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LUMBERING IN THE SCOTCH HIGHLANDS

Charles MacLean Writes Interestingly of Trip to Highlands. Cutting Fir and Larch

The following letter is a portion of one received from Charles MacLean, who went overseas with the 224th Forestry Battalion.

We marched to Liphook and took the train for Waterloo Station, London. Then we had a grand "hurl" up to Waterloo Road, the Strand and High Holborn to Euston Station. There we entrained for Scotland. We went from Waterloo to Euston in huge motor trucks. We passed through Carlisle, Glasgow and Sterling, while I slept, waking at Perth and finding the rest of the bunch had picked out the soft places and seats. I got a pile of kit bags on the floor, and after all, had the best bed of all such to the amusement of the curious people who came to look at the "Canadians", and give us tea and sandwiches. We took the Highland Railway and went right through the middle of the "Grampians", through the passes of the Killie Crankie and Drummerochy. These are great peaks, quite like the "Sugar Loaf", but higher and have rounded knolls, bare save the heather. We burn some tumbling down their sides, from crevices among the tops, where the snow lies. There are deep glens, with precipitous sides, and at the bottom are the sombre waters of the dark lochs. There are a few little square stone huts, where the shepherds live, with their flocks of black faced Highland sheep.

It is not a gentle inviting country, but the sights give one a great thrill, (especially if they are of Scotch descent), and the heather, oh my. The whole moor seems to steam, though it is not so boggy. Clouds of mist roll up the sides of the bare hills in a most impressive way, and stir up queer feelings in one that cannot be explained.

Nairn, seven miles from the camp at Broadshaws, is a neat clean little town of square grey granite houses, one and a half stories mostly, or as they express it, "Wee a bit but and a ben". The country here is much more like N. B. Every little farm is clean and bright as you could wish, with barns of granite heavy enough to stand artillery fire. There are no eaves on the houses and each has a great stone chimney up each end. The land appears more wholesome and virile than in Southern England.

The lumber is Scotch fir and larch. The fir looks like Jack pine, however it is tough and strong with quite a coarse grain. The larch is almost identical with hackmatack or Juniper. It grows everywhere and does not die as in Canada.

132ND BATTALION NEEDS MORE MEN

Officers Sent to Home Districts to Get Needed Men—Overseas Soon

Word was received here late last week that it was absolutely necessary, if the 132nd Battalion was to retain its identity, that one hundred additional men be recruited on the North Shore.

With this object in view, Major McKay arrived here early this week and is hard at work endeavoring to persuade men to join the 132nd North Shore Battalion.

As it is expected the Battalion will sail shortly for England, this is a rare chance for any of our brave young men who are anxious to get to the front without undergoing the long training of a new battalion.

We trust that the necessary men will be speedily raised, as only this week is allowed for the work.

ALLIES STILL MAKE MARKED PROGRESS

More Villages Occupied and Prisoners Taken.—Rumanian Conquest

(Special to Graphic)

London, Sept. 7.—In the first week of participation in the war, Rumanians have captured 1000 miles of Austrian territory. Austria has met great loss. Region occupied includes some of the most desirable sections of Transylvania, with cities and towns.

With relentless energy the French and British forces are driving back the enemy lines. Germans yield northern portion of Vermont Duvelles and give way at other points.

Berlin, Sept. 6.—The village of Clery has been captured by the French, it was officially admitted this afternoon.

Amsterdam, Sept. 6.—British airmen bombarded and destroyed a German submarine in Zeebrugge harbor, returning safely to their base at Dunkirk, according to reports received here today.

The Hague, Sept. 6.—A Zeppelin, very badly damaged, landed near Mons following the raid on London, and was disassembled and its parts shipped to Germany, according to advices received here today. Several of the crew were suffering from shrapnel wounds.

OBITARY

The death of Mrs. Catherine McKay, an aged resident of Campbellton, took place Sunday morning. Deceased was about 70 years of age.

SERGT. MONTGOMERY PROMOTED

Advice from England state that Sergeant Lorne C. Montgomery, better known to the sporting fraternity as "Monty", member of senior McGill hockey, football and basketball teams, has received a commission as lieutenant. He has been serving with No. 3 Canadian General Hospital (McGill) and has risen in rank from private to sergeant.

Lieut. Montgomery was born at New Richmond, Que., 22 years ago, and was a student in Medicine at McGill University, Class 17. He first played football with the Montreal High School team and then went to St. Andrew's College, Toronto, and was considered one of the best all-round athletes the college ever possessed. In 1911 he played half-back and captained the St. Andrew's team. In 1912 he came to McGill, where he played scrimmage, playing quarterback with the university team in the following year. He was regarded as one of the best men who ever played in that position in the inter-collegiate union. In 1914, when McGill was defeated by Varsity, an injury to Montgomery so crippled the team that the result was largely due to the mishap to this player. He played goal for St. Andrew's and McGill hockey teams and was a good tennis player.—Montreal Gazette.

THE MORNING OF THE THIRD OF SEPTEMBER EXCEEDS 1,000

"Fighting in Ghinchi continues." "During the third of September hostile aircraft showed great activity and fighting in the air was continuous. The enemy's aircraft were forced to remain some miles in the rear of their own lines and entirely failed to interrupt the work of our machines. On two separate occasions our aeroplanes opened fire on the enemy's troops on the ground.

"As the result of many combats three hostile machines were brought down and seemingly wrecked. Many others were driven down in a damaged condition. One of our aeroplanes destroyed a hostile kite balloon. Two of our machines are missing."

MONEY NEEDED FOR PIPE BAND

Scottish Societies to Provide Pipes for N. B. Kilties.—Restigouche to Contribute

The Scottish Societies throughout New Brunswick are appealed to, to raise funds to purchase pipes for Col. Guthrie's Kiltie Battalion. Last evening the "Caledonian Society of Restigouche" met in the Council Chamber, to discuss means of raising a fund in Restigouche. A Committee was appointed to wait on all members of the society. Any Scottish friends, not at present members, desirous of contributing to this worthy cause, could send their contribution to Mayor Andrew, H. R. Smith or A. D. MacKendrick, and would be thankfully received and acknowledged through the press. It is desired that no time be lost, as the pipes are needed at an early date to assist in recruiting. The fifty pipes are estimated to cost about two thousand dollars.

RUMANIANS ADVANCING IN HUNGARY

Bulgar-German Attempt to Break Across Border Checked

Berlin, Sept. 6.—Russian forces, says the official statement issued today at the German army headquarters, have pushed back the centre of Archduke Charles' front between the Zlota Lipa and the Diester river, in Galicia.

Berlin, Sept. 6.—Seven Rumanian works at the town of Tutrakai, 40 miles southeast of Bucharest, have been stormed and captured by the German and Bulgarian forces, it was officially announced today.

Copenhagen, Sept. 6.—Three Zeppelins took part in the Sunday night raid on Bucharest, Berlin dispatches reported today. They dropped bombs on large wheat storehouses in the Rumanian capital, starting several fires.

Artillery Duels Prevailing.

Paris, Sept. 6.—Violent artillery actions are in progress in the region of Lake Dolran and the Struma river, on the Macedonian front, in the sector held by the Serbians, the War Office announced today. No infantry engagement occurred yesterday.

The official account follows: "No infantry action occurred yesterday. There were violent artillery duels in the sectors of the Struma and Lake Dolran, as well as on the Serbian front as a whole."

DISTRIBUTION OF SEED GRAIN AND POTATOES

Dominion Experimental Farms Making Arrangements for Next Season's Work

By instructions of the Hon. Minister of Agriculture a distribution of superior sorts of grain and potatoes will be made during the coming winter and spring to Canadian farmers. The samples for general distribution will consist of spring wheat (about 5 lbs.), white oats (about 4 lbs.), barley (about 5 lbs.), and field peas (about 5 lbs.). These will be sent out from Ottawa. A distribution of potatoes in samples of about 3 lbs. will be carried on from several of the experimental farms, the Central Farm at Ottawa supplying only the provinces of Ontario and Quebec. All samples will be sent free by mail.

Only one sample of grain and one of potatoes can be sent to each farm. As the supply of seed is limited, farmers are advised to apply early. Requests received after the end of December will probably be too late.

Anyone desiring a sample should write (post free) to the Dominion Cerealists, Experimental Farm, Ottawa, for an application blank.

SOLD LIQUOR

A ship at the Government wharf was heavily fined this week by the Customs Department for selling liquor to residents of Campbellton.

RECEIVED APPOINTMENTS

Lt. Ross Malcolm leaves to-night for Montreal, where he has received an appointment with the 242nd Battalion. Jack Malcolm also leaves to-night. He joins the Motor Transport corps at Ottawa.

SPECIAL TRAINS

The "Fish Special" went through here last evening bound north and a train of marines went through bound south.

CANADIANS ARE DEVILS AVERS HUN

Know No Fear. Says German Officer's Letter, Found by French

London, Sept. 6.—An echo of the Ypres salient comes to a Canadian now near the Somme from the famous French "Iron Division," which held the Canadian left when we first went into the salient, but were relieved the day before the gas attack by Colonial troops, and have just been in the terrific fighting which ended in a considerable gain to the right of our Somme position.

Coming back to a well earned rest, they heard the Canadians were somewhere near, and some French officers sought them out, bringing with them a letter they had captured from an officer of the 125th Prussian Battalion. He evidently never had a chance of posting it, and thus avoiding the German censorship, it described the terrific attack which resulted in the Canadians recapturing the last great crater on Hill Sixty early in August. He says:

"Devils Possessed of Mad Spirit."
"Half our regiment was wiped out by the frightful artillery fire. We thought we could never remain. Then still heavier guns concentrated on our makeshift trenches. We were getting ready to retreat when suddenly the Canadians sprang out of the very ground at our feet. They were devils possessed with a mad spirit that knew no fear. They bombed the few of our men who stood their ground, and then bayoneted many others as they fled through the barrage of the British artillery."

"So utterly demoralized were some of our men who came through that Hell they refused to march when we were ordered to a new position which we knew would be the Somme."

The bringing of the letter by their French comrades was a delicate compliment that was appreciated by a certain Montreal regiment which occupied a liaison position just before Langemark, and which also happened made the particular attack described in the prisoner's unfinished missive.

NAME OMITTED

In the account of the Red Cross concert held at Paspebiac recently by the children of that place, the name of Lila Bouillon was accidentally omitted.

CHATHAM METHODIST DISTRICT MEETING

Grants Recommended From Missionary Funds

The district meeting of Chatham Methodist district was held in the Methodist Church Newcastle, Tuesday afternoon and evening.

Those present were:—
Bathurst—Rev. F. A. Wightman, president; J. L. Carey.
Campbellton—Rev. George M. Young; H. B. Anslow.
Chatham—Rev. J. J. Pinkerton, R. S. Curll.
Newcastle—Rev. Dr. Squires, H. D. Atkinson.
Harcourt—Rev. J. J. Stebbings.
Buctouche—Rev. Wm. Lawson.
Richibucto—Rev. B. O. Hartman.
Millerton—Rev. J. F. Rowlands, Mr. Copp.

Rev. W. H. Barraclough of St. John was at the District in the interests of the Supernumerary Fund of the church. He clearly pointed out the necessity for a larger income, and the resolution he offered committing the District to a larger assessment on the ministers and congregations was passed.

The following grants were recommended from the missionary funds: Richibucto, \$700.00; Buctouche, \$400.00; Harcourt, \$325.00; Tabusintac, \$215.00; Gaspé and Cape Ozo, \$465.00; Bonaventure, \$75.00.

Other routine business was transacted, and a resolution favoring the new prohibition bill was passed.

WILL GO TO THE FRONT AS A UNIT

Last Report From 104th Battalion

The 104th Battalion is getting on splendidly in training as a unit, according to advice from Colonel Fowler to Mayor Hayes. Colonel Fowler wrote on August 23, thanking the citizens for the contribution of \$500 towards the regimental fund and referred to the praise won by the 104th from officers in high command in England.

Since the above word was received in St. John, private advices here are to the effect that the 104th are now in France.