

Official Report.

BRIGADIER GENERAL CALEY.
88th Infantry Brigade,
B. E. F.,
May 14th, 1917.

Your Excellency,—
I must thank you for your letter of 12th February and the interesting cutting from the local papers about the reception of the captured machine guns.

I sent Pte. O'Neill's name forward for mention or award, and am hopeful that he may obtain some recognition for his gallantry.

Since I wrote last we have had a most successful visit from Sir Edward Morris and Sir Edgar Bowring, and I am sure they will have been very pleased with what they saw of the spirit and efficiency of the Regiment.

It is with great grief, but equally great pride that I will now recount briefly the recent history of the Regiment in the battle of Arras. As you probably know we were not in the first phase of the battle, but came up later on the 12th April to relieve a Division who had done the earlier fighting. This was near Monchy le Preux about 5 miles east of Arras, and a position of the greatest importance to us and to the Germans, as it dominates the whole surrounding country.

Our orders were to make an attack so as to advance our line in front of the village. This attack took place at dawn on the 14th and in its earlier stages was a brilliant success the Battalion taking part gaining their objectives, with considerable casualties indeed, but with complete success.

As it happened, the Germans appear to have decided on this day to make a very strong counter attack to retake Monchy, and for this purpose they had brought up a Division of fresh troops, Bavarians. The weight of this German counter attack fell on my two Battalions before they had time to consolidate their position. The German attack was almost entirely stopped and broken up, but the battalions, the Newfoundland and another were practically wiped out in keeping it back. So few came back that it is hard to say exactly what happened. But the casualties inflicted on the enemy were extremely heavy. It is probable that a considerable number of those reported missing may be prisoners of war. The utmost possible gallantry appears to have been displayed by all ranks, and it was only the overwhelming numbers of the enemy which caused the final result.

The position of Monchy at this time was decidedly precarious, but the situation was saved by the promptness and gallantry of Colonel Forbes Robertson, Lieut. Keegan and a handful of his Headquarters party who, at once, on the situation becoming known, manned a most exposed position and dealt with the considerable number of Germans who were coming on to the attack of the village. They inflicted heavy casualties, and kept off all danger till I was enabled to reinforce the garrison of the village. It was a great pleasure to me to get for Colonel Forbes, Lieut. Keegan and others with them, immediate

rewards for their gallantry and resources. The Chaplain the Rev. T. Nangle showed himself absolutely fearless on this day, being constantly about under the heaviest fire.

Again on the 23rd April my Brigade had to make an attack in the same neighbourhood. In the actual attack the Newfoundland Regiment took no part, but were used to hold part of our original front line trenches, coming under most intense shell fire and suffering considerably in consequence.

It is a source of the deepest regret to me that your splendid Regiment should have been practically knocked out. The sacrifices that the Colony have made have indeed been great. But they have not been in vain and one feels that owing to these and like sacrifices by others victory is not far distant from us. The spirit of the Regiment in spite of its losses remains as high as ever.

I have, etc.,
(Sgd.) D. E. CALEY,
Brigadier General,
Commanding 88th Brigade.

His Excellency
Sir W. E. Davidson, K.C.M.G.,
Governor of Newfoundland.

Another Hold up on the Estimates

OPPOSITION INFERS THAT RETICENCE OF GOVERNMENT RE-ELECTION IS THE COST AND COMPARES IT WITH PREMIER'S "FLEA-BITE."

The deadlock continued at the House of Assembly at yesterday's sitting. There was a maximum of talk and a minimum of business done, the Opposition preventing the Estimates from advancing a single stage until the Government gives an answer as to whether or not it is their intention to prolong the life of Parliament.

Mr. Hickman was the first speaker and occupied the attention of the House for an hour. He wished the Government would give a definite answer as to their intention of an election. He inferred that the cost (\$40,000) was the reason for a postponement, although he had previously heard in the House the Premier term \$75,000 a flea bite. He strongly disapproved the idea of deferring the election, as the people of the country were suffering heavily from increased taxation and oppression and did not want to see the present party remain in power.

The Premier. — "You're suffering from increased taxation, I know."

Mr. Hickman. — "I am talking in the interest of my constituents, sir, and am contributing as much as you are and perhaps more." Continuing, he reiterated they were living in terror, fearing a prolongation of Parliament. As regarded coalition, he said the Premier could do without the Opposition now as well as he could two years ago. He had no objection to paying officials of the civil service good salaries, but did not think it right to have officials drawing fat salaries and going around town every day engaged in other business. Incidentally he mentioned that positions as messengers, etc., around the House of Assembly should be given to returned soldiers and sailors. The tonnage and salt problems were also dealt with by Mr. Hickman.

Mr. Jennings followed, prefacing his remarks by a humorous reference to the late opening of the House. He was given to understand that Parliament could not meet at the usual time last winter, owing to the absence of the Premier who had been summoned to London. He asked how would the Government and country have got on if the Premier had been summoned to another and higher tribunal where peace and tranquillity prevail. He said that because the press of St. John's were not in favor of an election this year it was sufficient reason for a postponement. The people of all the outports wanted an election and their wishes should be acceded to. He made this offer to the Government, that in order to prevent any party strife of which he had heard much talk, the people go to the polls and decide for themselves who should represent them, without holding meetings and raising sectarian or other catch cries. It was too late now, he said, for the Government to make overtures about coalition. He also spoke of the unsatisfactory mail service on the Labrador.

Messrs. Abbott, Targett and Winsor spoke in turn, principally criticizing the extension of the life of Parliament. Mr. Winsor finished at 6.30, adjournment hour.

FISHING FROM THIS PORT.— About fifteen schooners from Trinity Bay are now fishing from this port and so far have done fairly well.

PARENTS
who love to gratify children's desire for the same articles of food and drink that grown-ups use find

INSTANT POSTUM
just the thing.

"There's a Reason"

Prof. John Bennett
DANGEROUSLY ILL.

Mr. John Bennett, who went to Montreal with his family a few years ago to settle down, is dangerously ill at the Canadian metropolis, and little hope was held out for his recovery. He was favorably known as a musical professor, and a crack cricketer. Whilst his many one-time co-mates will recall with pleasure his lively airs at the Parks or at the "Races" and his "boundaries" at Pleasantville, they will regret to learn of his serious indisposition.

T. J. EDENS.
Received to-day, June 5, '17:
N. Y. CHICKEN.
N. Y. CORNED BEEF.
BANANAS—Selected.
GRAPE FRUIT.
TABLE APPLES.
CAL. ORANGES—35c., 50c.
60c. doz.
CELERY.
NEW CABBAGE.
RIPE TOMATOES.
CUCUMBERS.
RHUBARB.

300 bags WHITE OATS.
100 bags BLACK OATS.
(Selected P. E. I. Stock).
100 bags-BRAN.
100 bags HOMINY, \$3.00 bag.
100 bags BADGER FEED, \$2.50 bag.

3 lb. tin Tomatoes20c.
3 lb. tin Pork & Beans . . .25c.
1 lb. tin Lunch Tongue . . .45c.

100 bags LOCAL POTATOES
(Selected stock).

CHEESE—
English Cheddar.
Canadian.
McLaren's.
Jugersoll—Cream.
Dutch Cream.
Parmesan—Grated.

T. J. EDENS.
Duckworth Street and
Military Road.

Our Volunteers.

The following recruits signed the roll at the various recruiting stations yesterday:

For the Navy.
Edgar Hiscock, St. John's.
Ernest White, Western Head, Morston's Harbour.
Lewis Kennings, Morston's Harbor.
Everet Jones, Bridge Port.
Keyward Ridout, Morston's Harbor.

For the Army.
Annapias Barmiter, Topsail.
James R. Lench, Bonavista.
Chesley Rendell, Rattling Brook, S. W. Arm, Green Bay.
Ford Lacey, Exploits Bay.
Obod Brown, Badger's Quay, B.B.

Forestry Company.
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The volunteers were put through Swedish drill, platoon drill and bayonet practice yesterday.

Lieut. W. Pippy, who recently returned on sick furlough is now assisting in musketry instruction at the Southside Rifle Range.

A volunteer was admitted to the hospital yesterday suffering from a slight injury to his foot.

Not A Salmonier Man.

Sir,—In your paper of the 8th inst. I noticed an item referring to a fisherman of Salmonier, being before Court in St. John's for robbery committed at this place.

Now in justice to the fishermen of Salmonier I must tell you this man does not belong here, and only drifted here a few years ago. And further, he never caught a codfish here, and I don't think ever intended to, as he seems to be able to get his living without Buddy Boots or oil clothes. And the sooner the residents of Salmonier could get rid of him the better they would like it.

Please insert this in your valuable paper and oblige.

Yours truly,
A LOVER OF FAIR PLAY.
North Side Salmonier.

OFFICIAL FOLLY.

I saw a young man in a shedding tears, a youth whom I admire. He beat his breast and pulled his ears in agony and fire. "What do, fair youth," I gaily said, "why all this stream of brine? The clouds may gather overhead, but soon the sun will shine." "I want to fight the foe," said he; "I've striven to enlist, but from our army, brave and free, it seems I will be missed. Now, I can whip my weight in cats, as all the village knows, and I would like to break the slats of many Prussian foes. You see me sound in limb and wind, and yet they turn me down, though in athletics I have outdone the young men of the town. Oh, not for me," went on the youth, "the battle's roar and hum; I will not do because, forsooth, my teeth are on the bum! Why should my molars lay me low and push me off the map? I do not wish to bite the foe, or chew him in the scrap." I see good men rejected thus, their brave hearts badly galled; they may not pack the blunderbus because they're partly bald. Because they walk with pigeon tread, they can't defend the right; because their whiskers are too red, they're not allowed to fight. I think that any war-like chap, who's fit to pack a gun should be admitted to the scrap, even though he weighs a ton.

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SUMMERTIME OFFERINGS

This week we draw your attention to our special lines of
SILK MUSLIN, 40-inches wide, - **35c. yd.**
in Pale Blue, White and Cream.

JEAN, 28 ins. wide, in Navy, Saxe & White, **30c. yd.**

PIQUE, 27 inches wide, in White, - **25c. yd.**

POPLIN, 28 in. wide, mercerized, Saxe & Navy, **45c. yd.**

Some Pound **KHAKI ENDS**, suitable for Men's or Boys' Overalls.

A few Ladies' Cream Serge Coats, **JOB**, at **HALF PRICE.**
This week at

A. & S. RODGER'S

The World's Greatest Auto Polish
A 32 oz. Bottle & Sprayer for \$1.50.

The man who knows its worth will get it as soon as possible. We have only a few Sprayers, get one now.

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| <p>Misses' White Hose, Good weight, sizes 6 1/2, 7 1/2, 8 1/2, 9 1/2, 20 to 25 cts. per pair.</p> | <p>Ladies' Black Hose, Excellent value, 20 cents per pair. Superior grade, heavier make, 25 cents per pair.</p> |
| <p>Ladies' Blouses and Shirt Waists, in White Lawns, Piques and Fancies. One price, 90 cents each.</p> | <p>Children's Straw Hats, with silk band, wide brim, 25 cents each.</p> |
| <p>Men's Black Half Hose Fine Combed Cotton, 15 cents per pair. Seamless Wool, 35 cents per pair.</p> | <p>Ladies' White Jersey Ribbed Vests, With wing sleeve and without sleeve, 15 cents each.</p> |

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