

### 3 BROTHERS GOT IN TOUCH IN ENGLAND

FRED, BERT AND "TART"  
TITUS ALL ON SERVICE

Two in Canadian Expeditionary Force and One in the States Army—From South Devon.

A recent letter from Private Fred Titus of South Devon, who was at Whitley Camp, Surrey, England, with the 16th Ambulance, Canadian Army Medical Corps at the time of writing, states that since his arrival in England he got in touch with two brothers also serving in the present war. One is Private T. D. T. Titus, who is known to hockey fans throughout the Maritime Provinces as "Tart" Titus and the other is Corp. Bert D. Titus of Battery D, 1st Field Artillery, United States Army. The latter had been living in the United States for several years and enlisted in the American field artillery when the United States entered the war.

Now in France.

"Tart" Titus, according to the letter, has been in France for some time, having been drafted to the 26th Battalion. He was an instructor in physical training in England for some months. He left Canada with the 104th Battalion.

Private Fred Titus at the time of writing, January 6th, expected to be sent to France with a draft from the 16th Field Ambulance in a few days.

Has New Mayor.

Mr. J. B. Tooms was elected mayor of Moncton yesterday, defeating Mr. W. D. Martin by a vote of 919 to 424. Frank C. Robinson and Murdoch McLeod were elected aldermen at large.

Still Alarm Last Night.

The fire department was called out last night at 6.30 o'clock for a burning chimney at the residence of Mr. G. N. C. Hawkins. There was little damage.

A Good Record.

The failures in New Brunswick in 1917 numbered 26, with liabilities of \$173,700, and assets of \$93,572, compared with 51 failures in 1916, with liabilities of \$321,886, and assets of \$173,359.

Good Government Association.

The regular meeting of the Good Government Association was held last night. Discussions relative to civic politics took place but no definite conclusions were reached as it is yet too early.

G. R. Joughins to Retire.

Mr. G. R. Joughins, for some years past superintendent of motive power on the C. G. Railways, Moncton, has applied for retirement on the Provincial Fund. He has been on leave of absence for some months past on account of ill health.

Smallpox Situation.

The smallpox situation in New Brunswick shows little change from last week. Nine cases are reported in Gloucester county in the vicinity of Bathurst. They entered Gloucester county from infected districts in adjoining counties. Press reports state that there is a case in Moncton, but Dr. R. H. McGrath, secretary of the Provincial Board of Health, has received no report of it.

Open for Traffic.

Mr. S. S. Ryan, his daughter Ethel and his sister, Miss Ryan, opened the new Moncton-Coverdale bridge on Friday afternoon by being in the first sleigh allowed to cross. The bridge will be opened to the public this week. The approaches are now being completed and put into condition for both foot and team traffic. The new structure is one of the finest in the province.

Valley Railway Inquiry.

The Valley Railway inquiry, the function of which is to investigate the cost of construction of a certain section of the Valley Railway, and further to determine why and how certain sums of money were paid out in connection with the building of the road, resumed its sitting at St. John this afternoon at 2.30. The inquiry was scheduled to resume hearing this morning, but Commissioner Stevens was unable to make train connections.

Hearing Appeals Under M.S.A.

His Honor Judge Grimmer arrived from St. John last night and today resumed the hearing of appeals under the Military Service Act. Very few cases were before him and in some errors regarding papers caused further delay. Judge Grimmer will return to St. John tonight. The medical board composed of Dr. J. A. McIntyre of Marysville, Dr. C. P. Holden and Dr. W. H. Steeves of this city, appointed to reclassify cases for the Militia Department, is sitting here and has considered a number of cases.

Manager at St. John.

The report that Mr. A. S. Creighton, now at Port of Spain, Trinidad, will be the new manager of the St. John branch of the Royal Bank, King street, has been confirmed. Mr. Creighton, formerly of Halifax, had been eight years at his post, and was desirous of coming north, where his three children would be educated. The St. John vacancy was caused by the death of Thomas B. Blair, manager for many years. For the past three months Mr. Ward Hazen has been discharging the duties of acting manager.

### DIVORCE WAS GRANTED AT ONCE BY JUDGE

FITZRANDOLPH CASE  
ENDED YESTERDAY

Judge Crocket Based His Decision on Golf Club House Incident—Lengthy Case Closed.

His Honor Judge Crocket gave judgment last evening in the FitzRandolph divorce suit, granting divorce to Mr. Charles FitzRandolph, the plaintiff. The judgment of His Honor being given at once at the close of the case rather took those interested in the suit by surprise. Mr. A. J. Gregory, K.C., counsel for the plaintiff, had not concluded his address to the court, having followed Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, K.C., who appeared for the defendant, and was touching upon one of the incidents mentioned in the libel when His Honor informed him that it would not be necessary for him to go on.

On Club House Incident.

Judge Crocket in giving his judgment said that he based it on paragraph 10 of the libel which related to an incident at the Fredericton Golf Club House on the last day of August last. He stated that in spite of the denials given in court that he must take the ground that the visit to the club house under the circumstances admitted by the defense, furnished sufficient grounds for granting divorce. Having so decided in that particular it would not be necessary for him to pass judgment upon other incidents mentioned in the libel. A decree of divorce would issue at once.

Custody of Children.

The judgment of the court does not concern the custody of the children, four in number. It now rests with the father. The mother could obtain it only by action in the courts. The matter of alimony does not enter into the case under the circumstances. The defendant has the right of resuming her maiden name.

Final Evidence Yesterday.

The last witness for the defense was heard yesterday, he being Mr. Edgar H. Fairweather of St. John. He denied any improper relations with the defendant. The address by counsel then followed, Mr. Baxter taking the ground that statutory offenses had not been proven.

The case was a lengthy one, beginning on Wednesday afternoon last.

Judgments February 8th.

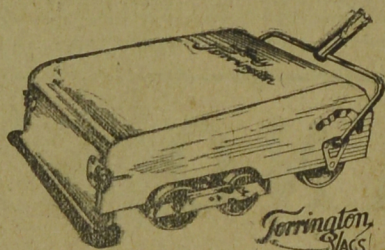
The Divorce Court will sit again in February when judgment will be given in the cases of Merrill vs. Merrill, Gerow vs. Gerow and Hawkes vs. Hawkes, and in the matter of costs in the case of Ward vs. Ward, in which the plaintiff lost his case.

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### TEN COUNTIES HAVE AGREED TO CO-OPERATE

SEED DISTRIBUTION  
CAMPAIGN SUCCESSFUL

Five Counties Not Entered in Plan Likely to Reconsider—Dept. Has Advantage in Price.

The campaign of the Provincial Department of Agriculture for the assistance and co-operation of the various municipal councils of the province in the distribution of seed grain for the coming spring has met with pronounced success. Of the fifteen counties of New Brunswick ten have agreed to enter into the plan of the department. Those which have not already decided to do so probably will reconsider the matter as the problem of securing seed grain is becoming more pressing easiest way in which to solve the and the farmers are finding that the problem is through the Department of Agriculture.

Those Which Have Agreed.

The municipal councils of the following counties have agreed to work with the department in seed distribution: Madawaska, York, Charlotte, St. John, Kings, Albert, Westmorland, Northumberland, Gloucester, Restigouche. Those which have not yet decided to adopt the plan are the councils of Carleton, Victoria, Sunbury, Queens and Kent.

Expense Being Reduced.

It now is estimated that the Department of Agriculture will be able to sell seed grain ten cents per bushel cheaper than can the dealers. This is on account of better arrangements for distribution and the elimination of local freight rates by direct routing from Quebec. This advantage to the farmer is causing an increased demand for seed through the department.

For Increased Production.

The plan of the Department is directly connected with the plan for increased production, particularly of wheat and oats. The intention is to make New Brunswick self-supporting or better as far as these two highly important grains are concerned.

Standard Flour Today.

The order that all flour mills must manufacture standard flour went into effect today in Canada but it will be a month or more before the product will be on the market. In the meantime stocks of patent flours in the hands of the millers and dealers will be disposed of and it will be a long time before they are consumed. The ordinary person will notice very little difference in the standard flour. The latter will approximate what is known as heavy baker's flour. No drop in the price of bread is expected to follow the change.

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