

QUEBEC'S WELCOME



This photograph of the welcome of the city of Quebec to returned soldiers rather spoils some of the newspaper stories that the Ancient Capital was not enthusiastic over "the boys." The fact is that there is more cheering in Quebec when the boys come home than there is in Montreal and some other cities.—British & Colonial Press photograph.

Grampian In Port With 1,200 Returned Men

All Pleased With Treatment During Voyage—Local Soldiers on Board—Death at Steamer Docks

Just after the Allan Line steamer Grampian, which left Liverpool January 24 with 1,200 Canadian militiamen, reached St. John harbor yesterday afternoon one of the number, Private McCabe of Ottawa, died of pneumonia. The steamer was being docked when he passed away. Private McCabe had been ill with influenza before he left the other side, but felt well enough to travel. A seizure occurred when the ship was a few days out, pneumonia developing. He was forty-eight years of age and was a family man in Ottawa. He belonged to the 88th Battalion.

Aside from the death of Private McCabe and an accident to a sailor, whose leg was broken, nothing occurred to mar the voyage, although there were a few cases of influenza on board. One case was ship docked. One soldier, Private M. J. Finnegan, of St. John, received a telegram at the dock that his mother was seriously ill.

Of the 1,200 men on the Grampian 226 were officers. The New Brunswickers on board numbered forty-two, of whom three were cadets. There were twenty-one St. John soldiers and one cadet. Among the few civilians on the Grampian were J. M. Fraser, of St. Stephens, and E. Y. House, of Corn Hill, Kings county. There were few women on the ship, only three soldiers being accompanied by their wives.

The officers commanding the troops on the steamer were Major E. C. Hale and Captain M. A. Wood. A large number of the returning soldiers belong to Toronto, London, Windsor, Owen Sound and other Ontario points and to the western provinces. The Ontario and western men left last evening on special trains over the Canadian Pacific railroad for their destinations.

The officers and privates were unharmed in landing the treatment on board ship. Not a single complaint was made during the voyage, so far as could be ascertained, and all except those on the sick list were in good spirits when they stepped into No. 4 shed at Sand Point.

M. J. Finnegan, of 16 Brunel street, in city, was the only one on board who went over with the 26th battalion. He was wounded and gassed at Cambrin. Private Finnegan received bad wounds when he landed. He was informed that his mother was seriously ill and that for home at once. A member of a family died while he was overseas. Private W. F. Stevens was another St. John soldier who arrived on the Grampian yesterday. Private Stevens went overseas with the 140th battalion as

Conference For Girls Met With Great Success

Teachers Well Satisfied With Results of Gathering—Final Session Yesterday

Great enthusiasm marked all the sessions of the girls' conference which concluded its meetings in the city with a grand mass meeting in Centenary church yesterday afternoon. On Saturday morning and afternoon sessions were held in Centenary church and a supper in St. Andrew's church, and today's meeting was taken in all over the sessions of the conference will undoubtedly be followed by great activity along girls' work lines. It is not expected, however, that many circles following the Canadian Girls in Training programme will be formed until the coming autumn.

The afternoon session opened at 2:30 with Miss Edger's address. The speaker, Miss Edger, explained the purpose of the club and the election of officers. The actual programme for the clubs must include devotional exercises and practical talks and there must be some form of class or club activity such as gymnastics. Miss Thomas in her remarks about the relation of the classes to other agencies, said that the highest teachings women were able to accomplish wonderful things. He said the present age was the age of the women's movement.

In the afternoon a mass meeting was held in Centenary church which was addressed by Miss Edger of Montreal. There was a very large attendance at the meeting not only of members of the conference but of others interested in the work.

Miss Mullin sang "Rest in the Lord" at the opening of the meeting. The worth of individuals was the theme of Miss Edger's address and she described in eloquent words just how much a girl counts in the scheme of things and that every girl has been given her God her own definite work to do. She quoted the passages from the Bible concerning the sparrow which does not fall from the ground without God's knowledge and of the lily which toiled not, showing that Christ had emphasized the importance of each individual in the sight of God. As a challenge to the girls to follow all that was highest and to strive to be an influence for good she gave them the message which Christ had given to his disciples. Miss Edger is a speaker who instills enthusiasm on the part of her hearers and all who have been given her address were greatly impressed by her address.

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toast proposed was Boys' Work, Miss Jean Somerville being the sponsor for it. A. M. Gregg replied. The toast was given by Miss Grace Harper to Our First Conference and was responded to by Miss Edger. All joined in singing "Auld Lang Syne" and voted the evening a most successful one.

Reports of class activities were handed in and a reading of the prize for the best poster symbolizing of C. G. I. T. work was made. The Exmouth street Methodist church Sunday school was held in the afternoon. The subject was "The Kingdom of God is Within You" and one of its representatives was asked to come forward and receive the beautiful framed picture of Christ holding a lamb's head was the award and was presented by Mrs. F. H. Wentworth. Rev. Mr. Myers was called upon for a speech and gave a very amusing and at the same time a very impressive talk on the three women who had influenced him, his mother, his sister and his wife. Mayor Hayes was not expecting to be asked to speak, but he rose to the occasion nobly when he was given an invitation to do so and delighted the gathering with his brief address.

The Sunday Session. On Sunday the members of the conference were extended special invitations to attend the services in Centenary church and the pastor, Rev. H. A. Gooding, held a special service for the girls. His evening sermon he told how women had come forward at the present time to claim their own position and that where things had failed in many of the highest teachings women were able to accomplish wonderful things. He said the present age was the age of the women's movement.

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No. Y.M.C.A. Cake Like This Before

Given to Victory Hut, It Proved Popular Beyond Words

A decadent cake, a dissolute, disreputable, stay-out-all-night cake that tasted fit for the gods, is now the subject of much animated and somewhat fearful comment in the Victory Hut in Battery Park where Mrs. Vincent Astor presides over the destinies of a cash register and several hundred service men. The cake looked like the last word in gothic architecture when it was brought in to a waiting and hungry-eyed gathering of doughboys and gobs. Now it looks like the ruins of a cathedral that had been the special pet of a Boche artillery commander on the western front. It is perforated, gouged, hacked, sawed and demolished. But what is left of it tastes as good as anything Hebe ever slipped to Jove.

Metaphors mixed a bit? Not at all. That cake contained three-quarters of a gallon of prime French brandy with a bottle of wine "thrown in," the gift card announced by a well known grocer and we would have been for a Y. M. C. A. cake like this. Charles P. Kinsman, executive secretary, who said that there had been anything redolent of alcohol about this cake he would have noticed it, says that it was a good cake. And if the board of inquiry doesn't get around pretty soon there won't be a piece of it left as evidence on which an army mule could be convicted, and most mules can be convicted of anything.

It happened that some time ago Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett, better known as the author of "Little Lord Fauntleroy," decided that she would give the men in Mrs. Astor's but a real cake. She probably did not intend to have anything connected that would mar Fauntleroy's golden locks curl, but it is at least significant that when it came time to select a recipe one was picked from a novel of New York life "The Decadents." At least the gift card so announced.

It added that the recipe was also the result of the genius of a chef who was made the guests of a late well known Boston lady perfectly happy, many, many times. Mrs. Burnett took her confidante Mrs. C. W. de Lyon Nicholas of 25 Fifth avenue, and then they passed the actual work of making the cake on to O. L. Cushman & Co.

For no two things in women, no matter how inspired by their desire to do something for the men in service, could ever have handled the making of that cake. It contained among other things 100 eggs, sixty pounds of Malaga raisins, twenty-four pounds of citron, fifteen pounds of currants, nine pounds of flour, nine pounds of butter, nine pounds of sugar, thirty-nine quarts of molasses, thirty-nine quarts of mixed spices and the aforesaid three-quarters of a gallon of brandy, with a bottle of wine "thrown in."

When it was all cooked and ready for destruction it was hauled by motor truck to the Victory Hut, where it was placed with heads averted toiled at it until it was properly placed inside on a table. And then they went to it. It was the most delicious thing that ever came down town on a cold day.

PROBLEMS FOR NEW PARLIAMENT

For Married Men Only

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Leadership in the two houses of parliament, therefore, for the time being will fall upon Earl Curzon and Andrew Bonar Law, both of whom are conservatives and before the war stood for almost everything that was opposed to Lloyd George and his present programme. That seems to mean that parliament will mark time until the prime minister can return and take charge in person.

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GREAT EFFICIENCY OF ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS EMPHASIZED

London, Feb. 3.—(Canadian Press despatch from Reuter's Limited)—The first statement to officially emphasize the great value and high standard of work performed by the anti-aircraft guns, searchlights and machine guns in France has been issued. The statement points out that the standard of efficiency attained, whereby such remarkable results were obtained during the final years of war, reflects the greatest credit upon all officers, men and civilians concerned. The anti-aircraft total bag in France in 1918 was as follows: Hostile planes crashed or forced down in our lines, 171; hostile planes forced down out of control, 33. During the same period, special anti-aircraft machine guns, used by the infantry, accounted for 27 hostile planes, making a grand total for ten months of 208, or 271 hostile planes.

The anti-aircraft guns and searchlights are defensive rather than offensive. Over and above any physical effect, which produces results of no little value. No plane is able to make a good reconnaissance, take photographs or direct artillery fire if it is compelled to remain at a considerable height—over sixteen thousand feet—or continually dodge about to avoid shells. Moreover, by a system of placing shell bursts in the direction of and at the same height as the enemy planes, the latter have often been pointed out to our aircraft when out of the range of our guns. Observation balloons which the enemy usually attacks have always been under the watchful supervision of our anti-aircraft guns, which in addition to firing defensive barrages, warn telephonically of impending attacks. Although it is impossible to render a balloon absolutely immune against sudden attacks from behind war clouds or against large numbers of planes approaching simultaneously from all directions, yet many balloons and the lives of the occupants have been saved by the aid of the anti-aircraft guns.

Searchlight Efficiency. In August last the night flying squadron of the R. A. F. commenced operations and it was mainly due to the efficiency of the searchlights that night attacks by our "planes became so remarkably successful. When the enemy aircraft was not actually picked up by the beam and held in the beam and, incidentally, crashed on our wide areas from beam to beam, they were pointed out by switching lights in the direction of the sound of the engine of the hostile planes. A host of hostile planes in a beam has often caused it to shed all its bombs at once, and usually in the open, in order to enable it to become sufficiently light to rise and get away from the beam quickly. It is an undoubted fact that no keener or smarter lot of officers and men than the anti-aircrafters exist. Theirs is not a safe job. Casualties have certainly been low, but that was primarily due to the fact that the forward area anti-aircraft guns are extremely mobile and so highly trained they can move off in ten seconds to new positions when spotted by the enemy gunners. As an example of efficiency and pluck, one anti-aircraft battery gained three medals in three months—all immediate awards for bravery in action—and this is by no means an isolated case, very much the reverse, in fact.

Was Pulled Through THE TRYING TIME IN A WOMAN LIFE. Toronto, Ont., writes:—"I have used Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills and found them to be of great benefit to me, in fact, I consider they saved my life and I have told many of my neighbors about them. Two years ago last November I was in poor health. The doctor said it was a case of heart failure. I was very old, and that I would have to be very careful of myself. Shortly after that I received an awful shock that nearly killed me. The doctor my husband sent for said I would soon be all right, and sent up some medicine, but it only seemed to increase the trouble. I was then taken to the hospital. The doctors examined me, but could not understand my case. Then they sent for a specialist, as they began to think it was my mind. When the specialist came he was baffled, for I answered his questions all right. Every day I was getting weaker, and when my husband came he said that I was going, as I could read his thoughts, but said nothing. Next day a friend came with a cab and took me to their home. They got a box of Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills, started taking them and began to get better, and at the end of two weeks I could walk around the room. I am now well and able to do my own work. Price 50c a box at all dealers or mailed direct on receipt of price by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

When There is Such a Remedy for Their Ills as Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound? Mishawaka, Ind.—"I had such a severe case of indigestion that I could not do my work and I could not get anything to relieve me. A physician treated me, but it did no good. I had been in this condition for three months when I began taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound (tablet form) and it cured me. I keep house and am able to do my work now. I certainly praise your medicine."—Mrs. SUDA OLDPATHER, 645 West Second Street, Mishawaka, Ind.

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HON. DR. E. A. SMITH AT DOMINION CAPITAL. Hon. Dr. E. A. Smith, minister of lands, who has been in Ottawa for the past three days on provincial business with the federal government, has returned to New Brunswick after satisfactory interviews with the federal minister. Hon. Dr. Smith took up with the federal department the question of federal control of forest protection along the government main and branch railway lines in New Brunswick. It is understood that the railway act will be amended during the coming session bringing all the government lines under the jurisdiction of the railway commission in respect to the provisions now governing all their lines in the matter of operating rules, rates, etc. Arrangements will also be made by the railway department to clear up the present situation in regard to right of way ownership along certain branch lines which were built years ago through lands which at that time had no market value and for which there was no actual transfer of ownership to the railways.

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