

CAPT. READ HAD TOUGH EXPERIENCE

**WAS SHIPWRECKED
IN SOUTH ATLANTIC**

**Tells of Wreck of Schooner
Silver Leaf While en Route
to South Africa with
Lumber.**

Looking hale and hearty and apparently none the worse for his trying experience Capt. J. A. Read who was shipwrecked a few weeks ago on the coast of Barbadoes, arrived home last night via St. John. The veteran navigator sailed from St. John on Sept. last in command of the schooner Silver Leaf bound for Capetown with a cargo of lumber. The vessel began to leak before she got out of the bay, and in order to lighten her a portion of the cargo was thrown overboard. Once out of the bay heavy gales were encountered and it was necessary to keep the gasoline pumps going day and night to keep her from becoming waterlogged.

Crossed the Equator

The equator was reached in fifty one days, and it was then that the captain discovered that his vessel was several hundred miles out of her course. Tests showed that the chronometer had gone wrong, and as the hull became barnacled it was decided to put back to Barbadoes for repairs before attempting the last leg of the voyage. When eight miles from Bridge town the vessel grounded on a sunken coral reef. The accident happened in the afternoon and the crew had no difficulty in getting ashore in their boats. The vessel soon filled with water and became a total loss. The cargo although well insured was all salvaged.

Had Tough Time

Capt. Read who has been following the sea for nearly fifty-seven years, declares that this voyage was the toughest he ever made in his life. While in Barbadoes he received a very tempting offer to take a cargo of rum to France. The vessel engaged for the purpose had been condemned and after looking her over the captain decided not to accept the offer.

Big Cane Crop

Capt. Read says the sugar cane crop in Barbadoes last season was an exceptionally heavy one. The expenses of handling it, however are much greater than they use to be. Negroes who formerly were paid 10 or 15 cents a day are now paid \$2 and upwards.

An Arrival

Mr. Fletcher Peacock is rejoicing over the arrival of a baby girl at his home on George Street recently.

Organ Recital Sunday

The third organ recital at Christ Church Cathedral will take place on Sunday, January 12th. Prof. William J. Smith A. R. C. O. has chosen for his theme Canadian and English composers.

Runaway Last Evening

A horse standing in front of a house on Charlotte street last evening becoming frightened by some youths with snowballs, ran away. After proceeding down Charlotte street for some distance it was stopped by a party of returned soldiers.

To Complete Course

Miss Isabel Wiley who has been taking a course in training in a hospital at Yarmouth has been spending a few days at her home here. She leaves this evening for Providence R. I. and will complete her course at the hospital in that city.

Palace Alleys Running Again

The Palace Bowling Alleys are running strong today and the old game has not lost any of its attraction because of the holidays. The weekly roll off will be played as usual on Monday evening and the tournament will also be started the first of the week.

Fistic Encounter Last Evening

A fistic encounter took place last evening at the corner of King and Regent streets at an early hour between two gentlemen who were evidently in good spirits. As the small crowd watching the fight showed an inclination to help matters along by starting a real fight the two participants finally cleared off and left to the great disappointment of the onlookers.

Cold Weather a Boon

A sudden change in the weather occurred early this morning the thermometer dropping below zero. The change from mild thawing weather yesterday has been a great boon to householders as the accumulation of snow and ice on roofs was causing many shingled roofs to leak. Snow-slides and ice-slides from roofs also have been stopped by this zero weather.

GOVERNMENT HAVING LONG SESSION

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING THIS AFTERNOON**

**Dom. Alliance Asks Restrictions
on Sale of Essences
—Land Settlement
for Soldiers.**

The Provincial Government session bids fair to be lengthy. The schedule was taken up last night for the first time and good progress made but much remains to be done. This afternoon the Board of Education is in session. This morning the government also had a lengthy session.

Druggists on Vendorships

This afternoon a delegation of the druggists of Fredericton waited upon the government and made a protest concerning vendorships in this city under the Intoxicating Liquor Act 1916. The wish they expressed was that all druggists should be vendors of liquor under the act or that no druggist be a vendor. They maintained that the druggist who was vendor by that fact possessed an unfair advantage over his trade competitors, on account of business being attracted to his place of business.

Lemon Extract

A delegation from the New Brunswick Branch Dominion Alliance also was heard this afternoon. This delegation asked that there be amendments made to the Intoxicating Liquors Act 1916 in respect to the sale of essences which it was urged should be restricted. This amendment is desired to prevent the use of lemon extract and similar compounds as beverages.

Soldiers' Land Settlement

The matter of land settlement for returned soldiers also was considered this afternoon. Hon. J. F. Tweeddale, Minister of Agriculture, has been in touch continuously with the Soldiers Settlement Board at Ottawa and has been urging the establishment of a sub-board for the province of New Brunswick. In response to a request the Provincial Government this afternoon had a visit from Col. Inness, Director of Agricultural Instruction, and Lieut. Robertson who has been appointed representative of the Board in the Maritime Provinces. Mr. Robertson will establish an office within the next fortnight, to deal with applications of returned soldiers who are desirous of settling upon the land. This office probably will be located at St. John.

Agricultural School

Col. Inness will visit the Dominion Experimental Station in company with the Minister of Agriculture. The latter is urging the Dominion Govern-

INTERESTING PRESENTATION BY GOVERNOR

**MILITARY CROSS WON BY
LATE CAPT. CLARKSON**

**Mother of Deceased Officer, as
Next of Kin, Receives the
Decoration from His
Majesty.**

A very interesting ceremony took place this afternoon at the office of His Honor the Lieut. Governor when the Military Cross was presented by His Honor to Mrs. E. H. Clarkson of Fredericton, which was won on the battle fields of France by her son the late Temporary Captain David William Clarkson, 14th Battalion, Canadian Infantry, 1st Quebec Regiment.

The Military Cross was presented by His Majesty the King through his Excellency the Governor General who requested His Honor the Lieut. Governor to make the presentation.

Mr. E. H. Clarkson father of the deceased officer also was present when the cross was presented by His Honor who made a most appropriate address.

Widow Died Recently

The widow of the late Capt. Clarkson Mrs. M. A. Clarkson of Cross Creek was named as his next of kin in the communication from His Majesty. Her death occurred at Moncton a few days ago when she was seized by influenza while on a visit to friends in that city. Under the circumstances the mother is the next of kin.

Native of Stanley

The officer to whom the Military Cross was awarded was a native of the Parish of Stanley and was an officer in the 71st York Regt. In 1915 he was appointed to the Composite Battalion at Halifax and later went overseas with a draft from that unit. From England he was sent to the 14th Battalion (Royal Montreal Regiment) with which he saw lengthy service. He was well known throughout this part of the province.

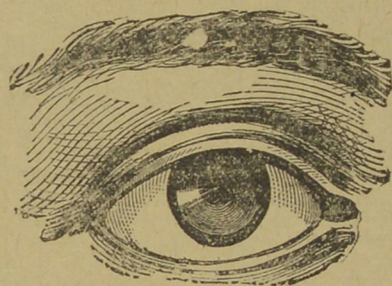
Conspicuous Bravery

The citation in the order by which

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ment to operate the Experimental Station as an agricultural school for returned soldiers.

It is the intention of the Dominion Government to enlarge the scope of the Soldiers Settlement Act passed at the last session of the Federal parliament. In the meantime those desirous of settling upon land within the Province of New Brunswick will be given an opportunity of making application setting forth their qualifications. Applications will be received by Lieut. Robertson.



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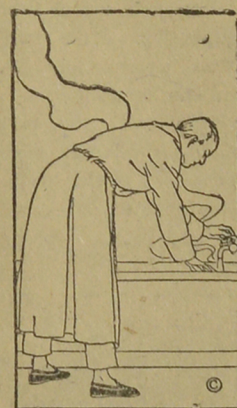
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