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"SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE."

The Rev. Lauchlan Maclean Watt, the well known poet preacher of Edinburgh, sends to the Scotsman a singularly interesting letter concerning some of his experiences at the front: "Just a week ago," Mr. Watt writes, "in a tent where the wounded lay, I was beside the bed of a fine young Scottish soldier, stricken down in the prime of his manhood, yet full of hope. The thought of the faces far away was always with him upholdingly. In fact, the tent seemed vibrant with the expectation of the journey across the strip of blue which sunders us from home. This Scottish youth had been talking, and it was all about what tomorrow held for him. His mother and the girl that was to share life with him—these were foremost in his thoughts. His face shone as he whispered, 'I'm going home soon.' Everything would be all right then. What a welcome would be his, what stories would be told by the fireside in the summer evening! But he made the greater journey that very night. "We buried him two days later," adds Mr. Watt. "We got the pipe-major of a famous Highland regiment to come over; and when the brave dust was lowered, while a little group of bronzed and killed men stood around the grave, he played the old wail of sorrow of our people, 'Lochaber, no more!'"

One day those who were able were outside the hospital and a gramophone was throatily grinding the melody out of familiar tunes, with a peculiarly mesmeric effect. Suddenly the record was changed to "Mary of Argyll." The Scotsman by whose bed Mr. Watt was standing said, "Wheest, d'ye hear that? Man, is it no fine?" And the tears ran down his cheeks as he listened. It was a poor enough record. In ordinary times he would have shouted his condemnation of it. But he was now in a foreign land—a stricken, suffering man. And it made him think of some woman far away beside the Forth, where he came from, and his heart asked no further question.

At the head of the bed of some of them, Mr. Watt goes on to say, you will see a blue paper:

"You're looking grand today," said I to a young fellow. And he replied, "Is it anny wonder, sir, wid that scrap o' paper there?" For it was the order for home on the first available opportunity. "Sure, won't the ould mother be glad to see me?" he continued. "The sunshine here is beautiful, but sunshine in the ould country is worth the world."

"Good-bye, sir," they sometimes cry. "I'll be away when you come round again." But perhaps next time a sad face looks up at you, for the day so eagerly anticipated has been again postponed. It is always "home," and what the dear ones there are like, and what they will be thinking yonder, that fills up the quiet hours toward restoration, as it strengthened the heart and arm of the brave in the hour of terrible conflict.

The endurance, patience and courage of the men are beyond praise—as marvellous as their sufferings.

Rev. Dr. W. H. Smith's departure from Fredericton to accept a call to Vancouver, B.C., is regretted by all classes of citizens. A man of high character, an able, scholarly and fearless exponent of the gospel, his eight years' pastorate of St. Paul's Church has been crowned with success. He has labored hard to advance the interests of the city, and he carries with him to his new home in the great west the best wishes of hundreds of friends and admirers representing all denominations.

London Advertiser: The people of the Eastern Province want none of the pilferers in power. They have read of the Garlands and Fosters and the Fallises and Allisons. They are for a clean Nova Scotia, as they are for a clean Canada. And just as Manitoba went to the attack with the flag of Liberalism flying to the breeze, so Nova Scotia defended itself from the very forces which Manitoba routed.

Toronto Star: Some years ago a man named Tanner tried to prove that a human being could live for a long time on water. Tanner of Nova Scotia has made an unsuccessful attempt to prove that a political party can subsist on hot air.

Winnipeg Free Press: There is no mystery about Mr. Murray's success. It is based upon character and service. He is the kind of man who is simply unbeatable.

General Brusiloff, who has charge of the Russian steam roller, reports that between June 4 and 23 he has captured 4,031 officers, 194,941 soldiers, 219 guns, 644 machine guns, besides artillery caissons and searchlights. Hats off to General Brusiloff, one of the greatest strategists the war has yet produced.

The announcement is made that the Duke of Devonshire will succeed His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught as Governor General of Canada. He will probably take up his duties in October.

ON THE SIDE.

Just one damp day after another.

On the level, is this weather patriotic?

Sometimes we think the man is one of them there "weather prophets."

Queer how so many belong to short fat people.

So far no one the mayor for the everlastingly rains.

Tente a color on the war map is beginning to run a bit around the edges.

The Bear is walking like a man—with a debt to collect.

If you didn't take that Trip Around the World, go to the Officers' Square and hear about it.

As soon as a man has incubated a strange idea, he'll walk three blocks to find somebody to try it on.

Let's remember that very few people would postpone a trip around the world merely on account of a shower.

Perhaps the Germans think they might as well use gas at the front—it ain't so much needed at home now for cooking purposes.

Most of us would be physically and mentally exhausted if we were to do all the things we are going to do tomorrow.

DONOHUE FOUND GUILTY

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lecting the jury.

Charlotte McCoy, the victim in the case, was the first witness called.

When she took the stand His Honor ordered the court to be cleared of all but witnesses, jurymen and court officials, and the evidence of all the witnesses was heard in private.

The Stennick Case.

The case of the King vs. Charles Stennick, charged with aiding and abetting at the rape of his wife, Ada Stennick, is being tried this afternoon.

Mr. Richards is counsel for the defence, and the Attorney General for the crown.

The petit jury, which was selected just before the court took recess, is as follows: C. C. Camp, Geo. Camp, Albert Kilburn, W. J. R. Carten, M. B. McNally, W. A. Ross, Fredericton; Wm. Joffrey, St. Marys; Wm. McMullin, Blaney Ridge; William Graham, Mouth Keswick; John B. Morgan, New Maryland; H. Bliss Nason, Nasonworth; Isaiah Morrison, Southampton.

TO INAUGURATE

A NEW SERVICE

The Steamer Hampstead to Make Saturday Night Trips to Upper Gagetown.

The steamer F. Hampstead, which is now running on the St. John-Fredericton route, is working up a splendid business. Manager Williams is most anxious to give a satisfactory service. He has decided to inaugurate a new departure for the summer months which will be very pleasing to residents of Sanbury and Queens as well as to the merchants of Fredericton. Beginning Saturday, July 1st, the boat will make a special trip to Upper Gagetown, leaving here at 8.30 p.m. This will enable people from nearby points to come to the city to shop, and reach home the same evening. It will also give the city people a chance to spend the week-end in the country, as the boat will return to Fredericton Sunday evening, leaving Upper Gagetown at 8 p.m.

INVESTIGATION BEFORE

COMMISSION CONTINUES

New Charge Against Chief—Lafayette Denied Statement of James Driscoll.

The Police Commission met yesterday afternoon and continued its investigation of the charges against Chief McCollom and Policeman Marshall.

Some additional charges were made against Chief McCollom yesterday by William Duncan and William Saunders, former members of the force, to the effect that he had received bribes from two hotel keepers of the city for protection in connection with enforcement of the Canada Temperance Act.

Chief McCollom was before the Commission yesterday and denied the correctness of evidence given by James Driscoll, proprietor of the Hotel Edward, St. John, to the effect that McCollom had said that he "had" two members of the Commission, Mayor Mitchell and Chairman McKay.

Walter McGinn was also before the Police Commission yesterday.

Chairman McKay has recovered from his illness and is attending the sessions of the Commission.

No Action Taken.

Mr. Jacob D. Estey has applied for permission to move the old house of St. Paul's church from George street to Saunders street. The matter was before the City Council Monday night, but no action was taken.

Flattery isn't necessarily generated in a flat.

The dividing line between smiles and tears is narrow.

Kisses are the real thing only when backed up by the heart.

ANARCTIC EXPLORER'S WIFE



The picture is from a photograph of Lady Shackleton and her two children, taken immediately after the receipt of news that the explorer was safe.

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