

DRAFT FROM 236TH WORKING IN FRANCE

PRIVATE ADVICES SAY UNIT WILL BE BROKEN UP

Four Hundred Men Now in France on Construction Work—Will be Reinforcements.

Private advices from England are to the effect that the 236th MacLean Highlanders who had their headquarters in Fredericton for some time already have furnished a large draft for duty in France. This is not unexpected as reports from England indicate that the 5th Division, C.E.F., has been broken up to furnish drafts.

Letters recently sent by members of the battalion stated that the number of casualties in France would determine whether or not the MacLean Highlanders would go as a unit, and that every effort was being made to keep the battalion intact.

On Construction Work.

Word with regard to the draft which was furnished by the 236th is to the effect that it numbered about four hundred men and in France was employed in the construction of light railways, highways and trenches, with the ultimate destiny of infantry reinforcements.

Judge Grimmer Hearing Appeals.

His Honor Judge Grimmer is holding a session of the tribunal under the Military Service Act here today. Mr. J. J. F. Winslow is in attendance as military representative. A number of appeals from this section are coming before His Honor.

Holding Poultry Meetings

Mr. A. C. McCulloch, Provincial Poultry Superintendent, has been away for several days holding poultry organization meetings in various places in the southern part of the province. He is expected to return to Fredericton tonight.

Made Trip in Safety.

Capt. J. A. Read received word yesterday that his son, Lieut. Commander E. H. Read, in charge of a United States transport, had returned safely with his ship from a trip to France. He was absent from home three months, having been detained in a French port.

Good Skating on the River

The cold weather of Tuesday night following Tuesday's rain covered the St. John river with large areas of smooth ice and last night many took advantage of the fact to go skating. The ice also is strong enough to permit the speeding of horses and some of the local horsemen have been out.

St. Andrew's Rink Here.

The St. Andrew's Curling Club of St. John is playing the local club here today, six rinks a side. Some of the visitors arrived this morning and registered at the Queen. They are F. C. Beattie, F. W. Coombes, H. T. Rankine, A. C. Foster, J. K. Blenkinsop, H. A. Lyman, W. Roy Smith, A. R. Melrose, F. G. Goodspeed.

Died in Toronto.

Fredericton friends of Hon. C. R. Mitchell, provincial treasurer of Alberta, will regret to hear of the death of his wife which occurred at the General Hospital, Toronto, on Tuesday. She was a daughter of the late Alexander Fraser of St. Thomas and leaves a husband and two small children. Hon. Mr. Mitchell is a native of Newcastle and a graduate of the U.N.B.

Doing Well in West.

Mr. Arthur Graham, a son of the late W. W. Graham of Prince William, York county, is now a practicing barrister at Aberdeen, Washington state. At the last election he was elected a member of the Washington State Legislature. Mr. Graham is a brother of Councillors Patrick and Robert Graham, and of Mrs. J. M. Scott of this city. Before leaving New Brunswick he completed a course at the Provincial Normal School.

Visiting Old Home.

Mr. James Cunningham of Akron, Ohio, a former resident of this city, who with Mrs. Cunningham has been spending the winter here, will return home early next month. Mr. Cunningham left here about four years ago and has since made his home at Akron. He has been very successful in that city as a contractor and builder. He describes Akron as a live town and says that real estate is very active. Last year many thousands of building permits were issued and the outlook is equally good for the coming year.

Book by Rev. Dr. Freeman

Friends of Dr. J. D. Freeman, now of Leicester, Eng., will be interested to learn that a new book from his pen entitled *The Edge of the Age*, has been published by Hodder & Stoughton. Of Dr. Freeman and his new book the British Weekly speaks as follows: "We earnestly commend to our readers Dr. Freeman's striking and original volume of war addresses. It ranks with the permanent religious literature of the great four years. Dr. Freeman is known to a wide public as one of the staunchest and truest of patriots, a prophet of the help war, a man of clear and penetrating intellect, sound judgement, and generous heart. The book is dedicated to the revered memory of Lance-Corporal William Dakin Freeman, who fell in Flanders 'while splendidly doing his duty.' May 15, 1915, aged eighteen years and six months." (Rev. Dr. Freeman was pastor of the Brunswick Street Baptist Church in this city some years ago).

NEW SCHOOL COST MORE THAN WAS ESTIMATED

CHARLOTTE ST. ANNEX EXPENSE IS VERY LARGE

Truant Situation in City is Improving—Sickness Among Members of School Staffs.

The regular meeting of the School Board was held yesterday when reports of various committees were received and financial matters generally considered. Dr. VanWart was late in arriving and in the meantime Mr. Weddall presided. The other members in attendance were Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Cox, Mr. Spurden, Dr. Crockett, Mr. Lemont, Mr. Hughes and Mr. Shute.

In his report the secretary showed a strenuous time among the janitors of four of the city schools. They have been fighting not only the extreme cold weather but the grip, and the custodian of the Charlotte Street school was ordered by his physician to take to his bed. Two of the teachers also yielded to that overcome feeling and were forced to lay down the rod for a time.

Truant Report.

A satisfactory report was received from the truant officer, who receives valuable aid from the men on the police force in rounding up boys who become tired of school discipline. At the beginning of the present year an order was issued requiring the teachers of the several schools to report to the principal every week the names of absent pupils; then the principal to send a written report to the secretary every Monday morning. The truant officer calls at the office Monday afternoon for the names, but through neglect or forgetfulness several times reports have not arrived in time for the truant officer.

Readjusting Insurance.

Mr. Lemont submitted a report showing the committee's plan for readjustment of insurance upon the Board's property. It is proposed to group the risks upon each building largely in the same company, and also to restrict the furniture to one company.

During the month Mr. Lemont upon the appointment of the Board went carefully into the needs of the Board the present year. This was a pretty big proposition, especially for war time, and with the recent increase of salaries which were necessary, and with demands of ever increasing force from all sides making the work cumbersome. A budget giving estimated expenditure for the year was submitted and in due time will find its way to the city.

Charlotte Street Annex.

The secretary presented a tentative statement showing the expenditures (Continued on page 4.)

EXPULSION AND SUSPENSION FOR U.N.B. STUDENTS

STUDENTS WANT THE DECISION RECONSIDERED

Randolph Bennett Expelled and Cecil Matheson Suspended for Balance of Year by Senate.

The special committee of the U. N. B. senate appointed yesterday to hold an investigation into the publication of certain articles in the University Monthly of December reflecting upon the chancellor of the university and certain members of the faculty, brought in its report last evening. The report which was accepted by the senate was that Randolph Bennett of St. John, an arts student of the senior class, be expelled, and that Cecil M. Matheson of Andover, an engineering student of the sophomore year, be suspended for the balance of the present academic year, with permission to take examinations now going on.

Students Held Meeting Today.

The student body of the university held a meeting today and considered the decision of the senate. An effort will be made by the students to have the decision reconsidered but no "strike" has been organized to aid in bringing that about and it is not likely that methods of that nature will be used. Lectures went on as usual at the university today.

Severe Penalty.

The penalty of expulsion has not been imposed at the University of New Brunswick for some years and in the present instance is a severe one as the student expelled was a senior and within a few months of graduation.

Statement from Senate.

The senate is having prepared a statement of the evidence taken at the investigation and the decision reached. A stenographic report of the proceedings was taken. It is likely that this report will be handed to the press tomorrow.

Renovating Parliament Buildings.

The Parliament Buildings are being cleaned and renovated in preparation for the session which will begin March 7th.

Fredericton Skips Today.

The six skips selected by the Fredericton Curling Club to play against the St. Andrew's Club of St. John here today are S. D. Simmons, A. S. McFarlane, R. FitzRandolph, F. P. Hatt, T. A. Belmore and T. A. Wilson.

Poachers Fined.

Two men named J. B. Belfleur and Henry Deschene, both of Edmundston were fined fifty dollars each and costs by Magistrate Holyoke of Woodstock, this week, for dynamiting fish in the southwest Miramichi river. The complaint was laid by Fishery Inspector Harrison of this city.

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