

# GENERAL DEFENCE OF THE Y. M. C. A. AT THE FRONT

## THE Y. M. C. A. NATIONAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN ISSUES A STATEMENT

### Organization Not Allowed To Undersell Expeditionary Force Canteens in France, Under Regulations—Cost of Maintenance of Service To Canadian Soldiers Two and a Half Times As Much As Net Profits From Canteens—Press Correspondent Tells of Excellent Work of Y. M. C. A.

Toronto, June 2—A statement has been issued by G. H. Wood, chairman of the National Council of the Y. M. C. A. in view of recent criticisms, which declares that during the year 1917 the total cost of maintaining the Y. M. C. A. service to the Canadian soldiers in England and France was two and a half times as much as the net profits from its canteens. In other words, for every dollar of net profits made in the canteens, the Y. M. C. A. has had to secure by subscriptions another dollar and a half to meet the requirements of its entire service overseas.

Prices are governed by the military authorities and the Y. M. C. A. is not allowed to undersell the expeditionary force canteens in France. In France the canteen accounts of the Y. M. C. A. are checked monthly by the army field cashiers.

Regular Audits.

These, as well as the accounts in England, are audited regularly by a chartered accountant and these audit statements, now issued every six months, are sent to all the officers commanding and are posted in the Y. M. C. A. huts for the information of the soldiers. In addition to this, a combined English and French statement is issued every six months.

A complete audit statement including overseas operations for 1917, which will be published in Canada, has been delayed by the recent military operations which have prevented the auditor getting the necessary permission to cross to France.

A military board of the officers, appointed by Lieut.-Gen. Sir Arthur Currie, conducted an examination of the whole work of the Y. M. C. A. in the Canadian corps in France during the month of March, and reported that its financial operations were satisfactory, and that its business was efficiently conducted.

(By W. A. Willison, Canadian Press Correspondent.)

With the Canadian Army in France, May 6th—By the sickly light of a feeble moon overcast with clouds of war, men of a pioneer battalion were sent back from the advanced area to the support line—stumbling over trench mats and under the glare of the flares marking the firing line; before them, unseen in the darkness, is the great ridge that Canada won for France just over a year ago. With them are other men—men from forward trenches, men of ration companies, men from batteries. All wear the helmets and their gas masks are at the "alert." It has been a wet day, making a miserable night. Those who walk are tired and cold and miserable. So they tramp on until in a fog in the communication trench a dim light bids them welcome and a chorus of voices calls for hot tea and coffee. They have reached one of the forward posts of the Canadian Y. M. C. A. Here hot drinks are free. Biscuits and cigarettes, gum, chocolates and other things to ease the mind and please the inner man may be had for prices far below those of any eat-stall or other civilian establishment. For the Y. M. C. A. does for the man in the line what the officer's club does for the captain and the subaltern, and does it well. It gives rest and food and recreation and payment only for the food. Without these things there would be little to relieve the stern ordeal of war.

Only Part of Work.

Not long ago there was a Y. M. C. A. advanced post in the ruins at one place within 150 yards of our furthest outpost line. There are always such posts in the support area. Indeed, they are sprinkled all over the corps from the forward zone to the rear—at brigade and divisional headquarters, at train, camps and traffic junctions—everywhere where the concentration and movement of men are greatest. And these are always part of the work of the association. It fosters sport and supplies the materials. It organizes and presents concert parties and cinema shows. It conducts educational classes—or did so before it gave its support to the University of Vimy Ridge movement and undertook to furnish the huts, the books and other material required for classes. It has libraries on loan and gramophones. It will undertake to cater for a company celebration or a battalion dinner. Indeed its work is manifold.

A Revelation.

Spend twelve hours with the Y. M. C. A. and it will be a revelation. At Corps Headquarters you will find a central establishment with rooms for educational classes, a canteen, a writing and reading room and other special departments. But most of all, you will be amazed at the Corps theatre, which, while built by the engineers, is run by the Y. M. C. A., and well run. Last week in seven performances it played to no less than 4,640 officers and men, and every seat was free, for such is the rule in all the association theatres and cinemas. Here also, in the centre of the corps athletic activities, and the Y. M. C. A. officer in charge will tell you how a system was gradually devised so that every unit in the forces would be represented at championship meets and how the first of those meets was conducted with great success last year. You will learn that there is a Y. M. C. A. athletic officer with every division, co-operating with the divi-

sional authorities to promote recreation. Let us go on to one of the divisional training schools. Here you will find two large sheds marked with the red triangle of the Y. M. C. A. The first is the canteen, reading room, library and writing and lounge room. As you enter it, the first thing that is likely to catch your eye is the following sign:

Spend an Hour in The Library. Fiction. Science. Civics. Agriculture. Business.

Then your attention will be caught by another poster which reads: Don't Starve Mentally. Take in the Talks Given in the Canteen Lecture Rooms.

Agriculture. The History of the War. Current Events. Political Problems. Literary Readings. Something Every Night Between 7.30 and 8.30.

An average of from 200 to 250 men a night attend these lectures—a proof not only of the keen interest of the men in war development, but of the high educational standard of the Canadian private.

## THE BOY SCOUTS WERE EFFICIENT

### Distributed Over 2,000 Posters About the City—The Young Soldiers Are Certainly Doing Their Bit.

The Boy Scouts of the city again proved their efficiency in public service on Saturday, and as a result of their efforts none but the most unobtrusive can help but notice the many posters displayed which call attention to the urgent requirements of Great Britain in the way of food, and the need of much greater production and conservation in Canada.

On Friday the Greater Food Production Commission made a request to the local boy scout officials asking their assistance in distributing 2,000 posters among the stores, etc. around the city. The officials accordingly sent notice to the various troops and in spite of the fact that at the present season the majority of the troops are debanding for the summer, and many scoutmasters are absent in the country, practically all the troops in the city responded for duty. They reported for duty at their respective troop headquarters Saturday morning at nine o'clock where they were supplied with posters and gum stickers. The boys then went out to their allotted districts and streets.

Eight hundred posters were distributed through the central part of the city—five hundred in the North End, three hundred in the South End and Marsh Bridge district, and two hundred each in Carleton and Fairville. So prompt were the boys in covering their districts that at 10.15 o'clock those working in the central part of the city reported that their work had been completed. At 11.30 o'clock the entire city had been covered in a most satisfactory manner. The distribution of posters in Fairville was

done by the Cyclist Patrol of the Portland Methodist troop. The promptness with which the work was accomplished is considered a remarkable feat by the scout officials.

It is interesting to note that the boy scouts are being frequently called upon for work of this nature, as they are not only well drilled but are trained to respond to calls of this kind.

The report published Saturday morning regarding the examinations for the Thorne trophy, the name of the St. James troop was omitted from the lists, as that troop is at present in process of reorganizing and therefore were not eligible. It might be said in justice, however, that this troop formerly ranked first among those of the city.

Today a number of the troops are being taken on a hike by their respective officers when an opportunity will be given them to qualify for the pathfinders, cooks and other proficiency badges.

The Paradise Row Mission troop are supplying scouts this week for the work at the Discharge Depot.

## SOLDIER'S FUNERAL WAS HELD SATURDAY

### Pte. Adam Woods of Hampton Died of Pneumonia—Buried in Soldiers' Plot in Fernhill.

The funeral of Pte. Adam Woods of Hampton, a member of the Depot Battalion, who died in the Pitt Street Hospital of pneumonia, was conducted Saturday afternoon at 3.15 o'clock. The service was conducted by Rev. Archdeacon Crowfoot. The funeral was conducted with full military honors, the Depot Battalion band attending and a firing squad from the 9th Siege Battery. Interment was made in the soldiers' plot in Fernhill cemetery.

## THE NEW PASTOR OF FAIRVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH HEARD YESTERDAY

### Rev. A. S. Bishop Greeted By Good Congregations At Both Services—Pleaded For United Effort on Part of His Hearers With Himself.

Rev. A. S. Bishop, the new pastor of the Fairville Baptist church entered on his duties yesterday and was greeted by good audiences at both services. In beginning his ministry Rev. Mr. Bishop made a plea for united effort on the part of the congregation with himself to the end that the Fairville church might prosper. It meant a great deal to a church and to a new minister when new relations were entered into and the best results could only be obtained by hearty co-operation on the part of both.

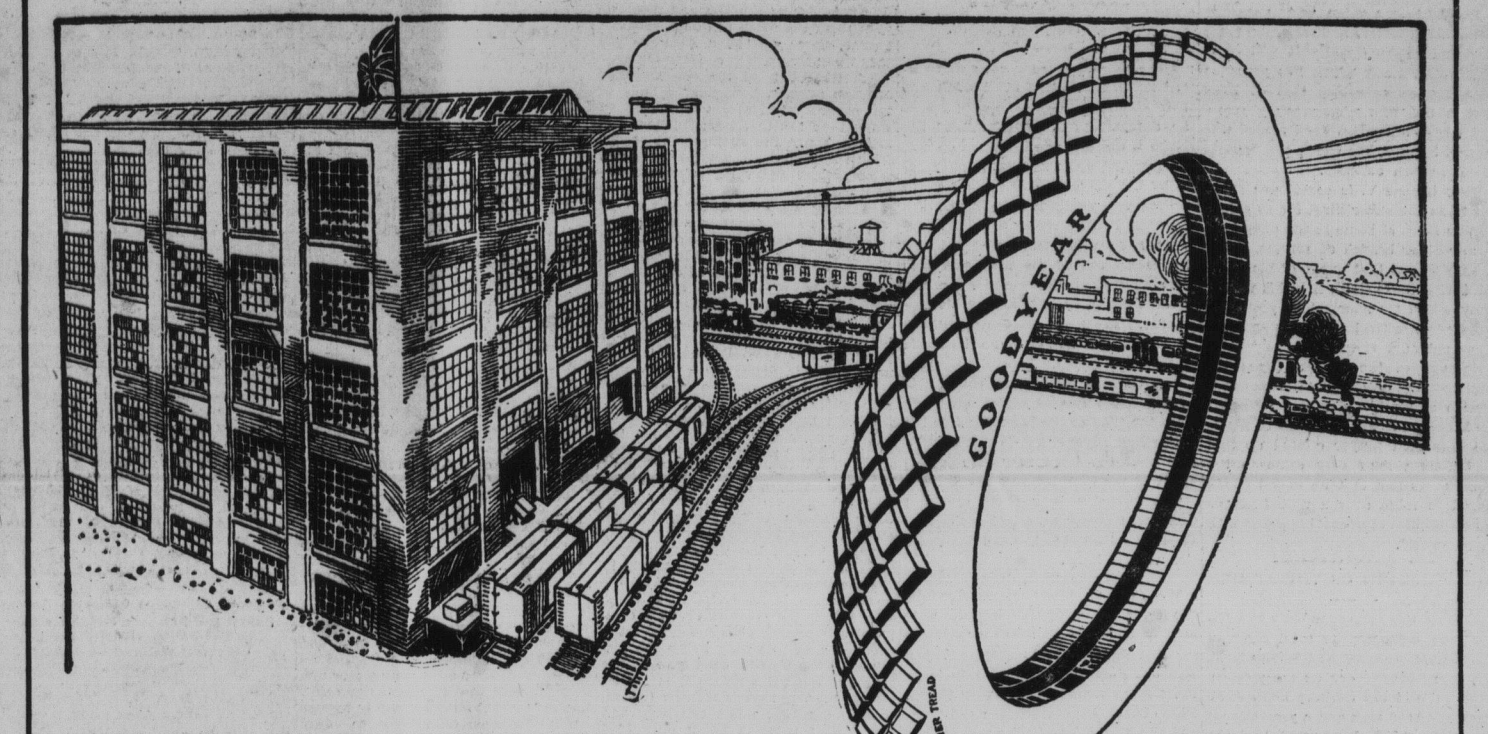
At the evening service Mr. Bishop chose as his subject "Working together and God with us" and based his remarks on words found in John 17:23: "I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one."

This text that Christ and his disciples were one and the disciples of today must work together as one if the work of the Kingdom was to prosper. Each member of the church must forget his little personal preferences and be prepared to work in harmony with the other members if the Fairville church was to do the work it should. This was the day of big things and no man or dozen men could do the work of the church successfully. Each and everyone must bear their share of the load and if minister and people labored together with God as commander in chief then success was sure to crown their efforts.

## COMMANDER OF ITALIAN CAVALRY



CONTE DI TORINO  
"And the name is to be?" asked the minister as he approached the baptismal font with the baby in his arms. "John Jellicoe Douglas Haig Lloyd George Bonar Law Smithers. "Dear me!" said the minister, turning to the sexton. "A little more water Mr. Jones, if you please!"—Tit-Bits.



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