

# The Iodine Chronicle

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## CONFEDERATION DAY.

Possibly this number will not reach our readers in time for Canada's anniversary. Still, our intentions were of the best, and if, perchance, there be some slight delay, we ask the kind indulgence of our many friends.

Still, the opportunity must not pass without referring to the momentous occasion which this Day marks in the history of our Homeland. Fifty-one years ago, the first of July, the Fathers of Confederation met and signed the pledge which brought together the four old Provinces, Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. This was the nucleus of the great Dominion of to-day. Since then Prince Edward Island, British Columbia, Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan have joined the happy family, and it is not too much to hope, that as our population increases, some of the vast territories may be erected into Provinces and similarly join the Home circle.

To us Canadians on active service the Day has a particular significance. In spirit we are often back in the Land of the Maple Leaf, but on Confederation Day particularly do our thoughts dwell there, where those we love so well watch, and wait, and pray. And so, too, it is our earnest trust that the next anniversary may see us once more among them all, enjoying the blessings of Peace and Victory. Still, if circumstances should necessitate a longer stay, we are quite content, because our task here is to be completed, and we must settle the score of our brothers who have made the supreme sacrifice and gone before.

In the seat of Empire this occasion is marked by special celebrations. Britannia appreciates the generous response of one of her favourite daughters, and shows this sentiment in a most heartfelt manner. The Cause is close to us all, and all the young Dominions stand shoulder to shoulder. Out of the common association will grow mutual confidence, better understanding, brotherly consideration. Thus do we celebrate the Day, too, proud of the Great and Noble Land to which it is our honour and privilege to belong.

## CENTURION AMBULANS.

## CANADIAN LEAVE.

It seems just the other day that some of our old comrades of the 1914 class who were lucky enough to have been married before the war, packed their kits and left us on the long-expected leave to Canada.

We heard from some of them on their arrival in England, and later some of us received letters from Canada saying that they had arrived.

Our old associate Bob Ross has promised us some copy of his experiences, and we're looking to Bob to keep his promise.

This seems to be as far as the Government intend to go on their promise to take the 1914 men back to Canada on leave, and in our present position we can only "wait and see," and hope that this promise is not treated as "a scrap of paper."

Staff-Sergeant-Major W. D. Foran has returned from Canada after a prolonged stay, and reports conditions much as usual. Bill was one of the soldiers called out to the relief of the victims of the Halifax disaster, and tells great tales of his experiences.

Personally we could stand a lot of that Canada stuff.

Freddy Woods, late of C Section, we hear, is now a corporal on Medical Stores Staff, Ottawa.

Talk about Jack Horner, he had nothing on our Freddy in pulling out plums.

"Corporal Dan" Macdonald, who returned to Canada some time ago, is now, we understand, a captain in an infantry battalion in England.

We all expected to see Dan out here again, but in the infantry!!! Well, here's the best, Dan.

## CASUALTIES.

Since our last issue we have lost the valuable services of our Managing Editor, Captain H. W. Whytock, M.C., who was evacuated recently with a septic throat. At the base he underwent a serious operation for mastoid trouble, but we are pleased to be able to inform our readers that he is now making satisfactory progress in a London hospital.

Captain Whytock came to France in February, 1916, with a pioneer battalion, and served as their medical officer until he joined the ambulance in January, 1917. He proved himself to be a most efficient ambulance officer, taking every interest in the welfare of the unit and particular interest in the success of "The Iodine Chronicle."

Since he became Managing Editor we have seen many changes, and it is not too much to say that to-day the paper is better than ever, largely due to his enthusiasm and organising ability. This standard we hope to keep up and to realise the goal he looked forward to—a paper in which every member of the unit is interested and will support.

After Passchendaele, Captain Whytock was awarded the Military Cross for services rendered during the operations there, and has since been Mentioned in Dispatches. He was a deservedly popular officer with all ranks, and his many friends here wish him a speedy and complete recovery to perfect health.

We had a break in our luck a while back, and Captain F. W. Tidmarsh, Sergeant J. E. Doyle, Corporal A. K. Magner, M.M., L/Corporal H. Bailey, and Privates E. L. Brennan, F. T. Legg, M. Crossman and W. H. Chase went down the line as shell-gas wounded.

Sergeant Doyle and L/Corporal Bailey have returned to us, and we hope that when the others return to France they will rejoin us.

Wasn't it just like Pegg to blunder into the nicest kind of a "Blighty," and make England on it. Many of us will miss Peggie with his affected speech and his funny