

COMMISSION WILL BE HERE NEXT WEEK

HON. J. F. TWEEDDALE
RETURNS FROM OTTAWA

Commission on Settlement of
Returned Soldiers Will Sit
in Fredericton Next
Week.

Hon. J. F. Tweeddale, Minister of Agriculture for New Brunswick, has returned from Ottawa where he was on business connected with the session of the commission on Land Settlement for Returned Soldiers. For upwards of a year Hon. Mr. Tweeddale has attempted to have the matter of Land Settlement for Soldiers as far as New Brunswick is concerned, attended to by the Federal authorities, and finally has been successful.

In the West.

The commissioners for some time past have been busy in the west where they have held numerous sessions in connection with this important matter, but they now will visit the Maritime Provinces. They are expected to be in Fredericton next week, and will confer with the Department of Agriculture. The result of the conference is expected to be arrangements for the placing of the returned soldiers who wish upon the land in this province.

Hon. Mr. Carvell Assisted.

Hon. F. B. Carvell, Minister of Public Works, assisted Hon. Mr. Tweeddale in this matter. Mr. Tippet of St. John, representing the Great War Veterans' Association, was in Ottawa in connection with the same matter.

Bishop at Dorchester

His Lordship Bishop Richardson confirmed seven at Holy Trinity Church, Dorchester, last night and also lectured upon his experiences in France.

Gardeners Busy.

The fine weather of yesterday gave the amateur gardeners their opportunity and they took full advantage of it. They were out in force last evening and got a splendid start. There are few backyard lots in the city this year that will not be under cultivation.

Pastor at Petersville.

His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc has transferred Rev. William Patrick Hannigan of St. Martins, to the parish of Petersville. Fr. Hannigan is a native of Milltown, Charlotte Co., and was ordained March 19, 1902. For a time he was on the Cathedral staff, served as curate to Rev. F. L. McCreary at St. Dunstan's church, this city, later was promoted to Chipman and afterwards transferred to St. Martins.

Only Two Drowned.

The report of the drowning of twenty men near English Lake, Que., has been investigated and it is found that only two men of the twenty on the raft were drowned, one Cyr and one Guerette, both single, about twenty, belonging to the small village of French Hill in Maine. Guerette's body has been recovered. In former years many New Brunswickers lumbered in that section.

In Command of 65th Battery.

Capt. W. A. McKee of Moncton, has received word of his appointment to the command of the 65th Battery at Woodstock. Major Evans, former O. C. the battery, some time ago proceeded overseas. The new appointment was forecasted not long ago but later Capt. McKee was informed to return overseas at once. He was preparing to go, but word of his new appointment has now cancelled the former order. The 65th Battery is soon to leave Woodstock for summer training at Camp Petawawa. Capt. McKee formerly resided in Fredericton.

Late Wm. J. Edgecombe

The funeral of the late William J. Edgecombe took place yesterday afternoon from his late residence King Street. Service was conducted at the house by Rev. J. J. Colter and interment was made at the Rural Cemetery. The mourners were; Fred B. Edgecombe, Alfred Edgecombe, Norman Edgecombe, Richard Edgecombe, Bedford Phillips, John Neill, George S. Clark, Charles Sampson, Robert McCunn, Alex. Thompson, Frank McCausland, George Barrett, Judge Wilson, William McKay, A. A. Sterling, William Chestnut, Daniel Lenihan, Dr. McGrath. The pall bearers were: Bedford Phillips, William Chestnut, John Neill, Alex. Thompson. The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful.

Hails From Queens County.

Sub-Lieut. James McDonald Gilchrist, who commanded a patrol boat at the first Zeebrugge landing, is a native of Cambridge, Queens county. His mother, Mrs. Lloyd, is still residing at Cambridge, and he has one brother, Mr. Robert Gilchrist, also living at Cambridge, and one sister, Mrs. Harry Colwell, residing in St. John. Sub-Lieut. Gilchrist is a veteran of the South African war and before entering the army was a civil engineer. In the present war he joined the navy and secured a commission as a sub-lieutenant. In the Zeebrugge landing he commanded a patrol boat and handled it and his men with great gallantry and devotion to duty, according to recent cables from England. He joined the Royal Navy about two years ago. He is a graduate of the University of New Brunswick in the class of 1910.

REGULATIONS WITH REGARD TO FLOUR AND SUGAR DEALT WITH BY DR. KIERSTEAD OF FOOD BOARD

Believes Common Sense Will be Used in Enforcement of the Regulations—Broken Packages Probably will not be Returned—Judicial Authorities will Interpret Regulations and Police will Enforce Them—Dealers' Books can be Inspected to Find Who is Hoarding—Time for Grocers to Take Out Retail Licenses Extended to June 1st.

Dr. W. C. Keirstead of this city, representing the Canada Food Board in New Brunswick, who returned yesterday from Ottawa where he had been in conference with the Federal authorities on the regulations concerning flour and sugar, issued a statement this morning which covers the question generally. He said:

"The recent regulations of the Canada Food Board regarding flour and sugar were made because of the critical shortage of these supplies. The sugar shortage is largely due to our lack of tonnage, and the flour shortage to the demand for export; consequently those who have large supplies in store must share with others who are lacking.

For Allied Needs.

"At a recent meeting of representatives of the Canada Food Board, the Allied Buyers, the Board of Grain Supervisors and the Millers, a large and definite amount of our existing supplies of wheat and flour were set aside for the Allied needs, and will be forwarded under the supervision of the Board of Grain Supervisors. The Canadian people must live until the next harvest upon what is left after this amount is exported, and a careful survey of our total supplies shows us that unless there is conservation and a fair distribution there is liable to be suffering at home for lack of bread supplies.

Hoarding Must Stop.

"The proper authorities are making every effort to secure for milling the supplies now in elevators and in the hands of the farmers, and the Food Board are prepared to make even further and more drastic regulations to secure the movement of these supplies; but because of the shortage of the flour already in the possession of consumers must be evenly distributed to meet our needs. Some homes have stored flour and sugar sufficient to last for many months. It would be criminal for these people to carry over supplies when others suffer for lack of food. In a situation of this character the hoarder robs the larder of his fellow citizens.

"The regulations are not meant to work unnecessary hardship upon dealer or consumer, but merely to make hoarders disgorge, and to produce an equitable distribution of existing limited supplies.

To Use Common Sense.

"It is the duty of judicial authorities

to interpret the regulations and of the city police to enforce them, although if the ordinary methods are not effective other methods may be adopted to secure a proper enforcement. I think it probable that common sense will be exercised in enforcement, and it is doubtful if persons possessing broken packages, containing even more than fifteen days' supply, will be disturbed. Sugar, however, is generally bought by the dollar's worth, and too large an amount should not be found in any home.

Can Examine Books.

"To the hoarders who undertake to conceal their supplies I may say it is well to bear in mind that the Canada Food Board has a right to examine the books of every dealer and this right may be exercised to locate excessive food supplies and to secure their return. A person found with such amounts in his possession is liable to have these goods confiscated and to fine and imprisonment as well.

Consumer Responsible.

"The consumer and not the dealer, is responsible in case of violation. A person living at a greater distance than two miles from a licensed dealer may have in his possession flour sufficient for his ordinary requirement for a period of thirty days, and a person more than five miles away may buy sufficient for a period of sixty days, while a person distant ten miles and more may hold sufficient for a period of one hundred and twenty days. "It is my opinion that a farmer having in his possession flour milled from his own grain does not come under these regulations. At the same time in view of the situation I trust that he will divide his supplies with needy persons. It is the duty of dealers in these commodities to accept returned goods if they are in proper condition, and in case of any refusal kindly notify this office or the Federal office of the Canada Food Board. These dealers are licensed, and in addition are anxious to help in meeting the food situation.

Flour "Forced" Upon Farmers.

"I should like to say to Mr. Morris Scovil of Gagetown, and to his neighbors, that they now have an opportunity of returning their flour to the miller at the purchase price, or the price at the present time, f. o. b., at their own station. I find, however, since the regulations have been adopted that far less flour was 'forced' upon farmers than we were led to believe. In a few days I hope to make a statement regarding the feed situation."

Time Extended.

The Chief of Police today received notification that the time for retail grocers to secure licenses as required.

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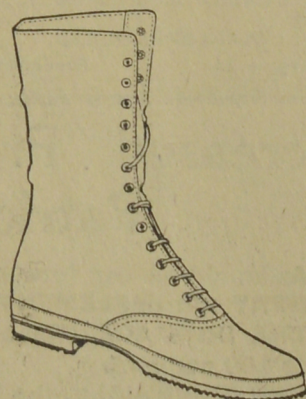
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