

## Local News

The New Brunswick Telephone Co., have started work on their brick building on Main street, making the necessary alterations for the installation of their new switchboard, which will be placed on the third floor. A new hardwood floor and other improvements are being made in lower store which will be used as an office. Mr. William Chapman is in charge of the carpenter work. The company hopes to get moved into the new building about the first of December.

## A Practical Farmer

Rev. B. Colpitts, besides his other important duties, does considerable in the line of farming.

A field of grass has been cut by him four times inside fifteen months and the last cut showed a fairly good crop.

With very little phosphate, but on a fruitful soil, he has averaged 150 barrels of Green Mountain potatoes to the acre.

In the fall he gathers all the maple leaves he can find which he uses as bedding, instead of straw, which he later uses as manure, and claims they act as the very best substitute for phosphate.

## Red Cross Work

Grafton Red Cross Society held their annual meeting Thursday, Oct. 5, at the home of Mrs. W. P. Hale. Officers were re-elected as follows:—

President, Mrs. Henry Blackmore.  
Vice President, Mrs. Hudson Sharpe.  
Sec. Treasurer, Mrs. W. P. Hale.  
Expenditure for the year \$131 50  
Balance in hand 57 80

During the year the Society has shipped the following:—

137 pairs socks.  
70 hospital shirts.  
9 flannelette night shirts.  
9 grey flannel field shirts.  
2 pairs wristlets.  
48 pyjama Suits.  
3 quilts.

29 Christmas stockings have also been filled for the sick and wounded soldiers.

The Society acknowledged with thanks 1 pair socks from Mrs. Thos. Strong, (Lindsay.)

MRS. W. P. HALE, Sec'y.

## BORN

BELL.—At Richmond, on Saturday, Oct. 14th, to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bell a son.

## Roumanians Are Still Confident

London, Oct. 25.—Roumanian authorities here express what in some quarters is regarded as astonishing confidence in the latter developments of the campaign. They take the social military attitude that the capture of the Constantza-Carnavoda line is the utmost success the Central Powers can effect against Roumania in this theatre of operations. On the other hand, the fall of Bilistria and Turakani produced a demand for the recall of troops from Transylvania to defend Dobrudja, and General Averescu fell between two stools, his army being so divided that it had to retreat in Transylvania and was yet unable to reinforce Dobrudja in time to parry Mackensen's thrust. It is believed here in well informed circles that Germany's ability to put heavy effectives in the field against Roumania is chiefly due to her present opportunity of withdrawing a certain proportion of men and guns from her eastern front.

In view of German reports of negotiations with Russia for a separate peace, special significance is seen in some quarters in the passage in Viscount Grey's speech at the foreign press association luncheon, in which he said, speaking of the Allies: "We stand or fall together. The separation of one from the others means the destruction of the one separately, and not its safety. For all of us, unity is essential not merely to victory but to our future life and success."

Petrograd, Oct. 25 [via London].—The Roumanians and Russians have evacuated the Danube town of Chernavoda, in Dobrudja, the war office announced today.

Bucharest, Oct. 25 [via London].—A further retirement by Roumanian forces on the Transylvanian front is announced by the war office. The Roumanians near Predeal and Kimpolung, the statement says, were forced to fall back a little.

## Fruit Jar Rings—Diamond Brand

for quart Jars, 5cts. a dozen

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in packages, 15cts. 1b.

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10cts. pound can

## For Flies—Fly Stops—18cts doz.

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## PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Peters, of Moncton, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Dickson, to Major John Harper Evans, C. F. A. Marriage to take place in November. Major Evans is in command of 65th Battery, stationed at Woodstock.

Mrs. C. J. Jones gave a very pleasant auction bridge on Tuesday evening. The game was played at five tables, Mrs. E. L. Day being the fortunate winner of the prize.

Miss Mary Glass, trained nurse of Boston, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. R. L. Simms.

Mr. H. W. Ferguson, who has been on the staff of the Royal Bank of Canada at Fredericton, has resigned from the Bank and enlisted for overseas service with the 8th Field Ambulance, St. John. Mr. Ferguson is spending a few days here with his mother, before going to St. John for training.

George D. Scarborough of St. John spent Sunday with his family here.

His Hon Judge Carleton returned on Saturday night from a visit to New York.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. F. Garden who have been spending two weeks in Boston, returned home on Monday.

Dr. W. D. Rankin who has been in New York on professional business returned home on Tuesday.

Mrs. J. S. Creighton, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Percy Graham, Sawyerville, Quebec, returned home on Saturday.

Very Rev. Monsignor Murphy of Halifax, who was the guest of Rev. J. J. Ryan for a few days last week, returned home on Friday.

The different departments in the Broadway school are closed this week, the building undergoing fumigation as a safeguard against diphtheria.

The Tag Day receipts by the young ladies, two from each of the churches in town, on Saturday, in response to the appeal of Lieut. Governor Wood, amounted to the handsome sum of \$235.

Mrs. J. S. Gray, who has been visiting relatives in Bellville has returned home.

News has been received that Lieut. Franklin Rankin, son of Dr. W. D. Rankin, is missing.

Mr. John Toms and Mr. James Page, of Williamstown, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whelan.

Miss Gladys Estey of Wicklow, spent Thursday in town the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Stephen B. Appleby.

Mrs. C. A. West, of Centerville, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Burt.

Mrs. David Dykeman and son Roy, of Kirkland, were in town on Saturday. Mrs. Dykeman was a caller at "The Dispatch" office.

A. L. Lockhart of Bristol, was in town last week on business.

Mrs. H. L. Wallace, of Houlton, spent Wednesday in town with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Winslow.

J. P. Maloney, of the Woodstock Press, attended the Maritime Press Association, which met in Truro, N. S. last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Chipman, of New York, who spent the summer at their bungalow, Connell Road, have returned home.

Stewart Bailey, with the 236th N. B. Kilties, who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Bailey, has returned to Fredericton.

Mrs. E. J. Briggs, of Bellville, has received letters from Soldiers in France thanking her for socks received by them that she had knit.

Mrs. Henry Briggs, of Wakefield Centre has received word that her son John Judkins was killed in France on Oct. 9. He is a cousin of Clarence Havens, who was killed on Sept. 30.

Mr. F. C. Squires went to Fredericton last week to take the examinations for Attorney At Law.

Mrs. Geo. D. Scarborough and two sons of St. John are visiting Mrs. T. J. Boyer.

## PLAYETTE

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Admission 25cts.

## Gave Germans

## A Surprise

Paris, Oct. 24. (Delayed)—Verdun, long lost sight of, sprang suddenly and unexpectedly today into the forefront of the public mind which exclusively had been directed towards the battle on the Somme front. The German front on the right bank of the Meuse literally was swept away for a distance of four and a half miles like straw before the wind.

General Nivelle for weeks past has been watching the German movements like a lynx, carefully calculating the effect of every withdrawal of troops for transfer to the Somme and eastern fronts. At the same time, he quietly made his preparations and when he judged the Germans had thinned their defenses to the danger point, he struck like lightning. The result was one of the most brilliant operations of the campaign.

The Germans who yesterday were pressing close upon the inner line of defenses at Forts Souville and Tavannes, have now been driven beyond the outer defenses of the Fort Douaumont Vaux line. Vaux fort remains in possession of the Germans, but the French line extends beyond it on the north at Vaux Village and Fumin Wood and also on the south of it at Damlopp Battery and Chenois Wood, from both of which positions it can readily be attacked.

The French artillery preparation was brief but intense, and was over before the German commanders had time to bring up reinforcements, even if they were available. The assaulting French waves caught them before the Germans recovered from their surprise and swept over trench after trench, sending prisoners in all lines to the rear. The French losses were very light, it is believed, even lighter than any recorded in the attacks on the Somme front.

News of the success has caused tremendous public enthusiasm here, and this is all the greater because of the general impression that Verdun was over and done with and that both sides were contenting themselves with holding what they won. Today's operation, proving that the French could strike a smashing blow at Verdun, while carrying on an extended offensive on the Somme, has greatly increased public confidence and gone far to lessen the depression caused by the loss of Constantza.

Paris, Oct. 25.—(Noon)—The Germans made a counter attack north of Verdun last night in an effort to regain the ground won by the French in yesterday's assault. They attempted to recapture the Haudremont Quarries and the Damlopp Battery. The war office announces that in both cases they were repulsed. The German officer in command at Fort Douaumont is among the prisoners taken.

Paris, Oct. 25.—The French attack at Verdun apparently took the Germans completely by surprise, and not at one point did they succeed in stopping the impetuous rush.

In three hours the French recaptured ground to gain which required months of patient effort by the Germans, including such positions as Douaumont Fort and Thiaumont Work, which in the past were lost and won repeatedly.

The official French account of the battle, every word of which was weighed carefully, does not say the German line was forced back, but that it was "burst." Later details of the French victory show that its extent was as much a surprise to the French as it must have been to the Germans. General Petain regarded the front east of the Meuse as too cramped and suggested to general Nivelle, the commander of Verdun, that he give himself more elbow room.

With that end in view infantry was sent up to reinforce the French and artillery was ordered for the establishment of new batteries. The aviation department was commissioned to make an exhaustive survey of the positions of the German batteries and points of assembly. This work was carried out and the secret was kept so well that to all appearances the Germans never had an inkling of what was in progress. Furthermore, they evidently believed the energies of the French were being absorbed by the battle of the Somme and made no preparation to meet a thrust at Verdun. Thus it came about that what was intended for a small manoeuvre became a brilliant tactical success.

The attack was planned for ten days ago. Artillery began preliminary work, but rainy weather set in and grand headquarters ordered a postponement. When the time came the attack

was delivered by four columns of a division each.

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You can get these pills through any dealer in medicine or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

## BORN

SAUNDERS.—At Woodstock, on Monday, Oct. 16th, to Mr. and Mrs. Ted Saunders, a son.

WOLHAUPT.—At Woodstock, Oct. 14th, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wolhaupter, a daughter.

## DIED

MCCORMACK.—At the residence of his daughter, Mrs. I. E. Sheasgreen, Portland Me., on Tuesday, Oct. 24, John McCormack, aged 82 years. The body was brought to Woodstock, by his son for burial.

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## FOR SALE

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