

GOOD-BYE TO THE ARTILLERYMEN

Departure of the Last of the Second Contingent.

Again Londoners Turn Out En Masse to Say "Good-Bye."

An Address by Mayor-Elect Rumball at the C. P. R. Station.

The "Send-Off" Characterized by the Same Enthusiasm as Marked the Others—Touching Scenes.

So short an interval elapsed between the time of departure for the mounted riflemen and that of the eighteen artillerymen, who will represent the London district in the second contingent, that in looking back upon the soldiers' send-off it all appears as a succession of rousing resounding cheers with a short breathing space between. The same quiet departure from the barracks; the tramp through the deep snow, enlivened by the patriotic music of the band and the hearty cheers of approving Britishers as they passed along the route of march to the station; the crowds there, with their tumultuous enthusiasm and hearty cheers and waving hats; the restraining policemen; the hurried farewells and the prolonged cheers, as the cars rolled away between the masses of struggling, surging people—all these evidences of the outburst of patriotic feeling in London yesterday, were but repetitions of what had happened twice before, and will happen often again should there be any, such exigencies as have led to the creation of the second Canadian contingent for service in South Africa, in the cause of humanity, the empire and for the Queen.

Even more hurriedly than that of the mounted rifles, the day before, was the departure of the artillerymen arranged. It was the purpose of the meeting and the service in the drill shed on Wednesday that the would serve as the last formal farewell from the city, and thus would be avoided an unnecessary repetition. For this reason the men marched directly to the station.

PRESENTATION AT BARRACKS.

Just before being ordered out on parade, the men who went away were met at the barracks by a representation from the Association of Ex-Members of the London Field Battery of Artillery. Ex-Sergt. Wilson made a short speech, and afterwards each member of the contingent, was presented, on behalf of the association, with a very neat note-book and pencil, and a small Union Jack was pinned on each man's lapel. The volunteers expressed their appreciation of the ex-batterymen's thoughtful kindness.

The order to parade was given shortly afterwards. The band played the National Anthem. Col. Holmes went before the volunteers and urged them to strive to the utmost to uphold the honor of No. 1 district, and then bade them good-bye and God-speed.

ON THE MARCH.

The men left the barracks at 4:20 o'clock. The order of march, which was maintained until the arrival at the station was as follows:

Major Fairbank, commander of the 6th Field Battery, and Lieut. Lister, of Wolsey Barracks.

The Seventh Battalion Band.

Lieut.-Adj. McCrimmon, of the Seventh Fusiliers.

The Attached Men at the Barracks.

Capt. Betty, the Recruiting Officer.

The Representation from the Association of the Ex-Members of the Battery.

AT THE STATION.

The march to the station was a quiet one, but as soon as the volunteers arrived there the pent-up enthusiasm of the people broke out, and tremendous cheers followed from another until the men lined up on the platform. Then came the farewells, and here the character of the members of the contingent and of those who gave the good-byes was revealed. Some were bright-faced and boisterous, while the sober-minded people—the little girl who pressed a photograph into the hands of the big brother, whom she kissed and kissed again, before she went, the mother who eagerly asked the crowd to make the passage she had not strength to force in order to clasp the hand, and say the last parting word to her boy, these were the bright spots in the crowd. The cheering demonstration that characterized the send-off, and the "boys" went away with the sadness of separation from loved ones counteracted by the buoyant uplift given by the tumultuous expressions of expectancy for an honorable career in their new field of action, and for a safe return.

THE MAYOR'S SPEECH.

This was shown by the cheering response to Mayor-Elect Rumball's speech. On behalf of the citizens of London he wished them farewell, and

God-speed. The blessings and goodwill of the citizens went with them to a war for justice and liberty—that was bound to have a glorious end. He hoped that he would have the honor of receiving them back while he was still in office. The great God who ruled above our land of peace, and also looked down upon the bloodshed in South Africa, would be with them.

Upon the conclusion of the mayor-elect's speech, Mayor Wilson went among the men and distributed the souvenir gifts from the city, and the ladies of the Maple Leaf Club pinned flowers on each volunteer's coat.

WAITING FOR THE TRAIN.

The time before the arrival of the train was animated by scenes of shoulder-carrying such as marked Wednesday's send-off. First, Captain Garnett, of the 26th Battalion, was lifted and bounced upon the shoulders of up-to-date friends. The action was contagious, and soon all along the line the volunteers were bouncing upon the shoulders of their admiring adherents, whose laughing efforts to maintain their struggling captives in their uncertain position relieved the tense expectancy of the crowd.

At last the train arrived. In charge of Conductor Orrell, and the men were entrained rapidly. Engineer James was at the throttle, and in the brief period before he allowed the huge engine to force its way out through the dense mass of people, carrying with it the truest evidence of Canada's patriotism, the friends crowded into the cars, and before some of the mothers could breathe their farewells to their boys, the train began to move, and the last of London's contingent had started for the front. Many women had to be helped from the train while it was in motion, while a long, loud cheer rolled from end to end along the platform, and still resounded as the volunteers waved their parting farewells from the rapidly disappearing coaches.

NOTES.

Artillerymen Randall, of St. Mary's, and Hume, of Sarnia, were detailed yesterday afternoon to stay in the city, and go down to Ottawa with the horses of the London quota. The fact that they were left on the station made many people think that they had missed the train. They left last night at 12:30 o'clock on the C. P. R., with 13 horses. These were all purchased after 12 o'clock yesterday, and were very fine stock. The purchasing committee say that the Canadian artillerymen may well be proud of the horses procured in this district. Very good prices were given for them.

Lieut.-Col. Holmes, D. O. C., accompanied the artillerymen to Toronto, where he will attend to the duties of the Toronto depot.

Capt. Garnett, of the 26th Battalion, who went as a gunner, was presented with a pocket-knife by the officers of the battalion.

The ladies of the Maple Leaf League Club were permitted to enter the cars and gave refreshments to each of the men.

Lieut.-Col. Smith, of the 7th Battalion, was on the station saying good-bye to the men.

Mr. Wm. Sutherland, who left yesterday, is a son of Mr. Harry Sutherland, of South London. He was one of the best shots in the 7th Battalion.

Petrolia, Ont., Jan. 4.—Capt. W. Vantour, of 6th Field Battery, London, and Lieut. Charles E. Colter left here at noon today for South Africa. They go with D Battery of Artillery from London. There was a large crowd at the station to see them off, and wish them good luck and a safe return. The citizens of the town presented them each with a purse containing \$125, and their brother comrades of the Petrolia volunteers gave them a very fine gold watch each.

A THRILLING

TRAIN RIDE

Narrow Escape of Passengers on Derelict Cars—Brave Girl Saves a Train.

Galena, Ill., Jan. 4.—Travelers on a Chicago Great Western passenger train had a thrilling ride and a narrow escape from death at Galena, where a collision with a freight train, which was on the same track, was narrowly averted. The passenger train, which was carrying a large number of passengers, was approaching the town of Galena, where it was to stop. The freight train, which was carrying a large number of passengers, was also approaching the town of Galena. The two trains were on the same track, and a collision was imminent. The passenger train was stopped by a brave girl who saved the train.

Brave Girl Saved a Train. New York, Jan. 5.—Mount Vernon is ringing with the praises of Miss Mabel Field, 18 years old, who gave an alarm which saved a New York and Hartford Railroad train from plunging into a burning bridge. Miss Field was on her way home from church, when she saw the wooden bridge over the East Chester road burning. She knew a local passenger train was due. The only chance of saving it was to get to the Westchester depot, half a mile away, and notify the agent to stop the train. Grasping her skirts firmly, she sped along the tracks. With eyes a-sparkle and cheeks a blaze of color, she dashed into the station and told Station Agent Conly of her discovery. He seized a lantern and ran as fast as he could, the girl following. They arrived just in time to flag locomotive No. 268, which was drawing along the train of freight cars. A few minutes later the east-bound passenger was brought to a standstill within a short distance of the burning bridge. Passengers and train crews, after putting out the fire, gathered about Miss Field and declared her to be a heroine.

OVER AN EMBANKMENT.

Detroit, Jan. 5.—A coach containing 20 people on a P. O. and N. train went over an embankment and turned completely over a mile south of Cole station. There were no serious injuries. Broken rails caused the accident.

GENIAL CONDESCENSION.

"You know that old neighbor of mine—Farmer Stoneking?" "Yes. What of him?" "You ought to have seen him the other day when I introduced him to the Standard Oil magnate."

"Was he embarrassed?" "Embarrassed? He slapped him on the shoulder. 'I'm not too proud to speak to you,' he said, 'although I Stoneking considerably outranks a Rockefeller.'"

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RAILWAY MANAGEMENT

Shift in the G. T. R. Departmental Staff Announced.

Foreclosure of G. and G. T. R. Mortgage for Principal of the Bonded Debt of \$6,000,000.

Montreal, Jan. 5.—A number of important departmental staff changes have been officially announced at the Grand Trunk headquarters. Mr. Wm. Aird, master mechanic, in charge of the Montreal workshops of the company, has retired on account of advancing years, and has been succeeded by Mr. A. G. Elvin, who has assumed control of the Montreal shops. The promotion of Mr. Elvin has given a lift upward to Mr. Thomas McHattie, who is appointed master mechanic for the eastern division. Here, with headquarters at Montreal, Mr. Riley Williams, the trainmaster of the 26th district, which includes Chicago, Battle Creek and Nichols yards and stations, has resigned his position in order to become superintendent of the three I's system—Illinois, Indiana and Iowa. He is succeeded by Mr. R. P. Dalton, who has been trainmaster and superintendent of terminals at Montreal (fourth and fifth districts), with control of the second district between Montreal and Richmond. Mr. X. H. Cornell, chief train dispatcher, is Mr. Dalton's successor as trainmaster, but the office of superintendent of the Montreal terminal has been abolished. Mr. W. J. Stinson is appointed chief train dispatcher of the 26th district, vice Mr. X. H. Cornell, promoted.

Detroit, Jan. 5.—A bill was filed on Wednesday in the United States circuit court here by the Mercantile Trust Company of New York, as trustees, to foreclose the senior mortgage on the Chicago and Grand Trunk Railway Company of the principal of the bonded debt of the company, \$6,000,000, which matured Jan. 1. E. W. Meddaugh and Henry B. Joy, of this city, have been appointed receivers of the road, which extends from Port Huron to Chicago. The first mortgage was made twenty years ago. A second mortgage, also for \$6,000,000, was placed on the property two years later. A scheme of liquidation and reorganization has been submitted by the committee to the bondholders, and a majority of the bonds under each mortgage have been deposited with the trustees appointed for that purpose. The plan is to create a new mortgage to secure an issue of bonds aggregating \$15,000,000, at 4 per cent interest, payable semi-annually, and to exchange these bonds for the first mortgage bonds, dollar for dollar, and for the second mortgage bonds at 75 cents on the dollar and to issue the remainder of the bonds for capital to double track and otherwise improve the road. The Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada is a large shareholder and creditor, and has under its traffic agreement with the Chicago and Grand Trunk contributed to pay the interest on the latter road's mortgaged indebtedness, and in consideration of the scaling down of the interest and reduction of the principal of the second mortgage, has signified its willingness to enter into agreements which practically guarantee the payments in the period of the new bond issue.

Receivers W. E. Meddaugh and Henry B. Joy, of the Chicago and Grand Trunk lines between Port Huron and Chicago, inaugurated their management of the property by announcing a list of promotions in the traffic and transportation departments of the road. George T. Bell, who has been assistant general passenger agent, has been made general passenger agent, and David Brown, who hitherto has been assistant to General Freight Agent John W. Loud, has been made general freight agent, with headquarters at Chicago. Other appointments are as follows: Superintendent, Wm. Cotter, with headquarters at Detroit; auditor and treasurer, James H. Muir; master mechanic, J. E. McLeod; master car builder, John Hodgson.

FRIED ONIONS

Indirectly Caused the Death of the World's Greatest General.

It is a matter of history that Napoleon was a gourmand, an inordinate lover of the good things of the table, and history further records that his favorite dish was fried onions. The death from cancer of the stomach, it is claimed also, was probably caused from his excessive indulgence of this fondness for the odorous vegetable. The onion is undoubtedly a wholesome article of food, but has many medicinal qualities of value, but it would be difficult to find a more indigestible article than fried onions, and to many people they are simply poison, but the onion alone is not the cause in this respect. Any article of food that is not thoroughly digested becomes a source of disease and discomfort, whether it be fried onions or beefsteak.

The reason why any wholesome food is not promptly digested is because the stomach lacks some important element of digestion; some stomachs lack pepsine, others are deficient in gastric juice, still others lack hydrochloric acid.

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The Bulldog—Not very good, I feel just as well satisfied after a few bites as I'd had a meal. How's yours?

The Chicken—Poor, very poor. I just pick at things.

WESTERN ONTARIO

P. H. McCool, of Gorham, N. H., has been appointed general roadmaster of the Buffalo division of the Wabash and Southern division of the G. T. R., with headquarters in St. Thomas.

Mr. L. Barr, of North Dorchester, has purchased the fine farm of Elder John Campbell, 10 acres, with brick dwelling, together with commodious outbuildings, for \$7,500. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell will move to Ingersoll.

A committee representing the employees of the L. E. and D. R. R. shops of Walkerville called at the residence of Mechanical Superintendent Austin Tuesday evening and presented him with a handsome Morris chair, together with a short address.

The customs returns for the month of December for the port of Stratford are as follows: Imports—Free goods, \$122,013; dutiable goods, \$28,657; duty collected, \$6,888.82. The excise collections for month of December for Stratford division amounted to \$7,342.15.

The Elma Reform Association, at their recent annual meeting, elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, T. G. Ballantyne; vice-president, George Struthers; second vice-president, C. H. Hall; secretary-treasurer, James W. Dickson.

Lawson's cheese factory, on con. 1 of Dereham, was destroyed by fire on Dec. 30. Besides the building and machinery, two months' make of cheese was also destroyed. The building is a total loss, but is covered with \$2,000 insurance. The loss on the cheese is also covered by insurance, there being \$3,000 on it.

The customs returns for Brantford for December show a falling off. The exports totalled \$28,507. The imports show free goods entered \$89,211; dutiable goods \$69,836, and duty collected \$12,210.47, as against free goods, \$44,665; dutiable, \$82,222, and duty collected, \$13,832, last year.

Several important changes have been made in the office staff of the L. E. and D. R. R. A. E. Drake has been promoted to the position of traveling freight and passenger agent to succeed L. E. Tillson, of St. Thomas, who has been made general manager at Chatham in place of A. R. Patterson. Hugh McDowell, of the passenger department, takes Mr. Drake's place, and H. E. Eaton goes to the car mileage department. A. Edgeworth has been promoted to the position of chief clerk. F. W. Burgess, of Sarnia, goes to the main office at Walkerville as stenographer.

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[Washington Star.]

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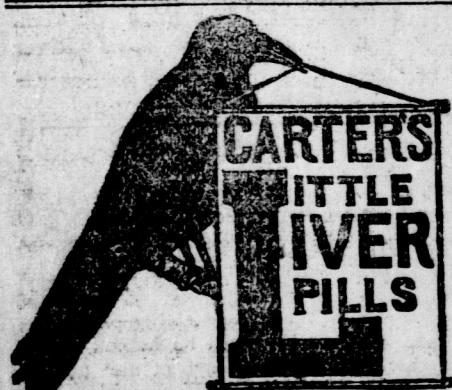
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