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## In Aid of The Belgian Children

A five o'clock tea and Fancy sale was held in the Vocational School on Wednesday afternoon Nov. 15. The proceeds amounted to about \$133.

The same evening the following excellent programme was carried out in the Hayden-Gibson theatre,—Sextette, High school girls; vocal solo, Mrs. C. O. MacDonald; piano solo, Miss Maudie Henderson; musical play, "The Key to Jack Canuck's Treasure House," participated in by groups of fairies, Indians, Scotts, Boy Scouts, sailors, soldiers and many other individual characters. Miss Dorothy Loane gracefully took the part of Miss Canada, while Master Basil Fewer took the part of Jack Canuck. Miss Margaret Gibson made a very attractive queen of the fairies. The Boy Scouts were in command of Captain Allan Atherton and the sailors in charge of Admiral Mavor and as the soldiers came on the stage under the command of

Captain Hedley Colpitts, they were greeted with tumultuous applause. Bayard Manzer ably acted the part of the Aviator. Miss Rowena Ketchum as chief of the Scotch tribe delighted the audience with her dancing of the Scotch Reel, while Miss Muriel Merriman was head of the Indians. Miss Muriel Newham as Wisdom acted the part most acceptably. A pleasing feature of the programme was a vocal solo, Scots Wha Hae, by Master John Rankin

## MY FOUR LITTLE ONES USED BABY'S OWN TABLETS

Mrs. Albert Nie, St. Brieux, Sask., writes:—"I have been using Baby's Own Tablets for the past seven years and they have done my four little ones a great deal of good." The Tablets always do good—they cannot possibly do harm—being guaranteed by a government analyst to be absolutely free from injurious drugs. They are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

## Lighthouse Burned

Down To-day

Halifax, N. S., Nov. 21.—The lighthouse on George's Island, in this harbor, was burned to the ground at noon to-day.

## BATH N. B.

Nov. 20th, 1916.

Fire occurred in the upper end of Bath this morning and completely destroyed the Bohan building formerly occupied by the Bank of Nova Scotia. A heavy northwest wind was blowing at the time and it was feared that the fine residence of Dr. M. E. Cummins would be destroyed, but the fireman after strenuous efforts were able to hold the fire in the Bohan building, which was totally destroyed.

The Schools of Bath held a very successful Concert on the evening of the 10th inst. when a very fine program of readings dialogues and recitations, were given. At the close a Basket sociable was held when the sum of \$132. was realized for the Belgian Relief Fund.

Rev. Mr. Henderson is still in Nova Scotia where he went a few days ago.

Sleds and waggons and auto's are being used on our streets. The roads are in fine condition for auto's for the time of the year.

Crossing by foot, is discontinued on the River, which at this point on the St. John River is a great disadvantage to the farmers opposite.

J. R. H. Simms, Barrister was in Fredericton last week as one of the Counsel in the De-Long case before the Supreme Court of Appeal.

THE LADIES AID OF  
St. Paul's Church  
will hold a  
SALE of USEFUL and  
FANCY ARTICLES  
also a SUPPER of  
Chicken Pie, etc.  
in the  
VESTRY OF THE CHURCH  
on  
Thursday, Dec. 7  
from FIVE until SEVEN  
O'clock

Admission - - 10 cts  
Supper - - - 25 cts

## KIRKLAND

Nov. 17th, 1916.

We have some snow on the ground now and people are using sleighs and sleds.

Messrs Waldon Dickinson and Charles McDougall have started for Lawrence, Mass.

Leon DeMerchant captured a fine deer, Nov. 15.

On Nov. 17, a young son arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kennedy, of Maxwell.

James Kirkpatrick Sen., of Debec died on Nov. 15.

Mrs. Winfield Kirkpatrick and little son Grant have been visiting her parents in Maxwell.

being transferred to the Howitzer Battery and would have received further promotion had he lived. Col. Anderson feels deeply the loss of his hard working boys who had passed through so many dangers.

## Particulars Of The Death Of John Judkins

Oct. 16th, 1916.

Dear Mrs. Briggs,

You have doubtless heard before this the sad news of the death of your son, John, who was killed in action, Oct. 9th, but I feel that I must write to you about it.

It will be very hard news for you indeed. Please accept my every sympathy and comfort in your sad bereavement.

I believe that John was your only son which will make it doubly hard for you to bear.

He was a son that any mother could be proud of, and has willingly made the supreme sacrifice by giving his all for the country he loved so well. Surely no death could be more glorious.

He had been in my subsection ever since Salisbury Plains and as we were nearly always at the gun together I grew very much attached to him. His work was always beyond praise. We had been in a good many tight corners together and he always proved himself a hero. He was truthful, honest, brave and faithful. Never have I met a man that I admired and respected more. I cannot tell you how much I and all the boys mourn his loss. But it is selfish of me to compare our loss with yours, his mother. He not only has given his all, but you have given your only son, which is the greatest sacrifice a mother can make. We cannot comfort you in such a loss, but I know that God can and will. Surely you have earned it.

We gave him the best burial possible. His grave is within a few feet of his cousin Clarence (Cpl.) Havens, who was killed in action Sept. 30th. I would liked to have buried them side by side but it was not possible. However they are very near each other and in a little military cemetery well behind the firing lines, where the enemy shells will not disturb it. We have made his grave as nice as possible. It is graded up well and we have placed a row of green sods around it, with a row of white stones immediately inside. The middle of the grave we have filled in with fresh earth, so the green grass will spring up again. We fashioned a cross of white stones on the centre of the grave and are putting up a large white wooden cross with black lettering at his head.

I hope to be able to get back to the place in time and keep the grave in good repair. In fact we all do, for it is the place where we laid to rest one that we loved so well. The boys all wish you to accept their most sincere sympathy in your hour of sadness.

How true is that part of the burial service which says: "In the midst of life we are in death."

The loss for you, and us, can never be replaced, but it is a great comfort for us all to know that he is safe in the Kingdom of Heaven. This has been a very hard letter for me to write. I am not much of a writer and it seems as if I cannot send you any proper sympathy or fully express our own sorrow. But I know that you will overlook any mistakes and accept it in the spirit in which it was sent.

The authorities will send you the map location of the grave so that you can visit it after the war, which you will probably like to do.

We will all look after the grave when it is at all possible to do so. If there is anything that it is possible for me to do please let me know and I will be happy to do it. Believe me to be,

Very truly your friend,

A. S. Hicks (Sgt.)

D-48 Battery.

A letter was also received from Lt. Col. Anderson of the 8th Battery, in which he spoke of the splendid work of the young soldier during the nineteen months he was in action and in spite of trying conditions was always cheerful and happy. Col. Anderson says that John met his death in the same manner as his cousin, Corp. Havens, by a direct hit of the gun in which three were killed and three badly wounded by the shell. It happened only 300 yards from the spot on which Havens was killed. The deceased had been promoted before

## Leslie Watters Fatally Injured

What proved to be a fatal accident occurred at 4.15 on Thursday afternoon at Phillips, on the line of the C. P. R. between Woodstock and Hartland, when Leslie G. Watters of Woodstock was struck by a passing train and had both legs broken, skull fractured, face badly cut, and other internal injuries.

The injured man was firing on one of the trains on this division; they were on the siding at Phillips, waiting for another train to pass them; the engineer was cut of the cab on the front of his engine fixing the headlight and it is supposed that Mr. Watters jumped from the cab to escape the water and steam coming from a broken pipe in his engine and into the coming train, which he failed to notice, which bit him with the above results. He was immediately rushed to the Fisher Memorial Hospital where Dr. Grant and the staff took charge of the case, but he died at 4 o'clock on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Watters was 37 years of age and has been in the employ of the C. P. R. for some years. He is a veteran of the Boer War, and is well known in St. John, having lived there until about ten years ago, when he moved to Woodstock.

His wife was Miss Lottie Dunn of St. John, and his parents Mr. and Mrs. Woodford Watters, and two brothers, Roy and Douglas live in that city.

Before his sermon in St. Luke's on Sunday morning Mr. Hazel spoke of Mr. Watters constant attendance on the services and the example he thereby set others. He also spoke of his fine many christian character.

The remains were taken to St. Luke's church on Monday afternoon, where Rev. A. S. Hazel held a service for the dead, after which they were taken on the evening train to St. John. The pall bearers were: Herbert Flemming, Morris Craig, Bert Gardiner, Wm. Rudge, Bernard Craig and Allan McIntyre.

The following members of Carleton Lodge I. O. O. F. were appointed to accompany the remains to St. John:—Rev. Frank Baird, chaplain, F. B. Armour, A. Fields, J. Atherton, H. Stevens, Chas. Comben, I. Fisher, L. Stone, W. Montgomery, H. Dunbar.

## James Kirkpatrick

Richmond lost one of its oldest inhabitants in the death of James Kirkpatrick, who passed peacefully away on November 16th, at his residence in Elmwood.

Deceased was born in Richmond on New Year's day in the year 1828, and was therefore nearly 89 years old. He spent all his lifetime in this community, with the exception of three years in California (1854-1855).

He was a successful farmer and always took an interest in the affairs of the country, giving considerable time to educational matters, as well as being actively engaged in municipal affairs, having served as County Councillor. He was ever ready to assist in furthering the best interests of the community.

Mr. Kirkpatrick was for many years a member of the Methodist Church, and while recently he has not often been able to attend the services, he in no wise allowed his interest to wane, but by faith and a daily intercourse with the Omnipresent One, he triumphed over the difficulties of this life, even to the end.

Deceased was married in 1858 to Miss Rosalie Bradstreet, who with four children, survives him. James H. living in Houlton, Me., Harrison H. who lives on the homestead, Mrs. J. S. Flemming of Richmond Corner, and Mrs. W. E. Flemming, of Elmwood. Robert Kirkpatrick, at present residing at Grand Falls, is the only surviving brother.

## LOST

LOST.—On Saturday evening November 4, 1916, between Melburn Seely's and James Watson, Upper Woodstock a gray fur robe, with red plaid lining and initials of owner inside lining. Finder will please leave at this office.