

39TH BATTALION C.E.F. ARRIVED AT PLYMOUTH ENGLAND ON SATURDAY

Cable From Major Vanderwater Tells of Safe Transportation of Local Battalion

The 39th Battalion C.E.F. which was organized in Belleville arrived safely at Plymouth on Saturday, July 3rd, according to a cable which Lt-Col. Ketcheson received on Saturday evening about six o'clock from Major Roscoe Vanderwater. With the 39th on the Misanabie were an overseas company of the 38th Battalion and a dental corps, in all over 1500 men.

The evening of Wednesday, June 23, 1915 will long linger in the memory of the citizens of Belleville, and the surrounding district for on that date they bade farewell to the gallant 39th Battalion C.E.F. in command of Lt. Col. J. A. Preston, all of the associations of which have been connected with Belleville. Fully five or seven thousand citizens on foot, in carriages, and in automobiles, followed the departing soldiers to the Grand Trunk depot and bade them goodbye.

The few days preceding the removal of the troops to England were memorable ones in our city's history. Every one knew the regiment was soon to take its voyage overseas, and made preparations against that event. For weeks before, relatives, particularly wives of soldiers and children had come to Belleville to be near their loved ones while such associations were possible. These visitors were made welcome by the public. How they clung to their relatives may best be left to the imagination. Whenever the men were off duty, their wives and children were with them. Then on the day before and on the day of the departure there was a large influx of fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers, and friends from all the counties, villages, towns, and cities in the Third Divisional area.

The task of packing up the equipment at the barracks, the striking of the tents at Zwick's Island Camp, the shipment of baggage occupied the hours before embarkment. All afternoon on June 23rd crowds hovered around the armories and at the parade ground at the cannery factory barracks. The sad partings were witnessed on all sides. The men in companies were marched off to the armories about five o'clock and at six they were ready to leave.

A few minutes after that hour two companies marched with their rifles and equipment from the armories and met the other half of the bat-

talion at the barracks. The color party marched up Front street, to the headquarters near the city hall and having secured the colors, returned to the barracks.

About 6:30 the march to the station began. Capt. Ruston of the Salvation Army corps had his band on hand and they led the march up Church street to Bridge and down that street to Front. There the 15th Regiment Band met the parade and led thence to the depot. No one will forget the sight as the khaki-colored troops appeared on the top of Bridge street hill. Thousands lined Bridge and Front streets and cheers arose from the great concourse of people. The S. A. Band was playing that inspiring war song "March of the Men of Harlech."

"Men of Harlech rouse from slumber Do ye hear like distant thunder How the foe in growing number Threaten this fair land. 'Tis the tramp of armed footmen Gallant knights and stalwart yeomen Fear them not for see the omen Day breaks o'er the land. See our flag is waving On the rampart gaily Against the sky it spreads on high And bears its signal bravely Men of Harlech in the hollow There are leaders brave to follow Meet the foe like rushing billows Britain, home, and right."

The fervor of that mighty song of conflict caught every heart. The 15th band played "The Lass of Gowrie," and the soldiers along the route of march croaked "O's and sang "Tipperary." Rule Britannia" and other patriotic songs. "Are we downhearted? No," they cried and answered. Hurrahs and cheers by citizens rolled along the route of march. Friends ran into the ranks and shook hands with the troops whom they knew and soldiers nodded to friends and relatives by the way. The depot was soon reached. A mass of humanity stretched for two hundred yards on either side of the station platform. Here were the two trains ready, the first of nine coaches and baggage car, the second with eleven coaches. The troops, at once embarked. Lt-Col. Smart, senior major of the 39th was in charge of the soldiers on the first and Lt-Col. Preston in charge of those in the second. It was not until 7:30 p.m. that

the first train pulled out amid cheers. Previous to that, farewells were said, and many eyes were wet with tears. The second left at 8:10. Both trains were cheered to the echo and Godspeed was wished to all.

The event was one of the sad events in Belleville's history, for the city had grown attached to the 1100 khaki troops, many of whom were Belleville, Hastings, and Prince Edward boys.

They arrived safe at Montreal at dawn next morning and went aboard the Misanabie, a transport, formerly of the Canadian Pacific line of steamships. How some local officers stole aboard is well known. Between 9:15 and 11:00 p.m. the big boat pulled up anchor and set sail. She stopped at Quebec for arms and then lay at the mouth of the St. Lawrence.

Belleville has missed the gallant 39th. The past twelve days have been quiet ones in this city.

It is a relief to thousands to know that they are now safe in England.

A Letter From the Front

The following is a letter received by Mr. J. B. Carr of Muscow, formerly of Belleville, from his son Ernest, who left here with the 34th Battalion and is "doing his bit" with the First Canadian Contingent.

France, May 30th, 1915
Dearest Father and Mother—I hope these few lines will find you enjoying the best of health, as it leaves me at present. We are having grand weather here at present, and are getting lots to eat. The boys are all well, but we have had a great number wounded. They are in the hospital in England and different places. Some were very bad cases. We have heard from some of them and they are getting along fine. I was wounded myself by a piece of shrapnel from a German shell. I have a good souvenir to carry for years, as it leaves a scar on my head. Well father, we have had a very rough time of it. We have been in some tight corners. Talk about war and hell, but this is where we get hell. I had a letter from a lady friend of mine in Badcroft which I was very much pleased to receive. I will be glad when my brother Raymond reaches here, as I am longing to see him. The shells are dropping something fierce from the enemy. My horses, which I have had all through it so far, are looking fine. Perhaps you have seen in the paper where we did the good work. I will now close with love to all.

Address: Driver E. Carr,
Co. 40390, 1st Canadian Contingent,
British Expeditionary Force,
Divisional Artillery,
1st Brigade, 2nd Battery.

A. O. U. W.

The members of Belleville Lodge, No. 251 are requested to meet on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, July 6, to consider advisability of holding a picnic at Wellington. H. H. Lazer, M.W.

"HONEST DAN"

By Rev. Harold T. Roe, in Halifax Chronicle.

There was recently published in the Toronto Christian Guardian an article on the life and character of the Old Testament prophet Daniel. Among other things the author said:

"Daniel was the Premier and held the portfolio of the Minister of Finance under the reign of King Darius. Here he won a great reputation for integrity. In this twentieth century we should call him Honest Dan. He stood four square to every wind that blew. There was no stealing, no bribery, no corruption. Indeed he was put there, in the words of Scripture, so that 'the King should have no damage.' It is a potent sentence. It ought to be the preoccupation of statesmen today that in the disposition of our war supplies, our natural resources, our timber, our Crown lands, the King should have no damage."

It must surely be obvious to everybody that in the public and political life of Canada today there is an earnest need of a man like Honest Dan. Judging from the reports of the press Manitoba is the last word in political corruption. I am here reminded that the Halifax Herald advised me on one occasion to cease writing about politics, until I knew something about them, and suggested the Hon. Robert Rogers as being a competent instructor. I am willing and in fact eager to learn, but really I would prefer an instructor with a higher class of credentials than the one suggested. That, however, by the way. The fact remains that Manitoba is corrupt, and neither party appears to be clear from guilt. The whole problem of political corruption, whether in Manitoba or in the Dominion generally, or in England, or in far away Australia, complex as it may seem, yet to my mind resolves itself in the last analysis to the question of true Christian citizenship.

As professedly Christian citizens we are pledged to high and noble ideals. As patriotic citizens of the British Empire we also stand pledged to lofty principles. For the interests of the Empire men have acted nobly, bravely and willingly. They have gone to war, to fight, to bleed, to die for the greatest principles for which the Empire stands. Do we not realize that as Christian citizens profess-

ing allegiance to the Kingdom of God we also are engaged in war? That reverent scholar and preacher, Dr. Speers, said recently:

"Every soldier dying for his country on a European battlefield, every home giving up its blood and tears, is a summons and response to us Christian citizens who have accepted the Christ of the Cross, but not the Cross of the Christ. Christ is struggling day by day to win the world for which he died. The Churches must realize that they too are engaged in a great war. They talk about it sometimes. They even sing about it in hymns full of doubtful theology and curious geography. But do they realize that they really are at war—pledged to fight against all the forces of evil, corruption and unrighteousness? The Christian citizenship of Canada must wage war upon the political corruption of Canada. The Church of Christ must do what the English Nation has had to do—the Army is becoming the Nation and the Nation the Army. Methodism was a war machine in the days when Wesley and Whitefield travelled the country in the great Evangelical Revival. The message of Jesus Christ to the Christian citizenship of Canada is the military word—MOBILIZE. Our valiant soldier boys have responded grandly to the call of the Empire in her time of trial. It is up to the Christian citizens to respond with equal eagerness to the call of Canada in this hour of civic need. To grow careless of our duty as voters is to invite political disaster. It opens the door for greedy politicians who 'are in the game for graft.' The only solution, so far as I can see it, that can cope at all adequately with the great problem of political corruption is a true recognition of our duties and responsibilities as Christian citizens. The truths of the sanctuary are the truths for the street. If not they are valueless. The true preacher is always a politician: If not he has no message to his current age. Let parties perish—if only principles survive. Let every Christian citizen who cherishes, or should cherish, the ideals of the Kingdom of God, let him stand out clearly as an 'Honest Dan,' living, working, voting so that 'the King shall have no damage.' Loyalty to the Great King will purify the earthly kingdom. It is the only way."

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TRENTON.

July 3rd.—There are few men, indeed, who can afford to criticize harshly, their neighbors. We are prompted to write this for the reason that someone is going to get into a peck of trouble before long, for making what are alleged, slanderous statements. Personally we are not interested in the mix-up, but trust that some of those who are, may notice this item and stop talking. We have trouble enough abroad without stirring up any at home.

Everything looks most promising for the big demonstration on Wednesday next, July 7th. Three Toronto neonates are to be present, which will make the contest much more interesting. Everyone in the district who can get away from business should Trentonwards on that day. Never has so much been attempted by any town in Canada on one day. The program, in skeleton, is as follows:—Tuesday evening, Band concert by Smith's Falls band. Wednesday morning, Lacrosse match, swimming races, motor boat races; Pat Jennings as the human fish; Afternoon, Parade at 1 p.m. followed by athletic sports, baseball, canton drill, band concert, etc. Evening, Rebekahs entertainment at Opera House. "When a man's single." Every Odd-Fellow in the district is in duty bound to assist in making the first annual Field Day a success.

"Rameses 11", Commodore Harry Simpson, of Toronto Motor Club, was in port today. The Commodore was accompanied by nine members of the club.

Rev. Canon Beamish and family, of Toronto, are occupying one of the Grove houses.

Mr. Kenny White, of Toronto, spent the holiday at his home here.

Mr. Harry Coleman, of Toronto, is in town for a few days visiting relatives.

The St. George's Sunday School picnic was held yesterday at C.N.R. Grove.

Mr. B. P. Connolly, of Scranton, spent the holiday here with his mother.

Mr. R. G. Weddell is in Toronto today.

The Brighton and Napanee Boy Scouts are entered for the contest on the 7th.

A very handsome invitation card is being sent out of town by the Committee I.O.O.F. Field Day.

Vanastine and Squires, the new coal dealers, are unloading from Str. Jeska, a cargo of anthracite coal. The east end of the bridge can now be termed a busy spot in Busy Trenton.

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