Servant."

Piano selection by Mrs. L. L. Jenkins.

Solo by Miss Ethel Saunders.

Recitation Miss Eila Jenkins.

Duet by Miss Young and Miss McLean.

Chorus—"O Canada" by nurses and attendants.

At the close of the programme Dr. McMillan in an appropriate address thanked the supervisor Mr. A. Bonnell, and Matron S. A. McLeod of the Hospital Staff and also the matron of the infirmary Mrs. A. Bonnell the nurses, attendants and all who has helped to make the entertainment such a grand success.

He regretted that there were not more of the public present to see the good work done and the appreciation on the part of the patients.

The programme was closed by singing the National Anthem.

The Doctor then received a letter from Santa Claus stating taht the latter was on his way to the hall. Shortly afterwards the faint sound of the bells was heard in the distance and became louder and louder until Santa appeared on the scene, much to the delight of the patients. After expressing himself as being tired after his long journey he distributed gifts to each and every patient present.

After receiving their presents the patients retired to their respective wards, happy and contented and hoping that the evening of Santa's arrival would soon come again.

INTERESTING SOUVENIR.— The Warrant Officers, staff sergeants and sergeants of the 104th Battalion are sending to their friends a most acceptable Christmas greeting card in the shape of a photo folder of the sergeants mess and ranking officers. On the cover is the battalion's crest and motto "Pro Impera." Among those shown in the group photo are Lt.-Col. A. E. Ings, Capt. C.J.C. Stewart, Capt. Full, Sergt. Murdock Waddell, Sergts. R. Nicholson, Victor Coyle, J. S. Walker, T. Riggs, G. G. Perry, V. Crockett, Norman Caswell, D. R. Kennedy, E. J. MacWilliams, and others.

Mr. Fred L. Rogers, Alberton, received a cable yesterday with the pleasing announcement that his son Captain Wendell Rogers, had won the Military Cross. Captain Rogers went to England about a year ago to take a course in aviation. He went to the front last May as a 2nd Lieutenant in the R.F.C. Late in November, just as he had attained his 21st birthday, he was promoted to the rank of Captain. He has been almost continuously in action since and his record as a soldier is told effectively by his Military Cross. While the service that merited this coveted honour is not told it is known that there has been much aerial activity during the past few weeks and it is possible that Captain Rogers took part in the great aerial battle of last Saturday. Whenever or however it was won it is a distinction to be proud of and the Guardian heartily congratulates Captain Rogers and his parents on the honour thus brought to them and to the province. A brother of Captain Rogers, Pte. Hubert Rogers of the 5th Siege is in England

Word has been received of the death in action of Peter McLaren Gillis, son of the late Dr. Gamaliel Gillis of Montague. His parents dying when he was about twelve years old, "Clarrie," as he was familiarly called, went to Western Canada about twelve years ago, where he resided until the outbreak of the war, when he left an excellent position to enlist in the 72nd Highlanders. He was a splendid specimen of manhood. When the72nd was being reviewed by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, he was called before the Duke who inquired where he was from. In a letter to his aunt, Mrs. McIntyre, of Montague, referring to this incident, he said: "I couldn't answer 'Prince Edward Island' quick enough, and I shall be back there yet." He crossed over to England with the 72nd and was in the trenches about a year when he met a hero's death. In a touchingly sympathetic letter to his sister, Major Hamilton, who was in command of the regiment, told of the manner of his death as follows:

Nov. 6th, 1917.

Dear Miss Gillis:

I am very sorry to have to inform you of the death of your brother in the attack of the Canadians at Crest Farm on October 30th.

Your brother performed one of the bravest actions done that day and there were many. With L.-Cpl. Thompson, he went forward into our own barrage and captured a German machine gun which was holding up our advance thereby saving many of the lives of his comrades. Unfortunately after he had put the gun out of action he was struck by a shell and killed almost instantly.

I wish to convey to you, my apreciation of the services and the gallant action of your brother and the sympathy of the officers and men of my Company in your great bereavement.

Yours very sincerely,

J. HAMILTON, Major.

O. C. "A" Company.

There are left to mourn two brothers, Gamaliel, who has been in France since the first contingent crossed over, Johnstone in Western Canada and two sisters, Miss Jean in Winnipeg and Miss Florrie in Denver, Col. These in their great bereavement and especially the elder sister, Florrie, who since she was fifteen years of age has been mother and sister to the orphaned children, have the heartfelt sympathy of many friends in this province who retain kindly recollections of the late Dr. Gillis and of the little children who were left fatherless and motherless to face the unknown future.

THE HALIFAX ORPHANS.—To date the Guardian has received on behalf of the organizers of the Halifax Orphans Fund, requisition for 222 children of these 40 were from residents of Charlottetown and 182 from those outside the city. 49 specified Catholic children and 173 wanted Protestants, 88 wanted boys and 134 wanted girls. The number wanted to adopt permanently is 102 or nearly 50 per cent.

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