

JUSTIN M'GRATH WOUNDED WITH THE ARTILLERY

ATTACHED OFFICER OF
BATTERY RAISED HERE

Reverted to Rank of Sergeant
to Go Overseas—Gunshot
Wounds in Face, Chest
and Leg.

Mr. H. J. McGrath of this city yesterday received official notification that his son Sergt. Justin McGrath serving in France with the Canadian Artillery, had been wounded. The casualty occurred about a week ago and consists of gunshot wounds in chest, face and left leg.

Sergt. McGrath was an attached lieutenant of a field artillery battery raised in Fredericton and accompanied the unit overseas in the rank of sergeant. He had served for some time in France. Lieut. D'Arcy McGrath, Royal Flying Corps, now in Toronto, who was given a commission in the R. F. C. after serving in France with a Pioneer Battalion is a brother.

Government Meeting

Several members of the Provincial Government are here for the monthly meeting to be held tonight and others will arrive by the evening train.

Adjourned Until 18th inst.

The case of Jordan vs Betts was settled out of court yesterday and the York County Court adjourned until the 18th inst. when the case of Duplissea vs Dougherty will be heard.

Night Work For Watering Cart

The Street Department had the watering cart which is in commission doing some extra work last night. A considerable area of streets was covered and the work was much appreciated by the citizens.

May Come Here

Hon. J. D. Reid, Minister of Railways is to make a tour of inspection in the Maritime Provinces next week and will probably visit Fredericton. He will be accompanied by Hon. F. B. Carvell, Minister of Public Works.

Picnickers Had Hard Times

A party which went picnicking on the Oromocto Monday with a motor boat had a hard time in the gale of wind which came up at night. The boat shipped much water and her batteries were put out of commission. Motor cars were sent from this city to bring members of the party home.

Arrested for Interference

Two arrests for interference with the police and using abusive language were made Monday night at the corner of Regent and Queen Streets. In the police court Tuesday morning one of the accused pleaded guilty and the other not guilty. Conviction was made in each case and fines of ten dollars for interference and five dollars for abusive language were imposed.

Working Old Game

For several months a woman has been visiting different parts of the province of New Brunswick and in each town contracting debts which she left unpaid. Recently she was discovered in Fredericton. The provincial branch of the Retail Merchants' Association of Canada was informed and the woman was driven out of the city. She then went to Woodstock where she began to employ her old tactics again, and again she was ousted from that town by the efforts of the association. The association now has reason to believe that she has left this province.

Pronounced Success

The drama "A Village School Ma'am" presented last night by the Musical and Literary Club of Devon in the Church Hall, South Devon was a great success. The hall was crowded and the parts were taken in a most creditable manner. The specialties between the acts were: Solo, Miss Mathews; Piano Duet, Miss C. Machum and Mr. Colby Irvine; Mandolin Solo, Miss Hyde, accompanied by Miss Jean Sanson; Solo in the chorus by Miss Crawford. The entertainment will be repeated on Thursday evening June 6th, and not on Friday as was announced.

Must Not Apply

There have been many applications filed at military headquarters by first contingent men home on leave, asking that their leave be extended. In view of the serious situation of the war at the present time, the military authorities at Ottawa have issued an order that furlough men of the first contingent, including officers are not to submit applications at military headquarters, asking that their leave be extended. Some weeks ago the military authorities stated that all married men home on furlough, who are examined and found to be in a category below "B", will be allowed to remain in Canada. This order, it is understood, still stands.

Soldiers Were Too Thirsty

Desire for something which had a kick to it landed two soldiers of the Central Ontario Regiment draft in the police court this morning. They were charged with breaking into Young's grocery store, Aberdeen street, and stealing a number of bottles of lemon extract. They wanted the extract to put a kick into beer and previously had been turned down when they had tried to buy extract at the store. The theft occurred last Friday night. In the court this morning they expressed themselves as very penitent and ready to make good the loss. They were handed over to the military authorities on condition that they are to be confined to barracks until the departure of the troops.

WOOL GRADING SHOWS N. B. WOOL OF HIGH GRADE

EXCELLENT PROSPECTS
FOR SHEEP IN PROVINCE

Price for Maritime Wool Exceeds That of Any Other Canadian Grade—Animals Increasing.

Prospects for sheep-raising in New Brunswick and the profitable marketing of wool are exceedingly bright according to the statement of Mr. J. D. Thompson of Ottawa, Dominion Government Wool Grading Expert who is in the Province in connection with the co-operative wool-selling campaign conducted during the winter by the Live Stock Branch of the Provincial Department of Agriculture. Mr. Thompson is ranked as the best woolgrader in North America and had lengthy experience in his native country Scotland. He has operated at the two grading stations at Fredericton and Moncton and reports that the New Brunswick wool he has examined is grading exceptionally high. At Fredericton he graded the best wool he has seen in Canada. This fact speaks most highly for wool grown in this province inasmuch as co-operative methods are practically in their infancy here.

Wool Prices High

Mr. Thompson has just returned from Boston where he investigated conditions in the wool market. He predicts that the mark of 78 cents per pound will be reached with a probable average of 74 cents.

Advantage for Maritime Wool

Already it has been observed that wool grown in the Maritime Provinces has a marked advantage in price over other Canadian wool. This advantage amounts to several cents per pound and is the result of the smaller tendency to shrink which is displaced by wool from the Atlantic coast. This tendency is due to climatic conditions.

Assistant Grader

Mr. J. A. King of the Dominion Live Stock Branch, Ottawa, whose headquarters for the Maritime Provinces are at Moncton is assisting Mr. Thompson. He was prominently connected with the inauguration of the co-operative system in Quebec Province.

Increase in Sheep

An increase in the number of sheep in New Brunswick is expected. The killing of ewe lambs is discouraged by the Agriculture Department and it is expected few of them will be killed for market this year. If all ewe lambs can be saved it will mean an increase of fifty per cent in the number of sheep. It is also expected that all the sheep which can be secured will be imported. The enacting of the law

APPLE CROP OF PROVINCE ONLY MEDIUM

MUCH WINTER-KILLING
IN GAGETOWN DISTRICT

Duchess Variety Promises Well But Other Varieties Below Average—Frost Danger Almost Passed.

That the New Brunswick apple crop will be not more than medium is the report made by Provincial Horticulturalist A. G. Turney who returned last night after a visit of inspection in the St. John Valley as far south as Brown's Flats. As usual the bloom in the Long Reach district is about one week behind that in the Fredericton section and that in the Gagetown district about three days. Danger from frost in the Fredericton section is about past but on the lower river there are still a few days of the danger period. In the Gagetown district Mr. Turney found that there had been more winter-killing than either below or above that district. So far the weather conditions during the spring have been very favorable to apple growing.

Prospects of Different Varieties

The Duchess or New Brunswick variety is the most widely distributed variety is expected to be a full crop. Unfortunately this apple is an early variety which does not bring the price which winter apples bring. The marketing of this variety will depend largely upon conditions in the provinces of Quebec and Ontario. The Wealthy, Dudley and Alexander varieties will be not more than forty or fifty per cent of a crop. McIntosh and Bishop Pippin varieties are expected to produce a fair crop. Varieties such as Fameuse, Peewaukee, Ben Davis, Northern Spy, and Golden Russet suffered severely from winter-killing and of course will be a very light crop.

Small Fruits Light

Present prospects point to small fruits being a light crop. This is to be expected as last year the crop was remarkably heavy.

Draft Leaving Soon

It is reported that the draft of the Central Ontario Regiment which has been quartered at the Exhibition Buildings for some months, will leave Fredericton at an early date to continue training elsewhere.

relating to dogs has done much to protect the sheep-owner. All but two or three counties adopted the law and they are expected to fall in line.

Wool-grading in Fredericton is being carried on at a warehouse near the corner of Campbell and Regent streets and can be seen at any time by persons interested.

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