

THE ADVANCE.

the contingent was formed and ready to go to Quebec for embarkation.

The day of departure at last arrived for the contingent to leave Quebec, amid cheers and good wishes for a speedy return.

On landing at Cape Town the wildest enthusiasm prevailed, everyone wanted to get a glimpse of our Canadian boys. Their stay there was not a prolonged one, however, as orders were received to proceed to the front as soon as possible.

After the First Contingent left there were still many men that wanted to go and fight for England, and it was then decided to send another contingent, consisting mostly of Infantry and Artillery.

Part of this contingent was stationed at the Exhibition Grounds, where a number of people visited them; but for the benefit of all they paraded through the streets one afternoon and were heartily cheered.

At Halifax these men were cordially welcomed and given as good an entertainment as the City of Halifax could furnish, every luxury being provided for them.

When the time for departure came the streets were thronged with people, and as the troops marched to the wharf the people cheered and the bands played. The troops were soon on board and as the vessel slipped its cable the people gave one final cheer and the soldiers sailed out of sight amidst the best wishes of all.



ENOCH ARDEN.

In a village near the sea three children lived, Annie Lee, Philip Ray, the miller's only son, and Enoch Arden, a rough sailor lad,

who was an orphan. They played house together in a cave. Annie was always mistress and Philip and Enoch took in turn to be master, the other being the visitor.

When they grew up they both loved Annie, but Enoch spoke first and was accepted. Philip was deeply disappointed, but had to bear it in silence. Annie and Enoch were married and lived together happily for seven years. Enoch was a fisherman and had a very good boat. They had three children, a girl and two boys. One of the boys was delicate.

Enoch slipped one day and broke his arm. While he was unable to work another man got his trade. A former master of his, hearing of his misfortune came and offered him a position as boat-swain on board a ship bound for China. He accepted, only too glad to get work. When Annie was told she pleaded with him not to go, saying he could get work at home. But he knew better, and at last the day came for him to go. He had sold his boat and bought things for Annie, as she was going to keep a shop while he was away. When he was saying good-bye she cut a curl from the baby's head and gave it to him.

A long time passed away and Enoch did not come home. The shop did not pay well. Annie and the children were often hungry and the children did not receive a good education. The baby died, and, while Annie was alone after the funeral was over Philip came in and offered to give the children a good education. At last she consented and the children were sent to a good school. They loved their kind benefactor and called him "Father Philip."