

FAREWELL RECRUITING MEETING BY THE 235TH BATTALION

Officers Express Gratitude for Kindnesses Shown and Urge Still Pressing Need for Young Men to Enlist—Big Crowd bids Regiment Goodspeed.

Belleville turned out one of its largest Sunday evening crowds to bid farewell to the 235th Battalion at the recruiting meeting at Griffin's Theatre last night. Although it was a God-speed to the parting battalion, it was a time for serious consideration by young and old. The reality of the cause for which the Empire is fighting was never better understood than when Belleville heard another regiment of men say goodbye, and saw them move eastward as so many battalions have done in the past thirty months.

The band under Lt. Laughter, played a select program, "O Canada," "Stilly Night," "Two Johns" and "You Bet Your Life" by Rev. J. D. Morrow.

The chair was taken by Mr. D. V. Sinclair, who expressed his great pleasure in presiding at the second of the recruiting meetings and the farewell gathering. The citizens had assembled to say goodbye on the eve of the departure for Ottawa. It is the call of duty they have heard. "We regret their removal," said Mr. Sinclair, but we trust it is in the interests of the Militia of Canada.

The chairman referred to the message that had just arrived that Lt. David Ketcheson, son of Mayor Ketcheson, had been seriously wounded. "We extend to Mayor Ketcheson the sympathy of the citizens of Belleville. Few men have been so honored as to have three sons in khaki. Our prayers are out that his son David may recover."

Mr. Sinclair read the following message from Mayor Ketcheson:—
To Lieut. Col. Scobell,
Officer commanding 235th Batt.,
City.

Dear Col. Scobell:—On behalf of the City Council and all the citizens of Belleville, and myself personally, I desire to express the regret we all feel at parting from the officers and men of your splendid battalion.

You have been living amongst us for several months and we have learned to respect and honor you. The conduct of your men has been most exemplary. They are gentlemen and soldiers and we know that whatever duty may call them they will give a good account of themselves.

We wish you God speed and a safe return, and trust that after this unhappy war in which we are engaged is over, we may be able to welcome you back here again.

Yours sincerely,
H. F. Ketcheson,
Mayor.

Captain Stewart, the first speaker, said:—

"We all feel sorry to leave you. When I say that I speak for all those who lived among you. I was so privileged, but was engaged in that lively congenial work—recruiting. I was burdened with the number of recruits offering. I see almost a half company of young men in the gallery. May they offer to take the place of the Mayor's son! The German is not yet beaten. Hard times are coming. But the young men who do not enlist now may be too late, not to save the Empire, for it will never go down, but to do their part in this war of liberty."

"We have the money, the material, the men who can break the line, but I fear we have not yet the men who will go ahead. The Empire has a big job ahead of it. We must show the world that we are not a defaulting nation. All we want, to make good our promise, is 100,000 men. What is the matter with the young Canadian? We are perhaps too prosperous. Young men of wealth play cards or pool in the middle of the day. There is only one place for the boy of today—in the Canadian or British army. It looks as if we have just to fold up the flag and wait for the Government to put in force conscription. If the young men under the drill of the Militia Act do not volunteer, there only is conscription. Recruits offering are not one tenth of our men still not in khaki. He struck the hands of the people—the older men and the women. If the storekeeper employs a physically fit young man, the women can refuse to be served by him. Don't buy a rib-lane from Willie Smith when a girl can serve you. I ask you older men and ladies—the job is up to you."

"In leaving Belleville the Colonel is sorry to leave you. You join up, young man. Get in. If you want to help us save the Government at Ottawa, enlist tonight. If sacrifice of the men in France to that not join the 254th or some other sacrifice made on the first Good Friday branch of the service."

Captain Stewart closed with an appeal to the public to see that the foundations of the greater Canada-to-be were truly laid.

As Col. Scobell arose to speak, the audience arose and cheered the Commanding Officer.

"Ladies and gentlemen, you are only making it so much harder for me," said the Colonel. "I never like saying goodbye. We came as strangers and you took us in. We have spent four happy months here. The people have been so kind. The Khaki Club has done great work for the pleasure of the men. People of Belleville can scarcely realize the work the Club is doing. Our men, some of them, came from afar, and it means a great deal to have a home in the Khaki Club. Tomorrow we are leaving for Ottawa and expect to be there only seven weeks. We have only six weeks more of training for overseas. Remember wherever we go, we shall always remember you and we shall hope to return again to tell you that we have not forgotten your kindness."

"Every officer in this battalion has made up his mind that he will go overseas if he has to reduce to rank of lieutenant. (Cheers)."

"There are young men walking the streets of Belleville in civilian clothes who do a great deal more harm than the soldiers. We regret we are not taking more of your young men. I urge them at once to join the 254th Battalion."

"You know perhaps there has been friction between the 254th and the 235th, I'm sorry to say. But not by anything we have done. We came here under orders from the government and were the only battalion here. Another battalion was authorized. But we were your battalion. The 254th wanted to wipe us off the face of the earth. But we bear them no grudge. We shall, we hope, meet them in France and expect to fight side by side."

"If the young men in Belleville could see the men in the trenches, there would not be a young man out of khaki. The Colonel said the feelings of the boys at the front towards the men at home were inexpressible. These soldiers will return and will own Canada for they have fought for it."

"This war is not over. I would not be surprised if this war lasted one, two, three or four years more. We cannot tonight say 'Britannia Rules the Waves' for she does not. Two million tons of British shipping has been sunk in four months."

"If I have to lay down my life for the Empire and my Country, thank God, I'm ready. Young men, for your own sake get into khaki, and do your share by the men in the trenches."

Captain McLean, recalled saying at a previous meeting, "Here we have no continuing City. We were here for keeps until we went overseas." He thanked the citizens for cooperation at the recruiting meeting.

He had never said an uncharitable thing, but sometimes feelings arise in red blooded men when we see young men making these meetings places of amusement, without feeling a tinge of conscience.

"How can a man be so base as to let another go in his place?"

"You have a few slackers among you, but outside of these I think you are the finest body of citizens I ever lived among." The Captain praised the patriotic spirit of the city for its patriotic fund campaign, its turnouts to returned soldiers. "I wish you all farewell and after the war is over, we hope the 235th may have the opportunity of coming back again and greeting you by the hand to show that the bond of friendship is still unbroken. On behalf of the officers I say we shall do our best for the men when you have taken an interest in and help them to do their duty."

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The Archdeacon declared this was the first meeting he had attended because of the time when they were held Sunday evenings. A strictly recruiting meeting was all right, but if the audience was held by variety shows and concerts it was wrong. He urged the citizens of Belleville to discountenance anything that was not truly patriotic on the Lord's Day. He had accepted Col. Scobell's invitation, and found that the meeting was conducted on lines befitting the Sabbath and the need of the hour. He had himself tried to become chaplain of the 29th and 80th and other units but had not succeeded. He felt almost sorry for every man in Khaki. Addressing the men of the 235th he said:—"We have had regiments here before you, but I don't think we have had a battalion who have acted more like gentlemen than you have. That is the greatest praise I can give you." The Archdeacon then prayed for the officers and men, the band played "God Save the King" and "Auld Lang Syne."

POTATOES WERE HIGH PRICED

Egg Market Much Weaker—Butter Stationary—Big Offerings in Hall—Flowers in Profusion.

Four dollars and upwards for potatoes by the bag was Saturday's demand by the farmers, who brought the spud to market. Several farmers had fair sized loads which they disposed of at this price.

Chickens are still high, \$1 each, upwards. A twelve-pound pair sold at \$3. One pair was offered at \$3.25. Eggs have taken a fall. The long-looked for drop has arrived. Dealers are paying forty cents per dozen. At the market early, the egg price ranged 48c. A slump followed and some were dealt in at 45c. Dealers sell at 42c.

Butter is still unchanged, 13c to 14c, being the price. Lard is selling freely at 25c per pound.

Quite a few loads of hay were offered at \$9.50 and \$10, some of this came from the Reserve in Tyndenna and some from Big Island. Baled hay remains unchanged in price.

Beef hindquarters are whole-saling at 13c to 14c. Veal is quoted at 14c by the calf wholesale and is retailing at 18c to 20c. Lamb is very scarce and high as 25c. Mutton is offering at 17c wholesale.

Shipping prices for hogs will be around \$14.75 per cwt. Dressed hogs are worth \$18 wholesale. Weakness continues in hides, the markets affecting both light and heavy varieties. Previously the weakness extended only to heavy hides, but the recent prohibition of importation to Britain has struck the light hide market adversely. Beef hides are quoted at 15c, veals 20c, deakins \$1.25 to \$1.50.

Wheat is a little higher at \$1.70, wholesale, oats are sold at 65c to 70c and barley \$1 to \$1.05.

Apples are quite plentiful at 20c and upwards per peck. Mr. Givins' flower market was a scene of beauty. Prices are as follows: roses \$2 per doz., carnations 75c dozen, tulips 40c doz., daffodils 40c doz., violets 3c doz. bunches for 20c, pot plants, tulips, hyacinths, and daffodils 25c by the pot.

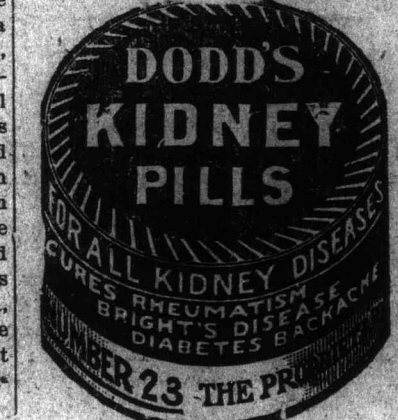
LT. KETCHESON SERIOUSLY ILL

Machine Gun Officer, Who was Wounded on Feb. 22nd is in Dangerous Condition.

Lieut. David Vandervort Ketcheson, son of Mayor Ketcheson, is very ill, according to a message received on Sunday, which stated: "Wounded, dangerously ill, 24th General Hospital, may be visited. Will send further particulars when received."

It was on Feb. 28th that Mayor Ketcheson received a notice that his son was wounded on Feb. 22nd. Another message two days later announced that "his wounds were gunshot wounds in the right arm and back."

The citizens will await with deep interest further information.



DR. E. D. HARRISON HAS PASSED AWAY

Well Known Madoc Physician Succumbs to Prolonged Illness.

Dr. Edgar D. Harrison, one of the most successful and widely known physicians of the County of Hastings, passed away at his home in Madoc at an early hour yesterday morning after a prolonged illness due to arterio-sclerosis.

Deceased was the elder son of Benjamin Harrison, and was born near Glenora, Prince Edward County, fifty-one years ago. He graduated as a teacher from Picton Collegiate Institute and from the Ottawa Normal school. After teaching for a time in his native county he secured the principalship of Moira public school in the township of Huntingdon, where he remained for three years. Here he met and married his wife (nee Frances Bird). After his marriage he took a course in medicine at Queen's University from which institution he graduated in 1894. He immediately began practice in Madoc village and there he remained up to the time of his death. He was remarkably successful right from the beginning and soon had a practice that taxed his energies to the utmost. As the years went by the severe strain of an exhaustive general practice, largely in the country districts, told upon his constitution and over a year ago his health began to fail. After that he was compelled to relinquish all but his office work and this he continued to do until two weeks ago.

He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Luella. The latter is now pursuing an arts course at Toronto University. He is also survived by his aged father and one brother, Benjamin, and one sister, Luella, all of whom are resident in the United States.

Deceased was a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellows' fraternities. The funeral will take place at Madoc tomorrow afternoon, under Masonic auspices. He was in religion a Methodist and in politics a Liberal. He served several terms in Madoc council and also on the school board.

To all his tasks Dr. Harrison brought the resources of a singularly gifted and brilliant mind. He never thought of sparing himself in his arduous work and never neglected his patients. His success was quite as much due to his thoroughness as to his unusual skill. To the families in his large clientele he was a personal friend and counsellor and all of these will learn of his premature passing with deepest regret.

In the death of Dr. Harrison the medical profession of this district has lost one of its brightest practitioners, and the county has lost one of its most estimable and respected citizens.

CAPT. J. BONAR PASSED AWAY

One-Time Owner and Captain of Well Known Tug—Burial Here.

The remains of the late Captain John Bonar, who died at Coburg at the age of 83 years, will arrive in Belleville tomorrow at noon by C.N. O.R., and be taken to Belleville cemetery vault until interment in the spring.

Capt. Bonar was one of the prominent men in Belleville over a generation ago. He was a sailor, being owner and captain of the tug Eliza Bonar. He leaves a son and daughter. He was a leading curler of the old curling club and was a member of the Orange Order. In religion he was a Presbyterian.

ISAAC JOHN NEWTON

Isaac John Newton, 46 Hill Crest Ave., passed away on Sunday after an illness extending over the past two months. Born in Sherbrooke, Quebec, in 1858, he was a son of the late John Newton. For 35 years he had been a resident of Belleville, where he followed the occupation of machinist. He was a member of St. Thomas' church and of Belleville Lodge No. 81, I.O.O.F. Besides his widow, he leaves two sons, Harold of the 1st Brigade, 2nd Battery, C.F.A. and Rodney, who is a prisoner of war in Germany, and one daughter, Mrs. R. A. F. Eady, of this city. The death of Mr. Newton is deeply regretted by a very large circle of friends.

REV. A. H. DRUMM RESIGNS
The Rev. A. H. Drumm, of Bowmanville, formerly of John Street, Belleville, has resigned the pastorate of St. Paul's. His resignation was accepted.

FAREWELL TO 235TH BATTALION

C.N.O.R. Depot Crowded as Soldier Boys Left for Ottawa This Morning.

The 235th battalion is now speeding on its way to Ottawa followed by the best wishes of twelve thousand friends whom they have left in Belleville. In spite of the adverse weather conditions the C.N.O.R. depot was crowded from nine-thirty until after 11 o'clock while the soldiers waited to entrain. The train arrived about 10.30 with the Cobourg Company aboard and the men marched from the barracks and entrained at the east end. After the freight cars containing the battalion's equipment had been attached, the train backed down to the station and the time then came to say good bye. Amid cheers the train pulled out to the east bearing the boys of the 235th who leave many friends in the city.

FARRIER CRETNEY WRITES HOME

Belleville Soldier Staying at French Chateau—Thinks Finish of War Will Come This Summer.

Mrs. James F. Cretney, Catharine Street, has received from her husband No. 113153, Farrier Cretney the following letter from the front. Farrier Cretney who formerly conducted a Blacksmith Shop on Coleman Street, is much missed in the city and his many former customers and friends will be glad to read these few lines:—

Feb. 6, 1917.
I received your letter two days ago. I have been writing quite regular. Some of your mail must have gone astray or to the bottom. Well I think the people will be deceived in their calculations as to the war lasting another two years. Even after the war is over I may have to stay over here for at least six months after peace is declared. We will be about the last to leave here. We are having our share of cold weather. I have been so busy sharpening and being alone. I am doing my bit, even if I don't go right into the trenches.

"We stayed one time at a Baron's Chateau, the Baroness gave the officers privilege to stay and weren't we glad; we pulled in the building. If they had not consented we should have to have stayed in the fields."

"I don't think I ever felt the cold so much in my life, snowing and freezing. It's been freezing ever since we stayed there for a few days. We are in an out of the way place at present. They say the Baroness was the prettiest lady for miles around. I did not see her though some of the boys said she was very pretty."

"Fred and John are attested to B 2 I don't know what it means, but I guess it's a working class. I hope I am over before their time comes around."

"George (Johnson) of the 21st Battalion and brother of Mrs. Cretney seems quite a changed boy. He speaks the better side of things. I am glad the vicar calls to see you. Perhaps we will be able to attend his services more regularly after the war is over. Yes, I'm getting a little Frenchy, but not saucy. You will be surprised where we have been since being over here. Things are not very brisk at present owing to the weather. It's so dreadfully cold. My hands and feet are just like ice at this moment. We are all wishing for the summer time and for the finish, which I expect will come this summer. No one knows the preparation there is for Fritz, as soon as the weather is favorable for it. He'll get just what they call hell. We are taking prisoners every night and they say they are sick of the war and their people are starving. The soldiers themselves are getting far less food than they were and they cannot fight on empty stomachs. Well, I must close for I am so cold, so I close now and wish you all goodnight and God bless you till we meet again. So an revoir."

Mr. Mac Robertson, managing director of Belleville Creamery, left on Friday for Truro, N.S. to take charge of a special course for creamerymen at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College which will last about two weeks.

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See the tables we have arranged consisting of many every day wants such as Cups and Saucers, Plates several sizes, Pickle Dishes, Sauce Dishes, Mustard Jar, Cream Jars and etc. etc. Your choice only 5c each. Another table 10c and 15c. Articles, many values on 1 worth double and three times the price asked everyone, great values.

Make a list of your wants, come down and replenish your stock while these low prices prevail.

BERNSTORFF WILL DISEMBARK AT COPENHAGEN
COPENHAGEN, March 6th.—Count Von Bernstorff and his party will not leave the Frederick VIII at a Norwegian port but will remain on board until the liner reaches Copenhagen.

ORDER GERMAN MERCHANTMEN OUT OF PORT
HONOLULU, March 6th.—German merchant steamers in this port were ordered today by the harbor commission to leave their piers and anchor outside the harbor.

SMALL POX IN BERLIN—VACCINATION COMPULSORY.
THE HAGUE, March 6th.—The outbreak of smallpox in Berlin and its immediate vicinity has induced the military authorities to order compulsory vaccination according to a telegram. Eighty cases have already been reported.

DUTCH CANNOT EXPORT BREAD TO HOLLAND
LONDON, March 6th.—The Dutch authorities according to despatches received today have been compelled to prohibit the exportation of bread to Belgium after Saturday next, owing to the shortage in Holland, caused by the German submarine war.

FATAL TONG WAR IN FRISCO
SAN FRANCISCO, March 6th.—Six Chinese are dead and many others are more or less seriously wounded as the result of a tong war which started in five Pacific Coast Cities yesterday. Two of the killings took place here, two in Stockton, one in Oakland and one in San Jose.

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