

Members of Eighteenth Decide To Secure Colors At Big Springbank Rally

The glorious memory of the 18th Battalion is to be preserved to posterity by a stand of colors which will soon be placed in St. Paul's Cathedral.

At a reunion and picnic of the veterans of this old battalion at Springbank Park, Saturday, it was decided unanimously to secure regimental flags to commemorate the brave deeds of performance by the unit on the field of battle.

Forty-three months the battalion served in France, uninspired by colors which it could call its own, for the 18th has the unenvied distinction of being the only battalion raised in London and Western Ontario which was not honored by a presentation of flags. The unit organized late in 1914, proceeded overseas early in 1915, before the people of London could reward it justly.

But the men who filled its ranks proved to the world that they could fight even though they had no regimental flag to defend. Their spirit was such that though the battalion entered the bitter struggle in September, 1915, it preserved its identity on the banks of the Rhine. Its ranks were kept intact at a terrible cost, however, for more than 5,000 men were required from time to time to fill the gaps caused by great sacrifices.

And now, though the battalion has been demobilized four years, the men still cling together. Although they have no standard around which to rally, they have held reunions annually since the war years, and so friendships and ties established during great trials have been preserved.

Such a gathering was held Saturday. From all parts of Western Ontario, to the number of 600, they and their wives and children came to spend an enjoyable afternoon in games and races, in recalling incidents of other years and in retelling old stories. It was following the supper, which was served from picnic baskets on long tables, that the meeting was held to decide whether or not colors should be secured. The matter was broached by Lt.-Col. C. M. R. Graham, who acted as chairman for the day. "It seems to me, fellows," he said, "that we of this battalion have a real grievance. No organization has seen fit to present colors to the 18th as a monument to the deeds accomplished, and as something by which our children will remember the part we played in the war."

Have No Colors. "Our children of 20 years hence will go into the churches of the city where the colors of every other battalion hang and they will say, 'History tells us that there was an 18th Battalion also, but we do not see its colors. What became of its flag? Did the Germans get it?'"

"Now I know that we can get colors. All that is needed is a resolution from you fellows that we want one."

Up Spoke H. R. Davidson. "I move that we ask for colors. We of the 18th feel that they should be presented to us. I feel that the 18th did its bit even more than some other battalions have done, so I think the least the city of London could do would be to present us with flags."

"I am a little sensitive about the mention of London," Col. Graham retorted, "for I am a citizen there. You must remember that the official headquarters for this battalion is not London, but Windsor. Lt.-Col. Widge beat us out. We tried to bring it here. In reality the 18th is only a reserve battalion for the Essex Battalion."

Others stated that the London colors felt London should provide them.

Motion Carried.

Col. Graham overruled them, however, by a statement that he thought that he knew where he could get them. The motion then carried amid cheer.

It was decided also that a monster reunion should be held next year on the Saturday before Civic Holiday. Each center in Western Ontario will be asked to organize so that the outing will be made the largest in the battalion's history. Each organization will be requested to make a contribution toward the expenses.

Results of organization were shown this year as far as London, Stratford and Guelph were concerned. Guelph sent some 35 men, 20 of whom were of the original base company which captured The Advertiser trophy during training days. This loyal company which still proudly boasts of its record, came from the Royal City by motor truck. Stratford sent 40 men, while there were representatives also from most every point in the peninsula, as well as Detroit.

The officers present were: Lieut.-Col. Graham, Capt. H. Dickinson, G. Thomas, M.C., and R. Shuttleworth, Lieut. J. C. Frith, M.M., H. Secord and S. L. Gunn, all of London. Unfortunately, Lieut.-Col. Widge, the original battalion commander, who was to speak, was unable to be present.

Feature Sports.

The sports were featured by a baseball game and a tug-of-war. In addition there were all the conventional races with some novelties. A team made up of visitors defeated a London team by a score of 9-7. As the score indicates the game was close, and it was replete with thrills and snappy playing.

The lineups were: Visitors—W. Callander, pitcher; D. Callander, catcher; H. Steenton, McCormick, G. Borland, R. Hall, O. Ziegler, H. Betts, George E. Emmert, F. Betts, Fairbanks and Dunn. London—Robertson, pitcher; W. Gray, catcher; H. Clark, M. H. Hoffman, G. Dickson, W. Ball, W. Stewart, C. Jackson, Rogers, A. Elliott and C. Clarke.

Umpires—H. Barnes and Geddes. London had little trouble in defeating Guelph at tug-of-war. Following were the teams:

London—C. Hesse, A. Thomas, D. Egan, H. Clarke, N. Jackson, M. Noble, A. Elliott, C. Clarke, E. Ball, W. K. Gray, C. P. Horton and C. Jackson. Guelph—J. Lamont, A. Webster, R. Ellis, H. Steenton, R. Mudge, W. Callander, C. Ziegler, W. Geddes, F. Mallon, H. Worlton, H. Peor and D. Callander.

Race Results. Following were the winners in the races:

Boys' race, Tuxford, Jackson, Morten; boys' race, Arthur, Snelgrove, Joseph Frith, Clifford Ball; boys' race, Charlie Jackson, Stanley Ball, Arthur Snelgrove; boys' race, William Jackson, Richard Tolhurst, Eddie Ball; girls' race, Kathleen Jackson, Margaret Solis, Dorothy Lech; girls' race, Georgia Martin, Jean Frith, Myrtle Martin; girls' race, Isabel Lindsay, Cora Matthews, Ada Clark; girls' race, Charlotte Grassick, Elith Ball, Florence Smith; young ladies' race, Irene Davis, Edith Ball; married ladies, Mrs. Pitt, Mrs. Sallas, Mrs. Egan; young men's, R. Smout, J. C. McCormick, C. P. Horton; married men's, R. W. Smith, R. G. Robertson and F. Frith; W. Saggah and M. Renwick; D. Egan and Mrs. Egan.

THIRTEEN ARE KILLED IN GERMAN RIOTING

Strike Disturbances Break Out in Various Parts of the Country.

Associated Press Despatch. Berlin, Aug. 12.—Provincial centers of Germany report that the high food prices and the scarcity of money are leading to serious trouble in many places. Thirteen persons have been killed and a number wounded in collisions between police and infuriated demonstrators at Neuruppe, near Breslau. At Glatz, Silesia, riots were suppressed easily, but at Novre, three were killed and forty were wounded when the police attempted to disperse crowds which were plundering the shops.

The strike movement in Berlin and elsewhere has taken a serious turn. Because of dismissal of workmen from shipyards and other industries at Stettin a general strike is expected there Monday. Lignite miners at Meuselwitz, near Cera, are on strike and all the mines and industrial works at Stassfurt, Saxony, are idle. A fight took place there between strikers and Nationalists, one man being killed. At Frankenhause, near Erfurt, looting of shops on a large scale is going on.

PRESIDENT WILL NOT PERMIT COAL STRIKE

Chairman of Coal Fact-Finding Commission Goes To Washington.

Associated Press Despatch. Gloucester, Mass., Aug. 12.—President Coolidge will not permit a coal strike, it was said here today after a conference between John Hays Hammond, chairman of the coal fact-finding commission, and Dr. George Otis Smith, a member of that commission, who had hurried to Mr. Hammond's Gloucester home after a conference with the president in Washington tonight.

Mr. Hammond announced after the conference that he would go to Washington to see President Coolidge on the coal situation either Tuesday or Wednesday. It was also announced that a day or so after that conference a joint meeting of anthracite mine operators and miners' officials would be held in New York.

THOUSANDS FROLIC AT PORT SATURDAY

Picnickers and Old Boys Enjoy Delightful Day's Outing At Lakeside.

Special to The Advertiser. Port Stanley, Aug. 12.—The only thing worth while at Port Stanley on Saturday was the lake, that is, if the spot where the masses congregate might be taken as the deciding factor. A thousand would cover the number of people on the hill, but those on the beach and in the lake were innumerable.

The L. & P. S. cafeteria was in great demand, and on the board walk, the flying boats, icees and soft drinks were the chief attractions. The canoes also were busy all day.

On Invererie Heights numerous small private picnics were held, including a reunion of Muskoka people who now reside near St. Thomas and London. About 60 people attended this annual outing, reaching Port Stanley in automobiles shortly after dinner.

The London Hosiery Mills, Ltd., held their picnic here on Saturday with 75 employees present. The chief feature was a ball game between the men and women, which very properly ended in favor of the weaker sex with a score of 12-10. Sports were held on the hill with the following results:

Shoe race—H. Greason, D. Parker, Back and forward race—McKeown and R. Tustin, K. Francis and L. Thompson.

Barney Google contest—J. Elsdon and C. Boyce, W. Clement and T. Brown. Coat race—L. St. Clair and W. Sugrue, A. Wilmott and E. Hardy.

Ball throwing—B. Wilkinson, I. St. Clair. Three-legged race—R. Tustin and J. Elsdon, M. Greason and W. Clement.

Ballon race—P. Francis, B. Wilkinson. Boys' 75 yards dash—W. Clement, C. Millman.

Relay race—C. Beal and B. Wilkinson. Girls' 50 yards dash—M. Greason, I. St. Clair.

Shoe race—W. Clement, J. Elsdon. Time race—L. Thompson, I. Kilby. Wheelbarrow race—J. Elsdon and D. Parker, R. Thompson and R. Prevost.

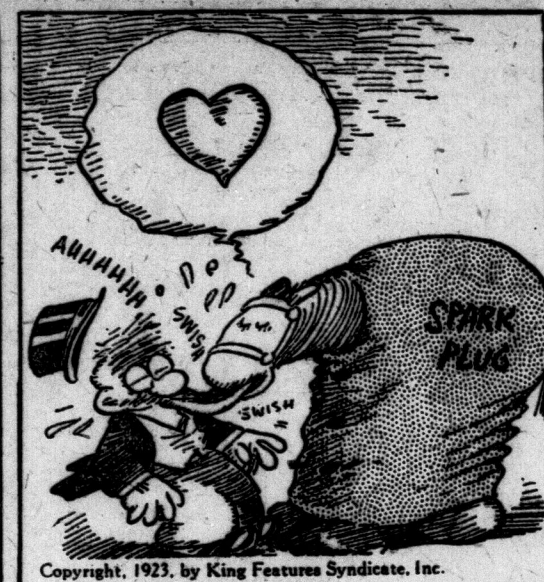
Needle contest—W. Sugrue, K. Gardener. Pie plate race—L. St. Clair, B. Wilkinson.

Elopement race—J. Elsdon and R. Tustin, W. Clement and M. Greason.

BARNEY GOOGLE.

Barney and Sparky Understand Each Other Perfectly.

BY BILLY DE BECK



MUTT AND JEFF.

Jeff's Druggist Must Be a Legalized Bootlegger.

BY BUD FISHER



REG'LAR FELLERS.

And That's Something to Laugh At.

BY GENE BYRNES



GAS BUGGIES—Transcontinental Tour

"It's Things Like This That Make Life Weary."

BY BECK



POLLY AND HER PALS

It Was Real Catty, After All.

BY CLIFF STERRETT



TOOTS AND CASPER

A Good Time At Casper's Expense.

BY JIMMY MURPHY

