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Carmanville Gives Lieut. G. Hicks a Hearty Home Welcome

Splendid Patriotic Address is Given by Young Soldier Who is Now Touring Fogo Dist. Giving Recruiting Lectures

On Thursday, Sept. 7th, the S.S. Susu entered this port bedecked with bunting, having on board Lieut. G. Hicks, who was wounded on the 1st July and who is now on leave of absence visiting his people.

Instantly flags were hoisted on every schooner and flag-staff in the town. Motor boats crowded around the ship and escorted him to his home.

On Saturday evening despite the inclemency of the weather the men of Carmanville met at the Orange Hall and proceeded in a body to the home of Mr. Hicks. Lieut. Hicks, who was escorted to the hall, the Union Jack floating out at the head of the procession. He was received with three ringing cheers. Refreshments were then served and Mr. Eli Steele took the chair. Mr. Hicks, his father Mr. Philip Hicks; Mrs. Josiah Goodyear who has five sons serving with the colours; Mrs. West who has two sons one of whom is missing and another wounded; Mrs. Ellesworth, who has one son with the Regiment, were invited to take seats on the platform.

The Chairman then read the following address of welcome:

Lieut. G. Hicks.
In the name of the people of Carmanville, your native home, I bid you welcome. Not merely expressed in empty words, but in its truest sense, deep from the bottom of our hearts. Aye, with one accord, we grasp your hand and welcome you back from the bloody fields of Europe, where you have fought and bled in defence of our King and Country and our Flag, and where so many of our brave countrymen have paid the supreme sacrifice, and by their bravery and devotion and heroism have written their names on the page of history, and have shown to the world that Newfoundland can produce men equal to any that Europe or the world can place on the field.

We are proud of our country men, we admire their bravery and we honour the memory of those who have fallen. They have done their duty as soldiers and died; soldiers should and they now rest among those blessed spirits who nobly cemented our Empire with their blood. The sacrifice has been great and the reward of a nation's gratitude should also be great. They have died in a glorious cause and their memory will be ever cherished by a grateful people.

"Sleep on brave ones who nobly fell,
Upon the gory battlefield;
Your shroud naught but a soldier's cloak,
Your bier your country's glorious shield.

Sleep on, your memory is ever blest
By those who nobly died to save;
And many a tributary tear,
Shall fall upon a soldier's grave."

Lieut. Hicks, we are proud of you, as a citizen of Carmanville as a Newfoundlander, and particularly as a soldier. We are glad to have you back with us and we regret that our other brave boys are not present, so that we could also do them honour. We are proud of the part you have played, we congratulate you on your promotion, and we also congratulate the brave old man, your father, who has given to the country such a brave capable, intelligent soldier. In his eyes are tears of pride, and in place of the agony of suspense at the separation during your absence, is the feeling of intense joy.

We have learned with pride of the memorable charge of the Newfoundland Regiment on the first of July, and remember with pain its disastrous results, and picture the hail of bullets with which they were greeted. But to express the glorious stand and unflinching valor of our boys, words are flat and meaningless, and history alone will record it as amongst the memorable events of the war, and which will rank side by side with the undying fame of the Charge of the Light Brigade, where

Cannot in front of them,
Valleyed and thundered;
Stormed at with shot and shell,
Boldly they rode and well;
Into the jaws of Death,
Into the mouth of Hell,
Rode the Six Hundred.

When can their glory fade?
Oh! the wild charge they made!
All the world wondered.
Honour the charge they made!
Honour the Light Brigade,
Noble Six Hundred.

We honour you for having taking part in that charge, and where, we understand, you received wounds, which you look upon with pride, and will ever carry as souvenirs of the occasion, and of which some of us almost envy you.

We deeply regret that the war is not yet over, the dastardly Hun is not entirely crushed, that the cause of Freedom, and Right has not yet triumphed, the Germans have not been sufficiently punished for their brutal atrocities. But we know that we shall win and soon the enemy will be crushed.

We understand you are going back to the front, because your Country needs you to nobly do your part as the soldier and the patriot you are. We trust that others will have the courage of their conviction and follow you and emulate your deeds and the other brave men, who are defending their homes and country, fighting for the cause of right, and against a foe that must be crushed, one that knows no honour.

We trust that a special Providence will watch over you and hasten a speedy termination of the bloodiest of wars, and that you with all the other brave boys will soon be back in the hearts of your families, covered with glory, and flushed with victory and conscious of having done your duty; and may your name and deed be written as legibly on the hearts of those of us who stay behind as the stars on the brow of the evening.

Lieut. Hicks then replied thanking the people of Carmanville for the honour they had done him. He paid a tribute to the boys who were absent, some of whom had nobly given their lives in their country's cause. Then for two hours he sketched the work of the Newfoundland Regiment since leaving dear old Terra Nova's shores, especially referring to the hospitality accorded to our boys by the people of the Old Country. He also spoke of the Red Cross work in France and the British sties and referred kindly to the good treatment of all wounded soldiers.

He encouraged the W.P.A. in their good work, stating how glad our boys were to receive shirts and socks, the two great essentials in a soldier's life.

He pointed out how we were protected by our great Navy, and made an appeal to every able bodied young man who could possibly take up arms to do so at once, stating that we were fighting for our lives, the life of our Great Empire.

The Chairman, Mr. Steele, in his usual breezy and flowing language then thanked the speaker in the part of the audience for the inspiring address and called for the National Anthem which rang to a close one of the most beautiful evenings that Carmanville has had for some time.

Lieut. Hicks is now going round Fogo District in his motor car addressing meetings for the purpose of securing recruits.

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Carmanville, Sept. 11, 1916.

Kaiser Watches Somme Battles

Observes French Army's Advance to Outskirts of Combes—Lines Are Wearing Thin—Battle May Flame up Soon at Points Where Foe is Weak

LONDON, Sept. 12.—News reaches here from Paris that Emperor William is viewing in person the terrible struggle on the Somme. He has seen the French advance to within two-thirds of a mile of Combes and the German communications imperilled by Gen. Micheler's drive, which resulted in the capture of two and a half miles of the railroad from Roye to Peronne.

Heartened by the Emperor's presence fresh German troops have thrown their weight into the struggle,

News Items From Different Points North

(For The Mail and Advocate)

Change Islands.—The 1916 fishery is the worst ever known at this place to date. Just now it is impossible to get any kind of bait whatever, so that very few fishermen are frequenting the grounds. Skippers John and Dolph Elliott arrived from Labrador and French Shore during the week with 200 qts. fish each. They report nothing doing on upper Labrador or French Shore.

We notice that the schr. Snow-drift of Ryan's employ (so, rumor says) is having a quiet time in the harbor here, trying to buy fish at \$6.50. We wonder if they thought to catch Change Island men happing. Our own men are offering \$7.00 and the fishermen will not sell for less. Doesn't Ryan yet know that through Union competition Fogo District has been setting the limit in fish prices the past five years.

Bonaventure.—The schr. Abdenego, John King master, arrived at Bonaventure from the Labrador on Thursday, the 7th. A sad accident happened on the ship this summer, one of her crew being drowned while the ship was fishing at Bateau.

Keels.—Fish and bait were very scarce at Keels last week and scarcely anything was done; a little being taken with trawl. Sept. 8, 1916.

in tremendous counter-blows, which, however, have failed to win back for them any of the lost ground.

"This battle," the Kaiser is reported to have said, "is vitally important. You must spare no effort to hold off the enemy and die at your posts rather than yield."

At the same time the Emperor promised to send strong reinforcements to Gen. von Buelow, who has replaced Gen. von Gallwitz. The latter has been transferred further north to command the army facing Arras. Von Buelow led the left wing of von Hindenburg's Russian drive, and is one of the new chief of staff's first appointments.

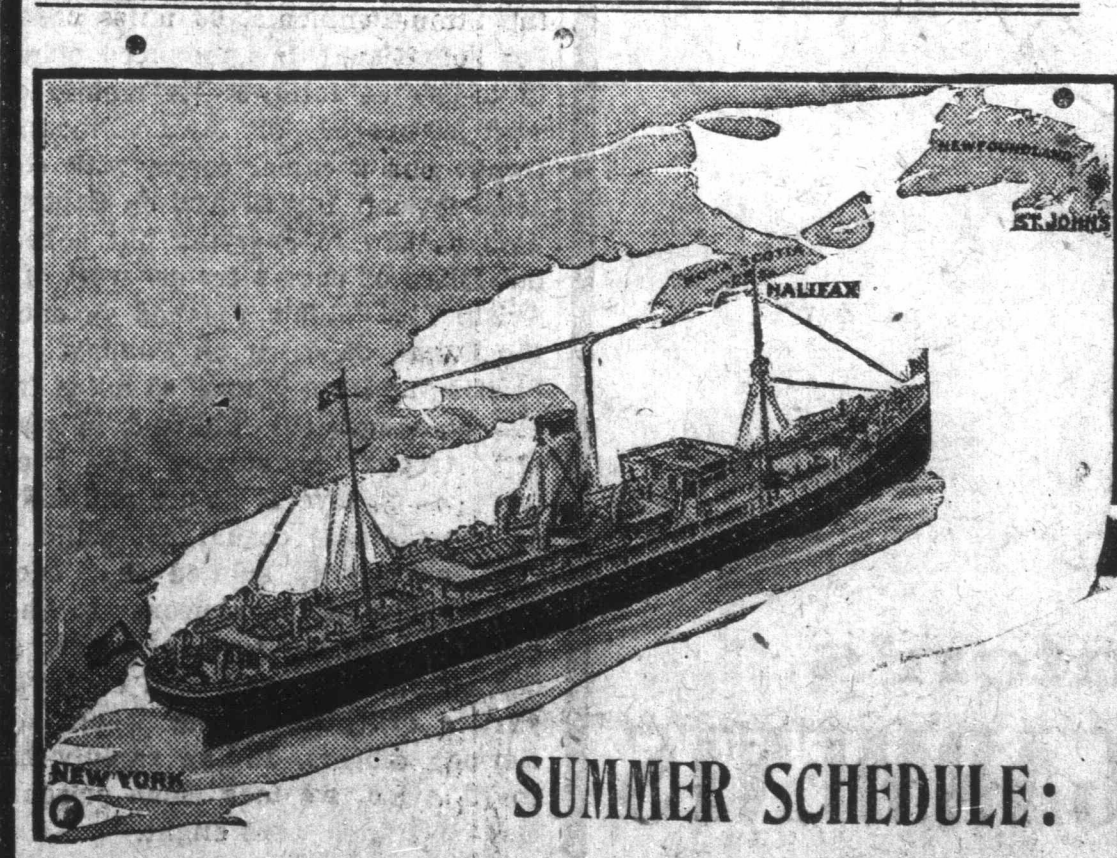
Furious Battle Rages.

"In fulfilment of the Kaiser's orders fresh troops have been concentrated in large force for the defence of Combes, where the battle is raging at the highest pitch of fury. Other reinforcements were drafted south of the Somme with the object of disengaging Chaulnes.

Gen. Joffre has thus achieved the enormously important result of forcing the Germans to weaken their lines at various points of the western front in order to meet the great Somme and Verdun drives, and since this is one of the cardinal aims of the whole allied strategy, the battle may be expected to flame up this month on the thinned section of the German lines. That is why, from his headquarters at St. Quentin von Buelow is employing all available reserves in the defence of Chaulnes. Following operations with the commander is Prince, Elie, Friedrich.

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