

RECEPTION AT BELLEISLE
Percy V. Budd Presented With an Address of Welcome

Last week we noted a reception being given in Belle Isle Hall, to Mr. Percy V. Budd, who had recently returned from service overseas. Below we append the address prepared and presented on that occasion by Mr. Harry Parker.

Honored guest, returned hero, true patriot and fellow citizen, all these we each and all feel you richly deserve. And yet tonight let us in addressing a word or two to you, in order that all we say and do may be devoid of formality, consider ourselves as speaking to Victor Percy Budd.

Percy, on behalf of the citizens of Belle Isle gathered here to-night, it becomes our first and pleasant duty, and privilege, to present to you in this public manner a most cordial and heartfelt welcome upon your return to us after more than three years spent in defence of home, and native land, against one of the most persistent, cruel and barbourous enemies that civilization has ever known.

In so doing, we can only partially realize the tremendous sacrifice you have made for us here at home. But we can, and do, to some degree at least, sympathetically appreciate the fact, that some five years ago you left the shores of your old home land from your home in Portsmouth, England, leaving behind, no doubt, many fond associations, kind friends, sisters and the best earthly friend any boy can possess, a mother, to seek a fortune in far famed Canada.

Scarcely were you comfortably settled in our midst when the awful war cloud burst with all its fury, and the call to arms sounded throughout the length and breadth of the Empire. Without waiting for the strong arm of the law to draw you into the fray, giving up all cherished hopes for material success, you nobly, unselfishly and patriotically responded to the call for service overseas.

What you have passed through during the past four years, preceding the memorable Nov. 11th, 1918, yourself, your comrades in arms, and your God alone know. We are expecting to hear something from your own lips along these lines tonight. We fully believe, however, that as a true citizen of the great British Empire, of which we in Canada and even here in Belle Isle form a part, you performed your duty faithfully and well, and it certainly must be an intense satisfaction to you, as it is a great pride to us, to know that you were one of those who helped to bring Victory to our banners, and to rescue the world for democracy.

We rejoice to know, and are thankful to God, that though you were called upon to undergo all the hardships, and dangers of modern trench warfare, you have, save for a slight wound, been spared to return to us again whole in mind and body.

We welcome you back with grateful hearts and open arms, and fully believe, if it were not liable to cause you somewhat shy and modest make up a little embarrassment at this time, you would without doubt be submerged, not by torpedoes from German Subs, but flowers and kisses from Belle Isle belles.

While you may escape such a bombardment as this, take warning however, that ere this meeting closes you are liable to suffer an attack from the ladies of a somewhat different nature, though the pies may be filled with something other than hyaline shells, and the doughnuts less fatal than German lead. Nevertheless taken in large quantities may prove disastrous and you might be found on the morrow somewhere in No Man's Land far from Red Cross Relief.

But now that this terrible business of war is over, and you in common with so many of our brave

boys are returning to us, we think that we still have a duty toward you to perform, and you toward us. Whilst you were engaged fighting our battles in the mud filled trenches of France and Flanders, amid all that we shrink to think about, we very imperfectly realize, were striving to "Keep the home fires burning" for what? First, out of respect, to the memory of those who have laid down their precious lives over yonder, but chiefly that those who are permitted to return might come back to their former homes, and conditions surrounded by influences that make for the "Righteousness that exalteth a nation." In this community we sincerely need men, young men, to take upon themselves the burdens of those who are one after another passing away.

Your church needs you, and Mr. Underwood, your rector, a particular friend of boys, will be only too pleased to welcome you into his fellowship. Our Division needs you, and we feel you need its protection, to shield you against dangers more subtle and crafty than the treacherous Hun, and we are pleased to join our ranks on Wednesday night. And in so many ways can you prove your good citizenship here in time of peace.

Again, Percy, do we welcome you back, we are proud of you tonight, grateful for what you have done for us, and pleased to know that you were and expect to continue, a resident of our community.

Our best and abiding wish for you is, as you fought so valiantly and well against the German hordes, under the banner of King George, may we ever have reason to be as proud of you, as you return to continue, we trust, the fight against the forces of evil that unfortunately still exist under the banner and leadership of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Please accept these few words not as so much ink on paper, in a cold formal way, but as a genuine heartfelt expression of the people of this place.

To this address Mr. Budd immediately made a suitable reply and later in the evening gave a brief but most interesting resume of his life with the C. E. F.

LOWER GRANVILLE

Mr. Watson Robblee returned from Montreal, Saturday, March 29th.

Mrs. Wm. Mills, of Clementsport, has been a recent visitor of her daughter, Mrs. Vernon Clarke.

Mrs. J. K. Winchester, who has been this last few months with her daughters, in Lowell, Mass., returned on Wednesday, March 26th.

Pte. Wm. DeLap, who has been overseas the last three years, in active service, returned recently and has been visiting his relatives here, left Saturday, March 29th, for Foxboro, Mass., to visit his mother.

The Goat Island Mission Band had their "Mite Box" opening at the home of their President, Miss Amy Litch, on Friday evening, March 21st. The opening of the boxes were very satisfactory, the sum of \$21.00 being realized. Miss Amy Litch and Miss Emily Johnson were made life members.

The Karsdale Union Bible class met on Thursday evening, March 27th, in the Baptist Church to celebrate their Second Anniversary. There was a large number present who listened with great interest to the speeches of Rev. H. Patterson, Rev. I. Brindley and E. H. Porter, Esq. The music, both vocal and instrumental, was excellent. Mrs. Patterson presiding at the organ.

It is reported booze vendor who had \$150 when prohibition came into force in Nova Scotia has just retired on a fortune of \$300,000. Who says there is no money in watered stocks?

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A Boston Post correspondent writes: Levity aside, there's one thing I am all set and waiting for; and that's the arrival of the first cargo of lobsters from Nova Scotia, which is due almost any day now.

Lobsters have been selling as high as 85 cents a pound, lately, in the Boston market. Quite a contrast to the old days down on the south shore when you could leave a 25-cent piece on the back step at night and find a dozen fresh boiled "short" lobsters tucked away under the steps in the morning; at least I am told so by sinful men who claim to have done it.

As to those Nova Scotian lobsters: People have told me of days when every receding tide would leave a rocky shore strewn with them, so common that they were used as hog feed and fertilizer.

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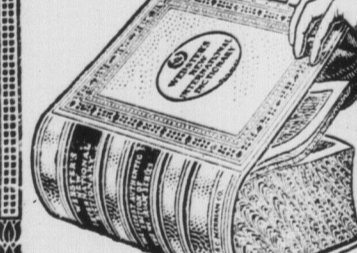
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