

WILSON PORTER AWARDED THE MILITARY MEDAL

SON OF A. C. PORTER
OF FREDERICTON

Went Overseas with the 104th
Battalion, and Served in
France with 26th and
78th Battalions.

Mr. Arthur C. Porter is in receipt of a letter from his son Gunner Harold Porter stating that his brother Lance Corporal Wilson Porter has won the Military Medal for gallantry in action shortly before the armistice was signed. Lance Corporal Porter is well known in Fredericton and the news of his receiving the Military Medal will be received by his many friends with feelings of pleasure at his gallantry.

Lance Corporal Porter enlisted while he was in the senior class at the Fredericton High School. He was sixteen years of age when he enlisted with the 104th Battalion in 1915. He was transferred to the 26th Battalion and finally to the 78th Battalion which he went to France with early in April 1918.

He won the Military Medal for gallantry in action a few days before the signing of the armistice. He was then given eight days' leave and went to Paris where he spent his leave with his uncle Rev. Dr. H. A. Porter, chaplain in the American Y. M. C. A. forces. Lance Corporal Porter has a brother Gunner Harold Porter also serving his country. Gunner Porter went overseas with the 65th Field Battery last year and is in England at present.

Case Postponed

The case King vs. Ward which was to come up for a hearing today in the Police Court has been postponed until Friday 17th.

Rendered Solo

Captain Ross, Assistant Paymaster at the District Depot, rendered a very acceptable solo at St. Paul's Presbyterian church last evening.

Death at Millville

The death occurred yesterday at Millville of Herbert Moore after a short illness. The deceased was forty-two years of age.

With Dispersal Station

Lieut. B. A. Burden who has been with the Depot Battalion at St. John has been transferred to M. D. No. 7 as Adjutant in the Dispersal Station at St. John.

Weekly Roll Off

About thirty-five names are down for the weekly roll off at the Palace Bowling Alleys this evening. A list of splendid and suitable prizes has been put up for the leaders of the roll off.

Returning Home

A letter received here recently from Capt. J. S. Scott, stating that he was to leave Belgium for England and anticipated that he would be sailing for home in a short time. Capt. Scott has been serving with the Railway Construction Corps, and when last heard from was at Mons.

Alarm Box Out of Order

The fire alarm box at the corner of Westmorland and Queen streets has been the cause of much trouble from time to time. It was damaged by lightning some time ago and one of the coils being burned out it caused several alarms. The firemen were hunting for the trouble and finally located and remedied it today.

Reported Killed at Passchendaele

Among the recent visitors in the city was Sergeant Major Springer of St. John. Sergeant Major Springer was a member of the 26th New Brunswick Battalion and was reported killed at the battle of Passchendaele. The book which was published last year called "The Fighting 26th" gives the details of the sergeant major's supposed death.

Rev. G. M. Young at Fairville Yesterday was the 24th anniversary of the Fairville Methodist church in its present building, and in honor of the occasion services were of special character all day. Rev. Geo. M. Young of Fredericton, a former pastor, and president of the conference, preaching both morning and evening. Rev. Thomas Marshall, pastor of the church was also present and assisted in the services.

Picture House Burned

The Gem Theatre St. John was completely gutted and three other buildings were badly damaged last evening by a fire which threatened for a time to destroy the entire block of wooden buildings situated in Waterloo street between Paddock and Peters streets. The fire, of unknown origin, broke out shortly after 9 o'clock last evening. The total damage is estimated to be about \$25,000, while \$13,500 of this is covered by insurance.

Firemen Had Busy Time

Four still alarms caused the Fredericton firemen a busy time during the week-end. At seven o'clock on Saturday evening a call was sent in from the residence of Mr. H. G. Veness, Brunswick street. The fire was a small chimney blaze. On Sunday three still alarm calls were sent in from the residence of Mr. James Biggs, Regent Street, the fire resulting from an overheated furnace pipe, one from the residence of Mr. Charles A. Sampson, St. John street, being a chimney blaze, and one at 10 a. m. today from the residence of Mr. Robert Scott on George Street, being another chimney blaze.

WILLIAM KERR ASSISTANT TO LT. ROBERTSON

INTERVIEWED MINISTER
OF AGRICULTURE TODAY

Will Remain Advisory of N. B.
Farm Settlement Board—
Deputy Minister to
Arrive Friday.

Mr. William Kerr of St. John who until the appointment of Mr. Fred E. Sharp of Springfield, King's County as Supt. of Immigration last week was Acting Supt. of Immigration, this morning had an interview with Hon. J. F. Tweeddale, Minister of Agriculture, in connection with his new work as assistant to Lieut. J. G. Robertson, Maritime Provinces representative of the Soldiers' Settlement Board. Mr. Kerr's services were applied for by Lieutenant Robertson, who considered from the manner in which he had performed the duties of his office under the New Brunswick Agricultural Department and from his knowledge of farm values and local conditions in this province that his services would be extremely valuable. The Minister of Agriculture consented to relieve Mr. Kerr of his duties in order that he might assist Lieut. Robertson but stipulated that he must continue to act as advisory member of the Farm Settlement Board of New Brunswick as his experience is considered of great value and necessary in carrying on the work of that today. Mr. Kerr was desirous of taking part in the work of reconstruction as assistant to Lieut. Robertson and Hon. Mr. Tweeddale with reluctance parted with his services as he was considered one of the most valuable officials of the Department of Agriculture.

The vacancy in the organization of the Department was filled by the appointment of Mr. Sharp as Supt. of Immigration and secretary of The Farm Settlement Board.

To Arrive This Week

Hon. Mr. Tweeddale has received from Mr. E. P. Bradt who some weeks ago was appointed Deputy Minister of Agriculture, a letter informing him that he would arrive in Fredericton to take up his duties on the 17th inst. Mr. Bradt delayed his departure from Ontario because he had been asked to take part in the judging at the Ottawa Winter Fair.

Left For Ottawa

Dr. C. C. Jones left on Saturday evening for Ottawa to attend the meetings of the Rehabilitation Committee, which is to consider features in connection with the education of the returned soldiers.

TO PRESENT MILITARY CROSS AT WOODSTOCK

MRS. HARMON WILL GET
HUSBAND'S DECORATION

Deceased Officer Had Long and
Distinguished Military Career—Killed While
With R. A. F.

Mr. R. S. Barker, Official Secretary to His Honor the Lieut. Governor will go to Woodstock tonight to present Mrs. B. W. Harmon, with the Military Cross awarded to her husband the late Lieut. Burdette William Harmon. His Honor the Lieut. Governor was unable to go to Woodstock and Mrs. Harmon on account of illness was unable to come to Fredericton although the expenses of all asked to come to this city to receive decorations are paid.

Rose From Ranks

Both Mrs. Harmon and her husband are graduates of the University of New Brunswick she being formerly Miss Harriet A. Hanselpecker. The late Lieut. Harmon was well known throughout the province. He went overseas in 1914 with the Canadian Engineers serving in the ranks. He won the Distinguished Conduct Medal and received a commission as a lieutenant in the infantry and also was wounded. After being commissioned in the 52nd Battalion he won the Military Cross and a Russian Decoration. Later he joined the Royal Air Force and was given a leave which enabled him to return to Canada. While here he was married. He returned to France and was killed in action soon afterwards.

Won Cross in Trench Raid

The citation of the late officer for the Military Cross is as follows:

For conspicuous gallantry in the Thelus Section on the 6th December 1916. Having on the morning of the 6th after blowing up 40 feet of wire, led a raiding party into the enemy's trench, bombed three dug outs inflicting many casualties on the enemy and brought two unwounded prisoners into our line.

Child Born

At the time of her husband's death Mrs. Harmon was teaching school at Stanley. A child was born to the deceased officer some weeks ago.

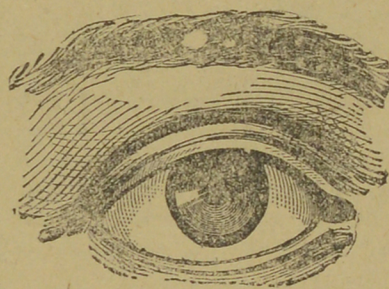
Attended G. W. V. A. Meeting

Premier Foster, Col. Innis and Lieut. J. G. Robertson attended the meeting of the provincial executive of the Great War Veterans' Association at St. John Saturday. The scheme of land settlement for soldiers was explained. Mr. A. Ashford was the Fredericton delegate.

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