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#### Isaac Sheasgreen

The death of Isaac Sheasgreen, South Esk, Miramichi, occurred on Thursday, Sept. 24, from bronchial pneumonia. He was eighty years of age and had been Superintendent of Miramichi Fish Hatchery for forty-two years. Mrs. Sheasgreen predeceased her husband six years. Deceased leaves four sons, William and James, South Esk; Hugh, of Saskatoon; Isaac, Portland, Me., and two brothers, David, in Duluth, Minn., Frank, in Colorado, and one sister, Jane, in Methuen, Mass.

#### RICHMOND.

Mrs. M. Tibbets, Andover, spent a couple of days with her cousin Mrs. Thos. McIntyre. Mrs. George Tracy and daughter,

Alice, spent last week in Houlton, Miss Tracy while there visited at the Tenney Camp.

The Thank Offering Service of the Presbyterian church at Richmond Corner was held last week and a nice little sum realized.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Long Settlement, motored down to their daughters Mrs. W. B. McIntyre, on Sunday. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Strong who owned the auto.

Mrs. H. W. Stephenson and son, went to Fredericton on Friday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Aiken.

#### CENTREVILLE

What proved to be a very serious fire broke out in a building owned by George Beckwith last Wednesday afternoon. Everything in the way of buildings owing to the continued dry weather was an easy prey for the flames which spread rapidly to the adjoining buildings. Mr. Beckwith had a new building into which he moved but a few days ago, built at a cost of over one thousand dollars, but the flames soon left him homeless. S. W. Burt of the Exchange Hotel was the heaviest loser. His Hotel stables, a good stock of hay and grain and a large part of his furniture was totally destroyed. The J. B. Daggett Company were very heavy losers, but a large portion of their stock was saved. The Daggett buildings were pretty well insured.

There were a number of losers who lost nothing by the fire, but in the excitement the removal of property from the building endangered, a great deal of damage was done to the property as also to the buildings. There is probably no other place where people are as ready to turn out and help, in such a case as Centreville, but the Salvation of the village in this particular case depended on C. M. Sherwood, who got his fire fighting apparatus in working order as quickly as possible and by his untiring efforts, a large part of the village still have homes.

Insurance men have promised your correspondent that they will take up the matter with their companies to make Mr. Sherwood a fitting reward for his help in saving the village and much to the several Companies.

The Bank of Nova Scotia has moved into the S. A. Perkins Building on Main street, and will attend to the public needs there for the present.

A party hunting at the Miramichi hunting grounds last week got a fine moose and the villagers had the opportunity of procuring for themselves a treat of as fine moose steak or has been seen here for many a day.

#### DEBEC

The farmers are taking advantage of the harvest weather in the past few weeks which has been very beautiful. The crops are bountiful.

Miss Bessie Beryl, of Harvey Station, is teaching the school here.

Miss Laura Blue has charge of the school at McKenzie Corner.

Rev. Mr. Smith held his regular monthly service at the home of W. E. Flemming, Elmwood. The attendance was good as usual.

Mrs. Annie Blue, who arrived from Pasadena, California, a few weeks ago is visiting friends in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell, Littleton, Maine, were calling on friends here Sept. 27th.

John Kirkpatrick is completing his fine house.

A number of the young people attended the Richmond Corner Mission Band concert on Wednesday evening.

Renfrew Kirkpatrick returned Tuesday evening to Valcartier after a few days spent at his home.

A Basket Sale was held in the Limestone school house on Friday evening. It was very successful, and about \$40 was raised for school purposes.

There was a special meeting of the ladies' Institute on Saturday evening when two young ladies gave a demonstration on taking stains from cloth.

#### Carleton county Well Represented in First Contingent.

Dr. W. D. Rankin and Mrs. Rankin have returned from Camp Valcartier where they were bidding their son, Lieut. Franklin Rankin good-bye before his departure to England.

After registering at the Chateau Frontenac, Quebec, they went out to the camp, some fifteen miles away, where they were shown every consideration by the boys from Woodstock and Carleton county. The volunteers were all feeling in good spirits. Each man was equipped as follows:

Shirts, grey, two; undershirts, two; drawers, two pairs; socks, two pairs; trousers (drab) one pair; trousers, (service) one pair; jacket, (drab) one; puttees, one pair; boots, one pair; towels, two; razor and case, one; kit bag, one; great coat or cloak, one; knife, fork and spoon, one each; canteen and cover, one; braces, one pair; bandolier, mounted men; pantaloons, B. C., mounted men, pantaloons, service, mounted men; spurs, valise equipment complete with water bottle, haver sack.

All-over (leather) equipment issued to engineers here. Other equipment to be issued on arrival at England.

The 1st Field Co., Canadian Engineers is in charge of Colonel Armstrong. Major W. W. Melville of Peel, his county, is second in command. Other officers are Lieut's. R. Vince, B. Hay, F. Rankin, all of Woodstock; Lieut. Cosgrove, Lieut. Gondron, Capt. Hodgins, R. C. E. There are also a second and third field company.

The pay roll of the company of Canadian Engineers in charge of Major Melville is \$12,000 a month. The noted bridge, written about so much by correspondents, was built by the Engineers in charge of Major Melville and not by the Royal Engineers as stated in the St. John Telegraph. The 2nd Field Co., was one of two companies complimented by the Duke of Connaught and Colonel Hon. Sam Hughes, at the recent review, on its general appearance. Major Melville is a very clever man, well up in executive ability, and as Colonel Hughes has a very high opinion of him, his counsel was sought by the Colonel on several occasions, while the volunteers were at Valcartier. Lord Kitchener's nephew is under the command of Major Melville.

Major J. J. Bull of Grafton is attached to the 71st Regiment as major.

Colonel W. C. Good of Jacksonville went to England in the 8th Field Regiment Ammunition Column, but will be attached to a regiment when he reaches the other side of the ocean.

Major E. K. Connell of Woodstock is major in command of the 3rd Field Company. He designed and built a drying house of spruce logs. It was so well done that the ladies of Quebec presented him with a heater. This drying house was about 12x12 feet, and the logs were stuffed with moss. He also built a road, a short cut to the Rifle Range, which was named Connell Road, this was quite an engineering feat as it was through the virgin forest. Major Connell is in the best of health and good spirits.

Lieut. B. M. Hay, a Woodstock boy, was lieutenant of a Calgary company when he enlisted; he is a tent mate of Lieut. Franklin Rankin, of Woodstock.

Messrs Diamond and Winslow, the colored lads from Woodstock, went to the front, the former as orderly for Lieut. Franklin S. Rankin, and the latter for Colonel Kirkpatrick of DeBec and Major A. N. Vince.

Dr. and Mrs. Rankin were shown over the camp by Major Melville and by their son Franklin. They tell of the "city of tents" with delight—its cook houses, soup houses and storage houses full of vegetables, and were satisfied that the men were well fed. They tell of the system used in fumigating and of the large incinerator for burning rubbish that accumulates around such a camp. The foot bridge was still in the stream, left behind by the artillery after boarding the transports. Each regiment had a mascot—bears, morkies, and other animals, that were made much of. While they were there the visitors were numerous and the hackmen made lots of money, the charges being in many cases exorbitant.

London Eng.  
20th Sept. 1914

To the Editor of The Dispatch.—

The voyage across the Atlantic was quite uneventful. We carried bags of flour instead of soldiers. All the ports and windows were covered with thick blankets at night, the hull was painted black and we sailed in total darkness outside. Inside it was brilliantly lighted, as usual. There were very few passengers, and no amusements, not even cards in the smoking room. A paper was printed on board daily giving the war news received by wireless.

Just before we got into Liverpool, naval officers came on board and took charge of the steamer. British and Canadian born landed without difficulty but some aliens were detained, how long I do not know.

The beautiful new steamer was to be taken over by Government at once. Hundreds of men with axes and crow-bars were to knock down and destroy her beautiful white and gold saloons, and her lovely paintings and carvings as they did her sister ship the Alsatian a short time ago. The Alsatian now carries coal.

Liverpool docks were swarming with khaki-clad Territorials as the volunteers here are called. Train service is not interrupted, the price of food has risen very little. There is no "care in London" but it would not take long to tell that the country is at war. Bridges and railway stations are guarded. Lord Kitchener's call to arms is posted everywhere. Scarcely a bus or taxicab is without the call posted in a conspicuous place. At every turn one meets a notice like this,—"Men of London your King and Country need you." The flags of the allies are flying everywhere in streets, gardens and shops, and the tiny ones on coats and hats. London is full of flags whole counters in the shops are given up to them. The sale is enormous. Every draper's shop has one window full of Red Cross supplies. Even the girls in the shops are knitting for the soldiers. Charwomen are giving a days work in the hospitals.

Belgian refugees of all classes are coming to this country, it is estimated at the rate of three thousand a day. Government has officially invited them and they are expecting sixty thousand. Some are entertained at private houses, some go the workhouses. Refugee Homes are being established for them everywhere. Alexandra Palace has been given up to them. A few have a small supply of clothing, but most of them are utterly destitute without even shoes and stockings. Clothing and bedding are being collected for them. Crystal Palace is to be turned into a Hospital.

In one of the windows usually occupied by a splendid show of Canadian fruit and vegetables, I saw,—"Canada's gift to the Empire,"—over a beautiful display of wheat.

In many of the gardens are quantities of our golden rod and various species of wild aster carefully cultivated. They ought to add "Joe Pye" and the jewel weed and one so misses the maples in September.

Yours Sincerely  
C. I. Sunder

#### James A. Drake.

James A. Drake, who passed away on Monday, Sept. 28, was born seventy four years ago at Waterville, N. B. and moved to Houlton in 1859, where he has since lived excepting a few years when he lived on a farm at Littleton.

He was the son of Joseph and Sarah Rockwell Drake, both late of Houlton, and the youngest of a family of thirteen children, and the last of that sturdy group of men and women. His brothers, George, Joseph and Hiram Drake were prominent business men and farmers in Houlton thirty years ago, and his sisters were Mrs. J. C. Seeley and Mrs. John Bailey.

In 1880 Mr. Drake married Ruth Sherwood who died fourteen years ago. Since that time he has lived on the Drake homestead on Military St. and his only child, Mrs. Harry B. Crawford, has made his life and home pleasant. Mr. Drake was a member of the Free Baptist church, and Monument Lodge, F. & A. M. under whose ritual he was buried from his late residence last Wednesday.—Houlton Times.

Edward McKay, of Florenceville, was in town last week on business.