



Evening Telegram

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Remembrance Day.

Newfoundland paid special honor to her heroic dead at yesterday's memorial services which were observed throughout the whole Dominion, and in honoring those who gave their lives, there was no less honor paid those who came through the fearful struggle in which the sons of Britain made a record for themselves which stands out beside the gallant deeds of noble forefathers. Modern Britain has shown that the courage of the men who made the Empire, has descended to their sons, and the heritage won by them has found equally gallant defenders.

The living, as well as the dead, received testimony of their valour yesterday. The floral memorials to those who died, were as well glowing tributes in God's own colours to the men who fought and lived. Placed upon and about the Cross—symbol of salvation and everlasting life—these decorations of earth's most beautiful flowers, were fit adornment for the Shrine which stands as a perpetual monument to the men who in fulfilling the words of the Carpenter of Nazareth, left a name which, honored and revered throughout succeeding generations, will forever be an exemplification and a directional signal toward the higher things of life, for in their deaths they gave us a newer and fresher incentive to strive for those things which are not of earth, but of heaven. The "Greater-Love-Hath-No-Man" motto has been newly written. Our men gave their lives for us—their friends. Our repayment to them is not to be measured by the outward and visible deed. Let it be then ours to keep faith, and to do all that we can for the ones who are left, that their loved ones who sleep under the cross of wood in the lands overseas may be perfectly satisfied that their lives were not given in vain.

"If we break faith
With those who died
They will not sleep, tho' poppies
blow
On Flanders fields."

Personal Mention.

Mr. I. Levitz will be leaving by to-morrow's express for Canadian and United States cities on business connected with his trade.

Last Draft Arrives.

The trooper Cassandra yesterday brought back to home all the men of "Ours" on service overseas, with the exception of a few hospital cases and the staff of the Pay and Record Office in London. The repatriates were under command of Major G. Emerson, Capt. J. Long, Adjutant, and Capt. Procmier, Medical Officer. The men left Winchester on Monday week, the contingent, numbering 580 of all ranks, going to Glasgow, where they embarked for home. After an uneventful run the ship had nearly made port when fog was encountered, causing some delay, but all went well and at 10 o'clock yesterday morning the ship steamed in through the Narrows, her entry being heralded by the blare of siren and steam whistles from the shipping in port. Numbers of people immediately flocked to Shea's wharf where debarkation was to take place, and following the conclusion of the ceremonies at Bannerman Park, the original gathering was augmented by many hundreds of others. So soon as the trooper was docked Major Montgomery and Major Paterson went on board, and following a consultation with the officers in charge, it was decided to give the men dinner before landing. The C. C. C. band was in attendance, playing airs which were most pleasing and familiar. The landing began at 1.15, those needing special attention being looked after by Lieut. Reeves and an ambulance squad. The soldiers, subsequently formed up and headed by the C. C. C. Band paraded up Water and Prescott Streets and down Military Road to the Prince of Wales Barracks, where they were drawn up in line and addressed by the Prime Minister and the Minister of Militia, who accorded them a hearty welcome home and thanked them for their services on behalf of the people of Newfoundland. Cheers were then given for the speakers and the parade was dismissed, the men going to their respective billets, 300 being looked after in town houses and about 60 at the Empire Barracks. The Conception Bay ranks left for their homes this morning. The others will be sent out as convenient, as by a special arrangement, made on the other side, the men were paid on the trip out, and this will facilitate their departure for home, when after 14 days leave of absence spent with friends they will report in the city for demobilization. The men speak very highly of the treatment accorded them on the Cassandra, and express the highest praise for Captain Brown and the officers of the transport.

Boy Hurt Yesterday.

A little boy named Cyril Comerford, fell off the bandstand during the commemoration services at Bannerman Park yesterday morning, striking the ground on his neck and back. He was brought to the residence of Mrs. Smith, nearby where Dr. Pritchard, of Bay Roberts, happened to be. He was found to be suffering from a slight concussion and was ordered to the hospital. Last night he had recovered sufficiently to enable the hospital authorities to send him to his home.

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Shipping Notes.

The Dorothy G. Snow has sailed in Ballast for Quebec.
The Joan Hickman is loading Codfish from A. E. Hickman Co. Ltd. for Bahia.
Schr. Sunset Glow has entered at Belleoram to load Codfish for Harvey & Co. Ltd. for Oporto for orders.
The S.S. Sagana sailed on Monday for Labrador taking a full freight.
The S.S. Sheba left Clarenville yesterday for North Sydney to load coal for the Reid Nfld. Co.
The steamers Alconda, Lake Megford, Overdale, Lake Fraser, and Indian which had been held up here owing to ice conditions north, sailed for Botwood Monday afternoon.
Messrs Bowring Bros. received a message on Monday from Capt. Kean, saying that the Prospero had arrived at St. Anthony.

When you want Steaks, Chops, Outlets and Collops, try ELLIS.

Memorial Service!

July 1st, 1919.

The Memorial Service Committee, on behalf of the Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland) and the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, desire to extend their grateful appreciation of the support and co-operation of all those who contributed in any way to the carrying out of the Memorial Ceremonies on July 1st. Where one and all have rendered assistance it would be invidious to single out particular individuals or organizations for special reference, and so to everybody who assisted the Committee in any way their sincere thanks are hereby tendered.

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Memorial Day Fittingly Observed.

Heroic Dead Honored—Bannerman Park Scene of Inspiring Ceremony—Commemoration Services in All Churches.

No more impressive ceremonies were ever witnessed in St. John's than those which took place yesterday in commemoration of Newfoundland's National day, the anniversary of the baptism of blood endured by the Royal Newfoundland Regiment at Beaumont Hamel on July 1st 1916, and the effects of yesterday's proceedings will remain with them who took part as an ever living memory of the events which brought about such tributes to the valor, glory and heroism of the best and bravest of the Dominion's sons.

The arrangements made by the officers and men of the regiment to commemorate the day were carried out to perfection, and the honors shown the memories of those gallant boys who had gone into the Sunset West, were fitting testimonials to their dauntless deeds. At Bannerman Park, particularly, the ceremony of decorating the erected shrine was beautiful, solemn and inspiring, and when the floral tributes had been laid at and around the cross the effect itself was that of a great pyramid of flowers, whose blended colors made a fair and magnificent foreground for the more dark and sombre beauties of the parks vernal surroundings and natural ornamentation.

To those who laid their floral tributes at the foot of the Cross, memories of the friends in whose honor these were presented came spontaneously and whether the offerings were those of fraternal organizations or the gift of nearer relations the feeling was the same pride and pleasure, not unmingled with sorrow, as thoughts of those who made the Supreme Sacrifice came uppermost in the minds of friends and acquaintances. The gallant bearing and glorious heroism of the sons of Terra Nova at Gallipoli, Beaumont Hamel, Guedecourt, Stenbeek, Monchy, Langemarck and Cambrai were freshly recalled, and many a wreath was given an added lustre by the tear drop shed upon it from loving eyes, the everliving and glittering jewels of human regard and love. Yesterday was a day filled with honor for the heroic dead, the men who gave, and were not afraid to give, and though they have come from us, their names will never be forgotten so long as time lasts, and their memories will be publicly recalled and revered annually in similar celebrations to those which marked our appreciation of our khaki clad heroes, who sleep under the sod of foreign lands, but whose world stirring exploits will ever be an incentive and a stimulus to coming generations to emulate their sterling courage.

THE PARADE.

The official ceremonies began at 9.45 a.m., when the soldiers and sailors and city brigades and Nurses and V. A. D's assembled in the Prince's Rink grounds, where they formed in procession and paraded to the different churches to attend divine service. The parade marched out of the grounds in the following order: Detachment of Newfoundland Royal Naval Reserve.

C. C. C. Band.
Church of England Troops, War Veterans, Church Lads' Brigade.
Nurses V. A. D's.
Roman Catholic Troops, War Veterans, Catholic Cadet Corps.
Highlanders' Pipers.
Methodist, Presbyterian, Congregationalist, Salvation Army Troops, War Veterans, Newfoundland Highlanders.
The procession marched by way of Gover street to the square opposite the Synod Hall, the Catholic troops in the meantime breaking off at Prescott Street and continuing on to the Cathedral. The Church of England were next to fall out for service at the Cathedral, the Methodist at Gover Street, and the Presbyterian and Congregationalists at St. Andrew's.

After the services the parade reformed at Synod Hall Square, with the Colours' party in the centre, and proceeded to Government House grounds where the troops and war veterans received the colours upon which Lady Harris and Miss Amorel Harris had placed floral wreaths. The soldiers and sailors then proceeded to Bannerman Park, in which was erected a shrine consisting of a pyramid, surmounted by a cross.

DECORATING THE SHRINE.

Long before the arrival of the troops and sailors at Bannerman Park, thousands had assembled in the grounds, a special place being reserved for the next of kin of those who had fallen. Every walk of life was represented in the large gathering, while amongst those present were the Prime Minister Hon. Sir. M. P. Cashin, Hon. J. R. Bennett, Hon. W. Woodford, Hon.

J. S. Currie, Sir P. T. McGrath, Sir Joseph Outerbridge, French Consul Suzor, and officials of the French warship Somme, The Lord Bishop of Newfoundland. His Grace Archbishop Roche, His Lordship Bishop Power, His Lordship Bishop March, Rev. Canon Bolt, Rev. Dr. Jones, Rev. Dr. Curtis, Rev. E. W. Forbes, Rev. Dr. Green, Rev. D. B. Ashford, Rev. Fr. Sheehan, Rev. Dr. Carter, Col. Adby, officers of the various city societies. At 11.50 His Excellency the Governor and Lady Harris and suite arrived and were received by Lieut. Colonel Bernard, O. C. Royal Newfoundland Regiment. A few minutes later the C.C.C. Band rendered the Dead March in Saul as the floral offerings of the Regiment, the Royal Naval Reserve, the city Societies, colleges and schools and private individuals were deposited on the shrine. The Regiment's offering and that of the W. P. A. were placed on the shrine by Lady Harris, while the others were received by Capt. (Rev.) Nangle, Capt. Dicks and Lieut. Power. No more impressive ceremony was ever witnessed in the city. As the sad strains of the Dead March were wafted on the cool air, the wreath bearers in turn circled the shrine, on which were inserted the words "Greater love hath no man than this: that a man lay down his life for his friends," and handed their floral offerings to be laid around the cross and pyramid in honor of the dead. It was indeed a touching scene, and many a tear-dimmed eye could be seen while the heart burning of those who had lost their loved ones must have been tense. When the shrine had been bedecked with the numerous offerings and had taken on the appearance of a huge flower bed, of varied hues, and the Land of the Leal had been played by the Highlanders, His Excellency the Governor delivered the panegyric, saying in part:

The Governor's Address:

"Whatever date may eventually be accepted as the best for commemorating the achievements of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, it is more than intelligible, it is extremely appropriate, that in this year the 1st of July should have been appointed. It was on the 1st of July last year that at the instance of the Great War Veterans' Association we held a commemoration of the deeds of the Regiment. On that occasion I insisted that it should be primarily a commemoration of the fallen and not an occasion of rejoicing, for I remembered that the 1st of July, if associated with the glory of the Regiment, was also associated with the sadness of those who had lost the brave men who sustained that glory. This year the 1st of July is still more appropriate because it coincides so closely with the signing of that Peace Treaty, in which we hope to find the inauguration of a finer and better age.

"This celebration has been the spontaneous act of the officers of the Regiment itself, and in the wish that I should on this occasion pronounce a short panegyric upon those members of the Regiment who have passed to the Beyond they have some precedent in the past. You will remember Jesus the son of Sirach, in that fine chapter "Let us praise famous men and let our fathers that legat us." And at a period not far distant from the apocryphal writers, Thucydides records a wonderful speech in which a great Athenian democrat Pericles, pronounced a eulogy over those who had fallen in one of the wars of the Athenian Republic. That was not an isolated event. It was the regular practice of the Athenians, the most striking historic instance of a powerful democracy, to appoint a regular day in which they could commemorate the virtues of those who had given their lives for the State. And this speech of Pericles is one so beautiful in its thought and sympathetic in its diction that even now there is little one can wisely say about those who have fallen in war which does not find its echo in that classical utterance of more than 2,000 years ago. In the British Empire we think first of the Navy. It was in the Navy that the first Newfoundland was killed, and during the whole period of the war they risked their lives in the North Sea and on the Atlantic. Of the Newfoundlanders in the Royal Naval Reserve, 270 have made the Supreme Sacrifice. No better men were obtainable in the Navy to crew the mine sweepers, and they did their duty fearlessly. For the Regiment, though the 1st of July is cited as the day which it found itself, it is in fact the date at which it was found by the British Army as a whole, because, as I have often said, it showed on that date for the first time that battle discipline in the face of terrible odds, which is the greatest test of any regiment, and came through. Still let us not forget that the 1st of July is not the only date. Before ever the Regiment went on to the Somme, they had established a fine reputation at Gallipoli, and later you will remember that at Guedecourt, Monchy, Stenbeek and Langemarck, and again at Cambrai, and still later—in other words in all areas of the war and throughout the period of the war the Regiment had been earning its laurels and adding to them. Those who fell in the course of these sad years total 1,280 men and 54 officers. A glance through the names will show that many of the best families suffered, that rich and poor, high and low, one with the other have fallen side by side.

"The great Athenian to whom I have referred, reminded his hearers that the lives of soldiers were given for the State, and laid stress upon the claim of the State to all that was highest and noblest in the man. He strove to comfort the mourners by showing the gain of the State. Now, in my opinion, the highest conception of the State is the good of a man's fellow citizens, and for those Newfoundlanders who sacrificed their lives in a distant land I claim that they stand as an example to all of the duty we owe to those around us. Whatever their motives, whatever their notion in joining, be it the spirit of adventure or the stern impulse of duty, these men made the sacrifice of their lives on behalf of a noble cause, and in order that the Newfoundlanders they left behind might realize how good was liberty and how good a place this is to live in when liberty held its sway. To those who have mourned for them, I can only say on this occasion that they should think rather of the glory attained by their dear ones than of the loss which they themselves have suffered, and if they have not near them the graves of those whom they loved, they may be comforted by a fine thought, for those who have so died the whole world in their tombs, and that, for all time to come praise of their virtues will draw any criticism of their defects. For those who have lost sons or brothers or fathers in the war, there remains only the remembrance of their great goodness and deeds of valour. Any small fault is swept into oblivion. And in a brief sentence I think I can gist the whole matter: Our pride in their deeds is greater than any praise we can articulate, and our memory of their glory is finer than any monument we can erect."

THE LAST POST.

Following His Excellency's address came the final tribute to the dead from their comrades-in-arms. In front of the Shrine, a firing party with buglers attached, was lined up, and at the order for the assembled soldiers to present arms, the buglers sounded the "Last Post," while the firing squad discharged three volleys, the civilians standing in silence with bared heads. The Hallelujah chorus by the C.C.C. band brought the imposing service to a close.

TAKING THE SALUTE.

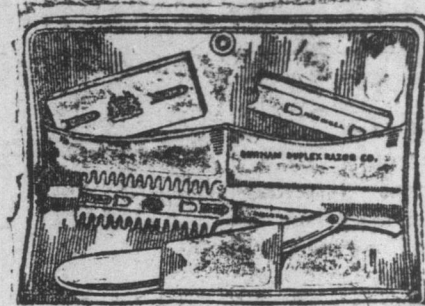
Ranks were then reformed, and the Regiment and Royal Naval Reservists left the Park, His Excellency the Governor taking the salute as they marched past to the Government House grounds with the colours. The colour party consisting of Lieuts. Field and Grace; Sergt. Major Daniels, Sergt. Field and Sergt. Hussey returned the flags to their depository, after which the soldiers continued on to the parade grounds and disbanded.

COMMEMORATION DAY, JULY 1st, 1919.

Our bravest, yet the loveliest of our youth
Stood up against the tyrant in the
Pride of glorious manhood sent, and
side by side
Lay down in death, as witness for
the Truth
And Right and Freedom; as when
Greeks defied
Barbarians at Thermopylae, and died
In deathless death against a foe un-
couth.

This morn upon the Altar-slab we lay
God's red and white, and offer
in our grief,
Yet not in hopeless sorrow, Sacrifice—
Christ's Flesh and Blood—its all-
availing Price
Of our redemption, that the time be
brief
Till Christ bring in for them and us
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