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There has been a Flower Show in New York City. One day 15,000 people were in attendance. The flowers on exhibition are said to have a value of \$1,000,000.

The mother—Bobbie, didn't your conscience tell you that you had done wrong?
Bobbie—Yes'm, but I don't believe everything I hear."

Interesting News from Our Brav Canadian Heroes

Below are several interesting and highly pleasing letters written by the boys at the front in acknowledgement of the Christmas Stockings sent from this County.

Nurse Strong, matron of the Canadian Hospital at Boulogne, in a letter to her mother, Mrs. Gerard Strong, spoke of the happy coincidence that a Kings County boy, Jack Primrose, happened to be the orderly she called to help her unpack the stockings and that he was greatly delighted to assist in so doing as he knew all the donors of the stockings which fact seemed to bring home very near.

The letters follow:
1st Canadian Contingent, Divisional Artillery, B E F, 8th Battery, 2nd Brigade, C F A.

Miss Jean MacQuarrie, Canning
Dear Miss MacQuarrie:
I received your Xmas stocking and was certainly pleased to get it, as you know it is such a treat to get anything like that from home (Canada).

It would have done you good to have been here the day we got them we were like so many kiddies, they certainly cheered us up.

They never reached this hospital here in France until the March 1st, they must have been delayed on the road, some how, but I thank you very much for mine.

Well this is my first time in hospital and I hope it will be the last, as it gets tiresome lying in bed day after day. I have been here three weeks but I hope to be out soon.

I have been in France and Belgium for thirteen months now and goodness knows how long before we will be back in Canada, although I really think we will be back for next Christmas, but we are sure to see a lot of heavy fighting this summer, but the Huns are getting more than they bargained for.

I know a lot of fellows from Nova Scotia, they are in the 6th Battery, C. F. A. Major McLeod had charge of it.—I suppose you know he was drowned.

Well I think I will close this letter as the Sister is coming around with some medicine. You know nurses are called Sisters here. They are very good and attentive.

Good-bye for now,
I am yours respectfully,
J W. Nickerson,
(From Moncton)

No. 2 Canadian Hospital, Boulogne, France, March 23, '16

Mrs. G. M. Beckwith, Canning.

Dear Friend:
I received a Xmas Stocking from you today and I am writing at once as I am anxious to let you know how I appreciated your kindness and thoughtfulness. You have waited a long time for an answer to your gift. I suppose you knew that the stockings were delayed.

All articles are very acceptable and especially the harmonica which will give us a little music when things are dull.

I received a shrapnel wound on March 17th and though I am still in France, I expect to be transferred to Blightly to be operated on as the piece is still in the wound. The hospitals are very comfortable and the attention and nursing could not be improved on if a man was in an expensive hospital. The Nursing Sisters who have given their time and sacrificed everything to help us are very kind and it would be impossible to praise them too highly for their efforts.

I will close now thanking you again and wishing you and yours a long and happy life.

Your grateful friend,
Pte Donald McLean, 65708, Machine Gun Section, 25th Canadian Battalion, B. E. F.

Miss Laura Yould, Kentville has received the following letter:

No. 2 Can. Stationary Hospital, Boulogne, France, March 23rd, '16

My Dear Miss Yould:

In answer to your note in the "Xmas Stocking" I am very pleased to say that I have both time and inclination to write you and thank you for the most useful and pleasing presents contained therein, the pencil I use, the paper I write upon and the envelope that enclose them are all from the stocking and if you personally packed the presents I sincerely hope it will give you pleasure to know that the recipient was exceedingly pleased and gratified; believe me the remainder of the boys also received stockings, some from ladies of your town and district and they were I assure you greatly appreciated it is the thoughtful good will behind it all which is so cheering to us. I am pleased to say my wound is not very serious, it was a piece of shrapnel that struck my cheek, as it struck a bone I was nearly serious wound now I am nearly recovered.

The sisters, who as Canadians, are extremely nice, they look after us better than mothers, probably because they are not quite so indulgent as a mother would be, well I have nothing but praise for them.

By when you receive this I guess I shall be back to duty again, my home is in Victoria, B. C. where I have a wife and family to whom I shall be very glad to return. My wife tells me in her letters that she intends to be glued right on to me if I ever get back and then I won't get out of her sight again.

Good-bye dear friend, thanking you for your kind thoughts, I beg to remain,
Yours sincerely,
Pioneer George Rigby,
154338 A Company,
1st Canadian Pioneers, B. E. F., France

Sergeant Cliff Hiltz of the 25th N. S. Battalion writes interestingly to his brother, Mr. W. Fred Hiltz, as follows:
11 Charles Street, London, April 5th, '16.

Dear Fred:

Just a line or two, before going out, I am in London now on a six days pass and am having a good time. We enjoy a brief respite from the trenches, oh! so much. London is a mighty city and I hope you will be able to see it before you "retire." Have seen most of the places of note: Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's, Houses of Parliament, The Strand, Piccadilly, Leicester Sq, Buckingham Palace, etc. But best of all I enjoyed the theatres and movies. Have been to the best of them. (Theatres) London, Hippodrome (Revue), Garrick—Madge Titheradge in "The Tigers Cub" (Play). Gaiety—"Tonight the Night," (Revue). Prince of Wales—Raymond Hitchcock and Mabel Tunston in "Mr. Manhattan," seats go from 4s to £4 10s for a box, needless to say we didn't have a box, they were all crowded. The "movies," well on the Strand every other place seems to be a "movie," and in "Cinema Land" are some of the best, seats go from 1s up to £1, 6d. I think the "movies" at the present time are having a great moral effect on the London people, I was to a great many.

Things at the Front are about the same as usual, our Battalion has lost about half of its original strength, we get our reinforcements from the 40th, they are good boys. We are all going up to Ypres soon, with the Australians who long to be with the Canucks, and when we do "Fritz" has got to move from Ypres and surrounding country.

Yes the big drive will surely come soon, and Germany's downfall with it.

CLIFF.

TRIED AND PROVEN

The following is from the pen of a sergeant in the 25th Battalion:

First action of 25th N. S. Battalion under mine explosion bombardment on Oct. 8th, 1915:

All the earth did seem to shake,
The Heavens above to rend and break,
The very rats in fright did creep
And burrow in the dark earth deep.
Like hail the deadly shrapnel fell
That night upon the plains of Hell.

"D" Company bore the brunt
And like veterans reinforced the front
The M. G. Section manned their guns
And a stream of fire played on the Huns
The "West Loaks" battery lay in wait
Like demons did retaliate.

"D" Company led by Major Bauld
Went doubling up the Rossignol
To enforce that little band
Who lined the front of "No Man's Land."
The high explosives burst and fell
As they rushed into that red Hell.

Steady "D" rasped Hinchcliffe voice
Steady we've no time to loose
Two platoons to left and two to right
No man turns back tonight.

A million thunders rent the air
And all around the Ghostly place
Lit up the scene of deadly strife
Where men did battle for their life
And high above the din did swell
The Nova Scotian battle yell.

Next to A Company on the right
Was B who suffered most that night
And in the morning cold and grey
More heroes slept beneath the clay.
Less names to answer to the call
And more to fill the Honor Roll.

Smashed was the German mass
The Prussian Huns were driven back.
Old Scotia should be proud to-day
Of the 25th she sent away
She'll welcome them, when Belgium is free
To the Land of the Maple, beyond the sea.

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