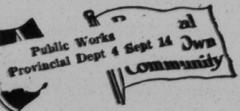




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Canadians Recaptured Their Four Lost Guns

In a Brilliant Charge They Recaptured Their Four Guns and Took Many Prisoners

London, April 24—The War Office today gave out the following official note:

"The fight for the round into which the Germans penetrated between Steenstrate and Langemarck still continues. The loss of this part of the line laid bare the left of the Canadian division, which was forced to fall back in order to keep in touch with the right of the neighboring troops.

"In the rear of the latter had been four Canadian 4.7 guns, which were passed into the hands of the enemy. But some hours later the Canadians made a most brilliant and successful advance, recapturing these guns and taking a considerable number of German prisoners, including a colonel.

"The Canadians had many casualties, but their gallantry and determination undoubtedly saved the situation.

"Their conduct has been magnificent throughout."

Ottawa, April 24—The 4.7 guns with the Canadian division are part of the heavy artillery brigade. They are 60 pounders from Montreal under the command of Major Frank C. Magee, of the heavy artillery battery of Montreal. The officers are Major F. C. Magee, St. John; Capt. G. E. Hall, Montreal; Lieut. W. A. Irving, Quebec; Lieut. J. A. Ryan, Montreal; and Lieut. W. H. Robb, Montreal.

London, April 26—Canada loomed up prominently on the bulletin boards of the Saturday evening newspapers in London. "Canadians Saved the Situation," "Well Done Canadians," and "Bravo Canada." These were some of the headlines which appeared.

In reference to this evening's statement from the War Office the Evening News says:

"The War Office gives us, in this message, the kind of prompt news we want. Today's glorious bulletin will live always in the military chronicles of the Empire. The despatch reveals that the left of our line which was unavoidably left uncovered by the French retirement, was held by the Canadians, who were in the first battle line and eager for the clash. The Germans did not capture their guns. They fell into them when the Canadians were swept back. Later, and with what impetuosity and grim resolution we are left to imagine, the Canadians made a counter-attack and re-took the four guns they had left behind, and also made German prisoners. Unhappily their casualties were heavy, but all around the Empire will echo the praise of the War Office for their conduct."

Amsterdam (via London), April 25—The Telegraph's correspondent at Roulers, reports severe fighting on the line of Moorslede and Passchendaele, in Belgium, near Poelcappelle and Langemarck, with numerous

wounded and killed. Near Moorslede a great military cemetery has been located, where thousands already are buried. The church at Moorslede is filled with wounded. The German field artillery is posted south of Moorslede with six horses for each gun in constant readiness to move to another place. Owing to the successful recommitting of the Allies' air-men, the heavy guns were located north of Moorslede.

From its Bruges correspondent the Telegraph learns that the people expect a strong attack by the Germans to cross the Yser, in order to force their way to Furnes and Dunkirk. Red Cross trains, some of 30 carriages, were incessantly passing Bruges with wounded all week, almost without interruption. Between the Yser and Bruges, the Allies' air attacks are of daily occurrence, and many soldiers have been killed in the flat country.

London, April 26—While a semi-official statement issued at Paris last night seeks to minimize the importance of the action at Langemarck, accusing the Germans of magnifying their success in order to influence neutral countries, London attaches the greatest importance to the operations.

The London Times military correspondent this morning says:

"Some think that this will be the greatest battle of the war, but the Allies are well prepared to meet any German offensive in this quarter, and it need not be considered that there is most danger where there is most noise."

The London Times correspondent in Northern France says:

"The second battle of Flanders has begun. The enemy has been long and carefully preparing for it, and was biding his time, waiting for a favorable moment to develop his attack, but the unexpected capture of Hill 60 had a double effect, upsetting the enemy's calculations and compelling him to postpone if not to abandon his contemplated attack on the British position, and to disclose his hand in a premature attack on the French lines to the north."

Polkstone, England, April 26—The Canadians are holding their line fast and quick to adapt themselves to conditions, thousands of khaki handkerchiefs have appeared as if by magic and as poisonous shells come over and burst in front of the trenches these kerchiefs are tied over the Canadians' mouths and nostrils and the line looks like a regiment of cowboys on a western plain.

The French and Belgians have had to bear the worst of these new attacks, but the Canadians had one of their own and captured another a few yards ahead, bringing in some more of the wounded who still re-

main out in the terrible hinterland.

There are many brave officers gone; but some may turn up again, as hourly yellow stained, still dazed figures are coming into our trenches. Ottawa, April 26—With perhaps a hundred officers figuring in the list of dead and wounded, grave fears are expressed that this number will be augmented by greater and severer losses among the non-commissioned officers and men.

The grim realities and terrific toll of war have been brought home to the Canadian people in the past twenty-four hours in a manner never before realized.

Yesterday morning came the first casualty list from the titanic battle at Langemarck, and with one exception all were reported wounded. It led to hopes that while suffering disabilities and wounds, the death toll had largely been escaped. The cables last night, bringing tidings of the death of over twenty valiant officers and augmenting the list of wounded, told a different story.

Today there is filtering into the Militia Department additional lists, which intensify the already terrific tale of death and bloodshed, but showing the Canadians fighting gloriously and valorously for the traditions of the Empire and the cause of liberty and freedom.

PERSONAL

Fishery Inspector D. Morrison was in Moncton on Thursday. Miss Willis Bell returned home on Friday morning, after a two week's visit to Montreal.

Carmen A. Nevin returned home Thursday from Portland, Me., where he has been taking a course with the Maine Auto Co.

Mr. Jack Crease, of Halifax, N. S., formerly of Port Nelson, Hudson Bay, spent a few days of last week in town, on route to Toronto.

Mrs. D. Cool and daughter Roberta, Mrs. Audrey Helme and Miss Gussie Powell, of Moncton, have been visiting friends in town the past few days.

Ernest J. Radwell left on Saturday for St. John to join the 28th, after spending a few days here prior to leaving for the front.

Congratulations are extended to Miss Roberta Johnston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. B. Johnston, of Sunny Corner, who has been studying in the Boston City hospital for the last three months, has passed her examinations with high honors. Miss Johnston is enrolled now as a student nurse.

Rev. Dr. Cumming, who has been supplying the pulpit of St. Andrew's church, Chatham, during the past three months, returned to his home in New Glasgow, N. S., on Monday.

Mrs. C. R. Lowry of Sydney, who has been visiting Mrs. E. LeRoy Willis returned home this morning.

Mrs. S. W. Miller and Miss Bell of Newcastle, were in town yesterday.

Moncton Times: Chas. Sargeant of Newcastle, and H. H. Carvell, the well known horse dealer, of Chatham, were at the Brunswick on Saturday.

"Let Me Explain" Was Rousing Success

Splendid Choruses Surpassed All Expectations— Ladies Particularly Pleasing

The musical comedy, "Let Me Explain," presented by Newcastle amateurs in the opera house Friday and Saturday nights, under the auspices of the Red Cross Society, was greeted by a very large house on Friday night, but by rather a small one on Saturday night.

The small attendance on Saturday night, however, was in no wise due to inferiority of the entertainment, as it was certainly of very high class order, and has brought forth many highly complimentary remarks for the professional ability of the ladies and gentlemen who composed the personnel, both in stage manoeuvres and as musical artists.

Being trained under the efficient directorship of Mr. A. H. Cole, who watched every detail, that not a slip would be made, each chorus drill was as perfect as the movement of a clock timed to perfection.

The songs, too, were bright and catchy, and each soloist, supported by a chorus of singers whose voices blended most harmoniously, did their part with professional skill.

The stage was prettily decorated with flags and bunting, making a splendid background to the different costumes worn in the choruses.

Following was the cast:
Mrs. Lawton Miss Louise Manney
Miss Pinks Mrs. R. W. Crocker
Nelly Lawton Miss Annie Armstrong
May Cavanaugh Miss Alice Morris
Gertie Montague Miss Muriel Bate
Georgina Glendinning.

Miss Jean Robinson
Roberta Glendinning.
Miss Laura Williston
Mrs. Thurston, Miss Bessie Crocker
Thomas Snowball, James McMurray
Prof. Stiggs.
D. A. Jackson
Teddy Thurston.
J. A. Creaghan
Mrs. Charles Sargeant, Accompanist.

Those who sang in the choruses were the following:

Ladies—Margaret Hubbard, Pinkie Ingram, Gladys Foley, Edith Nevins, Queenie Nevins, Ethel Allison, Alma LaBille, Minnie Stohart, Merle Bell, Hedgewidge Morris, Blanche Parker, Lyle McCormick, Rennie McQuarrie, Bessie Crocker, Adelaide Stables, Lillian Williamson, Edna Pryne, Jennie McInister.

Gentlemen—Charles Sargeant, Blair McLean, Charles A'Hearn, Arthur McMurray, Joseph Cook, Everett Macdonald, Beaumont Williston, Charles McLean, Charles Morris, J. H. Drummie, W. Clark, Hector McQuarrie, Blair Hutchison, John Lawlor, P. A. McNeil.

The musical numbers were as follows:

"Are we downhearted? No!"—Miss Crocker and chorus.
"In the Candle Light"—Miss Armstrong and chorus.
"I want to go back to Michigan,"—James McMurray and chorus.
"I Gotter Motter,"—D. A. Jackson.
"Along came Ruth,"—J. A. Creaghan and chorus.
"Knit, knit, Sister Susie,"—Miss Crocker and chorus.
"I never heard of anybody dying from kissing,"—Misses Williston and Robinson and chorus.
"Something Seems Ting-a-Ling,"—D. A. Jackson and chorus.
"If she comes from Old New Brunswick,"—J. A. Creaghan and chorus.
"Let Me Explain" the musical-loving people of Newcastle were treated to "something extraordinary," but had Mr. Jackson, as Prof. Stiggs, been allowed to explain, there probably would be no need of this write-up. Mr. Jackson was heard very acceptably in solo and chorus work, and his interpretation of an English professor was indeed real. Mr. Jackson has a very pleasing voice, and he is a valuable addition to Newcastle's musical circle.

To make any special mention of the ladies who composed the cast would be a difficult task, as each member carried off their part in a most pleasing manner. Special mention might very fittingly be made, however, of Mr. James McMurray, as Thomas Snowball, the colored valet. "Jim" certainly missed his opportunity by being a counter-jumper. In "I want to go back to Michigan," he made a decided hit, his cake-walking antics keeping the audience in an uproar. There were three bouquets presented Friday night and "Jim" got the first one.

The other songs were also favorably received. With about one exception they were all new, and a better or more fitting selection could

not have been made. The selection of soloists was also a very fitting one. Miss Crocker, in "Are we Downhearted?" made a very pleasing appearance in her soldier's suit of blue, and sang with great effect. Supported by this able chorus her song was given such a lively swing as would almost entice one to join in.

"In the Candle Light," by Miss Armstrong and chorus of ladies only, was very pretty. Coming on to the chorus, the ladies waltzing gracefully in from either side of the stage in their nighties, each holding a lighted candle, made a very pretty effect upon the colored lights were thrown upon them.

In "Along came Ruth," Jack Creaghan had been heard in very pleasing voice. Jack has a rich, powerful voice, good control, and his solo and chorus singing was very acceptably received.

Sister Susie's knit, knit song, by Miss Crocker, was another that had a lively military swing, and was a very catchy song.

"I never heard of anybody dying from kissing," by Misses Williston and Robinson, in their tantalizing scene with Prof. Stiggs, with chorus, was very pleasingly rendered—and was given a hearty applause.

"Something Seems Ting-a-Ling," by Mr. Jackson, and chorus, was another very catchy song, and the members dressed in their clown costumes presented a gay appearance, tripping out in marked time, the radiance of the colored lights making them very attractive.

"If she comes from Old New Brunswick," the closing number by Mr. Creaghan and chorus, brought a most interesting program to a close.

The special feature of the program was the Scottish dance by the Misses Roberta Cool and Gussie Powell, or Moncton, with piano accompaniment by Miss Audrey Helme, also of Moncton. This was very cleverly performed and received much applause.

Local entertainments, as a rule, are not very strong drawing cards, but it must be said to the credit of the soloists and those who composed the choruses that their singing was of a high character, the perfect blending of their voices, ably assisted by such an efficient accompanist as Mrs. Chas. Sargeant, giving their entertainment an air of professionalism.

The Misses Jean Morrison, Mollie Robinson, Nan Creaghan and Helen Stables, as Red Cross nurses, did the honors as ushers.

The proceeds for the two nights amounted to about \$220, including \$19.00 candy sales.

The committee in charge wish to thank the Miramichi Farm Implement Co., for the piano used, Messrs. A. D. Farrah & Co. and Russell & Morrison for clothing, B. F. Maltby for palls, and the 73rd detachment for military clothing.

An invitation has been extended to Bathurst to repeat their entertainment in that town, which will probably be accepted.

Before coming to a close, we feel that great credit is due Mr. Cole for his untiring work in making possible the success of this entertainment. There is not only the labor attached to work of this kind, there is ability, and Mr. Cole has certainly shown that he possesses that ability necessary to handle such a large chorus of voices, bringing out the very best that is in them, and demonstrating beyond all question that Newcastle talent is second to none in the province. Mr. Cole is also very popular in Newcastle's musical circle, and his name coupled with entertainments of this nature makes it a foregone conclusion that they will be a success.

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New Town Council Holds Its First Session

Organization Meeting Held Monday Night When Standing Committees Were Appointed

The newly-elected Town Council met for organization purposes on Monday night, 26th instant. Mayor Stohart in the chair and all the Board present.

Minutes of last Council meeting were read and approved, and the Town Clerk's report of the Town Elections received and adopted.

On motion of Ald. Doyle and McGrath the Mayor was requested to name a nominating committee, and he appointed the following: Ald. Mackay, Doyle and Ritchie.



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They recommended the following for Standing Committees for ensuing year:

- Finance—Ald. McGrath, Hayward, Stuart.
- Public Works—Ald. Doyle, Ritchie, Hayward.
- Water, Light & Sewerage—Ald. Mackay, McGrath, Ritchie.
- Police and Appointment to Office—Ald. Hayward, Stables, Doyle.
- Park and Fire—Ald. Stables, Creaghan, MacKay.
- Bye-Laws, Petitions and Licensing—Ald. Stuart, Creaghan, Stables.
- Industrial and Publicity—Ald. Ritchie, McGrath, Stuart.

On motion Ald. McKay and Ritchie, the Nominating Committee's report

was received and taken up section by section.

All the sections were accepted unanimously except section for Police and Appointment to Office Committee. Ald. Stuart wanted a piece on that committee to give him a chance to finish the work he began when he was formerly a member of it. On motion of Ald. Ritchie and Mackay, however, the section passed as read—Ald. Hayward, Stables and Doyle—by a vote of 7 to 1, Ald. Stuart alone dissenting.

All other sections passed, and the report was received and adopted as a whole.

On motion of Ald. McGrath and Creaghan, it was resolved that chairmen of committees be chosen and reported to the Town Clerk after adjournment.

Mayor Stohart in his inaugural address said that he very much indeed appreciated the great honor that had been conferred upon him by the Council and citizens this year. He had not expected it, as there were several Aldermen who had served at the Board more than a year. He hoped all would work together to enlarge the town in a careful and systematic way. Man's greatest asset was the ability to think in one straight line. Let them think in one straight line for the welfare of Newcastle. They could accomplish it. He congratulated all the Aldermen upon their success. The people had been evidently well pleased with the old Aldermen whom they had re-elected. He hoped that the new members would find the work agreeable, that they would give as much time to civic affairs as they could, and that at the end of the year the people would be well satisfied with the results of their labors. (Applause.)

Adjourned.

The Committee met and chose following chairmen:

- Finance—Ald. McGrath.
- Public Works—Ald. Doyle, Water & Light—Ald. McKay.
- Police—Ald. Hayward.
- Park & Fire—Ald. Stables.
- Bye Laws, etc.—Ald. Stuart.
- Publicity—Ald. Ritchie.

Prospects Are Good For Building Boom

Several Important New Buildings to be Erected Will Make Summer Lively.

According to rumor the prospects of a building boom in Newcastle the coming summer are good, and ere long the click of the hammer will be heard from different parts of the town.

Besides the new hospital and other buildings, work of excavation has already been begun for an up-to-date store on Mitchell street, next to McLaughlin's new garage, by Mr. A. D. Farrah. Mr. Farrah will eventually withdraw from the firm now doing business under the name of A. D. Farrah & Co., and intends carrying on an extensive clothing business under his own name.

This store when completed will be a most modern one and will be a credit not only to Mr. Farrah, but to the town as well. It will have a frontage of 42 feet and will be 82 feet in length, built of brick or concrete, which item has not yet been decided upon.

If a good deep cellar can be had, two other storeys will be added, but if not, then the building will be a three storey one from the ground. In selecting this site Mr. Farrah has made a wise choice, as this part of the town is sure to build up in time, and not only that but Mr. Farrah will be right on the ground to catch a good portion of the trade coming from the other side of the river. Mr. Farrah is to be congratulated for his enterprise, and as he is favorably known over the whole North Shore as an enterprising business man his success is assured.

The New Hospital

Work in connection with the new hospital is progressing rapidly. The

contract for the stone to be used in the building has been let to Mr. Adam Hill, of Strathadam, his being the lowest tender. Mr. Hill has a quarry on the North West Miramichi River, well equipped for the delivery of the stone to the hospital grounds. The stone which was used for the County Court house came from Mr. Hill's quarry, and it is recognized as being first class building stone for buildings of this nature.

Steps are being taken with a view to securing other necessary materials required in connection with the construction of the hospital. As previously announced, it will be the aim of those interested to make it an institution worthy the patronage of the people of the North Shore.

Mr. John Edgett of St. John, is now on the ground, and will superintend the building operations. Mr. Edgett has had quite a wide experience in connection with the construction of important public buildings, and it is the general opinion that he is the right man in the right place. It is intended to have the building completed by the close of the present year.

W. J. Hogan is contemplating the erection of a large two storey building on his property in front of his present blacksmith shop, but for just what use the building will be put has not been decided upon. The building will have a 70 foot frontage and 40 feet back. It was rumored that a new opera house would form part of the building, but at present nothing definite is known, save that the building will be erected.