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SOMETHING INTERESTING For EVERYBODY EVERY DAY

MAJOR NIVEN GIVES GRAPHIC PICTURES OF LIFE ON FIRING LINE

Determination of Every Man
Overcomes Obstacle.

LOTS OF INITIATIVE

Famous Hero of Princess Pats
Tells London Women
of War.

"One company lost its four officers and every N.C.O. in the first 200 yards, but the lance-corporal carried on with the remainder of the company, and went through to the objective and did just as would be expected of a soldier. I sent up a report to me just as his major would have done, and later when we came out of the line, he reported to me just like a major."

Thus graphically did Major Hugh Niven, M.C., D.S.O., picture to his audience at the Y.M.C.A. Auditorium Saturday afternoon, when he addressed the members of the Women's Canadian Club, the initiative of the average Canadian Tommy, as typically displayed in the Passchendaele "show" a few months ago.

Major Niven had the privilege of commanding the Princess Pats during that action, he said, and after going up and occupying the shell holes about 10 o'clock the night previous, the outposts were placed.

When at daylight they had started over the top, the incidents above described took place, and the lance-corporal "carried on" like a veteran officer.

Lots of initiative. "That shows," added Major Niven, "that the training our men get does not destroy their initiative. In fact, that is one of the things that has made the Canadian corps the finest corps in France today. They may have made mistakes at first, but today, at the end of two years, they are thought to be the finest corps in France."

Three weeks ago in London, England, the assistant provost marshal told me that during 1917 the Canadian forces stood highest of all the men who visited London in discipline, so that while you know that you sent a good boy off to England, you should also know that he is still a good boy today."

From the trenches filled with mud and

water, the Germans changed to the dug-outs from 30 to 50 feet below the ground. They were perfectly safe, but were too easily captured.

"When they were called to come up they wouldn't come up out of them," he added. "For they didn't seem to like the noise upstairs. The Boches were perfectly safe down there, and they were quite prepared to spend the balance of their lives there."

The "pill-boxes." The Germans next got the "pill-boxes" of reinforced concrete, about 40 feet by 15 feet, and with about ten feet showing above ground. The walls were about four feet thick, and the roof about ten feet thick; they were divided off into little rooms, and contained loopholes for the machine guns. They were proof against artillery fire, yet many of them were taken at Passchendaele.

"Our lads got to the back door, threw in a Mills grenade, and ask them to 'hurry up, as you've only got five seconds,' he declared. 'I have yet to see a German come out who didn't throw up his hands. Out of some four hundred Germans that I saw there was not one who didn't throw up his hands.'"

"In spite of their ingenuity for the past three years, the Germans have devised nothing that the British can't take, and during the past twelve months there has been no change in the British line that the Germans can take. You ought to be proud that the British army has reached such a state of efficiency that one can say such a thing."

Finishing Some Day. Regarding the length of the war, he said that it would only end through killing Germans. "The people on the western front today are doing their share by capturing from 15,000 to 20,000 Germans per month, killing that many more and wounding about five times that number; so it looks as if it would finish some day," he said.

Touching tribute to Major Talbot M. Papienau, one of the original officers of the "Pats," was included in his address. Major Papienau, after serving with the "Pats" almost two years, was taken on the corps staff under Gen. Alderson, and later of Gen. Byng, as intelligence officer. "He was one of the bravest men I ever knew; he was a wonderful athlete; he possessed a wonderful mind; and he was a wonderful speaker. At Passchendaele, on October 30, he had not gone 30 feet by the side of his men when he was hit by a shell, and he was later buried at the point where he fell. It was at his own request that he came back from the staff to the trench, and at other times very much smaller than the German losses, he said, but whereas the British could obtain reinforcements, the Germans could not. The only reinforcements during the past twelve months were boys of 17 or 18 years, and they were not in a class with the trained soldier eight or ten years older."

It was at first thought that the Germans could be starved out, but he had yet to see a hungry German soldier. To give an idea of the size of opera-

tions there, he said that in the little "show" at Passchendaele, over five hundred thousand men were engaged. Three roads were used, the men being brought up on foot and in buses, and the ammunition and food on horseback and trucks.

"Imagine two streams of wagons and trucks, one going up one side of Dundas street, the other coming down, for 30 days, so continuously that you could not cross the road at any times during the 24 hours, and you get some idea of the preparation necessary," he added.

Dealing Out Justice. Another incident showed the primitive human methods of dealing out justice in use at the front. The "Pats" had taken between two hundred and three hundred prisoners at Passchendaele, but the speaker had no one to send back with them, as he had been reduced from 610 to 182 men. Two German officers, whom he thought might have valuable information, he did send back. During their journey they were given the end of a stretcher to carry, and when the blanket fell off, they saw that the men in the past year, Corp. Frank Nixon Reid, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Reid, and Lieut. Evan James, son of Mrs. A. James.

Corn. Reid was born in this city in 1896, went overseas with the 15th Battalion as a private, and was promoted to the rank of sergeant-instructor. He reverted to the ranks in order to get to France, and was transferred to the 18th Battalion, where he was promoted to the rank of corporal. Wounded in action August 15, he died the following day.

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HYDE PARK TRUSTEE GIVEN ACCLAMATION

HYDE PARK, Dec. 30.—At the annual school meeting held in the school room John Fortner was elected trustee.

The attendance was large, as usual, showing the great interest the ratepayers have in the yearly management of the school. Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Routledge and their two children of Lawton, Sask., are here to spend a couple of months visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. (Rev.) Rhodes and daughter Verma of Point Edward are visiting the family of Mrs. J. W. Watson, former parents, Mr. and Mrs. Watson, Clarence Morris of the 4th concession is seriously ill with blood-poisoning. The coal situation is still very serious. A few people have been able to obtain small quantities from London dealers.

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT ST. ANDREW'S FOR MANY FALLEN HEROES

Nine Former Members Have
Died.

A memorial service for men of the congregation who have made the supreme sacrifice in the war, nine in all, was held last evening in St. Andrew's Church, when special reference was made to the two who have given their lives in the past year, Corp. Frank Nixon Reid, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Reid, and Lieut. Evan James, son of Mrs. A. James.

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Full military honors were accorded Pte. Fred G. de Gex, the young soldier who died in the Military Hospital here Thursday, when a section of the 62nd Battery, under the command of Capt. McGillivray, camp chaplain, accompanied the body to Strathroy, where interment was made Saturday afternoon.

The young soldier was one of the most popular members of the battery in this city. He had a wide circle of friends here, and their respect for him was demonstrated by numerous beautiful floral tributes.

The family of the dead soldier attended the services here, and went with the body to Strathroy, where last respects were paid and interment made at Strathroy Cemetery.

Before his enlistment Pte. de Gex worked on his father's farm at Kerwood, Mrs. (Major) E. N. Chisham of Strathroy is a sister.

BAKERS FROM CITY WHO AIDED HALIFAX RETURN TO CAMP

Publicly Thanked for Good Services in
Stricken Port.

The seven bakers sent from units in this city to assist in providing food for the destitute of Halifax have returned to the 1st Depot Battalion, W. O. Regiment, and to Forestry Corps. A telegram from the authorities at Halifax has also been received thanking the men for their good work in that city. The following are the men who were in Halifax on the special duty:

Sergt. Roy Downing and Ptes. Sam Molina, John Matheson Morrison, John George Boeckel, Herbert Bean, Frank Triggs of the 1st Depot Battalion, W.O.R.; Henry Joseph Oliver, Forestry and Railway Construction Corps.

CHURCHES APPROVE
BANNING OF LIQUOR

Special reference was made in a number of the city churches yesterday to the recently announced order-in-council prohibiting the transport, import and manufacture of liquor containing a higher percentage of alcohol than 25 per cent. This was done both in response to an appeal from the Dominion Alliance to the churches to fittingly acknowledge the action of the Dominion Government and also as a voluntary expression of thanksgiving on the part of the churches. In the Hale Street Methodist Church, the pastor, Rev. Byron Bell, referred to the order-in-council, explained its intent and asked all members of his congregation who approved to stand. The vote of approval was unanimous and followed by the singing of the doxology. Report of this will be forwarded to Ottawa, and similar reports will be taken in other churches.

Before waiting for a request from the Dominion Alliance, action was taken in a number of the local churches a week ago. A unanimous resolution of approval of the action of the Government marked the evening service in the Askin Street Church, and also in Dundas Centre a week ago. The Adelaide Street Baptist Church similarly expressed approval, and in St. Andrew's Church Rev. D. C. MacGregor referred with expression of deep approval and thanksgiving.

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
HAS CROSSED TO FRANCE

C. R. Somerville has received a letter from Lieut.-Col. Edwin Seaborn, commander of No. 19 Military Station Hospital, in which he states that the unit is now in France.

Mr. Somerville also received a cable last night from his brother, Major A. E. Somerville, stating that he has arrived safely in England.

IN LONDON TOWNSHIP FOR SIXTY-TWO YEARS

Michael Breen, aged 94, a resident of London Township for the past 62 years, died at his home on the fourth concession on Sunday after an illness of three weeks. His wife, Mrs. Margaret Breen, died a year ago. Mr. and Mrs. Breen celebrated both their golden and diamond wedding anniversaries at their home, and many people from London attended. Mr. Breen is survived by three sons, James of London Township, John and Michael at home, three daughters, Mrs. John Gardner of London Township, Mrs. Alex. Johnston and Miss Mary Breen at home. The funeral will be held on Wednesday morning at St. Michael's Church, and interment will be made at St. Peter's Cemetery.

"THIRTEEN" HOODOO
STILL WORKING HERE

An indeterminate sentence of not more than two years at Mercer Reformatory was awarded Eula Reynolds, well known in local police circles, when she appeared for sentence in police court Saturday on the sixth charge of vagrancy in two years. In imposing sentence Magistrate Graydon said that this had been her thirteenth charge within two years, a number of disorderly and drunkenness charges having been entered to her credit in addition to the vagrancy charges.

The prisoner who at first appeared uncertain whether her name was Eula or Nellie said that her husband had been overseas for two years.

Lilly Lewis was let go on suspended sentence, when charged with vagrancy. His worship explained to the girl that unless her father claims her or unless she leaves London for her home town she will have to spend several months in the reformatory.

A POPULAR CANDIDATE

Dr. Ross Thomas Will Put Large Vote for Board of Education.

The board of education has for many years attracted to itself the best class of citizens. There is no exception this year, and the voters will have no difficulty in selecting worthy representatives to serve them on this important body. The committee who persuaded Dr. Ross Thomas to allow his name to stand for the board of education are confident that he will receive a very hearty endorsement at the hands of the electors. Dr. Thomas has enjoyed all the honors in the gift of fellow members of his profession, having been president of the Provincial Dental Association and of the Local Dental Association. He has always taken a keen interest in educational matters, and it was largely through his efforts that the dental clinic was established in connection with our city schools. The citizens are fortunate in securing men of Dr. Thomas' type to serve on their public boards.—Adv.

LACHLAN M'INTYRE DEAD AT PARKHILL; FORMER LONDONER

Contested Federal Election
Here Fifty Years
Ago.

PARKHILL, Dec. 29.—William Gibbs, aged 46, died yesterday at Rochester, Minn. He left Wednesday evening to consult a specialist, accompanied by Dr. G. W. Racey and Mrs. Charles A. Gibbs. He is a son of J. M. Gibbs, local merchant. Charles A. Gibbs of Parkhill is a brother. The remains are expected to arrive here on Monday.

Mr. M'Intyre, aged 94, of West Williams, died at his home recently. He was born in Southwest Argyle, Scotland, and came to Canada in 1854 with his parents and other members of the family. They settled on lot 32, concession 10, of the centre road in the then township of Williams. For several years he clerked in the wholesale store of the late Hon. Frank Smith, London. In 1867 he ran as a member of Parliament, opposing the late Thomas Scatcherd, and James Watson as a third candidate.

For several years he was assistant storekeeper at the asylum, Hamilton. He was a member of the first municipal council of West Williams, in 1869. He returned on December 6 from New Mexico with his son, where he had been for the past year. The family has been very long-lived. One sister died a year ago over 100 years old. Besides one son, Columbia, and one daughter in Detroit, he is survived by one brother, Captain Allan M'Intyre, now of Florida, and one sister, Mrs. John McDougall, Parkhill. His remains were interred on Wednesday in St. Columba Cemetery, Rev. Father Dunn conducting the services.

Mrs. Elizabeth James, widow of John C. James of West Williams, passed away at the home of her son, George James, Parkhill, in her 83rd year. She came from the township of Onondaga, Hamilton, with her husband over 55 years ago. She has been living with her son George for the past three years. She suffered a stroke of paralysis about a year ago from which she never recovered. She is survived by three sons, George, David, West Williams; John, Hamilton; and one daughter, Mrs. Wm. Dobbie, Forest. The funeral took place on Monday to Parkhill Cemetery.

Archibald McLeish, a pioneer settler of the 10th concession, West Williams, passed away of old age after 63 months' illness. He came to Canada with his parents in 1840, and settled near Springbank, East Williams. He died on his homestead which was a wood lot when he took it up, and which he cleared. He is survived by one son, Duncan, and three daughters, Euphemia and Dorothy at home, and Mrs. Hugh Henderson of Lobo. After services at the house his remains were interred in Nairn Cemetery on Saturday.

SCHOOL REPORTS

S. S. NO. 9, LOBO.

IV. (honors)—Laura Edwards 80; Pass—Ida Cosby 61. Below 60 per cent.—Ernest Meldrum, Evelyn Meldrum, Olive Nichol, Ada Nichol, Mary Knight. Absent—Ruby Kitching. C.R. (honors)—Edythe Graham 84; Arthur Hedges 78; Lillian Smith 77; Charles Lyle 76; Helen Johnston 87; Owen Arthur Waugh 63; Veina Linnell 62; Below 60—Bert Earle.

Junior Hyatt 73. Pass—Clarence Doan 74; Bobbie Hyatt 64. Below 60—Fred Waugh, Ernest Cosby. Part II. (honors)—Clyde Hedges 89; Pass—Clarence Linnell 73; Harry Graham 72; Helen Johnston 87; Stanley Earle 62; Below 60—Harold Meldrum. L.—Bennie Harrison, Ida Graham.

S. S. NO. 11, WESTMINSTER.

Standing of pupils for November and December.

Class IV.—Leslie Marr 73, George Johnston 71, George Smale 62, Keith Cricklin 59.

Senior III.—Stella Blake 77, Lorne Jones 73, Helen Johnston 87, Owen Jones 64, Kathleen Marr 61, Earl Gough 59.

Junior III.—Harry Fisher 58, Margaret Brown 56, Clarence Gough 54, Roy Gough 44.

Class II.—Clara Gough 72, Douglas Cricklin 71.

Class I.—Stella Cutton 73, Stuart Sutton 71, George Clark 65, Albert Clark 64. M. BAILEY, teacher.

S. S. NO. 1, CARADOC AND LOBO.

Class V.—Caroline Campbell 68.

Class IV.—Fred Bowman 67, Cecil Pincombe 64, Margaret McCallum 64, Howard McPhail 12, Gordon Gerry 60, Garnett Gerry 55, Stanley Davies 53.

Class III.—Lorne Campbell 42, Mary Campbell 39.

Class II.—Lorne Campbell 37, Alfred Davies 36.

Class I.—Carlyle Henderson 254. Primer.—Jean Henderson, Donald Lamont, Frank Henderson.

Absent from whole or part of examination—May Davies, Eddie Mann, Charles Davies, Herman Pincombe, Murray Mann.

Only those enrolled during the year 31 average attendance, 23; present every day, 14; Campbell, Lorne Campbell.

Only those are reported who obtained 40 per cent in each subject, and 60 per cent of the total marks.

K. H. Thornton, teacher.

S. S. NO. 2, CARADOC.

Class I.—Jacqueline McIntyre, 63.2; Jack Jamies, 60.2.

Class II.—Ivy James, 73.2; Margaret Bateman, 68.1; Clayton Trott, 66.6; Royd Waters, 66.4; Frank Maslin, 62.6; Grace Masten, 61.4.

Class III.—Donald McIntyre, 75.3; Douglas Bateman, 67.1; Bert Beattie, 67.1; Morris Macdonald, 58.8.

Class IV.—Edward Bateman, 75.3; Winnifred Wallace, 78.5; Norman Erwin, 66.6; Clayton Nash, 63.7; Earl Erwin, 67.1.