

7TH VETERANS SHOOK HANDS AGAIN

Banquet at the Tecumseh House
Last Night Was a Splendid
Affair.

GRAVE AND GAY STORIES

Some Funny Things Were Recounted
—A Silent Toast Drunk to Honored
Dead—The List of Guests.

With many reminiscences and stories, grave and gay, and good-fellowship predominant, the veterans of the Seventh Regiment field force celebrated the 25th anniversary of their departure from London to take part in the Riel Rebellion, by a banquet at the Tecumseh House, last night.

It was a unique gathering, visitors being present from far and near. They were a fine body of men, even after the lapse of 25 years. There were few who showed signs of age. The majority were sharp, keen businessmen, in the best of health and spirits, and looked fit to again answer a call to duty, if there was occasion. Bugler Smith, of London, and Bugler Robert Coughlin, of Toronto, sounded the roll-call, and the veterans lined up in the rotunda and marched to the grill-room.

Drifted Different Ways.
Some of them had followed the profession of war since the rebellion. Many had moved to other parts of the country; in fact, the boys of the Old Brigade were scattered from New York to San Francisco, and from Quebec to Vancouver. The majority of them had done well, as a matter of fact, a larger percentage than is the average had "made good" in their line after they had returned from service in the field.

The banquet was a splendid affair. On the table were piled cans of corned beef and hard tack. These forceful reminders of other days should be given credit for a chain of reminiscences, because whenever a soldier looked at them, he recalled some deed of valor performed by some comrade to stave the dire necessity of eating the stuff.

A Businessman.
"Billy" Mills, the businessman, sold six cans of corned beef for a pound of butter, and declared it was one of the best bargains of his life.

Capt. Dillon told how Pte. George Apter won his reputation as the greatest forager in the regiment, all because of the hard tack.

Pte. Ab Somerville revealed the story of the oatmeal, that was always so plentiful in his cook shanty.

Scores of others had stories of valiant efforts to escape the punishment of eating those things.

Of course, they were kept as souvenirs last night. None of the boys had nerve enough to eat them, in face of the excellent meal prepared by Miss Host O'Neil.

Grave and Gay.
There were stories beyond computation. Many of them were funny, some were pathetic, all were good. The absent members, whether they had answered the last roll-call or were remembered, and the best of good-fellowship prevailed.

Col. W. M. Gartshore presided. He should do the honors, but he was detained by illness, much to his regret. "He informed me of his condition, and I suggested that I send someone over to see him," said Col. Gartshore. "He answered that he would stagger through alone."

Boys Welcomed.
After the health of the King had been drunk, Col. Gartshore welcomed the boys to the banquet, and expressed the great pleasure he and his brother officers felt in the excellent attendance at the reunion. It was a case of mutual satisfaction, and he declared that such gatherings would tend to foster the fine spirit so pronounced in the regiment of other days.

The first toast honored was that to "The Canadian Militia," and was responded to by Major Labatt, of the Thirtieth Regiment, Hamilton. He pressed a resume of the history of the Canadian militia, and traced its history in war. The record was a creditable one, whether in 1812, 1867, 1885, or at other times. He regretted the apathy of Canadians to things military, and declared that it was time Canadians roused themselves, and took a deeper interest in the defence of their country.

Every Man a Soldier.
"Every man in Canada should serve

three years in the militia, whether he broke stones or was a millionaire," said Major Labatt. "No man should be given the right to exercise the franchise unless he had served three years."

Major Labatt declared that a National Defence Association was forming in Canada to foster loyalty, and it was hoped that a deeper and more abiding interest would henceforth be taken in regimental matters.

Lieut.-Col. A. A. Campbell, officer commanding of the Seventh, honored the toast of "The Seventh Fusiliers." He, too, referred to the pathetic conditions in Canada, especially in London, towards the militia. There was no danger whatever of militarism in Canada. It was necessary, he declared, to have trained men in case of war, and likened the present condition to the foolish virgins spoken of in the Scriptures. When Canadians had national self-respect they would be respected, he declared.

Northwest Field Force.
Capt. John Graham introduced the toast to the "Officers and Staff of the Northwest Field Force." He named many of the officers: Col. Williams, Col. Smith, Col. Gartshore, Surgeon-Major Fraser, Surgeon-Major Niven, Paymaster McMillan, Q. M. S. J. B. Smythe, Capt. Ed. Mackenzie, Lieut. Harry Barty, Lieut. Charles Bagan, Capt. Frank Butler, Lieut. Chisholm, Capt. Tracer, Lieut. Hesketh, Capt. Dillon, Major Beattie, Capt. Peters, Lieut. Pope, Lieut. Dufferin Jones, and others, to whom he paid a tribute for their manliness and valor. He recounted many a reminiscence of the trip to the west.

The toast was responded to briefly by Col. Gartshore, Capt. Dillon, Capt. Ed. Mackenzie, Capt. Geo. M. Reid, Adj. Capt. Butler, Dr. Niven, Lieut. Pope, Lieut. Barty and Lieut. Chisholm.

A Happy Family.
Capt. Dillon, of Oshawa, grew reminiscent in his speech, and told of the valiant deeds of Sergeant Arled, the greatest forager of them all. He referred to his company as a happy family, and never knew in his experience so well-behaved a battalion as the Seventh. He spoke of the reasons that impelled him to go to the front—the death of a son of Judge Elliot, the first man to fall at Duck Lake. He had known Mr. Elliot for some years, and had been associated with him for some time in a rifle club in the city.

Capt. Dillon also spoke of his experience on the Wilminton team, in which he represented the city of London. He conveyed to the veterans the kindly greeting of Major-General Laurier, who still remembered them with the kindest feelings. He thought these reunions should be held annually, as the number of veterans was gradually lessening.

An Annual Banquet.
Capt. Ed. Mackenzie followed, and strongly advocated an annual banquet. Col. Gartshore paid a tribute to the value of Capt. Mackenzie as an officer—an opinion accepted by all present.

Capt. George M. Reid, introduced as the best adjutant the Seventh ever had, recounted the days gone by, and spoke of many of the boys who were missing from the reunion. It was the intention to keep in touch with the boys, and whenever possible another reunion would be held. He had received many telegrams and messages of regret at the inability of some of the boys to be present, but the gathering was a success beyond their fondest hopes.

A Honored Dead.
Capt. Butler spoke briefly, as did Lieut. Pope, Lieut. Barty and Lieut. Chisholm.

Sergeant Mills then read the list of honored dead, those present, honoring it by standing while it was read. It was an imposing list—50 men out of the 252 who went west.

The toast to the non-commissioned officers and men brought responses from Sergeant-Major Borland, R. C. R.; Sergeant Jackson, Dr. Hyttenrauch (Appin), Corp. Gould (Toronto), Pte. S. O. Lancaster, Pte. Chapman (Galt), and others.

Permanent Organization.
Pte. Lancaster suggested a permanent organization of the veterans of London, and declared that the men should receive more recognition from the militia men of the city.

During the evening many songs were sung. Col. Gartshore demonstrated that he was still a vocalist of no mean ability. Pte. Walter Wright sang a song well. Lieut. Harry Barty showed how he entertained the boys in camp by his excellent singing.

Pte. Thomas Martin sang a song that was a real treat while others contributed to the musical part of the evening's enjoyment. Mr. W. A. Bleuthner made an ideal accompanist.

Late Lieut. Cox.
A tribute to the memory of Lieut. Charles F. Cox, the soldier who wrote the songs on the programme, was paid by the men present. His memory is



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apparently very fresh among the men. The menu card was a unique souvenir. It contained references to the many stops along the road, all of which called forth memories, more or less pleasing.

Several songs were printed, and the enthusiasm displayed by the veterans in singing these songs was indeed a treat.

The Regrets.
Capt. Butler, the secretary of the committee, read letters of regret from the following: Lieut. Wilson Owens, of Toronto; Pte. Bert Lee, Strathroy; Bugler Charles W. Channer, Detroit; Pte. J. F. Gray, York; Pte. C. A. Allison, Chicago; Pte. W. H. Hodgins, Granby, Que.; Pte. R. J. M. Webbe, Knowlton, Que.; Sergeant J. W. McLintock, Toronto; Pte. R. M. Humble, Victoria, B. C.; Dr. Gibson, Moosejaw; Pte. Fred R. Pickles, Santa Anna, Cal.; Pte. George R. Westland, Innisfail, Alta.; Bugler T. Coughlin, Pte. John Macdonald, Winnipeg; Lt. J. A. Hesketh, Winnipeg; Capt. Frank Peters, Winnipeg; Sgt. D. Dyson, Winnipeg; Lieut. Alford Jones, Hallowbury; Sgt. Pettit, Toronto; Lieut. C. B. Bagan, New York, and Pte. George Lovell, of West Branch, and others.

Capt. Reid read regrets from Major Beattie, M. P. Ottawa; Ed Gover, of Windsor; L. H. Wright, Vancouver; G. Armstrong, Chelmsbury, Mass.; O'Brien, Toronto; H. B. Dignam, of Brooklyn, and others.

Those Present.
Those present at the gathering were: Corp. W. P. Essex (Tambling's Corners), J. E. Crawford (chief of police, Sarnia), Lance-Sergeant W. D. Mills (London), Pte. J. P. Moore (London), Pte. Westaway (St. Thomas), A. McNamara (London), A. E. Somerville (London), W. D. I. Wright (London), Herbert Macbeth (Toronto), James Smith (London), George Lovell (North Branch, Mich.), C. McComb (Masonville), Color-Sergeant Alex. Borland (Woodstock), Corp. H. Clark (West London), Joseph Dickens (Stratford), J. B. Walton (London), D. Steele (London), J. D. Jacobs (London), W. A. Hayden (London), N. A. Meyer (Granby, Que.), T. Bayley (London), Bugler Robert Coughlin (London), James Grant (London), Color-Sergeant G. Jacobs (London), H. Arbutnot (London), George Davis (London), Sgt. Michael Collier (London), Capt. Geo. M. Reid, J. K. H. Pope, Ed. W. Harrison (London), H. J. Armstrong (Science Hill), George Terry (London), W. Smith (London), W. R. Fale (London), S. McCoy (London), R. H. DeGrau (London), John Graham, A. G. Chisholm, Harry Barty, F. H. Butler, J. S. Niven, M. D. (London), J. Mulrhead (Toronto), Color-Sergeant A. Jackson,

John L. Martin, Thomas C. Mills, J. Sinnott, James Quick (London), B. C. Thomas (Stratford), H. Rolfe (London), R. H. Lavett (Hamilton), A. A. Campbell, W. M. Gartshore (London), R. Dillon (Oshawa), L. H. Hyttenrauch, M. D. (Appin), W. Smithson (London), George Chapman (Galt), S. O. Lancaster, George F. Apter, James E. Gould (London), James Harding, Sergeant-Major Borland (London), and others.

The Committee.
The committee, to whom credit is due, was composed as follows: Col. A. M. Smith (chairman), Capt. F. H. Butler (secretary), Lieut.-Col. W. M. Gartshore, Major Thomas Beattie, Surgeon J. S. Niven, Capt. and Adjutant George M. Reid, Capt. E. Mackenzie, Capt. John Graham, Lieut. A. G. Chisholm, Lieut. J. K. H. Pope, Lieut. Harry Barty, Lance-Corp. W. D. Mills, Ptes. W. D. I. Wright, A. E. Somerville, J. P. Moore, R. H. Dignam and C. H. Gould.

Do you remember?
These words by actual count were the most frequently used at the banquet of the veterans. Everybody had something he wanted to call to mind, and he generally succeeded.

The Advertiser representative in the field, the late Mr. Ed. Hutchinson, brother of Dr. T. V. Hutchinson, M. H. O., was remembered by many kindly words at the banquet.

"It was a fine boy," said Dr. Hyttenrauch. "He was the only man in the regiment I could beat playing checkers."

The genial doctor told of Ed's enormous "halstane," with which he fooled Chaplain Ball and Surgeon-Major Fraser.

It happened to be the last remnants of Ed's candle, and the story created great fun in the regiment.

One of the Boys.
Pte. George Lovell, of West Branch, Mich., sent his regrets, but when the time came he simply could not stay away, and was one of the boys at the banquet. He told how he snared gophers, and afterwards turned them loose in Chaplain Ball's tent, much to the discomfort of the latter. When he finished slaughtering gophers in the dark, the place resembled a slaughter-house.

"I saw a performance of 'East Lynne' the night we were ordered out," said Billy Mills.

It may be added that this play is still being presented for the first time.

A Sugar Thief.
Pte. Lancaster told very feelingly of Continued on Page Twelve.

CONFESSES TO MURDER

Broke Down Under the Merciless Grilling of the Police.

Springfield, Mass., April 6.—Unable further to withstand the merciless grilling to which the police were subjecting him, Bertram G. Spencer confessed today to the murder of Miss Martha E. Blackstone at the home of Mrs. Sarah J. Dow on Round Hill, in this city, last Thursday night. Spencer also confessed to the commission of a long series of masked burglaries, which have kept the residents of Springfield in a panic condition for a long time. Although the announcement of the confession was made early in the forenoon, before Capt. John H. Boyle, chief of the detective bureau of the

Springfield police department, all details were withheld for a time, Capt. Boyle saying that he would see all the newspaper representatives at noon, at which time he would give them all the particulars of the alleged confession. Miss Blackstone and Miss Harriet P. Dow, school teachers, were shot by a masked burglar who entered the Dow home early on the evening of March 31. Miss Dow is recovering.

HER TRIAL TRIP.
Port Huron, April 6.—The new passenger steamer Rochester, built by the Detroit Shipbuilding Company for the Michigan and Ontario Navigation Company, had her special trip yesterday afternoon York.

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