

**VOLUNTEERS TELL OF EXPERIENCES IN TRAINING CAMP**

**Big Bunch of Men Under Canvas and There's Lots of Hard Work Ahead—Were Well Treated All Round**

Writing from Salisbury Plains, under date of Oct. 21st, another Volunteer says: We had a smooth and pleasant passage across, but had to take our time owing to some of the slow boats. We arrived in Devonport Thursday of the following week that we left. We anchored outside that night, as no steamers are allowed to pass in or out after 6 o'clock, the harbor is chained and well fortified.

Every minute of the day you can see all sizes of battleships, torpedo-boats, submarines, destroyers and big liners. I tell you it is a great sight to see them.

We went ashore and marched through the streets, and at every stop the people would cheer us and give us candy, fruit, and other luxuries. The town has a population of about one hundred and fifty thousand. A nice city; all the streets paved and stone houses.

**Plymouth and Devonport.**

We left the Florizel yesterday and went to Plymouth, further up the harbor, another very fine city, larger and better than Devonport. We paraded the streets and went to the barracks and had tea. Took the train at seven o'clock for Salisbury Plains. The cars we travelled in had small rooms, six in each and very comfortable. We went at the rate of fifty miles an hour, and when we stopped at the station we were met with throngs of people, all cheering and presenting you with luxuries. The people are gone crazy everywhere and gave us a great send off.

**Eight Mile Tramp.**

After we left the train we had to walk eight miles to the camps, and arrived at 2 o'clock this morning. We are now camping out, the weather very fine and warm. We have not started training as yet, waiting for our uniforms. Expect to be here quite a while.

**Everything is dirt cheap here.**

There are aeroplanes flying over our heads all the time. One passed this morning not very far up. I am in the best of health. With love to all—Rod.

**Their Experiences.**

Writing to friends here Messrs. George and Charles Butler, of Pennywell Road, give a very interesting account of their experiences since leaving with the 1st Newfoundland Contingent.

The trip across, though both suffered slightly from sea sickness, was a pleasant one, the ocean being smooth as oil.

We were well-guarded by two battleships and three cruisers, they say. Besides the two troop laden liners *Laurentia* and *Empress of Ireland*, which are heavily armed.

**No Shore Leave.**

We have had no shore leave yet; but tomorrow we go ashore for church parade. Last Sunday we had service in mid-ocean. We will have our new uniforms for tomorrow's parade; also our caps.

There are no lack of sights to be seen here, with troops of all regiments around, this being one of the chief naval ports of England.

There are over ten ships of the first class type here, and also a number of second-class cruisers, torpedo boat destroyers, submarines and other war craft.

We are lying about one hundred yards from shore, side by side with the *Corinthian*, which has on board the Canadian Horse Artillery, The Light Artillery and Machine Guns.

**Big Bunch of Men.**

There are altogether about 30,000 Canadian troops here.

We are going into camp during next week. We have had an excellent time so far.

The town here is well-guarded and very heavily fortified.

The weather here is delightful. In our tent we have an Englishman, a Nova Scotian and a Frenchman, together with several of our homelanders.

We were extremely sorry to hear that we were reported one of the fifteen transports sunk on the passage over, and know you must have felt very bad over same.

There are numerous ships here; the tug boats are not like the ones at home, they are paddle boats.

Nelson's old Victory is to be seen here, and numerous other craft ranging from thirty to eighty years old. The Victory is a square rigger.

We saw a number of square riggers while off this coast, with all sails spread, which certainly presented a pleasing sight.

We haven't received any pay since boarding the Florizel, but we trust that our home allowances have been received before now.

**COLLEGE CADETS ARE ENTERTAINED**

Given Pleasant Time at Smithville, Last Night By Mr. Bowring.

As has been his practice for years, Hon. E. R. Bowring entertained the members of C. Co., C. L. B. (Bishop Field College) yesterday, afternoon.

It was held at Smithville. Several visitors including Lt.-Col. Rendell were present.

At 6 o'clock tea was served and thoroughly enjoyed.

The following toast list was gone through: The King.

C. Co.—Prop. Adj. Winter; resp. Capt. Wood.

The C.L.B.—Prop. Mr. Blackall; resp. Col. Rendell.

The College—Prop. Rev. J. Brinton; resp. The Head Master.

1st Newfoundland Regiment and Our Absent Officers—Prop. Mr. House.

The N.C.O.'s—Prop. Mr. F. Rendell; resp. Corps. Jerrett and Bishop, and Lee-Corps. Caldwell and Miles.

The Donor of the Feast, Hon. E. R. Bowring—prop. Mr. Down.

Return was made at 9.30.

**"Lost Millionaire" Film Worth Seeing**

The much talked of picture, "The Lost Millionaire," which was given at The Nickel Theatre attracted great crowds during the afternoon and evening. It is a wonderful story and the acting was such that all were delighted with it. Everyone admitted that it was one of the finest ever given here.

The plot was exceptionally strong and the acting was splendid. Anita Stewart played a beautiful part and won the praise of all.

Mr. Arthur C. Huskins sang, "I hear you calling me," the well-known tenor solo which brought down the house. He was thunderously applauded. This evening the programme will be repeated. Be sure and attend as it will be the last chance to see the startling picture "The Lost Millionaire."

**WESLEYVILLE LADIES ACTIVE**

The Women's Patriotic Association of Wesleyville (Brookfield and Pound Cove Inclusive) have held several enthusiastic and successful public meetings recently.

The collectors have done good work. The total amount collected to date being \$200.85.

The ladies of the above named places are all busily engaged knitting socks for our soldiers at the front and all consider it an honour to help.

**Job's Mildred arrived at Perna-buco yesterday after a run of 31 days.**

There is no report from the Mongolian today.

The schr. Senator left Wood's Isld. yesterday for Gloucester with 1250 barrels herring for Cunningham and Thompson.

**Picked Up**

In John Anderson's West End Store, about Oct. 23rd, a Sum of Money. The amount will be returned by owner proving his loss, less expenses, advertising.—nv10,3i

**FOR SALE**

The schooner "Effie Belle," 26 tons. For particulars apply to ARTHUR or JACOB GUY, Musgrave Harbor. nov10,3id,3iw

**NOTE OF THANKS**

Mrs. Walter Pottle desires to thank the Messrs. Reid, Mrs. J. C. Parsons, Mrs. Bishop, Miss Bishop, the employees of the street car, for their kindness to her and family during their bereavement, and also for wreaths to adorn the casket and letters of sympathy.

**DEATHS**

TAYLOR.—On Sunday morning, the 8th inst. at Port de Grave, there passed away, after a short illness, Anastasia, wife of the late Anthony Taylor, aged 77 years, leaving 4 daughters and 2 sons to mourn the sad loss of a kind and loving mother. Funeral takes place at 11 a.m. Tuesday from her son's residence.

Mrs. Mary Moss. Last evening, after a severe illness, Mary, widow of the late Capt. James R. Moss, aged 54 years. Funeral from her late residence, 197 Gover Street, on Thursday afternoon at 2.30. Friends are requested to attend without further notice.

**"JACKIE" FISHER, THE AGGRESSIVE, THE FIGHTING SPIRIT OF THE NAVY**

New Head of the Admiralty is to the Fleet as is Kitchener to the Army—Believes in Nelson's Plan of "Going Straight at the Enemy" and Giving Immediate Battle

London, Nov. 4.—The retirement of Prince Louis of Battenberg from the navy marks the successful culmination of a campaign of malignant and ferocious slander. Rumors circulated for three weeks past from mouth to mouth that the Prince had been arrested on charges of treason and was confined in the Tower.

This myth was adorned with many artful details, slanders declaring the Prince had betrayed our naval secrets. It finally led to a bitter editorial in Monday's *London Globe*, which, while repudiating the rumors and emphasizing Louis' high professional abilities and his eagerness to defeat and annihilate the German fleet, declared that wide-spread uneasiness existed and brought the matter to a head.

**Retirement and Exoneraton.**

It demanded that for the sake of the Prince himself, no less than for the nation, some authoritative statement be issued of a nature so emphatic, so unqualified, as to remove at once and forever every breath of rumor. The anti-Battenberg campaign, it is needless to add, was supported by no responsible person and believed by none save idle gossips, yet to-day everyone recognizes that his resignation was mainly due to this campaign of suggestion against him.

As the *Times* says: "It is difficult to write with patience concerning such rumors in the case of a man who has had a life-long and most distinguished career in the service of his adopted country, whose brother, and whose brother's son, have both died in her wars, whose own two sons and two other nephews are in her fighting forces at this moment. Gossip of this kind represents the most contemptible side of democratic government. Honest men will not care to remember its results in this case."

**Has Given Fine Service.**

"None who know him," says the *Daily Mail*, "can doubt for one instant his devoted attachment to the country which he adopted and the navy which he entered forty-six years ago. His loyal, noble figure, and the fine services he has rendered the navy in the manoeuvres in high command, as an inventor and

tactician will not be forgotten. His self-sacrificing action will win for him the sympathy of all."

**Fisher Approved.**

Lord Fisher's appointment, unofficially reported early this morning, will be received with universal approval. Lord Charles Peresford's campaign against England's greatest admiral is now universally repudiated.

The war has proved Fisher's naval policy was right in its most contentious points. He is the Kitchener of the navy. Fisher was among the first to recognize the revolution created in naval warfare by the submarine. He created our submarine fleet and used every means to drive home to the national conscience and his own colleagues the fact that the submarine had become at a moment among the most powerful offensive weapons of the navy.

He repudiated the doctrine that submarines weaken strong navies, declaring that they add to their power by enabling them to drive their toes into the open and compel them to fight. He years ago maintained that submarines properly handled can attack navies lying apparently in secure harbors, protected by mines and forts.

**An Aggressive Campaign.**

All who know his character confidently anticipate that the comparatively passive tactics of our navy will promptly cease. Fisherism means aggression. He swears by Nelson's policy of keeping straight for the enemy, and engaging him in immediate battle.

Undeniably the conduct of the naval war since the opening of hostilities has been a real national disappointment. People here unwillingly acquiesced in assertion that the Admiralty defenders could do nothing else than what had been done. They believe now that Fisher will accomplish what others have declared impossible, bringing an early decisive naval victory.

With Kitchener at the War Office, Fisher at the Admiralty, and Asquith as Premier, the nation will be fully confident that its destinies are safe.

**WINTER WEATHER INCREASES WOES**

Of Soldiers in the East—Heavy Frost and Snow Storms in E. Prussia

Berlin, via London, Nov. 6.—The effects of the approaching winter on the campaign already are evident. Heavy frosts are reported in East Prussia and the campaign in Poland has been waged for some time under most disagreeable conditions caused by rain and snow storms.

**From Duke of Saxe-Coburg**

A letter received in Bremerhaven from the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, speaks of the frightful weather prevailing on the front. The trenches filled with water and the men of his regiment, who, for fourteen days, were on duty at the front, stood day and night in water breast high. The enemy's searchlights played constantly on the German positions and it was impossible for one to show his head above the embankment even at night without drawing their fire.

Only the scantiest news from the German side is being published here. For their descriptive stories the newspapers rely largely on despatches telegraphed from abroad which they are permitted to print fairly freely. Information concerning the comparatively definite location of the battle line is derived almost entirely from such sources.

**Use Captured French Guns.**

There are indications that both sides have greatly improved the effectiveness of their anti-aeroplane defence. The Germans have installed anti-balloon cannon extensively, and have converted a large number of captured French machine guns for use against the fliers, thereby hampering air attacks on the batteries and trenches used as described in the following letter from an artillery officer:

"We were bivouacked in a little wood. Suddenly we sighted three aeroplanes. Two, evidently French, flew directly toward our battery. Rifle fire against these dare-devils was absolutely useless. We crouched like flocks of hens under a hawk, as an aviator circled overhead. A bomb whizzed down, but luckily, the wind carried it to the edge of the wood, wounding only one man, while the flier was circling to regain his position above us.

**ST. JOHN'S LADY DIES AT HALIFAX**

Mr. William Dowden, 13 Mullock St. had word by yesterday's mail of the death of his sister, Mrs. J. Hennebury, at Halifax, on Nov. 2nd.

She had been ill for a year, but ten weeks previous to her death had been stricken with paralysis and was confined to her bed.

The funeral took place on the 4th, interment being at Fair View Cemetery.

Deceased lady was born at Virginia and more than twenty years ago, on the death of her husband, removed to Canada to reside.

She leaves four brothers in St. John's, a sister at London, Ont., and another at Springfield, Mass.

**Patriotic Meeting**

A Patriotic Meeting will be held in the S. A. Citadel, New Gower Street, on Thursday evening, at 8 p.m.

The Hon. R. Alex. Robinson has kindly consented to give a lecture on "The Great War, and why Britain is playing her part."

The chair will be taken by Brigadier Morehen, and the band will render some patriotic music.

The Cathaginian leaves Philadelphia, today.

The closing of the Kiel Canal to commerce during the war will cause great loss to industrial Germany. The water-borne traffic between the Baltic and the Elbe was important.

A British captain writing home from the front, says that the shells used in German siege howitzers cost \$5,000 each and can be fired only at the rate of four an hour.

**WANTED.**

Good General Servant, where another is kept. Apply to MRS. URQUHART, 94 Military Road—nov9tf

**Live Fox**

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**TO THE EDITOR**

**Straight Hitting**

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir,—I read Captain Outerbridge's letter in this morning's "News" and I cannot help asking myself what it is all about.

So far as my memory goes, the newspapers made no attack on Mr. Mr. Timewell as Mr. Timewell, nor yet attacked him as Paymaster of the First Newfoundland Regiment. The whole discussion was about a matter which Captain Outerbridge himself says he does not understand, namely, why such a large extra should have been allowed Captain Timewell.

**Not Quite Correct.**

Again I quote her letter. It was "a stab in the dark," as it was published in the editorial columns of each newspaper for which the editor is responsible and has not been contradicted, rather has it been acknowledged by the Premier. Indeed, the trouble seems to be that there was too much daylight to suit Captain Outerbridge.

Surely the public is entitled to know how its money is expended, and if newspapers, to whom the public look for information, find out about wrong or even mistaken expenditures it is their duty to speak out and they should be commended for doing so.

**Must Deserve It.**

I think it will be admitted that a fact condemned by all the newspapers in St. John's, government, opposition and independent, and by the public generally must deserve censure. Why, Mr. Editor, even the Premier himself admits the mistake and has taken steps to have it rectified.

But, Mr. Editor, tho' called an "explanation" by the "News" the Premier's letter is only a statement. He gives no explanation.

To whom did Capt. Timewell apply for extras outside of his regimental fees?

Why should he be allowed extras? Why is he not with his regiment?

**Why Not?**

Did he volunteer for the front or did he only volunteer for a salary? If the latter, surely the young men of Newfoundland might have been informed that such a salary was offered and been given the chance of earning it.

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