

FRIDAY
INFLUENZA is a thing of the past in Montague and people are again permitted to mingle together, and appreciate the opportunity more than ever before, after having been shut up so long.—T.

LOST OFF P. E. I. COAST.—The steam tug Mersey, bound from Chatham, N. B., for Halifax, while off Cape Edmund, Prince Edward Island, last Sunday week, lost her cook overboard. His name was Fred Naves and he hailed from Port Lorne, Annapolis County, N. S. and was 24 years old. The tug went into Pictou and reported the accident to the customs officials.

GONE TO BOSTON HOSPITAL. Master Russel Kaye, Montague, who many will remember, as a patient sufferer for the past years, left by Borden Tuesday for Boston, Mass., where he will enter a hospital and receive treatment, from a specialist on his disease. He was accompanied by Mr. Ora Kaye as far as Borden, where he was then taken in charge by Mr. Raynor, of Tignish, who also is to visit the above specialist.—T.

Mr. Longworth was completely taken by surprise by the boomerang honor. He had designed this dinner to honor his friends but found that he himself was still more highly honored. In a brief and feeling address he thanked the donors for their kind words and magnificent gift.

The function throughout was a most enjoyable one, mutual congratulations being exchanged on the Victory Loan, on the glorious ending of the war and on all the causes for jubilation that a band of satisfied men in happy mood could conjure up.

CONVALESCENT SOLDIER'S FUND.—The generous act of the Rotarians in donating a gramophone and a dozen records to the Convalescent Home is greatly appreciated by the officers of the staff and the nursing sisters as well as by the soldiers for whose benefit it was presented. This will greatly relieve the burden upon the fund elsewhere acknowledged in this issue and which, although growing, is not yet sufficiently large to undertake any extensive purchasing. The fund, however, which will be placed in the hands of the Matron, will be used as required for such means of entertainment as the soldier patient may need. For the present, while all the patients are on the first floor one gramophone will suffice and part of the fund on hand will be used in providing additional records while any further donations of Disc records will be appreciated.

DEBATING SOCIETY.—The debate held on Monday evening November 15th by St. Dunstan's Senior Debating Society was one which proved most interesting for all present. The subject discussed by the debaters involved many subtle questions concerning two of the most popular forms of Government, the resolution being "Resolved that", from the peoples standpoint the Limited Monarchy is a more beneficial form of Government than the "Republic". The two leaders, who were most capable for such a task, won the admiration of the Society for the manner in which they treated such an abstruse subject. Mr. M. E. Francis was leader of the pro side while Mr. M. McQuaid was leader of the con side. The resolution was carried. In the absence of Rev. Father Poirer Rev. Father McGuigan acted as moderator and critic and his remarks at the close of the debate were most instructive and impressive, a vote of thanks was rendered him after which the meeting adjourned.

Rheumatism

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THANKSGIVING SERVICES were held in the churches in Montague Sunday, and although the roads were almost impassable, there were large numbers out, with hearts overflowing with praise and thankfulness for the glorious turn the European war had taken, and also for the privilege of being permitted to attend divine worship, after an absence of many weeks.—T.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society, took place last night in the Chambers of Mr. Justice Hazard.

Reports were received from the Secretary-Treasurer, Women's Patriotic Association and Prisoners of War Department.

Annual subscriptions for the Red Cross will be taken up in January. This work having been postponed on account of the recent Victory Loan.

The income for the year for P. E. Island for Red Cross purposes totals \$38,000, the only expenses in connection therewith amounting to \$420 the latter sum being for postage, packing and shipment. This is a very small percentage for expenses the balance of the money going direct for Red Cross purposes. All the officers were re-elected. Although hostilities have ceased, Red Cross work must be carried on for some years yet in the interests of the sick and wounded. The societies are also asked to take up work for the refugees.

The biggest fire in Charlottetown for a long time occurred last evening when the large three story wooden building occupied by Grant & Kennedy, corner of Queen and Sydney Streets was badly gutted.

The alarm sounded at 7.30 p. m. and when the firemen got to the scene, with their usual alacrity, they found the upper part of the building a mass of flames.

The fire appears to have started in the upper part of the building at the western end which is used as sample rooms, and gained intensity every minute, so that in a few minutes the blaze was emerging in great fiery tongues from nearly all the upper windows and the roof, and despite the great quantity of water being hurled into the building bursts of blaze would constantly find an exit under the eaves along the roof.

The firemen fought the flames gamely from all sides, some of the streams being directed with telling effect from the roofs of the adjoining buildings.

The Salvage Corps men and others had a busy time removing the contents of the building. On the lower floor of Grant & Kennedy's were numerous automobiles, wagons and carriages, farm machinery, harness, etc.

The contents of the sample rooms if not destroyed by fire were ruined by water and smoke. These were owned by the firm of Greenshields, Ltd., Montreal, of whom Mr. W. S. Louison is the well-known representative, Gault Bros., of Montreal, Mr. O'Donnell, representative; Manchester Robertson & Allison, St. John, Mr. Art Smith, representative; and Brock & Patterson, St. John, Mr. W. A. Heustis, representative.

The first mentioned two firms are the two leading wholesale drygoods distributors in Canada.

Mr. Louison, ever alive to the interests of his firm was quickly on the scene after the alarm was given. He ran into the burning building, the flames already having found the way to the door of his office which was all ablaze and made an effort to get inside but the firemen seeing the danger of his position immediately ordered him out, not before he had been drenched with water.

Mr. J. E. O'Donnell, representative of Gault Bros., and his wife also, it is regrettable to state are both in the hospital with influenza, and Mr. Richard Grant, owner of the building is also quite ill.

It is estimated that there were some \$40,000 worth of goods down stairs belonging to Grant & Kennedy, some of more or less damaged by water. This included \$1,000 worth of harness.

The fire on the eastern side of the building was not reached by the fire, in fact all the flames escaped, if it more or less damaged by water through the gutters of the firemen.

Thousands of little witnesses the fire which at one time was very spectacular. Had it occurred at midnight or during a strong wind it would probably have cleaned out the whole block.

The buildings adjacent were only saved by the utmost exertion on the part of the firemen who deserve every praise.

It was a happy thought, admirably conceived and admirably carried out, on the part of Mr. C. H. B. Longworth to wind up the Victory Loan Campaign with a complimentary banquet to those whose hearty co-operation enabled him to bring to a more than successful issue the largest financial enterprise ever undertaken in the province.

The banquet was held last night in the Victoria Hotel, the spacious dining



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ing room of which was tastefully and appropriately decorated for the occasion.

The guests, about 60 in all, included Hon. H. D. McEwen, Acting Premier of the province, Mr. Neil McLeod K. C., Summerside, Chairman Victory Loan, Prince County, members of the Provincial Finance, Publicity and special subscription Committees. The Host, Mr. C. H. B. Longworth president, while Mr. W. K. Rogers, Chairman for Queens and Kings counties acted as Chairman.

Letters of regret for unavoidable absence were read from Hon. John McLean, Souris, Mr. Wm. L. Poole, Montague, Mr. John A. Hackett, Tignish and Mr. R. T. Holman, Summerside. Of the dinner it is only necessary to say that it was put up in the best style known to the Victoria Hotel and included in its menu all that goes to make a substantial, well selected and well served meal, and in its enjoyment all that good fellowship and geniality could make it.

After full justice had been done to the good things provided the following toast list was duly honoured, the speeches being eloquent and redolent of the satisfaction derived from a good dinner and a good undertaking successfully accomplished:

TO THE LIST
 The King—God save the King
 Great Britain and her Allies, Mr.

Charles Lyons and Mr. W. F. Tidmarsh.

Army and Navy, Mr. G. S. Inman K. C., Mr. J. O. Hyndman.

Our Local Parliament and Capital city, Hon. H. D. McEwen and Mayor Wright.

Victory Loan organizations, Neil McLeod K. C., W. K. Rogers and W. Harry Tidmarsh.

The Press: Mr. W. L. Cotton, Mr. D. K. Currie.

The Ladies: Mr. C. Gavan Duffy.

Space and time prevent detailed reference to the excellent address given.

The Host, Mr. Longworth, in the course of a short and excellent address spoke of the great success the Victory Loan had attained throughout Canada, giving by way of comparison statistics of the former war loans. He gave the final figures for the province by towns, city, counties and the grand total which reached the magnificent figure of \$3,015,405.

This statement needless to say, was received with cheers and prolonged applause.

Proceeding, Mr. Longworth warmly complimented Messrs. Neil McLeod, K. C., chairman for Prince County, and Mr. W. K. Rogers, chairman for Queens and Kings counties on the magnificent result they had attained in their respective districts, especially

mentioning the great work done in the town of Summerside. He also referred in glowing terms to the work done by all chairmen and members of the different committees throughout the province especially to that of the country canvassers who, he stated had undertaken the most laborious part of the task, owing to the bad weather conditions and the prevailing epidemic.

Mr. Longworth expressed regret at the absence during the canvass of Mr. Percy Pope, one of the members 7th Executive who assisted so greatly in the last Victory Loan. Mr. Pope, he said, was at present ill in Ottawa, but he was pleased to say a telegram had been received from him during the day stating that he was improving.

Mr. Longworth read number of congratulatory telegrams on the Island's results, from G. H. Wood, chairman Province Ontario, G. S. Campbell, chairman for Nova Scotia, Mr. A. P. Trigon and Mr. E. A. McNutt, joint chairmen of the Province of Quebec and several others.

At this stage Mr. Neil McLeod asked permission to make a digression from the proposed program, which being granted, he read the following address which was accompanied by a beautiful gold watch of new and elegant design and suitably engraved:

Information has been received that expected His Excellency will be accompanied by his daughter, Lady Maud Cavandish. They will remain in Charlottetown until Friday when they will proceed to Summerside with the P. E. I. Railway. It is

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