

PROMINENT MILLVILLE MAN PASSES AWAY

**JOSIAH HALLETT
DIES OF PNEUMONIA**

**York County Farmer and Lum-
berman Who Nobly Did His
Part for Empire's
Cause.**

Mr. Josiah Hallett, one of the best known and most highly respected residents of York County, died at his home in Millville early this morning after a week's illness from pneumonia. News of his death reached the city shortly afterwards and was a painful shock to his many friends here.

Farmer and Lumberman

Mr. Hallett owned and occupied a fine farm at Millville and in the winter season carried on extensive lumbering operations on the Nashwaak and tributaries. For many years he operated for the late Alexander Gibson and since his death has been getting out logs for the Nashwaak Pulp and Paper Company. He was a familiar figure along the Nashwaak and enjoyed the confidence and esteem of all his acquaintances. Mr. Hallett was known as a shrewd business man, thoroughly honorable and upright and generous to a fault. His death is a distinct loss to the County of York.

Had Large Family

The deceased was sixty-two years of age and is survived by a widow and family of four sons and five daughters. They are Alva and Budd, now overseas with the C. E. F., Robert, Paul and Edward at home; Mrs. Isaac Draper of Toronto, Jeanette, Anna and Lou at home, and Alice employed at the District Depot in this city. Another son, Arden Hallett went overseas with the first contingent and after four

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Prohibition Case Postponed

George B. Moore came before Police Magistrate Limerick yesterday afternoon charged with violation of the Prohibition Act as a result of a raid on his premises some weeks ago. The defendant was placed on the stand and after hearing his evidence the case was postponed until Monday, April 7th.

Capt. Powers at Halifax

Capt. N. J. Powers is among those who have arrived at Halifax. He is a brother of Mr. T. G. Powers of this city. He enlisted in the Forestry Unit receiving his commission last August. Later he was promoted to his Captaincy for service in France in October. He is expected to arrive in the city tomorrow evening.

The Sons of England

Islington Lodge had the pleasure and privilege of initiating three candidates at Tuesday evenings regular meeting, and several other good prospects will probably be "put through" at the next regular meeting, April 15th. St. George's Day is always observed by Englishmen in all parts of the world, and the local Sons of England contemplate having an open meeting with an interesting program.

Leaving for Scotland

Prof. and Mrs. William J. Smith of this city and family will leave for Scotland on April 22nd on board the S. S. Minnedosa. It is some time since Prof. and Mrs. Smith have seen their relatives across the sea and they expect to have a very pleasant trip. They expect to return in the early part of September. Prof. Smith has been organist of Christchurch Cathedral for several years.

Eggs for Hatching

Mr. A. C. McCulloch provincial poultry superintendent has arranged to bring in 10000 Barred Plymouth Rock eggs from Maine this season for hatching purposes. Some have already arrived and another consignment of 3000 is expected on Saturday of this week. The farmers of the province all are becoming impressed with the importance of having chickens hatched early, and already the poultry department has had many applications for eggs.

Entertained at Luncheon

Mrs. William Pugsley entertained at luncheon at the Queen Hotel this afternoon at 1.30 o'clock for some twenty-three covers. The following were present: Mrs. A. T. McMurray, Mrs. John Black, Mrs. C. F. Deacon, Mrs. R. W. McLellan, Mrs. C. E. Popplestone, Mrs. W. H. Robinson, Mrs. T. B. Winslow, Mrs. A. W. Smithers, Mrs. W. H. Steeves, Mrs. H. H. McNally, Mrs. R. H. McGrath, Mrs. Wesley Vanwart, Mrs. W. C. Kierstead, Mrs. G. N. Babbitt, Mrs. J. H. Barry, Mrs. D. S. Lawson, Mrs. R. M. Luton, Mrs. W. J. Scott, Mrs. H. G. Chestnut, Mrs. H. R. Babbitt, Mrs. A. M. Gibson, Miss Jeanette Beverley, Mrs. Pugsley.

RESIDENCE OF J. F. VANBUSKIRK PRACTICALLY DESTROYED BY FIRE AT EARLY HOUR THIS MORNING

**Damage Estimated at \$15,000—Occupants of Dwelling Forced
to Flee in Night Clothing—Some Furniture and Valuables
Saved—Roof and Upper Story of Residence Gone and Rest
Much Damaged—Firemen Had Hard Fight.**

The residence of Mr. James F. Van Buskirk, York Street, one of the finest in Fredericton, was almost destroyed by fire between five and six o'clock this morning. Shortly after five o'clock the occupants were aroused by smoke which filled the house and escaped in their night clothing over which they threw coats. It is believed that the fire originated from the furnace in the cellar as the flames first were observed there, what the exact cause was is not known although there are stories of an explosion.

Confusion in Alarm

As has been the case for some months past the alarm whistle on the Street Lighting plant was not in working order and confusion in the alarm resulted. Several alarms were rung in. The confusion made many citizens think that there was no serious fire and it was quite late in the morning before many knew that the city had had the most serious fire in some time. Even at the scene of the fire there were few spectators until after the house had been burning two hours.

Spread Through Building

The response of the firemen was prompt and three streams were laid quickly. The building was constructed of wood with a metal roof and these facts aided largely in the spread of the flames. The latter got a particularly firm hold on the walls and repeatedly broke through them from top to bottom. This made the work of the firemen difficult and four hours after the fire started they were still fighting the flames.

Some furniture was removed from the lower stories of the house and was piled in the yard where it was covered and later removed in wagons. Much of the furniture, however was not taken from the building and was a heavy loss. Much clothing also was burned. Jewelry and other valuables were removed.

At one stage of the fire cartridges stored in one of the closets in the second story exploded.

Upper Portion Destroyed

The flames in the early stages of the fire were in the cellar and lower stories but after a while worked their way to the third story and roof. The latter was covered with metal which compelled the firemen to do the greater part of their fighting from the inside of the building. At about eight o'clock the fire broke through the roof at various places and the rising wind fanned

it briskly. The final result was that the roof was burned off, the third story destroyed and the others damaged by fire, smoke and water.

Loss Very Heavy

The loss to Mr. VanBuskirk is heavy for the building will practically have to be reconstructed. A rough estimate of the loss is \$15,000. The building was purchased by Mr. VanBuskirk about twelve years ago and rebuilt by him. Prior to that it was the property of the late Hon. David Wark, Senator who had purchased it from the late Fred Fisher.

It is understood that \$23,000 insurance was carried on both building and furniture, \$10,000 on the house and \$5,000 on the furniture in a Halifax office and \$5,000 on the house and \$3,000 on the furniture in the office of F. I. Morrison & Son of this city.

CAPT. J. S. SCOTT IS HEARTILY WELCOMED

Looking hale and hearty after three years of splendid service overseas Capt. John S. Scott arrived home by last evening's train and is receiving a hearty welcome from his numerous friends. Capt. Scott arrived at Halifax on Tuesday by the steamship Canada, and proceeded at once to St. John where he spent yesterday arranging for his discharge. Upon his arrival here he was met by a number of relatives and friends who accorded him a most cordial greeting.

Capt. Scott went overseas with the 115th Battalion, and on arrival in France was for a time in the transport service, being later transferred to the Railway Construction Corps. His career at the front was a strenuous one, but he pulled through without a scratch, and had no difficulty in holding his end up with men twenty-five years his junior. "It seems to me as if I had been on a Cook's tour," he told a representative of The Mail this morning. "I am glad that I went overseas," he went on, "and I am proud that I have been able to render some little service to the Empire's cause."

Capt. Scott has as yet made no plans for the future but his friends will be glad to learn that he expects to remain in Fredericton.

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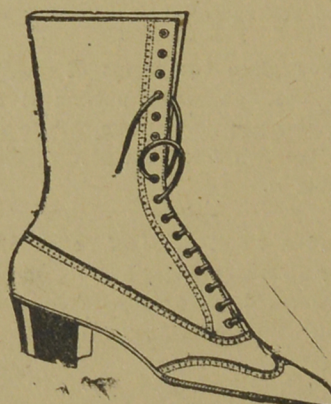
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