



BRITISH SOLDIER CRIPPLES, COLORED AND WHITE FEASTED AT HAMPTON COURT

Two stalwart black soldiers of King George, who were leading features of a wounded parade from hospitals that brought them from hospitals to Hampton Court, near London, recently, to be entertained by a club there. They are all a jolly lot of cripples.—(London Mirror Photo.)

PTE BERT RICHARDSON TO UNDERGO OPERATION

Is Now in Hospital at Ramsgate, Eng. Anxious to go to France. Went Overseas With 91st. Batt.

Note—Private Richardson has sent home some excellent photos of the hospital and two excellent photos of the Zeppelin which was recently destroyed in England.

Ramsgate, Sept. 26. My Dear Sister and Brother: I now sit down to write a few lines to you hoping they will find you well, as I am glad to say I am fairly well at present, and am having some great time. Say, I have not received any letter since last week, but I guess there are some here for me. I will tell you they are shifting me from one place to another and it is a while before I shall get it. I do not know if I told you last time I wrote, I wanted to go over to France and I thought I was going Sunday, Sept. 24. We got our firing nearly done and on Wednesday we went before the M. O. for an examination. When he came to me he told me to go and have my

toe nails out. When I got there they sent me to Moore's Barracks Hospital Shoreham. I arrived at Moore's B. H. about 10 o'clock Thursday. I had to go and put a blue suit on and at 11 o'clock I went before a doctor and he looked at my feet for quite a while and talked about sending me to a special hospital. So I stayed there Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. All I did was smoke, read write, sleep and eat. Some life, and I'm not worrying Monday morning they came and told me to get ready to go to Ramsgate. I got my uniform and got ready.

I was driven in an ambulance to Ramsgate and reported at the Granville Canadian Special Hospital. They took us from there to this place and we were taken to our quarters and now are awaiting to see what is to be done. This place is a big college turned into a hospital. From what I can hear they tell me Queen Elizabeth lived here. It is a fine place right on the sea front and I will send you some post cards as soon as I can get out. They won't let you out all the time you wear the blues. So you can let 'em not worrying myself. The weather here is great. I see by my sheet that they have got me down as "Crippled toes" on

both feet. But I guess I shall know what they are going to do with me in a day or two. There have been some more Zepp. raids here. I hope all are well at home. Will dose with love to all. Good night and God bless and protect you. I remain, Your loving brother, Bert.

THE BISHOP OF LONDON'S VISIT TO THE FLEET

The Bishop of London writes in the London Diocesan Magazine for September:

The Bishop of London is a brother of Mr. F. W. Ingram, of Grovesend. "I was thinking of writing a little account of this visit as so many were praying for it in the diocese, but on second thoughts I will not attempt to do so. Quite apart from the difficulty of writing anything of interest which would pass the censor, to reveal the inner history of it would be to reveal 'God's secrets.' I have, moreover, come to the conclusion that soldiers and sailors, while they seem to love having you with them, do not care for your 'making a song' about it afterwards. So I will content myself with quoting the telegram handed me by the Admiral commanding the base, just before I left the last battleship in which I was staying. This I am specially permitted to quote by the Commander-in-Chief himself. It will be enough to show my people who prayed for me, and the kind Suffragan Bishops and Archdeacons who made the visit possible, that it was not wholly in vain. Copy of telegram from Commander-in-Chief Grand Fleet to Admiral commanding Battle Squadron: Please give the following message to Bishop of London: Begin—At the moment of your departure from the Grand Fleet I am anxious to express to you how deeply your visit has been appreciated and how much we regret its conclusion. Please accept most grateful thanks for the self-denying labour and ministrations so freely given on our behalf.—Admiral Jellicoe I would add that I received what I could only describe as a grete "Smile of welcome" from the whole Fleet, from the Commander-in-Chief and Sir David Beatty to the youngest sailor-boy, and that the visit will be one of the great recollections of my life."

ST. THOMAS TO WINTER TROOPS

It is reported that troops are to be quartered in five cities in Military District No. 1 this coming winter. The places decided on are St. Thomas, Galt, Chatham, Guelph, and London. The 149th (Lambton) Battalion and the 118th (North Waterloo) Battalion will probably winter in London. The Kent Battalion in Chatham; the 13rd at Galt and the 241st (Scottish Borderers), which is being recruited at Windsor, is slated for St. Thomas, although the mayor and council of Windsor are doing all in their power to retain the Battalion at the Border City for the winter. One and two batteries will likely occupy the winter fair buildings at Guelph.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Malahide Rural School Fair A Hughe Success

Many Entries—Competition Keen—Big Crowd—Ten Schools Took Part—Everybody Had a Good Time

The Annual Malahide Rural School Fair was held on Friday, October 6th, under the auspices of the Malahide Rural School Fair Association, on the Dunboyne school grounds. It was an ideal location among the beautiful maple trees which had been slightly touched by Jack Frost, and were dressed in many colors. By noon these spacious school grounds were well filled with anxious pupils of the ten Malahide schools and their parents and friends, and the crowds continued coming until three o'clock in the afternoon. It is estimated that between 300 and 400 people were on the grounds. The road in front of the school grounds was lined on each side with horses and rigs tied to the fence, and automobiles standing along the roadway for a good half mile in each direction.

At noon a picnic lunch was served by the ladies, who brought their baskets heavily laden with good things to eat, that only the people in the country know how to prepare. Promptly after dinner the programme started with the school parade. The schools formed up and marched around the grounds in order of the number of their school section, carrying flags and banners and at the close sang "God Save the King." Prizes were awarded on the basis of (1) deportment; (2) originality of design for displaying identity of each school; (3) arrangement and marching of pupils.

The public speaking contest was a most interesting event. There were three contestants who were allowed to speak on any subject but were limited to 3 minutes. All three contestants were girls and the excellent manner in which they handled their subjects deserves special mention. The boys were conspicuous by their absence. The first speaker was Miss Vera Ingram, of S. S. 2, who chose for her subject "The Benefit of the School Fair to the Children." Miss Catharine Strath, of S. S. No. 1, chose for her subject "How Canadian Girls and Boys Can be Patriotic," and Estes James, of S. S. No. 7, gave such a good impromptu speech, and delivered it with such force and without hesitation that the judges awarded Miss James first prize. Miss Catharine Strath was awarded second prize and Miss Ingram third. All the young orators deserve credit and a great deal of praise.

Then followed the girls' sewing competition and the boys' carpenter competition of making a hen's nest 10 x 12 inches with half-inch lumber; relay race, tug of war, etc.

The Fair was held under the direction of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, Elgin branch, and was ably managed by the popular Government representative, Mr. C. W. Buchanan and his assistant, Mr. C. A. Williams, assisted by the teachers and inspector Smith, of the Public Schools of East Elgin. They were assisted by Mr. G. R. Green, of Woodstock, the Oxford representative of the Department; Mr. W. H. Reid, of Kingston, the Government's official judge of poultry; Miss Hicks, of Dutton; Mrs. A. Almas, Mrs. D. J. McClelland and Mrs. M. Copeland, of the Women's Institute, Aylmer Branch; Mr. Thomas Hammond and Charles Caverly, of Aylmer.

A large tent, owned by the Department, held the exhibits of the pupils' work, such as penmanship, essays on Agricultural subjects, paintings, drawings, collections of weeds, insects, fruits, vegetables, cooking by the girls, needlework, of all kinds, manual training work of the boys, etc., all of which showed the great interest taken by the children. An interesting exhibit of bird houses was made, and of course Charlie Caverly, of Aylmer, was the judge of this department. Mr. Caverly is the originator of the bird house idea in this district, and possibly has more original designs than any other one person in Canada.

To say the least the Fair was a wonderful success. People were there from all parts of the township, and a very social time was spent. These School Fairs are becoming very popular and are a splendid thing. Competition is the life of trade, and the pupils are thus encouraged to do their level best all the term to make the best exhibit at the Fair. It gives them something practical and encouraging to work for. No admission is charged to see the fair, and the prizes which range from 25 cents to 10 cents, are provided by the different school sections and the Department.

The roots, vegetables, grains, etc., shown were all grown in the school gardens, from seed supplied by the Department of Agriculture, and the excellent display of poultry were from eggs supplied the pupils by the Department.

A goodly number of colts and calves were shown, and some very fine stock was exhibited, all the property of the scholars. This showing afforded the spectators much amusement as the frisky young animals were led around the ring by their proud young owners, or rather led their young owners at times.

A complete list of the prize winners follows:

- Class 1—Potatoes**
 - Section—Plot
 - 1st, Bernice Chalk, S. S. 7.
 - 2nd, Willie Chute, S. S. 9.
 - 3rd, Bordon Hankinson, S. S. 2.
 - 4th, Russel Lee, S. S. 23.
 - 5th, Hazel Franklin, S. S. 23.
 - 6th, Ethel Kilmer, S. S. 6.
- Section—Dozen**
 - 1st, Bordon Hankinson, S. S. 2.
 - 2nd, Lee Russel, S. S. 23.
 - 3rd, Bernice Chalk, S. S. 7.
 - 4th, Harry Crosby, S. S. 1.
 - 5th, H. Wilbert Bangall, S. S. 3.
 - 6th, Edna Churchill, S. S. 3.
- Class 2—Mangels**
 - Section—Plot
 - 1st, S. McQuigan, S. S. 7.
 - 2nd, Edith Fugard, S. S. 9.
 - 3rd, Laura Snider, S. S. 11.
 - 4th, May VanPatter, S. S. No. 5.
 - 5th, Eva Brackenbury, S. S. 2.
 - 6th, Dennis Learn, S. S. 9.
- Section—Half-Dozen**
 - 1st, Gladys Slacey, S. S. 6.
 - 2nd, Eva Brackenbury, S. S. 2.
 - 3rd, Edith Fugard, S. S. 9.
 - 4th, Geo. Hoditch, S. S. 2.
 - 5th, Dennis Learn, S. S. 9.
 - 6th, Beulah Baughman, S. S. 2.
- Class 3—Beets**
 - Section—Plot
 - 1st, Clarence Bagnall, S. S. 3.
 - 2nd, Eva Hankinson, S. S. 2.
 - 3rd, Dorothy Davenport, S. S. 11.
 - 4th, Bella Walter, S. S. 5.
 - 5th, Geo. Wiley, S. S. 21.
 - 6th, Alice Crosby, S. S. 1.
- Section—Half-Dozen**
 - 1st, Dorothy Davenport, S. S. 11.
 - 2nd, Eugene Hilliker, S. S. 6.
 - 3rd, Mary Chute, S. S. 9.
 - 4th, Eva Hankinson, S. S. 2.
 - 5th, Nellie Jacobs, S. S. 3.
 - 6th, Helen Dunn, S. S. 8.
- Class 4—Ons**
 - Section—Plot
 - 1st, Willie Newsome, S. S. 11.
 - 2nd, Willie Whitcroft, S. S. 5.
 - 3rd, Harold Briggs, S. S. 6.
 - 4th, John Fenn, S. S. 9.
 - 5th, Elgin McTaggart, S. S. 5.
 - 6th, Vera Ingram, S. S. 2.
- Section—Half-Gallon**
 - 1st, Elgin McTaggart, S. S. 5.
 - 2nd, Ensley Walters, S. S. 8.
- Section—Sheaf**
 - 1st, Elgin McTaggart, S. S. 5.
 - 2nd, Willis Whitcroft, S. S. 5.
- Class 5—Barley**
 - Section—Plot
 - 1st, Thos Wharton, S. S. 5.
 - 2nd, Clayton Briggs, S. S. 6.
- Class 6—Dent Corn**
 - Section—Plot
 - 1st, Ray Chalk, S. S. 3.

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"Did you go into your wanderings below 'No.' I began but had made a mistake. And did you get the 'No' the dark? You trouble in finding that 'Not at all. Only are allowed here, and a receptacle at the side I had but to open the feet along the jamb table and pull the box used to all parts of the 'Where did you it match?' 'Upstairs.' 'Not in the kitchen 'No, sir.' 'That's a pity. I th be able to tell me ho and whisky bottles or ing on the kitchen to I stared at him, da the little table atop instinctively glanced shisky had been dri The odor of anisette 'You carry the key lar?' he asked. I considered a no know what to make kitchen table. These trest 'They abhorre reason to I remem and all that had sig my confusion grow 'The keys were junior yesterday.' I mer at last. 'But I here tonight. They at home.' I finished with a don't remembered were not in my r them with me at I and, being given to thing when 'embar with them, and I talking with Ado (Carmel) I had me but I forgot and— 'You need say it.' remarked he, right to question v what there is in the adjoining sma (Carmel) I had a visitation of the as he did so a window in the open. He east n and, with the doo the following ree 'Your ladylove could not have e with no more cloe and now 'She m see coat or fur's nature. Let us i As I followed I pushed the door electric torch as light we saw alu cost and hat he ing in a corner o overturned chair 'Good!' left i 'That's all stra these garments? less.

CHA A SCRA SHORTLY lay of I could be my shoes and private room be been lighted fo was in a state. The storax, w ingly there wh ed down to a Had its mallec blanket to thi from the old steps and suc ply cases of tives it could i apropos to the me with relie to my care in which could a short a time young girl to have met it s some struggle The door b turned to face flecting physiol mate friend, no ordinary it better of no His attach not descende ment be trea 'I am the said be 'I a few word your detour They have i say in expl here where has taken st bear the st You have Miss 'Cumb 'Yes.' 'the eve. 'C 'Did you I am to be this crisis I things. If