

## In Police Court.

One drunk appeared before the police court this morning. He was given the option of paying a fine of five dollars or going to jail for twenty days.

## Donation Acknowledged.

The Ashburnham branch of the Red Cross Society wishes to acknowledge a donation of ten dollars from Loyalist Chapter, I. O. D. E., St. John.

## Flour at \$17 Per Barrel.

Another sharp advance in the price of bread flour took place this morning when the price went up ninety cents. The price is now \$17 per barrel.

## Discharged from the Kilties.

Four men, Sergt. C. A. Andrews, Pte. F. E. Hayter, Pte. R. W. Scott and Pte. W. L. McLaughlin were discharged from the 236th Battalion yesterday as medically unfit for overseas service.

## Farewell to Soldier.

A number of the young people of the city tendered a farewell entertainment to Gunner A. E. McElavany of the 9th Siege Battery, last night. The entertainment took place at "The Birches."

## Continued This Afternoon.

The indecent assault case in which arrests were made on Sunday last was before the police court yesterday afternoon. It is being continued this afternoon.

## To Wed Next Week.

Mrs. James B. Gilmour of this city, announces the marriage of her daughter, Leah Belle Cliff to Mr. Ernest Vincent Bell. The ceremony is to take place at Christ Church Cathedral on Wednesday, May 16th.

## Rifles Turned In.

All N. C. O's and men of the 236th Highlanders, who were not members of the Guard of Honor at the opening of the House this afternoon, turned in their rifles, bayonets, scabbards, oil-bottles and pull-throughs to the quartermaster's stores today.

## Board of Officers.

A Board of Officers meets this afternoon at the quartermaster's stores to inquire into damages done to rifles on charge to the 236th Battalion. The president is Major C. J. Morgan and the members, Capt. E. J. Mooney and Lieut. E. S. Mitchell.

## Given Plumbing Contract.

D. J. Shea & Son of this city, have been given the contract for supplying and installing the plumbing of the annex to St. Paul's church, which is being erected as the bequest of the late Donald Fraser to the Presbyterians of Fredericton. Grant & Horne of St. John, have the contract for the building.

## To Promote Shipbuilding.

A special meeting of the Fredericton Board of Trade was held last night at the request of the St. John Board for the express purpose of boosting the idea of wooden shipbuilding at the present time, in the Maritime Provinces. The Fredericton Board promised to assist the St. John Board in this movement and to do all in their power to promote the idea.

## Great Demand for Seed Grain.

Mr. W. R. Reek, Secretary of Agriculture, announces that so great has been the demand for seed grain throughout the province that all the seed oats and wheat imported by the government has been spoken for already. An extra amount of one thousand bushels of seed oats was purchased last night, but it has been taken already.

## New Unit Authorized.

Another new unit has been authorized for Military District No. 6. It is to be known as a company for Canadian railway troops. The unit is to be commanded and raised by Lieutenant A. Blanchard, now attached to the Canadian Engineers training depot in St. John's, Quebec. The total strength is to be fifty men, including one officer, two sergeants and two corporals. Just where the headquarters is to be is not known, but it is thought that it will likely be in Truro, the home of Lieutenant Blanchard.

## The Scott Act.

In Parliament on Wednesday Mr. F. B. Carvell suggested that the government bring in legislation repealing the Canada Temperance Act in the eight counties of New Brunswick where it was in force and interfering with provincial prohibition. Sir George E. Foster pointed out the doubtful wisdom of interfering with a law that was in effect by the vote of the people. The people themselves could vote for the repeal of the act.

## Death at Oromocto.

Miss Elizabeth McCaffrey passed away last night at her home, Oromocto, aged sixty-nine years. Death was due to heart failure, and followed a short illness. Two sisters, Mrs. James Rowan and Miss Ellen McCaffrey, both of Oromocto, survive. The funeral will take place Saturday morning at ten o'clock. High mass of requiem will be celebrated by Rev. Father Carleton at the Church of St. Vincent de Paul. Interment will be made at Oromocto.

## Death in St. Mary's.

Ernest Shields, a well known resident of St. Mary's, passed away last night at his home after an illness with meningitis. He was aged fifty-seven years. A widow, two sons and two daughters survive. The sons are Amos with the 23rd Reserve Battalion in England and Otty with the Canadian Expeditionary Force in France. The daughters are Mrs. John Bamford of Nashwaaksis and Miss Sarah at home. The deceased also is survived by his mother and one brother, George of Dyerbrook, N.B. The funeral will take place at 3.30 Friday afternoon with service at the Advent church, St. Mary's. Interment will be made in Mary's. Interment will be made in

Mr. E. A. Schofield of St. John, is stopping at the Queen.

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## DR. W. B. COFFYN FORMERLY OF CANTERBURY WITH GENERAL MAUDE

Writing From Kut-el-Amara, States British are in Great Spirits---Has Been Serving Two Years With R. A. M. C.

One New Brunswicker, at the least, is doing his part with Major-General Maude in Mesopotamia where the British recently won decisive successes over the Turks and the Germans aiding them. He is Dr. W. B. Coffyn, formerly of Canterbury. Dr. Coffyn left Canada about two years ago and was appointed to the Royal Army Medical Corps in England. After remaining in England for a course of training he left for Mesopotamia to join the British Expeditionary Force, at that time meeting with difficulties. Later under the command of General Maude the expedition advanced and took much territory.

Dr. Coffyn is a son-in-law of Mr. George F. Burden, ex-M. P. P. of Pokok and is a brother of the mayor of Bathurst.

The last letter received from Dr. Coffyn was written on February 28th from Kut-el-Amara the place where General Townsend's force was starved into surrender to the Turks but which afterward was captured by the British. The letter was written on a scrap of waste paper. The writer stated that he was in excellent health although rather dirty, having lost all his clothing and his entire kit, and not having washed or shaved for a fortnight. The spirit of the British troops he stated was excellent and the Turks were getting hard knocks every day.

Dr. J. E. Hetherington, M. P. P., and Mrs. Hetherington of Cody's, arrived last evening and are at the Queen.

Brigadier General H. H. McLean and Col. Powell of St. John, are guests at the Queen.

Mr. G. H. King, M. P. P., and Mrs. King are guests at the Queen.

Mrs. Fred Magee of Port Elgin, arrived last evening and joined her husband at the Queen.

## WOUNDED MAN SPENT FORENOON IN GERMAN DUGOUT

Private Ernest Crouse Writes of Battle of Vimy Ridge---States Bullets and Shrapnel Rained--Action In Early Morning.

One of the first letters describing the fight for Vimy Ridge has been received by Mrs. Ernest Crouse of Barker's Point whose husband who was wounded at that battle and who now is in hospital in England. One of his experiences was to lie all forenoon in a captured German dug-out after being wounded and while waiting for medical attendance. He writes as follows: "I thought I would write you a line to pass away the time. I am gaining fast and am up and around the ward. I expect to be back in the firing line inside of a month. When the bullet struck me I thought I was cut right in two. It struck me below the shoulder-blade on the rib. Believe me I was lucky for it glanced off."

"That was an awful fight. It was early in the morning and it was raining hard, but it was raining bullets and shrapnel the heaviest. After I was wounded I crawled into a German dug-out, one we had taken from them, and I stayed all forenoon there. We were holding the German trenches, at least we were holding the place that had been trenches, for there was nothing left. Everything had been levelled."

Private Ernest Crouse is now in hospital at Orpington, Kent, England. He was wounded April 10th. His brother Eldon was killed in the same battle. Both soldiers belonged originally to Zealand.

## Chaplain Appointed.

Rev. J. E. Wilson, pastor of the George Street Baptist church, this afternoon was appointed chaplain of the House of Assembly.

## At the Gem Today.

A good mid-week programme, "The End of the Rainbow," a Blue Bird feature, a charming picture, well worth seeing.

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