

THE EASTERN GUARDIAN

AGENTS—MONTAGUE: Harold F. Landry, Mrs. Byron Stewart, Mrs. Bruce MacPhee, Miss Joyce Wigginton, Pius McKinnon. AGENT GEORGETOWN: Waldon Lavers.

The Guardian may be bought at the following places in Montague: Blue Dome Restaurant, and Guardian Office; in Georgetown: The Post Office; in Souris: The Snack Bar and H. Richards & Son.

Miss Bessie Poole, Montague, is visiting friends in Charlottetown.

JO-ANNA DRESS SHOP mid-winter sale January the 8th to 14th inclusive.

REGULAR meeting Montague Home and School Association in the school Monday evening, January 12th at 8 p.m. Everyone welcome and urged to attend.

PARISH OF GEORGETOWN Church of St. Andrew, Holy Trinity Sunday, January 11th. First Sunday after Epiphany. The Holy Communion, 11 A. M. Rev. W. G. Hogg.

GEORGETOWN PASTORAL CHARGE. United Church of Canada Services for January 11th, 11 A. M. Milltown Cross, 2:30 P. M. Sturgeon in the Baptist Church, 7 P. M. Georgetown, Rev. W. A. Paterson, Minister.

MONTAGUE WEEK OF PRAYER. Friday's service will be held in the Presbyterian Church Service beginning at 8 P. M. Lic. II. Blois will bring the concluding message.

The many friends of Mrs. Martin McCann, St. Mary's Road, are sorry to learn of their illness. All wish them a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Beecher Dewar and her son, Mr. Abner Dewar, have returned to their home in Brudenell after attending the Wilson-Dewar wedding in Halifax, N.S.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.—Services for Sunday, January 11th, as follows: Montague 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Cardigan 2:30 P. M. Montague Sunday School 10 A. M. Rev. F. N. Young, Minister.

MONTAGUE UNITED PARISH.—Rev. J. M. Fraser, Minister, Sunday, January 11th. Montague: 10 A. M. It is planned to form a Bible class this Sunday, to meet at this time with the other Sunday School Classes, 11 A. M. Morning service, 7:30 P. M. Evening service, Lower Montague: 3 P. M. Church service.

Murray Harbour North Concert

On Tuesday evening, December 21st, the pupils of Murray Harbour North School presented their annual Christmas concert in the local hall under the direction of their teacher, Miss Sadie Miller. They were assisted by members of the Young People's Society and Murray Harbour North choir.

There was a large attendance. The hall being filled to capacity. Mr. Harry Miller acted as chairman and organ accompanist were Mrs. Verne Johnson and Mrs. Annie Kennedy.

The following program was creditably performed: Opening Chorus: "Joy Is Everywhere." Welcome — Gloria Condon. Y. P. S. Choir: "Deck the Halls With Boughs of Holly."

Instrumental music — Messrs Otis and Preston Jackson. Dialogue: "A Practical Use for Peedias."

Recitation: "Who Filled Santa's Socks?" by Dwight Llewellyn. Choir: "Songs of Joy." Christmas Letter Drill. Duet: "Away in a Manger," by Betty Ann Miller and Myrtle Miller.

Pantomime: "O Little Town of Bethlehem." Intermission — Sale of candy. Monologue: "Brown's Memory," by Betty MacLure.

Choir: "We Three Kings of Orient Are." Recitation — Helen Kennedy. Dialogue: "Christmas Presents." Instrumental music and step dancing by Mr. Harry Reid.

Recitation: "The Twenty-sixth," by Garnet Miller. Duet: "Silver Bells" by Betty and Myrtle Miller. Dialogue: "There's a Song of Wondrous Beauty."

Farewell — Gail Clow. Closing chorus: "Merry Christmas." At the close of the program Old Santa made his ever welcome appearance and distributed the numerous gifts from the Christmas tree.

The singing of the National Anthem brought an enjoyable evening to a close. —AO

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some center where those who had served their country could meet for entertainment and comradeship.

Amongst those returning early, was our Honorary President, Comrade Charles Hine. He presented himself in securing a suitable meeting place. He interviewed amongst others Right Rev. Louis O'Leary, then Bishop of Charlottetown, who showed him several places which he would try and make available. However, these were too far from center of City or required too much expenditure to fit up. The Bishop then interviewed Mr. Patrick Smith of the City Council and chairman of the Market House Council, who made available a room on the second floor of that building. A committee was at once formed, consisting of our Honorary President, Rev. Dr. Fullerton, Colonel D. Stewart, Mr. George M. Moore and I think two or three others, who fitted up the room with billiard and card tables. Entertainment was provided here for the men for some time, but attendance fell off and it was closed.

Efforts were being made to organize a Branch of the Great War Veterans Association of Canada, and the local Branch was incorporated on 9th October, 1918. The first By-laws of the Branch were adopted at a meeting on 17th October, 1919, and stated to be effective from date of incorporation. Norman Lowther, Frank Tierney and myself drafted those By-laws. One of the first things done was the title, "Four of Honour: The King, Learn Citizenship, Follow Duty, Practice Discipline, Think Broadly, Perpetuate Comradeship." The Branch met in a room on the third floor of the then Officer's Club, which was then owned and operated by James Power.

Present Home

The present Home was secured by agreement of purchase from Dr. S. R. Jenkins during 1920 for \$9,500.00. The Branch agreed to pay \$500.00 a year together with interest. It was the intention of the Branch on 20th December 1926 and the last payment was made in 1933. I do not think that either the G. W. V. A. or Legion ever failed to pay the yearly instalment and interest. It was a financial obligation and in many other ways the Branch was wonderfully assisted by an ever willing and splendid Ladies Auxiliary.

The building was found to be inadequate to accommodate the membership of the Branch and was enlarged in the early thirties, again in 1941, and proved to be a center not only for our own armed forces during the last war, but for thousands of men of the B. A. F. stationed near the City. During 1946 the building was again enlarged as we have it today.

Following the first Great War a great many sprung men's organizations had returned into existence. It was felt that more should be done such organizations. They were all working for the benefit of those who had served, but lacked unity and co-operation.

Legion Organized

Field Marshal Haig, our Great War Commander, strove to bring about unity amongst those men who had served. A conference to this end was called by General Smuts in South Africa in 1921, which was attended by Field Marshal Haig, when the British Empire Service League was launched. Its second Biennial Conference held in Ottawa in 1925 the Canadian Legion of the B. E. S. L. was organized, as an integral part of that League.

Before long members of the local Branch of the G. W. V. A. were approached regarding merger with the new Empire organization; there were many at first who doubted the advisability of such a course.

However, at 7:30 P. M., 31st October, 1925, a general meeting of the Great War Veterans Association was held in their Home, 57 Grafton Street, for the purpose of considering unity with all other Veterans' Associations. Comrade George Nicholson who had attended the Dominion Convention stated that the convention had gone on record in favour of unity. It was after discussion led by J. R. Patton and seconded by T. E. MacNutt that the Prince Edward Island Command follow the lead of the Dominion Convention in its move towards unity.

On the same evening at 8 o'clock a meeting of all returned and men in the Great War Veterans' Association Rooms under the chairmanship of Colonel H. D. Johnson, the chairman of the unity committee. On motion of T. E. MacNutt, seconded by W. S. Hughes, the meeting declared itself in favour of unity of all Veterans' Associations.

General Meeting

At an executive meeting on 9th June, 1926, Colonel Johnson read the minutes of the Dominion Executive of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League held at Ottawa on 12th to 14th April, 1926. After discussion it was moved by T. E. MacNutt and seconded by J. R. Patton, that a meeting of the Provincial Command be called for Wednesday evening, 16th June at 7:30 for purpose of entering the Legion. It was moved by T. E. MacNutt, seconded by Leo Bradley, the Colonel Johnson, temporary chairman of the Unity Committee for Prince Edward Island be requested to call a meeting of all ex-service soldiers and sailors on Wednesday evening, June 16th at 8 o'clock for purpose of completing organization of Canadian Legion, B. E. S. L.

At the general meeting of the Great War Veterans' Association held on the evening of 16th June, 1926, the following resolution was moved by T. E. MacNutt, seconded by W. S. Hughes, and carried: "Resolved, that this general meeting of the Provincial Command of the Great War Veterans' Association of Prince Edward Island desires to place itself on record as being in favour of the objects and aims of the British Empire Service League.

"And Be It Therefore Resolved that this Provincial Command of the Great War Veterans' Association do now and hereby merge it-

Curling Rink At Montague Opens Tonight

The Montague Curling Rink opens tonight with its first club bonspiel scheduled to be run off today and tomorrow. The ice sheet is in excellent condition due to the efforts of the manager, Mr. Francis Fraser, who has lost no time in getting the ice ready for the season's curling. This year the club has many new members, and will have a large membership. The ladies have also formed a club, and it is expected that a mixed bonspiel will get underway next week.

The following is the draw for tonight's games: 8 P. M. Ice West—G. Gordon vs. Dr. P. MacIntyre. Ice East—C. Stewart vs. H. M. Smith.

Murray Harbour Whips Geo'town

The Murray Harbor Bruins, after a year's absence from senior hockey, returned last night to whip the Georgetown Eagles 6-5. The Bruins, played heads-up hockey all the way, to defeat last year's Island Intermediate B champions.

Mum scored twice to pace the Murray Harbor attack. H. Fraser, Prowse, Scandebury and Stewart accounted for the other Bruins goals. MacLean and Stephens each scored two for Georgetown with a single tally going to McNeil.

self with the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League. The following was Resolved; that in uniting in name, objects and aims with those who have served in the Naval, Air and Land Forces of the Empire, we renew our allegiance to His Majesty the King and our love for the Empire which he rules.

As the Charlottetown Branch (No. 1) was the only one on the Island, which was properly organized, the officers of both the Branch and Provincial Command consulted against the same personnel. Mr. Harry MacDougall was president of the Branch during the change and Mr. George P. Nicholson was provincial president. Both remained in office.

Secretary Honoured

Mr. George E. Sherren who had been secretary of the G. W. V. A. took over the same duty in the Legion and continued to serve the interests of the Legion in an untiring and faithful manner until late in 1945, when he retired, and was presented with the Honourary Officers Meritorious Badge of Service of the Legion. He was succeeded in office by Major David L. Mathieson, then by Major Arthur Peake and he in turn by the present incumbent, James Walker.

Nothing was done in the way of opening new Branches until 1930, when Branches were established at Souris, Mount Stewart and Summerside in that year. A Branch had been started at O'Leary (No. 2) in some manner, but was not properly constituted until 29th May 1931. Up to the commencement of the 2nd World War some eleven Branches were organized and operating. During the 2nd World War since many more Branches have been organized until today we have 22 active Branches carrying on the work of the Legion.

The Constitution and By-Laws of the G. W. V. A. were much the same as those of the Legion, viz loyalty to reigning Sovereign and the Empire, standing for ordered and constitutional Government, the memory of the fallen, care of the widows and orphans. Notwithstanding these high and fine ideals there was at first in some quarters fears of what the returned men might do through unity in turning the country upside down. These fears were soon dispelled, and our great organization was seen to be a power for good throughout the Empire in its handling of not only the problems of those who had served but in national, provincial and civic affairs.

This Branch and the Provincial Command fought for many years the sending of our comrades who were ill to Camp Hill Hospital, Halifax, for treatment. We demanded local hospitalization. This great boon, in short our rights, was at last realized and should not be forgotten by younger veterans. We were the first organization to urge by resolution that the obnoxious Prohibition Law be repealed. We urged and used our influence in trying to prevent corruption during elections.

Aim is Service

After the first Great War we failed in putting our members into public life, but the veterans of the 2nd Great War have been and I hope will continue to take a greater part in the public life of the country. Surely those who served their country during the strain and stress of war should be equally capable of serving it during peace.

Many of our members have great talents. The most of us may not be so blessed, but each of us has a job to do for our country and for our organization. Let us not forget the last message of Lord Tweedsmuir to the Legion: "You must keep the national mind balanced and the national spirit keen." Comrade President and Comrades, we are members of a great organization—our qualifications for membership are unique—SERVICE. The objects and aims of our organization are worthy of our best endeavours. Sound them rightly and let us endeavour to be worthy of our membership. As Churnill said during the dark days of the last war: "We shall not flag or fail. We shall go on to the end." Let us serve our God, our country and our fellow-

Week Of Prayer Services Held In Georgetown

The week of prayer in common with all other communities, has been held in the Georgetown United Church. The minister, Rev. W. A. Paterson, has been assisted by the members of the Kings County Ministerial Association stationed in Montague.

On Monday night the speaker was Rev. J. N. Young of the Presbyterian Church; on Tuesday, the speaker was Rev. J. M. Fraser of the United Church; on Wednesday, Mr. Richard Creed, who gave a very interesting address on the General Council of the church which was held in Hamilton, Ontario, of which he was a Commissioner; on Thursday the resident pastor, Rev. W. A. Paterson; and on Friday night the speaker will be Rev. Kenneth Morris, of the Church of Christ in Montague.

A good attendance has been sustained throughout the week, and the whole community has been helped. In the early days of the New Year it is well that spiritually, the way may be clear.

Georgetown and Vicinity

Mrs. Myrtle Babinneau recently visited Charlottetown.

Mrs. Peter Jay of Charlottetown was a recent guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Batchelder.

Mr. J. B. Edwin Reid, of Rollo Bay, Sheriff of King's County, was a business visitor to Georgetown on Tuesday, January 6th.

Mr. Harry Parker, student at Dalhousie University in Halifax, N.S., left recently to resume his studies, having spent the holidays as the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Parker.

Mr. Colin Mair, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Mair, left recently for Warweg, N.B., where he will be the guest of his cousin, Rev. Nathan Mair, and his aunt, Miss Anna Mair, R.N.

Miss Belle Bruce of Milltown Cross was a visitor to Georgetown recently. Miss Bruce is a former teacher of Georgetown High School.

Mr. Daniel Skinner, well known Georgetown resident, recalled that on Little Christmas Day, January 6th, 1892, he was a member of the crew of the sailing vessel "Orion", which left Georgetown on that date and sailed up the Cardigan River to Cardigan, where she loaded produce and sailed from there to New York City on January 18th. The ship, under command of the late Captain Daniel Walker, returned to Halifax, N.S., in February. —A.C.

MONUMENTS and INSCRIPTIONS

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January Clearance Sale ONE TABLE PRINTED CREPES & JERSEYS CLEARING 1/2 PRICE TABLE DRAPERY & CRETONNE CLEARING 1/2 PRICE S. A. McDONALD NO CHARGES — NO REFUNDS

CLEARANCE SALE JANUARY 10th TO 31st 1/3 Off COATS and SUITS RACKS OF DRESSES at CLEARANCE PRICES. SATURDAY NIGHT SPECIAL SALE OF SKIRTS, BLOUSES and PULLOVERS Bargains While They Last AT BELLES SHOPPE Montague Phone 68

January Clearance Sale At MacGowan's Ltd. KILMUIR Two Weeks—Jan. 8th to Jan. 22nd SUGAR, any quantity, per lb. . . . . 9c Standard Pkg TEAS . . . . . 80c Strawberry JAM, 24 oz. . . . . 40c PREM, per tin . . . . . 33c CLAMS . . . . . 30c Palmolive SOAP, 4 for . . . . . 29c Giant DUZ, OXYDOL, BREEZE . . . . . 70c Women's Rubber PULLONS, medium and high heel, special, pair . . \$1.00 10% discount on all other RUBBER FOOTWEAR. Men's Fleece COMBINATIONS . . . . \$2.75 Boys' Fleece COMBINATIONS . . . . \$1.95 Men's Wool JO SHIRTS . . . . . \$5.50 Boys' Wool JO SHIRTS . . . . . \$4.50 ISLAND YARN, per lb. . . . . \$1.80 Aluminum Double BOILERS . . . . . \$1.40 Enamel TEA KETTLES . . . . . \$2.25

WHOOOPS! AN IDEA... WE THINK WE HAVE SOMETHING HOT FOR THAT SPECIAL THEATRE EVENT... AND OUR FRIENDS SEEM TO AGREE. WATCH OUT, FOLKS! MAYBE THIS IS WHAT YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!

PRINCE EDWARD: TO-DAY - SAT. HOLD YOUR BREATH GARY COOPER HIGH NOON SHOWS 3:30 7 - 9 EXTRA! NEWS — CARTOON — COMEDY

CAPITOL TO-DAY and SAT. Murder EXPEDITION INTO THE ICY POLAR JUNGLES! Wayne MORRIS

MIDNIGHT SHOW TONIGHT AT 11:30 P. M. It's Got Everything! DAN DAILEY Anne BAXTER You're My Everything PRINCE EDWARD

ARCTIC FLIGHT SEE Manhunt in the frozen unknown! Reindeer attacked by wolves! Giant polar bears on killer rampage! LINDSEY PARSONS PRODUCTION with LOLA ALBRIGHT ALAN HALE, JR. CAROL THURSTON A MONOGRAM PICTURE SPECIAL! FIRST GREAT CHAPTER NEW SERIAL "KING OF THE ROCKET MEN"