


CANADIAN GRAVES WELL CARED FOR

Colonel Meighen Says British
Commission is Carrying
Out Work Thoroughly.

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"All the graves of the 800 officers and men of the Grenadier Guards of Canada lost overseas during the Great war are being properly looked after," said Col. F. S. Meighen, officer commanding the Guards, yesterday, after a trip to England and France. "I was over largely to pay a visit to France, and to find out the graveyards where the Canadian Grenadiers were buried. I visited the great battle scenes where the Guards lost so heavily, and I found that under the British commission for that purpose the graves of our dead at the front are all being well cared for. They are being kept properly, and identification crosses are at each grave. Later on it is the intention to place individual headstones on each grave, with the name and war service of the fallen, this work to be done under the British government commission."

Col. Meighen said that during his visit to France he had been greatly impressed by the change that had come over the scene since he had last seen it during the war. "I visited the battle fronts at Amiens and Arras," said Col. Meighen. "I was never before in Amiens. I was very close, with the Grenadiers, just prior to the big attack of August 8th, 1918, when we were preparing for the forward movement which General Landendorff describes as 'a black day for the German army.' That was the last time I was near Amiens as an officer with the Canadian troops, and at that time the city was under heavy fire from the enemy, with the majority of the population gone. "But when I saw Amiens again a few weeks ago," said Col. Meighen, "I found that it had not been much damaged, and the population was back, while the city was practically returned to its pre-war condition, with shops open and business going on at a great rate. "Thence," said Col. Meighen, "he had allowed the line over which the Canadian Grenadiers had advanced from



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Amiens to Le Quesnel. This district, where the Canadians fought so hard, was still badly knocked to pieces, the country side ruined, and the villages in ruins, although the people had returned and were living in temporary brick houses made from the ruins, or the remnants of British huts.

French Work Hard.
But in the trenches and the shell holes had been filled in, and the fields were under cultivation, with prospects of good crops in places he remembered where the battle fields produced no crops but shells and casualties. "It is really amazing the industry with which the French are working to get their devastated lands back to cultivation," said Col. Meighen. "There are no labor troubles there, no restriction as to hours, but everybody is work-

ing, and working hard to get back to production and common sense. I found the conditions in France not too bad. The people are working hard and earnestly to restore their country. Their great lack is capital. They cannot get the money necessary to carry on the work, and the result is that it is really a matter of life and death with them to make Germany pay her war indemnity, and that is why the French are so determined to make Germany pay."

"Can Germany pay?" was asked. "So far as I could see they certainly can," said Col. Meighen. "They are getting back into shape quicker than any European country, because they are working hard and working long hours." Col. Meighen also visited Arras, Albert, Bapaume and the Bourlon Wood, where so many Grenadiers and other Canadians gave their lives, which is to be the site of one of the Canadian government permanent memorials. While this district still showed the ravages of war the people were back, living in huts and the remains of houses. But they were again at work, and it was possible to buy good bread and wine there.

Ruins of Arras
"Arras is still in ruins," said Col. Meighen, "but the country around is under cultivation, and while I was there two football and Rugby matches were held, between French troops, who have taken up the British games with such zeal that frequently they beat the British troops. With the determination I saw on every side to work hard and restore production there is little doubt that France will soon get over the devastation caused by the war."

As to the Grenadier Guards of Canada, Col. Meighen said they were going ahead well, with good recruiting, and an excellent class of men. The winter season of drills was now finished, and there would be no summer camp. Plans were under way now for the summer, when the regiment would have a season

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of sports at their new grounds at Rossborough, where they would have ample space for football, baseball, swimming, boating, fishing, etc. For the coming season, said Col. Meighen, the Regiment would have six teams, two in the P. Q. E. A., and four company teams. He looked forward to a good summer, and an excellent promise for the regular winter drill season after that.

SCHOOL DAMAGED.
Antigonish, N. S., April 25—Fire today caused considerable damage to St. Ninian street Protestant school. The fire was discovered at 8.30, when the alarm was immediately responded to and four streams of water were soon playing on the building. It is believed that the blaze started in the basement and spread through the walls and ceilings. By 10.30 the flames were extinguished. The loss will probably be \$5,000. Temporary arrangements will be made immediately for continuing the classes.

"Hard stuff" will also be affected, he said, but in less proportion, as it is the intention of the commission to sell it with a reasonable profit to pay the cost of administration, while in regard to wines the percentage of profit will be reduced to a minimum. Commission Drouin explained that all the liquor stocks in the hands of vendors in the province would have to be delivered to the commission on the first of May. The stocks will be carefully examined and graded. A price in accordance with the price paid by the owners of the stocks will be allowed. "I do not understand," he said, "what prompted the importers and vendors to import such large quantities of liquors within the last two months. Whether this was a speculation is possible, but I do not believe it will become a paying proposition for the buyers. The result is, however, that no liquor will be bought by the commission this year, except a few brands of good wines, which are now coming on the market."

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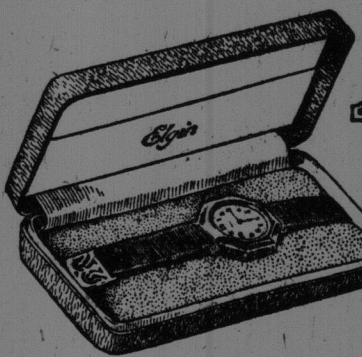
Milestones



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An odd sense of loneliness possesses you, for there seems a new dignity and remoteness about her in the scholastic cap and gown. Then, across the mist of faces, she catches your eye. Her cheeks dimple into smiles. And you, fond old father, actually flush with pleasure, as, raising her wrist to her lips, she wafes you a happy kiss from the face of the beautiful little Elgin Watch you placed there an hour ago, as your best gift for her great day.



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