



The above photo submitted by the Nova Scotia Barrister's Society shows the legal counsels during the November 9th special admission session when 11 World War I veterans, who were studying law when they enlisted, were admitted posthumously to the Nova Scotia Bar. (Submitted)

WW I Vets Admitted to the Bar

By Maurice Rees
(with files from Nova Scotia Barrister's Society)

Captain Walter Trueman Ruggles (born 1890), Londonderry; Private Alexander McFarlane Seaman (born 1888), Minudie, Cumberland County and Lieutenant Howard Charles Dawson (born 1894), Truro, Nova Scotia were three of eleven World War I veterans admitted to the bar, by the Nova Scotia Barrister's Society in a special bar admission ceremony held in Halifax on November 9, 2019.

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The Nova Scotia Barristers Society did something unusual on Friday, November 8, admitting 11 World War I veterans, who had been studying law, when they enlisted to serve Canada, but lost their lives during active service.

The following Biographies were provided by the Barrister's Society.

Captain Walter Trueman Ruggles

Captain Walter Trueman Ruggles was born on September 15, 1890 in Londonderry, Nova Scotia. He attended Mount Allison University in Sackville New Brunswick and was studying law at Dalhousie University in Halifax when he enlisted for service with the Canadian Expeditionary Force.

In December of 1915, Captain Ruggles enlisted with the 85th (Nova Scotia Highlanders) Battalion and served with the 85th Battalion in France until he was invalided back to Canada as a result of injuries that he received in combat.

While Ruggles survived the fighting in Europe, he did not live to see the 85th Battalion return to Canada. Captain Ruggles died on 4 February 1919 of causes attributed to his service. He is buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia.

Captain Ruggles is represented by Capt (ret'd) E. Patrick Shea. A former reserve officer in the Canadian Forces and a partner in the interna-

tional law firm Gowling WLG, Mr. Shea is the individual who initiated the project to obtain posthumous admissions to the law students from across Canada who were lost in WWI, including Captain Ruggles.

Private Alexander Macfarlane Seaman

The admitting to the bar of the Nova Scotia Barristers Society of eleven veteran in World War I has struck and emotional cord with many people including descendents of Private Alexander Macfarlane Seaman who was born in Minudie on February 8, 1888. Seaman was from a prominent Nova Scotia family. He attended Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick and Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Seaman received his LLB from Dalhousie in 1916 and was articling at MacLean, Burchell & Ralston (now Burchells LLP) when he enlisted.

Perhaps one of the most emotional descendents was Bill Seaman, his grandson. Bill is the grandson of Private Seaman's sister, Mary V. (Seaman) Morris. Bill's mother was her daughter, Marjorie Kerr (Morris) Seaman who married his father, Henry Emmerson Seaman, 85 years ago.

(It is ironic, how things come full circle. Grandson, Bill Seaman, was a friend and customer of Maurice Rees, publisher, back in the 1986-1990 era, when Maurice was working for Farm Focus and Bill was busy selling agriculture implements. They have not seen each other since the early 1990's).

Seaman enlisted with the 85th (Nova Scotia Highlanders) Battalion in October of 1915. He served in the 85th Battalion with one of the partners of the MacLean, Burchell & Ralston, Colonel Hon James Layton Ralston. Private Seaman was killed in action on August 9, 1918 while serving under Colonel Ralston. Seaman was 30 years old and is buried in France.

Lieutenant Howard Charles Dawson

Lieutenant Howard Charles Dawson was born in Truro, Nova Scotia on September 19,

1894.

Dawson was serving in the Reserves when the War broke out and he enlisted as a Private with a Composite Battalion of volunteers from all over Nova Scotia. He was commissioned as a Lieutenant in March of 1916 and ultimately served with the 26th (New Brunswick) Battalion in France.

Lieutenant Dawson was killed in action on January 12, 1917. He went missing while on a scouting mission to obtain intelligence in preparation for an attack when he went missing. Dawson was 22 years old and is buried in France.

A shorter version of the Biography of the remaining 8 WWI veterans from other areas around the province follows:

Lieutenant Nathan Lewis Chipman

Lieutenant Nathan Lewis Chipman was born on February 6, 1897 in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. He was educated at Yarmouth Academy in Yarmouth and was attending Dalhousie University in Halifax when he enlisted.

Major Edward Alexander Chisholm, MC

Major Edward Alexander Chisholm, MC was born in Linwood Nova Scotia on July 26, 1892. He attended St Francis Xavier High School and St Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, Nova Scotia. In 1913, he enrolled at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia to study law.

Major Chisholm was one of the most decorated soldier of WWI. He is one of only 169 soldiers serving with the British and Commonwealth forces in WWI to receive the Military Cross 3 times.

Lieutenant James Gibson Laurier Fraser

Lieutenant James Gibson Laurier Fraser was the son of the 9th Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia and the brother of the 21st Lieutenant Governor. He was born in New Glasgow on September 14, 1894. Lieutenant Fraser was killed on March 4, 1918 at the age of 23. He is buried at Bully-Grenay Communal Cemetery in France.

Lieutenant David Livingstone

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stone was born on April 4, 1888 on Boularderie Island in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. He was studying law at Dalhousie University when he enlisted with the 85th (Nova Scotia Highlanders) Battalion in September of 1915. Lieutenant Livingstone went overseas in October of 1916. He was killed by an enemy shell on 10 October 1918 and is buried in France.

Captain Thomas Malcolm McLean

Captain Thomas Malcolm McLean was born in Bridgewater on October 3, 1894. In January of 1916, McLean joined the 85th (Nova Scotia Highlanders) Battalion and went overseas with the 85th in October of 1916.

Captain McLean has the sad distinction of being the second of 4 Officers to command the 85th Battalion on August 10, 1918. He took command of the Battalion when the Nova Scotia lawyer Major Ivan Ralston was killed. Sadly, Captain McLean himself was mortally wounded only minutes after assuming command of the Battalion. He is buried in France, but memorialized on his parents' headstone in Bridgewater, Nova Scotia.

Lieutenant Walter Willett Pickup

Lieutenant Walter Willett Pickup was born in Granville Ferry, Nova Scotia on April 15 1893. His father had served as a Member of Parliament and was a Member of the Legislative Council of Nova Scotia when Pickup enlisted for service with the Canadian Expeditionary Force. Captain Pickup attended Mount Allison University in Sackville New Brunswick. After receiving his BA from Mount Allison, he enrolled as a law student at Dalhousie University.

Lieutenant Charles Dayrell Shreve, MC

Lieutenant Charles Dayrell Shreve, MC was born on November 23, 1892 in Digby, Nova Scotia. He was a law student at Dalhousie University when he enlisted for service with the Canadian Expeditionary Force in January of 1916.

Shreve was killed by an enemy shell on October 7, 1918. He is buried in Bournon Wood Cemetery in France. In December of 1917, Shreve received the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty.

Captain John King Swanson

Captain John King Swanson was born in Kentville, Nova Scotia on March 11, 1890. He had received his LLB from Dalhousie, but had not yet been called when he enlisted with the Canadian Expeditionary Force in December of 1915. Captain Swanson died on 13 April 1917 of wounds suffered on the opening day of the Battle of Vimy Ridge on 9 April 1917. He was 27 years old and is buried at Barlin Communal Cemetery in France.

Chiganois: Virtue Celebration DECEMBER 20TH

By Linda Harrington

Chiganois Elementary took part in a Remembrance Day Ceremony in the school gymnasium with members of the Debert Legion in attendance.

There is no school for students on Nov 29th, Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held 9AM - 11:30AM.

Virtue of the Month of December is Thoughtfulness-Being considerate of other's needs. Being attentive to the happiness and well-being of others. The Virtue Assemble will be held on Dec. 6th.

All students and staff will be travelling by buses on December 20th to the Faith Baptist Church in Great Village to share in a Virtue Celebration focusing on Thoughtfulness from 10:00 to 11:00am. This is the last day of classes before the Christmas holidays. If you do not want your child to participate in this activity please let your child's teacher know in advance, thanks.

Congratulations to the students who received the November Virtue Award for demonstrating the virtue of Peacefulness.

Please remember to have your child/children dress appropriately for the weather when coming to school. The temperature is dropping, and students will be expected to be outside for play time unless the weather is too inclement. The play field is open and is not very sheltered from the wind. Students should have a hat and gloves/mittens as well as a warm jacket and appropriate footwear for outside play. When the snow begins to fall, snow pants or splash pants keep students warm and dry after playtime for afternoon instruction. It may be a good idea to slip an extra pair of gloves/mittens in your child/children's backpacks, especially the little ones.

The children are excited and have been working very hard learning their parts and lyrics for our up-coming Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 11th at 6:30 at CEC! AV room doors will not open until 6:10 in order to give Mrs. Saunders and musicians time to set up. A lot of rehearsal time has been spent and the children are looking very forward to having their moment to shine on stage!!

In order to give each class their deserved time on stage, it is expected the concert will be approximately 1 hour and

15 minutes. Out of respect for the students performing and your fellow audience members, please keep distractions to a minimum. If your preschool age children are getting restless, please feel free to take them to the foyer for a little break. The expectation is that everyone needs to remain in their seats during the entire concert. Parents please take your child for a washroom break prior to being seated. Parents are asked to pick up their child from their classroom teacher at the end of the concert.

Just a reminder the PTG will be having a 50/50 Draw and selling tickets. The draw will take place during intermission. Ticket are \$2.00 each or 3/\$5.00.

The ADL Cheese Fundraiser was a huge success. A total of \$2,500 was raised! Thank you to all who helped make this event so successful.

Once again, Ghost and Goblins came out to support the Halloween dance. We're happy to announce \$1400.00 was raised in profit! Thank you to everyone who came and helped, it was a fun night for all!

A free Turkey Dinner will be held on December 12th for all staff and students.

The Christmas store will be held on December 13th this year. The PTG are currently recruiting volunteers to help out but really need donations for all types of family members. The PTG would like you to start putting aside those items that can be donated for this much anticipated event. Please send in any donated items to the school by Thursday, December 12th. Examples are books, CDs, movies, ornaments, mugs, toys, etc. We are usually in need of items for Dads/teens. New or gently used and clean items only please. If you have wrapping paper, tape, and gifts bags that can be donated it would be greatly appreciated.

Students will purchase gifts for family whom will be with them Christmas morning. If there are any items/time remaining, students will have a second chance to shop for themselves. Items will range from \$0.25 to \$1. Students are asked to bring in their shopping list and money (\$5 is suggested - in a sealed baggie) on the 13th. All students are invited to shop. If some-

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