



# THE BLUENOSE

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It must afford great pleasure to the people of this province to know that the Halifax Herald's efforts in the way of collecting funds for the South Africa Memorial Monument, are being accompanied by great success. Up to this writing, Mr. Dennis has collected nearly \$3,000. The movement is yet young and there will be lots of opportunity for people to contribute. There should be no parsimonious spirit displayed by the people in this matter, for our South Africa heroes severally deserve that their name and memory should be perpetuated, and no such means will be so appropriate as a great monument. There is a disposition among some of the provincial people to have local monuments to their local heroes. This is commendable, but it should not detract from the greater scheme of a Nova Scotia monument to Nova Scotia heroes, one that will belong to the whole people, and honor the representatives of those people who fell in South Africa.

A couple of weeks ago we published a picture of the late Lieut. C. C. Wood, the first Canadian to shed his blood in the South Africa campaign. His name is one that will be engraved on the monument to be erected in Halifax to Nova Scotia's dead. To-day we publish an engraving of another, the late Capt. C. A. Hensley, whose name also will be engraved on the proposed monument. Capt. Hensley may be said to have belonged to two provinces. He was born in Prince Edward Island, but his parents belonged to our own province and he himself lived a great while in Nova Scotia. His father, Mr. Albert Hensley, is now a resident of Halifax.

The instructor of the 1st regiment, Canadian Artillery, having resigned, his work is now being carried on by a very able instructor from the Royal Artillery, who conducts classes for the N. C. O.'s on Monday and Thursday evenings. A permanent appointment to this position will not be made until February.

On account of the re-arming of the forts in the vicinity of Halifax there is some probability that in the spring the whole of the city division of the 1st regiment, Canadian Artillery, will be trained as batteries of position. Of course, it is not yet positively known, but if the idea is carried out, it means that all the companies will be drilled on field guns.

It is said to be probable that Halifax may not soon again have the pleasure of witnessing the exceedingly interesting



THE LATE CAPT. C. A. HENSLEY,  
Royal Dublin Fusiliers.

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military tournament. This is said to be a result following a slight friction that arose at the last tournament when one of the participating regiments withdrew. It is to be hoped that the rumor that there will be no more military tournaments will prove unfounded, which is possible; for the friction above referred to was really due to a misunderstanding.

Militiamen in Halifax complain that they have been ignored to a great extent in the proceedings leading up to the reception for the home-coming Canadians in Khaki.

The city authorities, they say, have behaved toward them more as they should toward hired servants than toward a body of men that was anxious to act voluntarily. The friction that exists between the city and the militia is on the part of the former rather than the latter, who are willing always to participate in anything in which their participation would be of service.

The reference in a recent number of one of our daily papers to the action of the commanding officers of the militia in refusing their private quarters at the armories to the ladies' committee, who wanted them for purposes of the reception to the returning Canadians, was founded on entire misunderstanding. It was thought to be a piece of unreasonable conduct on the part of the aforementioned officers and was freely criticised by certain aldermen. The action appears to have been taken most seriously by those who had least to do with it. The ladies who made the request, were perfectly satisfied that it was unreasonable to expect the use of the quarters, and would not have made the request in the first instance had they understood the circumstances. The quarters are not at this moment all completed, and when they are finished it will be at the expense of the officers themselves and not of the militia department; and the officers are having them rushed to completion at this time because of the likelihood that they will require them themselves, after the arrival of the troops, for purposes of entertainment. This is perfectly understood by the ladies' committee who make no complaint whatever. Strangely enough the complaints that have been made, have come from outside sources and likely from parties who are entirely unaware of the circumstances. This is unfortunate, for it has tended to put the officers before the people in an unfavorable light, whereas they are really doing all they can to make the reception a success.

Militiamen want to see the Idaho come in early in the morning on the day of her arrival, so that the disembarkation may take place before noon. If the arrival is during the afternoon it will mean confusion; if late in the afternoon it will mean—well, the less said, perhaps, the better.

"When we heard of our home mail being burned by Dewet, you may imagine we felt pretty mad; and he would have had a hot time if we had dropped across him." This extract from a letter written by a Canadian from the fighting ground in South Africa gives an idea of how a soldier feels when he learns that long looked for letters have been consigned to the flames by the enemy. Imagine the disappointment.