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MONDAY
WILL PREACH.—The Rev. D. McLean will preach to the L. O. A. in the Baptist Church at Alexandria this evening at 8 o'clock.

CONFEDERATION SOUVENIR.—In the window of Stanley Bros. store is to be seen a very interesting souvenir at the present time—an actual photograph of the Fathers of Confederation taken at Quebec.

GRAND LIGNE.—Rev. Dr. Bosworth, of the Grand Ligne Mission who is here attending the Baptist Association, preached able sermons on his work Sunday morning and evening at the Baptist Church.

PATRIOTIC WORK.—Mrs. Jacqueline Arsenault of Summerside was in Abram's Village last week and instructed the ladies to form a Red Cross Society. No doubt the organization will prove a success as the people of this locality are quick to respond to appeals for war purposes.

THE ARANMORE.—The S. S. Aranmore arrived from Pictou at 11.55, on Saturday. She brought 35 passengers and the following freight: two cars cracked corn, one car farm implements, two cars waggons, one car hay, one car pig lead, one car tobacco, one car of automobiles and three cars of way freight.

EXCELLENT SERMON.—Rev. Edwin Jukes, of Falmouth, N. S., preached an able sermon in St. Peter's Cathedral last evening and assisted at the morning service. The subject of his sermon was, Christ healing the blind man and teaching him. The thought brought out was the extra touch which is needed by all to make our work perfect.

ISLANDER SERIOUSLY ILL.—Mrs. John A. Croken, Charlottetown, has received the following telegram from Ottawa: "Sincerely regret to inform you 712256 Sapper Edward Tierney Croken, Engineer, officially reported seriously ill in Military Hospital Bramshott June 28th 1917, with pneumonia. Will send further particulars when received. Director of Records."

SALT SHIP TORPEDOED.—The Chatham World says: The Russian barque Sibens, from Cadiz, Spain, for Chatham, with 250 tons of salt for the W. S. Loggie Co., was torpedoed on June 16th, about 250 miles from Cadiz. The salt is badly needed here. And yet Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. Wm. Pugsley and many others don't know apparently that Canada is at war with Germany.

A cable received yesterday by Mrs. (Col.) S. R. Jenkins announces that her son, Major J. S. Jenkins had been decorated Saturday at Buckingham Palace when the King conferred the Distinguished Service Order upon him. It will be remembered that Major Jenkins was listed a few weeks ago with three other Island officers, Major D. A. McKinnon, Major W. B. Prowse, and Lieut. Parker Hooper, as having won the D. S. O.

EGMONT BAY.—The semi-annual school examination of Egmont Bay was held on Tuesday afternoon. Rev. Father Boudreau was present and also Mr. Maise Gallant who kept conducting the examination. There was a large attendance and the pupils showed that they had been exceptionally well taught. They were examined practically in all the branches, and thoroughness seemed to have characterized their work. Rev. Father Boudreau was loud in his eulogy as was also Mr. Maise Gallant. Remarks were also passed by Messrs Clovis Gaudet, Azade M. Arsenault and others all of whom were perfectly satisfied of the work done.—M.

RUNAWAY ACCIDENT.—While Mrs. David Jay and daughter of Mount Stewart were out driving on Thursday last their horse, from some unknown cause took fright and bolted. After running about half a mile the carriage upset, the occupants being thrown violently to the ground. Mrs. Jay was seriously injured, two of her ribs being broken and being otherwise badly bruised and shaken up. Her daughter Miss Lottie, also sustained a painful injury, receiving a badly broken ankle. The carriage was badly shattered. Happily, Mr. S. C. Clark in company with Mr. J. Mac Donald on their way to Tracadie in Mr. Clark's automobile arrived in the scene a few minutes afterwards, just in time, and conveyed the injured ladies as rapidly as possible to the home of their family physician where they received medical attention and were otherwise cared for. At latest reports both were doing well.

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A late casualty list contains the following: Presumed to have died—E. J. Driscoll, Clermont, P. E. I. Driscoll was a member of the P. E. Island Light Horse, before leaving Canada with the Third Canadian Expeditionary Force.

The latest casualty list contains the name of P. C. Perry, St. Nicholas, P. E. I., wounded.

The sad news was received Saturday night by Mr. Murdoch Balderson, Southport, that his son, Lieut. Chester T. Balderson, had died of heat in August, and later transferred to Victoria, B. C. When the war broke out and the call for men came, he was one of the first to offer his services. He enlisted with a B. C. regiment and after going into camp at Valcartier came home for a short visit in August, 1914. He received promotion early and in February, 1915, went with his regiment to France. In his last letter home he referred with gratitude to the fact that he had so far escaped injury, although he had been in many such engagements, but, he added, such "luck" was not good to last. They were going into a serious engagement on the morrow, he said, and if anything happened him he asked them not to grieve unduly as his death, if that were God's will, would be but one more in the great cause of humanity. There are left to mourn his father, his step-mother, one brother, a half brother and a half sister. Another brother, Harry, died last January. To the sorely bereaved relative, The Guardian extends sincere sympathy.

Two more war-scarred Island soldiers arrived in the city on Saturday by the S. S. Aranmore. They were Driver J. A. Gosbee, of Murray Harbor, and Gunner Ferguson Robertson of Marshfield.

They were met at the wharf on the arrival of the S. S. Aranmore by Mayor Brown, Rev. Dr. Fullerton, Rev. Canon Simpson and Mr. James Paton. A detachment from the draft now in Charlottetown escorted the men, who were taken in an auto to the City Hall, where addresses of welcome were delivered by Mayor Brown, Dr. Fullerton and Canon Simpson.

Driver Gosbee, who is the son of Mrs. John Gosbee, of Murray Harbor, enlisted in Charlottetown with the 98th Siege Battery. He was transferred to the Field Artillery one month after going to England. He was four months in France, spending one month at Ypres and the balance of the time on the Somme. He was wounded on the night of October 21st, last in the Somme fighting receiving a gunshot wound in the left arm at the elbow, while bringing up ammunition. He was sent to England and spent eight months in Keithley Hospital in Yorkshire, and was later sent to the Canadian Convalescent Camp at Deal. His left hand is somewhat shrunken and it is still quite weak, but seems to be getting stronger.

Gunner Robertson is the son of Mr. Peter McNair Robertson, of Marshfield. He also left Charlottetown with the 98th Siege Battery. He was severely injured in the knee in France, and was sent over to Ramsgate Hospital in England and subsequently to Birkenhead Hospital. Feeling reference was made by the speakers at the reception, to the loss which Gr. Robertson had sustained in the death of his mother. He did not hear of it until he reached Pictou. It will be remembered that he has three brothers still at the front—Bannerman, with the Dragoons, Preston, with the A. S. C., and Graham, who left Charlottetown recently for England. Another brother, Morpeth, who was with the 98th, was killed when Ferguson was over in England. Both Gosbee and Robertson will go before the hospital board for further treatment. They arrived in Halifax Friday on the ship which brought over five hundred wounded soldiers. They were the only two Island soldiers on board. Nursing sister Miss Winnie McLeod also came out on this ship in charge of the wounded men and arrived in Charlottetown Saturday on a short visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McLeod. Messrs Robertson and Gosbee left for their homes in the afternoon; the latter was a guest at the Revere Hotel until the departure of the Murray Harbor train.

On the fiftieth anniversary of the birth of Canada as a nation we are reminded that Prince Edward Island was virtually the Cradle of Confederation, for it was at Charlottetown on September 1, 1864 that the delegates first met who were afterwards responsible for bringing into union the different provinces in Canada and in September 1914 in the Council Chamber in the Provincial Building a bronze tablet was erected in commemoration of the event. On this memorable day it is well that the people of the Province should again be reminded of the tragic war which is being waged in France and Flanders in defence of liberty and civilization. Our thoughts should go out to the many Island boys who, leaving behind all that was dearest to them, home, relatives, friends, ease and contentment, went to a task entailing arduous labour, discomfort, misery, sufferings and even death, in order that we who remained at home might retain the freedom from oppression fought for by our ancestors in centuries past. Let us at this solemn moment take counsel and ask ourselves whether we have done our full duty towards those brave boys and whether we have risen to the level of the obligations imposed upon us by the needs of the moment.

It is to be feared that many of us will realize how little we have really done. Can we measure in dollars and cents the value of our liberties? Were this war to cost us one half of our wealth, of our ease and comfort, would victory be too dearly bought? Can anyone hesitate in answering with an emphatic No? Let us then cherish and appreciate such liberties and show our interest to retain them by fighting oppression.

On assuming the responsibilities of Premier of this Province, I desire to say that the measures inaugurated by my predecessor in aiding the prosecution of the war will be continued and such others taken as will assure Canada and the Empire that the people of this Province are determined to continue to do their full share in money and in men towards aiding Britain and her Allies in bringing to a successful conclusion this great contest.

The steps already taken to meet after-war conditions will be continued. They include preparations for the settling of our soldiers on the land, fitting them out as agriculturists, artisans and for other conditions in life. The movement for good, permanent roads, which is being introduced in

other Provinces must also receive the attention of this Province and with the aid about to be offered by the Federal Government this Island will be enabled to enter into such a scheme.

The Prohibition Commission is about to commence its labors. They will receive from the Government all the assistance and support necessary to overcome the difficulties they may encounter.

The prospects for an abundant harvest are now manifest and such steps must be taken as will afford adequate transportation facilities for the expeditious handling of the same. These and many other problems will receive the attention of the Government and all citizens interested in the welfare of the Province are earnestly asked to lend their best co-operation in order that an early and successful conclusion of the war may be brought about and peace restored; that our soldiers may be provided for and assisted in becoming good and useful citizens; that our farmers and fishermen and all other classes of the community may prosper; that law, order and good feeling among all nationalities and creeds may prevail; that justice to all and favour to none may be rendered to the end that Prince Edward Island may take a proud stand among the Provinces of Canada, and live up to its name of "Garden of the Gulf."

A. E. ARSENAULT.
Premier's Office, Charlottetown July 1st, 1917.

DIED IN HOSPITAL.—The death occurred in the P. E. Island Hospital on Saturday of Mr. W. Edilson Houston, of Mayfield, who entered the institution recently for medical treatment. The remains were forwarded by train to Hunter River on Saturday afternoon, en route to his late home for interment.

TO RAISE SCOW.—The Northern Dredge and Construction company of St. John, who have the contract of raising the sunken Dredge Edmund Hall, at Rocky Point, have begun work. The plant consisting of the tug F. L. Flint, a hoisting scow, derrick and other equipment, arrived from Chatham, N. B., on Thursday. Mr. McFadyen of St. John has charge of the operations. The plant is owned by Mr. Vivian S. Bartram of Toronto. The Edmund Hall it will be remembered was burnt about a year ago and sank. Good progress is being made and Captain McFadyen expects to have the dredge raised in the course of eight or ten days.

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