

CANUCKS FIGHT WAY TO SUBURB OF LENS; FIGHTING IS HEAVY

Win Ground, Although Met by
Galling Fire.

HINDENBURG LINE BARE

Capture of Gavrelle Uncovers
Section of German De-
fence System.

[By Stewart Lyon, Special Correspond-
ent of the Canadian Press.]

Canadian Headquarters in France, via
London, April 23.—At dawn this (Mon-
day) morning, after a vigorous artillery
preparation, an attack was launched
upon that part of the enemy line oppo-
site the northern end of the Canadian
corps. In the centre and on the ex-
treme south the attack was speedily suc-
cessful and our objectives were reached
with relatively small losses. At the
northern end of the line the enemy de-
veloped a tenacious resistance, at the
electric station to the west of Avion.
Here houses had been transformed into
carefully fortified machine gun positions,
which were difficult to deal with.

Our infantry were held back while
heavy artillery turned a concentrated
fire on the electric station and on the
western part of Avion, whence, also, a
galling enfilading fire was directed upon
the troops who in the first rush had
occupied Poisse Seven. House-to-house
fighting was resumed after this bom-
bardment, which greatly weakened the
enemy resistance. The progress made
is important, in that it brings our line
close up to Avion, a suburb of Lens,
to the south.

Hindenburg Line Bared.
The victory by which the British
have captured Gavrelle, in a rapid ad-
vance, uncovers the part of the Hin-
denburg line. The winners of little
value the work of construction of wire
entanglements, upon which the Ger-
mans have been busily engaged since
their retreat from Vimy Ridge, ten
days ago.

During the last two days the enemy
have been putting shells into Vimy
and Petit Vimy, and this morning, in
the back area, they experimented with
what is believed to be a new form of
poison gas. Eight bombs, bursting high
in the air, threw out at first a ruddy
glow, then a bright orange vapor which
rapidly changed to a heavy gray cloud
that drifted before the wind. No ill-
effect, however, was observed in the
district in which these bombs burst.

CANADIAN WAR RECORDS CHRONICLE PROCESS OF TURNING ENEMY ABOUT.

LONDON, April 23.—The following
communiqué has been issued by the
Canadian war records office.

Since April 9, the historic day on
which the Canadian corps captured
Vimy Ridge, the front of our army has
held, the full advantages of the first
day's victory have been realized. Pro-
gress has been made and our line has
been advanced along the whole front
to an average depth of 1,000 yards,
mainly as a result of skillful patrol fight-
ing.

Much hard work has been entailed
in the consolidation of the recaptured
positions. The very trying weather
has impeded a large part of our
troops. The roads are our chief prob-
lem, and if any further proof of the
unparalleled triumph of our artillery
is needed it can be found by an in-
spection of the enemy's lines.

Conditions Favored Defenders.
On April 10 the Canadians again at-
tacked the northern slopes of the
ridge. The position was one of great
strength, embracing the southwestern
outskirts of Gavrelle, La Boile, and
a most intricate system of craters
and trenches surrounding Hill 145. The
conditions were all in favor of the
defenders as continuous shelling and
heavy rain had turned the ground into
a quagmire.

Desperate fighting had taken place
throughout the whole of the preceding
day and night, and though we had
made good progress the enemy still re-
tained a footing in this stronghold.
The attack was entirely successful
and completed the capture of our final
objectives along the whole front of
7,000 yards.

During the latter part of the after-
noon large bodies of Germans were
seen in the open and it became evident
that the enemy was evacuating the
counter-attack against the left flank
of our new position. The attempt, how-
ever, was completely repulsed by our
artillery, which, taking full advantage
of the excellent facilities for observa-
tion of the Douai railway from our new
position, bombarded the enemy and
inflicted heavy casualties.

Enemy's Position Exposed.
On April 9 there were no serious in-
fantry engagements. Our patrols were
active throughout the day pushing for-
ward along the whole front and gain-
ing ground at practically no cost. Those
batteries which the enemy had been
able to withdraw were very active, but
many of their positions were now ex-
posed to direct observation and suffer-
ed severely at the hands of our own
gunners.

It had now been decided to enlarge
the scope of operations to include the
"Pimple," a commanding position of
great strength, on the extreme north of
the Vimy Ridge, similar in many re-
spects to Hill 145. The attack was car-
ried out at 5 a.m. on April 12, in the
midst of a snowstorm and over most
difficult ground in a manner beyond
all praise. In this attack the enemy
suffered very heavily, leaving many
dead on the battlefield, and in addition
we took over 200 prisoners, together
with numerous machine guns and trench
mortars. The blow was a severe
one for the enemy as it gained for us
the whole ridge from the Souchez to
the Scarpe and shattered the enemy's
last hopes of being able to regain the
lost ground by a counter-attack from
the northeast.

Full Fruits of Victory.
The full fruits of our victory took
shape and form from the 12th. It was
clear that the enemy's new line at the
foot of the eastern slopes of the ridge
would soon become untenable. Our
observers had reported fires and ex-
plosions in towns behind the enemy's
lines and there were indications that
a retreat was imminent. This was
soon confirmed by our scouts who acted
throughout with admirable skill and
determination. Patrols were pushed
forward all along the line. In many
places the enemy had succeeded in
leaving under cover of darkness. In
others small rearguards were encoun-
tered and overcome.

By nightfall our line had been ex-
tended to beyond the Vimy-Arras rail-
way and the villages of Willerval, Par-
bus, Vimy, Petit Vimy, La Chaudière,
Givonchy, were in our possession.
Our captures had increased to over 4,000
prisoners, more than 40 guns and a
large quantity of machine guns, trench
mortars and material of all kinds.

LAMBETH. April 23.—William Meek
of St. Thomas was the guest of Mr.
and Mrs. Charles Ead on Sunday.
Miss Theda Walker spent the week-
end at the home of Mr. Dawson Byron.
Miss Helen Fraser has gone to Ire-
land, where she will train for nursing.
The Misses Eva and Emma Martin of
London visited their brother Frank on
Sunday.
Miss Alice Mills of London was a
visitor with her sister, Mrs. Fraser, on
Sunday.
The Misses Gladys and May Vander-
made of South London were the guests
of Mrs. G. H. Routledge on Sunday.
The village boys are being placed on
farms at a rapid rate.

BELGIUM NEAR STARVATION.
NEW YORK, April 23.—The American
Committee for Relief in Belgium made
public tonight a cablegram received by
Emile Francqui, acting chairman of the
Belgian National Committee, in which
the situation in Belgium was de-
scribed as "very grave."

McCOIG ENDEAVORS TO GET DUTY CUT OFF FARM TRACTORS

Government Defeated Motion
by 48 to 28.

MAY BE REINTRODUCTION

Argument Used That "Preach-
ing" Production Is Not
Sufficient.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

OTTAWA, April 23.—The Government
does not want gasoline plowing. Today
it voted down a resolution by Archie
McCoig, M.P., providing for the free
admission of agricultural tractors. This
was turned down, but before this he
asked for free admission of seed beans.
A proposal which Sir Thomas White
promised to investigate before he deliv-
ered his budget.

For farm tractors Mr. McCoig declar-
ed there was a great demand for them
in Ontario.
The Ontario Government had pur-
chased ten tractors and the Toronto
Board of Trade five more from the
United States, as they were not made
in Canada. They should be allowed to
enter free so farmers might be able to
purchase them.

Broad Resolution.
Sir Thomas White remarked that the
proposition was broad, as it took in every
character of farm tractor. Ditching ma-
chines had been made free for the Gov-
ernment because they were not manu-
factured in Canada, but tractor engines
were made in this country in Toronto
and Montreal. If the duty were taken
off tractor engines, regardless of manu-
facture in this country, they would
have to take the duty of all raw ma-
terials. The British Government had
bought for the use of their farmers 2,
000 tractor plows which were all being
made in the United States.

First Pardee added that the Ontario
Government's machines were being
brought from the United States.
The finance minister said that if the
resolution was amended so as to apply
only to light tractors, he would con-
sider it.

Oliver Wilcox, North Essex, said in
the town of Essex in his county a new
industry was manufacturing farm tractors
for light farm work.
E. W. Nesbitt, North Oxford, said
that Ontario was suffering from the
lack of farm labor and it would be of
advantage if the 25 per cent duty
was removed from tractors.
K. M. Turfitt said in the west tractor
engines were being used in the house-
holds. Some of them were capable of
doing the work of nine horses. They
were not being manufactured in Can-
ada at the present time.

F. P. Pardee said they should not
preach production and refuse to help
with it. If the Government was
honest in its profession of more pro-
duction it should give every assistance
possible to a war measure to increase
the production. If the revenue was
going to be depleted by the removal
of this duty, then excess war profits
might be taxed to replace this loss of
revenue.

Mr. McCoig closed the debate and
Mr. Graham asked if an opportunity
would be given to discuss an amend-
ment, which would only ask that the
duty be removed from the light
tractors. Sir Thomas White replied
that this and any other cognate ques-
tion should be discussed upon the
budget, which was the proper place
to discuss it. A division was then taken
and the resolution was defeated by a
vote of 48 to 28.

Hon. George P. Graham then gave
notice that on the motion to go into
supply the resolution as Mr. McCoig
had offered to amend it would prob-
ably be reintroduced.

CANADIAN NORTHERN SOUND PROPOSITION, GOVERNMENT LEARNS

New York Experts Say It Will
Beat Competitors.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

OTTAWA, April 23.—The Government
has received a report upon the Canadian
Northern railway. John W. Eaton,
president of the United States and
Canada Company of New York, and
Edward E. Loomis, president of the
Lehigh Valley Railway Company, and
general manager of the Delaware and Lacka-
wanna Railway, have submitted a re-
port which they have been assisted by
Covell and Coipits, consulting en-
gineers.

The Canadian Northern has opened
its projects to the examination of
New York. The report is a mini-
mum to be carried out in three years
at a net cash outlay of \$4,000,000, and
a maximum plan, which would require
five years and \$8,000,000. The Ameri-
cans say the Canadian Northern re-
quires considerable improvements. Its
present position is described as simi-
lar to that of the Canadian Pacific
and the Northern Pacific, just after
these lines had been built to the Pa-
cific Ocean, but rather better, as other
railways have established the Canadian
west as a great agricultural field, have
installed a population, built cities and
opened ports.

Wise Investments.
The investigators approve expendi-
tures made. They say: "The capital
now invested in the property appears
to have been secured economically and
expended wisely; the interest rate on
the fixed capital has averaged only 3.93
per cent. In our judgment the road
could not be duplicated for anything
like the present cost. For the future it
is stated that the system is in urgent
need of more rolling stock and motive
power; that it needs more and larger
repair and construction shops; that
there must be a branch line constructed
to the Niagara frontier, and car ferries
put upon Lake Ontario to enable the
Canadian Northern to link the field
of American business, as well as the
steel and coal centres to the south; that
there must be enlarged terminals and
the extension of branch lines; and that
there are needed considerable improve-
ments and the betterment of a mil-
cellaneous character. All of these things
are provided for in the three and five
year programs recommended. The state-
ment is made that "proper rehabilitation
of the existing property can be ac-
complished out of net income. If pro-
vision be made for such portion of the
interest charges that may be unearned
over the next three years."

A Sound Proposition.
The report says that "While the pro-
positional period of the Canadian
Northern Railway System has not en-
tirely passed, we are unanimously
of the opinion, after many months' con-
sideration of the subject, that the pro-
ject as a whole is sound, and that its
soundness can be demonstrated at this
time." They say there can be no
question as to the ability of the Cana-
dian Northern to meet competition, as
the railway is well located and well
built; its transcontinental main line
grades over practically its entire route
are the most favorable in existence,
and under a normally developed traf-
fic it would be a profitable enterprise.
It is previously unknown and at enormous
profit.

It is commented that the system is
an extensive one, with 11,106 miles of
operating line, and 1,144 miles of
under construction; that, although com-

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25c. Baby Talcum 2 for .26
50c. Liquid Complexion Powder 2 for .51
25c. tin Rexall Foot Powder 2 for .26
25c. Tooth Brushes 2 for .26
35c. Tooth Brushes 2 for .36
25c. Tube Wilson's Tooth Paste 2 for .26

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Large Productive Areas.
The line is found by the New York experts, who are reporting to the money interests, to have been so laid out that it taps productive areas which can be counted upon to provide large traffic from grain, livestock, timber, pulp, minerals, manufactured products, as well as in passengers. They show the need for motive power and rolling stock by stating that the Canadian Pacific, Northern Pacific and Great Northern railways have a locomotive for each 5.30 miles of line, while the Canadian Northern has only one locomotive for each 12.36 miles of line; that where the three older western roads have 6.38 freight cars per mile of line, the Canadian Northern has only 3.09 freight cars per mile.

Financial Needs.
As to financial needs, the report says that there are \$58,000,000 of temporary loans and short-term notes to be funded. The completion of the three-year program would bring the fixed capital liability of the system to \$162,000,000, and to \$486,000,000 under the five-year program. Capital invested at the end of the three-year plan would be \$521,000,000, and on the five-year plan, \$554,000,000. The estimate that the gross revenue on the completion of the three-year plan would be \$67,744,000, and on the completion of the five-year plan it would be \$80,320,000. The three-year program of improvements made would enable the road on a paying basis, while the five-year program carried out would enable the road to meet all operating expenses, taxes and interest charges, and still have a profit for the first year after five of \$4,615,000.