

the citizens toward them. The vast assemblage present in their honor was the testimony of the regard that the city held the representatives of our great sister dominion which was bound in a bond of affection with Canada on the bloody fields of Flanders and Verdun.

He was sure the hearts of the citizens had been with a quicker pulse when after many months spent in the United States they had at last crossed the boundary and came once more under the folds of the flag of the British Empire. He hoped their stay would be pleasurable and profitable and he was sure that all would treat them with all respect and affection while they were in British Columbia. When the Australian Students Tourists were in the city a few years ago the welcome rendered them was perhaps not as wholehearted as it might have been. If he remembered rightly the weather was rainy and the boys had come almost unheralded, but he hoped that the goodwill manifested would make amends for any thing left undone the last time.

An Inspiration to Vancouver.

As the representative of the Militia Captain Davy then spoke briefly to the boys, saying that three years ago the first Vancouver Cadets had landed in Australia and from the length and breadth of the country had met with a welcome from the people equal to or surpassing the demonstration given yesterday to the Australian boys. The trip to Australia of the Vancouver boys had been an inspiration to them ever since and had taught them the real meaning of the far-flung British Empire and the little that Vancouver could do to entertain the boys who came to the city yesterday would only be a small measure of the gratitude that the city felt.

He was sorry that more of the old 101st boys were not here to welcome them, but most of them had heeded the call to duty and were now fighting the battles of the Empire on the soil of Europe. Some of them had heard the last call and had met an honored death in defence of the liberties of the world. He said that in their own land all the men were taught to be soldiers and to fight for their country, and he wished from the bottom of his heart that such was the case in Canada so that the best blood of the country would not have to be wasted to keep safe the shirkers who sat at home and read in the newspapers of the deeds of their brothers. In conclusion he wished to again emphasize that he was sure that the people of the city all wished them all blessings as the ambassadors of the great Dominion of Australia.

Glad to Be Home.

When Lieutenant Simons rose to speak on behalf of his party he was given a great ovation by the crowd. He said that this was one of the times when he was impressed that language was an inadequate medium for expressing the tumult of feelings that such a magnificent reception had aroused. They had been in a foreign country for the last few months and it was indeed good to get once more on British soil. When they crossed the boundary it did not seem like

anything but coming home again after a long journey, and then when he saw the thousands of people out to welcome them he was sure that they would indeed have a home in Vancouver.

They had been in the United States trying to present the cause of the British in its true light to the people by all means possible, and could truthfully say that their efforts had not been in vain, though the obstacles were great. Britishers had no idea of the wild and unholiness that was being circulated in the country to the South.

A person could pick up a subsidized newspaper anywhere and find the most outrageous calumnies about the greed, envy, malice and brutality of the Allies and it was their task to combat as best they could this flood of falsehood, and he thought that wherever they had visited the fair-minded and intelligent people of the community had a more truthful idea of the case of the Allies. One quiet notion that had many followers in the United States was that the war was dismembering the British Empire. It was no use talking, he said; Annanias would starve to death from want of occupation down there if he had nothing to talk about but the war.

A Bond of Unity.

In his opinion if the Germans had conspired to unite the Empire more closely than ever they could not have done anything more effective than they had in starting the war and he was sure that an unbreakable bond of unity had been forged between the Mother Country and the Dominions by the blood of our brothers and sons.

At one meeting in California an American had risen and said that his people were eight generations removed from the Mother Country and that this was the first time he had raised his voice for the British, but in the present great crisis it was forced upon him. The men of his blood were being killed on the fields of Europe, and he felt the call of brotherhood come through one hundred and fifty years of separation.

In conclusion Lieutenant Simons expressed his heartfelt thanks for the reception they had received, saying that the Australian people would owe a debt of gratitude for the welcome to their boys by the people of British Columbia.

After Lieutenant Simons' speech the crowd gave three cheers for the guests with the attendant tiger. Then the boys gave one of their Australian yells for the benefit of the crowd, and followed by two more exhibitions of long power in honor of Mayor Taylor and Captain Davy respectively led by Chester Bond.

The visitors' band then played the national anthem, after which the boys assembled at the Y. M. C. A. building across the street, where those of the citizens who had requested that one or more of the boys should be their guests while in the city were waiting to escort them to their homes, where presumably some healthy appetites would soon be appeased.

List of Hosts:

The boys will stay at the homes of the following generous people for the next fifteen days:

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Banfield, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Bissett, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Crawford, Major and Mrs. C. Hardner Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Ladner (two boys), Mr. and Mrs. A. Lane, Dr. and Mrs. H. S. McKen, Miss Jean Mollison, Glenora Lodge (two guests), Mr. and Mrs. H. P. McLennan (two boys), Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Miller (two boys), Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Taaffe, Mr. and Mrs. Deanna Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. I. (two boys), Mrs. Frank Baker (two boys), Mr. and Mrs. G. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Kendall (two boys), Mr. and Mrs. P. McAllister, Mr. and Mrs. K. J. Morrison, Major and Mrs. Selater, Colonel and Mrs. Stewart (two boys), Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Spruille, Mr. and Mrs. H. Weinrobe, Mrs. A. C. Whitley, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Willett.

At White Rock.

When again on which the boys were in Vancouver crossed the boundary and arrived at White Rock a train from Sir Richard McBride was received by Lieut. Simons, which expressed the goodwill and welcome of the people of the province for the boys. Then while the train was stopped for a few minutes an informal reception was tendered by the citizens of White Rock, and an address of welcome was read and presented to the party by Mr. Frank McKenzie, member in the Provincial House for Burray Municipality.

City News

March Dedicated to Seaforths—The march "Canada Forever," composed by Conductor Harold Betteridge, of the Australian Cadets, was formally dedicated to the 72nd Seaforth Highlanders yesterday morning at exercise held on the Burrard Street bridge. The Australians marched along Hastings Street carrying the flags of Great Britain, Australia and Canada. Lieut.-Col. J. A. Clark of the 72nd Seaforths expressed his gratification on behalf of his regiment. He hoped his men would prove worthy of the inspiring air.

NORTH VANCOUVER

Extensive preparations are being made for the entertainment of the Australian Cadets when they visit the city on September 13 by the committee having the arrangements in charge. The boys from the south will be motored over Marine Drive and tendered a luncheon upon their return. In the evening a concert will be held in the K. of P. Hall. This concert will be under the auspices of the visitors who will contribute a splendid programme of music. One-half the proceeds of the entertainment will go towards defraying the expense of the visitors and the other half will be donated to the local Red Cross organization. A visit to all parts of the city including the public schools will also be included in the plan of entertainment. The scholars will be addressed by their visitors on the system of education which prevails in Australia.