

## DEVON SOLDIER HAS BEEN GIVEN MILITARY MEDAL

SGT. FRED McN. STAPLES,  
SON OF MR. H. O. STAPLES

Led Troops at Amiens After  
Officers Had Been Incapaci-  
tated—Now in Hospital  
at Brighton.

Sergt. Fred McN. Staples son of H. O. Staples of Devon has been awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in action during the British operations before Amiens. He was wounded at that time with a well known New Brunswick unit and is now convalescing at Kitchener's Hospital, Brighton, England. The act for which the medal was awarded is believed to have been the reorganization and leading of troops after the officers became casualties. He went overseas with the 104th Battalion and later went to France with a draft.

### Formal Congratulations

The parents of the young soldier who has won this honor have received a communication from the adjutant of the 26th New Brunswick Battalion formally notifying them of the award and congratulating them.

### To Be Presented Later

The presentation of the medal will take place at a later date at Bramshott Camp to which Sergt. Staples will be sent upon being discharged from hospital, as he probably will be attached to a reserve battalion there.

### Death at Fredericton Junction

Laura Duplisea twenty-four years of age died at Fredericton Junction of pneumonia last evening.

### In Police Circles

The police report things as being very quiet yesterday and today at the Police Court. There were no cases up today and no reports of open doors during the night.

### Called to Victoria

Rev. C. N. Barton, has accepted a call extended to him by the Victoria Baptist field. His removal will leave both Perth and Andover without pastors, a result which is to be regretted. He formerly was at Keswick.

### Condition Improved

The condition of Mr. W. K. Allen is better today. Mr. Allen passed a very good night and his condition is somewhat improved. Mr. George Ferguson of the City Post Office staff is also improved today.

### Copartnership Formed

A copartnership under the name of Frenette Brothers has been formed by Delphis Frenette and Edgar Frenette, doing a general business at Jacques River, Parish of Durham, Restigouche County, formerly in similar business at Turgeon, Parish of Beresford, Gloucester County.

### To Be Acting Major

The London, Eng., Gazette contains this announcement: Can. Army Pay Corps—Temp. Capt. D. B. Pidgeon to be acting maj., and to remain sec'd. for duty with Board of Pension Comrs. for Canada without pay and allowances. (Capt. Pidgeon was in Fredericton with the 2nd Divisional Ammunition Column.)

### Twice Wounded.

Chatham Commercial: Hon. Robert Murray has received word that his son, Lieut. Robert Blaine Murray, had been officially reported admitted to 20th General Hospital at Dinnes Camiers, Oct. 14th, suffering from slight gunshot wound in the right breast. Lieut. Murray went overseas with the 132nd Battalion and this is the second time he has been wounded.

### Condition Improved

Mr. and Mrs. Saunders Patterson received a telegram this morning stating that Lieut. Ward H. Patterson was somewhat improved. Lieut. Patterson was admitted to No. 14 Stationary Hospital on October 11th with enteric fever. He enlisted with a Western battalion getting his commission overseas. One brother Miles was killed in action in November, 1917.

### Late Elbridge T. Feeney

Elbridge T. Feeney died yesterday at his home in Newmarket after a lingering illness with pneumonia. The deceased was fifteen years of age and is survived by his parents Mr. and Mrs. Edward Feeney, four brothers, Frank, Harold, Alfred and Arnold and three sisters Marie, Kathleen and Genevieve. The funeral took place this morning at ten o'clock, interment being made at Newmarket.

### Death of Child

The sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Newton Lindsay on the loss of their infant son Eldon Herbert, aged two years after a lingering illness. He is survived by his parents and two sisters Gladys and Louise. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon with service at the house at two o'clock by Very Rev. Dean Neales. Interment will be made at the Rural Cemetery.

### Situation Improving

Mr. Archibald Fraser of Edmundston who is in the city today says that the influenza epidemic in that town is considerably improved, although it never was quite as bad as newspapers reports made it appear. There are a number of cases but three doctors are in attendance and have them pretty well in hand. Mr. Fraser is hopeful that the epidemic will be stamped out within a short time.

## DISTRICT HEALTH OFFICERS HAVE BEEN GAZETED

BOARDS OF HEALTH AS  
EXISTING, CONTINUED

Will Continue Their Activities  
Until Organization Under  
the Public Health Act  
is Completed.

Further organization under the Public Health Act of 1918 is announced in this week's Royal Gazette. District Medical Officers are appointed in several sections and Boards of Health already organized are continued until the Bureau of Health and the other bodies constituted under the act are duly appointed and organized.

### The Appointments

The appointments gazetted are as follows:

Hon. W. F. Roberts, M. D., to be designated to administer "The Public Health Act, 1918," as Minister of Health.

Upon the recommendation of the Hon. W. F. Roberts, M. D., the following appointments be made to the Bureau of Health under the provisions of "The Public Health Act, 1918."

George G. Melvin, M. D., to be Chief Medical Officer.

H. L. Abramson, M. D., to be Chief of Laboratories.

J. A. Wade, of Saint Andrews, N. B., to be District Medical Health Officer.

J. F. L. Brown, M. D., of Woodstock N. B., to be District Medical Health Officer.

T. J. Desmond, M. D., of Newcastle N. B., to be District Medical Health Officer.

### Composes Another Popular Song

"As the Southern Girl from Dixie Kissed Her Northern Lad Good-Bye" is the title of a popular song recently composed by Mr. J. Benison Rainsford of Fredericton, himself a returned member of the C. E. F. The song is now on sale and bids fair to make a great hit. It is copyrighted in both the United States and Canada. Mr. Rainsford is not making his bow as a composer of songs as he is the composer of "Take Me Back to Old New Brunswick" which met with great success and other songs.

### Late Peleg J. Smith

Peleg J. Smith a prominent resident of Central Blissville died at his home on the 17th inst. after a brief illness with influenza and pneumonia. He was a former member of the Sunbury County Council and was postmaster of Central Blissville besides being a well-to-do farmer and general merchant. A widow and two children survive. Other relatives are one sister Mrs. Charles Knorr of Central Blissville, and three brothers Coun. Gabriel Smith of Central Blissville who is himself ill, Luther B. Smith of St. John, and Robert B. Smith, M. P. P. of Oromocto. In politics he was a lifelong Liberal. As a member of the firm of Smith Brothers he was prominently connected with the lumbering industry of Sunbury County.

## TENTH DEATH FROM INFLUENZA THIS MORNING

C. JOSEPH McCORDICK  
FOLLOWS HIS MOTHER

Number of Cases Reported to  
Date is 353, with Fifty  
Pneumonia Cases—  
Assistance Given.

The reports to the Fredericton Board of Health indicate that since the outbreak of influenza 353 cases of influenza have occurred in this city, and that in fifty of these cases pneumonia developed. Of that total many are now convalescent. Ten deaths have occurred that of C. Joseph McCordick being the tenth, at an early hour this morning. The deceased was predeceased by his mother by two days pneumonia being fatal in each instance.

### More Assistance Being Obtained

Reports now indicate that more assistance for stricken families is being obtained and that those requiring care are now receiving it. The fear which many had of the influenza which prevented them from going to the assistance of their neighbors has abated and volunteer helpers are now at work.

### Nashwaak Valley Hard Hit

The Nashwaak Valley appears to be particularly hard hit by the epidemic deaths having taken place in many families in Stanley and other places in that section. The absence of a physician in the early stages of the sickness gave the influenza a great start.

### Conferences Held

Hon. W. F. Roberts, Minister of Public Health has already held a conference with the district health officers recently appointed.

At this first conference immediate relief was arranged and secured for several stricken districts, where medical and nursing assistance was sadly deficient.

Dr. (Capt.) Dash of St. John military establishment was secured through the co-operation of General Macdonell.

Help was sent to Blackville, Northumberland county, and to some of the North Shore towns and villages.

The conference of newly-appointed district officers inaugurates another step forward in centralizing and systematizing health matters in New Brunswick.

### Late David Glendenning

David Glendenning died Saturday at his home, Harvey Station in his seventy-ninth year. He is survived by one son John A. Glendenning of Medford Mass., and three daughters, Mrs. W. G. Chamberlain of Port Fairfield, Me., Mrs. Guy Meldrum of Los Angeles, Cal., and Miss Minnie Glendenning of Harvey Station. The deceased was formerly a county councillor and also was postmaster for many years.

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Death at Durham  
Clarence Bubar died of pneumonia at Durham last night. Deceased was thirty-four years of age.

Shot in Mistake for Deer  
George Messer, a young man residing at Tweedside, had a very narrow escape from death Tuesday morning while hunting near the Oromocto Lake at South Tweedside. He and three or four other young men went to look for moose early in the morning. After getting into the woods they parted. One of the other young men saw in the dim light of the early morning what he thought was a deer; it turned out to be Messer who received the bullet in the thigh. The others soon were at hand and had the injured man brought out and Dr. Dougan, of Harvey, who was soon in attendance found that an ugly flesh wound had been inflicted but no bones were broken and recovery will likely be rapid.