

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 as 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 collapse 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 officers and twenty-one St. John soldiers and one cadet. Among the few civilians on the Grampian were J. M. Fraser, of St. Stephen, and E. Y. House, of Corn Hill, 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 unanimously praising 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 ashore. M. J. Finnegan, of 18 Sand Street, St. John, was the only one on board who was seriously ill and he was taken to the hospital. He was wounded at Cambrai. Private Finnegan received bad news when he landed. He was informed that his mother was seriously ill and he was home at once. A member of a family died while he was overseas. Private W. P. 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 of the leaders of the conference and the conference itself was held in the city. The conference was one of the most largely attended of the kind ever held in the province. From the keenness of interest which was taken in all of the sessions 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 Mildred Wilson in the chair and Miss Thomas brought to the notice of the meeting a list of books which would be helpful in carrying out the programme of the Girls' Club. Addresses were delivered on the three aspects of the programme. Rev. Mr. Myers spoke of the Sunday schools and how they should be organized, what division of time should be made and what methods used. Miss Edgar told of the mid-week activities and 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 club activity such as gymnastics. Miss Thomas in her remarks about the relation of the classes to other agencies of the church under the headings: what Canada owes to her girls and what her girls owe to Canada.

Following the addresses a practical demonstration of St. Luke's Girls' Club having an ordinary session was given by twenty members of the club. The demonstration included a game of nine-pins which was taken much interest in by the spectators and greatly enjoyed by the club. Miss Marjorie McKim directed the demonstration by her club which is one of two that exist in the county. The other club is in Fair Valley. At the conclusion of the demonstration the conference divided for group discussion into one group of ages from fifteen to seventeen and one for eighteen years old and older members while the third group was for the leaders.

Supper to 400.

At 6 o'clock in the evening an elaborate and very merry supper was served to more than 400 of the members in St. Andrew's school room and it took thirty-six waitresses to serve the guests. There were six tables which were prettily arranged with red candles as bright decorations. After the supper, toasts were given and a drink in the best of form. Miss Faith Henderson acted as toast mistress and Miss Rita Brennan was the soloist.

The first toast, "The King, was given by Mrs. F. A. Wentworth and was responded to by the singing of the national anthem. Our Canadian Boys in Khaki, given by Miss Wilson was responded to by Rev. G. A. Kauring and "Smile, Smile, Smile" was sung by the soloist. All eyes were turned to the soloist, Miss Wilson, who was singing in the choir. The Allies were given by Miss Mildred Wilson and by way of response Harry Laurier's Victory song was sung. The next

Child's Tongue Becomes Coated

When Cross, Feverish and Sick Give "California Syrup of Figs"

Children love this "fruit laxative," and nothing cleanses the tender stomach, liver and bowels so nicely. A child simply will not stop playing to empty the bowels, and the result is, they become cross, feverish and sick. Their little bodies become coated, their liver gets sluggish, stomach sour, then their little one becomes cross, half-sick, feverish, don't eat, sleep or act naturally. It is coated, then give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs" and in a few hours all the constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food passes out of the system, and you have a well, playful child again.

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

Reports of class activities were handed in and the session of the prize for the best poster symbolical of C. G. I. T. work was made. The Exmouth street Methodist church Sunday school was the winning school out of nine or ten competitors, and one of its representatives was asked to come forward and receive the beautiful framed picture of Christ holding a lamb while the award was presented by Mrs. F. H. Wentworth. Rev. Mr. Myers was called upon for a speech, 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. He was not expected 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 pastorate, Rev. H. A. Good, who presided at the opening of the evening session, told how women had come forward at the present time to claim their own position and that where things had failed of the highest teachings women were able to accomplish wonderful things. He said the present age was the age of the women.

In the afternoon a mass meeting was held in Centenary church which was addressed by Miss Edgar, 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 of the club and the election of officers.

Miss Mullin sang "Rest in the Lord" at the opening of the meeting.

The words of individuals was the theme of Miss Edgar'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 by God her own definite work to do. She quoted the passages from the Bible concerning the sparrow which does not fall to 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 Edgar is a speaker who instills enthusiasm on the part of her hearers and all who were at the meeting were greatly impressed by her address.

The opinion of the leaders of the conference concerning it is that it has been splendidly managed by the committees appointed locally and that every one has worked to her utmost for the advancement of the conference interests.

This afternoon the leaders of the conference will meet to discuss plans for a permanent headquarters in the city. The possibility of forming a summer camp for girls.

No. Y.M.C.A. Cake

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.

A Wet Cake.

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 wet goods firm for a Y. M. C. A. cake was there. Charles P. Kinsman, executive secretary, who said that there had been anything redolent of alcohol about this cake he would not 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 Astor's but a real cake. She probably did not intend to have anything concocted that would make Faust'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 had made the guests of a late well known Boston lady perfectly happy, many, many times. Mrs. Burnett took her considerable Mrs. W. de Lyons Nichols of 25 Fifth Avenue, and then they passed the actual work of making the cake on to O. L. Cushman & Co.

84 Pounds of Raisins.

For no two things, 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 102 eggs, sixty pounds of Malaga raisins, twenty-four pounds of Sultana 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 afore-said 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 in Battery Park, with heads averted inside at it until it was properly placed inside on a table. And then they went to it. It was the cake of the century that ever came down town on a cold day.

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GREAT EFFICIENCY OF ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS EMPHASIZED

British Ministry Issues Statement Recounting Valuable Work of Batteries—Made Envious Record

London, Feb. 3.—(Canadian Press despatch from Reuters' 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's 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 and a half months, 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—continually dodging about to avoid shells. Moreover, by a system of placing shell bursts in the direction of the enemy's planes, the latter have often been pointed out to our aircraft when out of the range of our guns. Observation balloons which the enemy constantly 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. The moral effect of the searchlights, too, is enormous. On many occasions the enemy bombing machines have been kept out of vital areas, as the thing they particularly disliked, being held in a searchlight beam and shot at. Our lights have been so efficient that it was quite an ordinary thing to pick up and hold an enemy aircraft for long periods.

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 and held in the beam and, incidentally, landed on over 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. As a result, the searchlights have 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 the most 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 guns. As an example of efficiency and pluck, one anti-aircraft battery gained three military crosses and twelve 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.

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SOCIAL SERVICE COUNCIL

A well attended meeting of the executive committee of the Social Service Council of New Brunswick, was held at the Y. M. C. A. on Friday afternoon. Mr. Smith, B.A., was present and gave an interesting report of the work he has already accomplished. Local councils have been organized in the main centres throughout the province, and the movement is meeting everywhere with a hearty response. These councils are looking into local social and moral conditions, with a view to the creation of a wholesome moral atmosphere that will make the enforcement of laws affecting the social welfare of the province an easy matter. On his return from Prince Edward Island in March, Mr. Smith plans the establishment of local councils in every part of the province.

Newspaper Men's Union

Following a meeting of the French journalists of Montreal when a newspapermen's union was formed, the English-speaking journalists met at the Windsor Hotel on Saturday and after some discussion they formed a union. Next Saturday the French and English journalists met at the Windsor Hotel for the purpose of amalgamating. Representatives of the Montreal Typographical Union and the American Federation of Labor were present and both promised support and sympathy.

Want Fryatt's Murderers.

The arrest of Admiral Schroeder and Captain Kessler and Regner of the German navy has been requested by the central committee of sailors at Hamburg. The officers are being accused of being responsible for the execution of two sailors, although they were conversant with the general amnesty order.

Stomach So Bad

TAUGHT HE WOULD DIE CAN EAT ANYTHING NOW

Bad indigestion and dyspepsia many a life might be a pleasant one. The misery which stomach troubles cause the sufferer knows only too well, and any one who has suffered knows what joy it would give to be able to eat three good meals a day and not be punished for it after.

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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 could see that I was going, as I could read his thoughts, but said nothing.

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HON. DR. 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 here 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.

Hon. Mr. Doherty's Plan

Hon. Charles J. Doherty, Canadian minister of justice, has submitted through the British League of Nations committee, a proposal to be submitted to the peace conference in which he suggests the establishing of an international people's house. Every nation in the world would be represented in this body. He believes the time is opportune to interest the people of the world directly in methods for the prevention of war.

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