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The Home-Coming Was Celebrated

Officers of the Fighting 26th Were Banquetted Saturday Night—General Macdonnell Speaks Highly of the New Brunswick Unit.

The home coming of the Fighting 26th Battalion was right royally celebrated Saturday night at a banquet in the clearing depot, Bank of Montreal building, given by the returned officers of the New Brunswick unit to the officers who had returned that morning.

Every seat available was occupied and the tables fairly groaned under the weight of delicacies which had been provided. It was a triumphal feast, the first reunion of members of the officers' mess, and paved the way for a celebration which it is hoped, will remain as an annual institution.

Major George Keefe presided with the assistance of Capt. R. Major, M. C. Brigadier-General Macdonnell, former commander of the brigade in which the 26th was a unit, Lieut-Col. J. L. McAvity, original commander of the 26th and Lieut-Col. W. R. Brown, D. S. O., who led the battalion into Germany.

A feast of reason and a flow of soul intermingled with the attentions accorded the inner man. Lieut. McC. Ritchie acted as toast master. "Our Departed Comrades" was the first toast, proposed by Major E. B. Hooper, first chaplain of the battalion, and responded to by the mess standing in reverent silence.

General Macdonnell in proposing the health of the 26th battalion, dwelt on the great assistance the New Brunswick boys had given him when in command of the fifth infantry brigade. He said the 26th Battalion had always been equal to any demand, and nothing he had required from it had ever been denied.

"The assistance rendered by the 26th Battalion," declared the general, "was equal to that of any Canadian battalion in the corps, and as a one-time commander of the fifth infantry brigade, of which you formed a part, I wish to add my

heartily praise and good wishes to the compliments you will receive from all quarters."

Lieut-Col. W. R. Brown, D. S. O., in replying to this toast, thanked General Macdonnell for his praise, and stated that it should never be overlooked that it was Brigadier-General Macdonnell who had put the fifth Canadian infantry on the map, through his brilliant work at the battle of Courcette. In looking over the splendid gathering of men, he regretted that a few faces, which had appeared so keen and happy on the return home, were missing from the reunion mess, but in the contest between love and duty, love had won, now that the war was over.

He heartily thanked the officers from the second in command to the most recent subaltern, for their loyalty at all times and their splendid services, which had made his position a most pleasant one and his labors comparatively easy.

Major Alexander (Sandy) McMillan, second in command, was the next speaker, and was greeted with loud shouts and cheers upon his arising. He spoke most feelingly of the splendid reception which had been accorded the returning men Saturday morning and stated that his pride in the city of St. John for the welcome, and for the men in and out of the ranks would be something to cherish for a lifetime.

"The Ladies" proposed by Major H. H. Smith, called forth many laudatory statements regarding the work of the women's organizations in New Brunswick, and St. John particularly was mentioned and drew forth rounds of applause.

Col. Brown mentioned how glad the officers were to have the original commander, Lieut-Col. McAvity, with them for the evening. Col. McAvity, he pointed out, was with the battalion during the worst winter in the experience of the unit, and though forced to return to his home, never lost interest in the men of his battalion, being ever ready with assistance of all kinds.

Major James Pringle, M. C., responded also to the toast to the battalion in his usual jovial manner and his remarks brought forth enthusiastic applause.

Lieut-Col. James L. McAvity was greeted with vociferous applause and it was some time before he could be heard. He told how glad he was to be with his battalion again, and how proud he was to sit at officers' mess

with the many who had formed the board in the early days of the battalion.

Major Walter Lawson, M. C., responded to the toast to the ladies in his own happy vein, confining himself to humorous anecdotes regarding his fellow officers, making repeated witty hits which were received with roars of laughter.

Over 70 officers, including originals who went right through with the battalion, originals who have returned at various times, and officers of other units who have been attached to the 26th battalion, were present, and all voted the affair one from which to date history.

Much credit is due the young ladies of the Y. W. P. A., who, under Miss Helen Church, were responsible for the artistic decoration of the banquet hall.

FUNERALS.

The funeral of George J. Dennison was held yesterday afternoon from the residence of his sister, Mrs. Johnston, St. Paul street. Service was conducted by Rev. D. J. MacPherson at 2:30 o'clock. Interment in Fernhill.

The funeral of Arthur M. Patterson, who died at New Glasgow, was held yesterday from the residence of his brother-in-law, W. H. White, 180 Douglas Avenue. Service at 2:30 conducted by Rev. Dr. D. Hutchinson. Music was supplied by the quartette from the Main street Baptist church. Interment was made in Fernhill.

The funeral of Miss Edith McCann was held at 2:30 yesterday afternoon from 61 Erin street to the Cathedral, where service was conducted by Rev. A. P. Allen. Relatives acted as pallbearers and a large number of epistolary and floral offerings testified to the esteem in which the deceased was held. Interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery.

The funeral of Miss Grace Humphrey was held yesterday afternoon from her late residence, Duke street, west. Service was conducted at 2:30 by Rev. W. R. Robinson. Music was made in Greenwood.

The funeral of William Harrison took place Saturday afternoon from his residence, 229 Waterloo street. Service was conducted by Rev. R. T. McKim and interment was made in Fernhill. Longshoremen marched in a body to the house.

The funeral of David Charles Willis, son of David and Emeline Willis, took place Saturday afternoon from his parents' residence, Charlotte street. Interment was made in Cedar Hill.

On The Road To Home Sweet Home

Many Questions Asked by the Soldiers on Their Journey from Halifax to St. John—It Proved a Tiresome Trip.

"What does St. John look like now?" "What time will we get in?" "This train is as slow as the snail-trains in Belgium."

"How much does a suit of civies cost now?" "Wonder who has my old job now?" "Say, do my folks know I'm coming home?"

These are but a few of the questions passed out to the Y. M. C. A. and the local men who travelled from Halifax to St. John on the trains which brought the 2nd D. A. C. and the Fighting 26th.

All through the night as the train rolled on slowly, stopped, was side-tracked, shunted on to the main line, rolled on again, and then repeated the performance, the men were feverishly anxious for more speed and making all preparations for the entrance into St. John.

The first train, which got away from Halifax at 9:20 p. m., contained the staff officers and men of the first section, divisional ammunition column and twelve officers and E-company, the supply of the 26th battalion. This train also carried the military party which went down from the city to meet the battalion and the representatives of the Returned Soldiers' Aid commission.

The second train, which left at 9:50 p. m., was the tenth troop train to pull out from Halifax since midday and of course was short of sleeping accommodations. Sleep was rather out of the question, anyway, for most of the officers spent the night reading and speculating what their home-coming would be like. The men, mostly, were tired and the electric railway task of polishing buttons and cleaning up in anticipation of the parade in the morning.

Progress along the line was slow for the eleven cars, with nearly six hundred troops was a heavy load for light engine and at various points the troop train was side-tracked, while the boys tuned and chafed at the delay.

"Every rail snorter has the bulge on a troop train," they remarked, "and we are the frequent delay."

Step finally closed many tired eyes. When the majority awoke shortly before seven o'clock, the question was "When was we pass Moncton?" Every one professed ignorance of the matter, which was cleared up by the train making a ten-minute halt at the next station, where the train was delayed for some time. The delay was due to the fact that the locomotive of the last train was given one of the reasons for delay, but the boys were concerned chiefly with the fact that night sleep progress was being made, and many threatened to get out and walk.

Added to the tiresome delay, the boys had to contend with hunger, for many of them had had but a light meal at six o'clock Friday night and were fortified with only water, an occasional bottle of pop and the chocolate bars supplied by the Red Triangle man.

Along the route the boys cheered and were cheered by the men going to work, the housewives in the houses near the railway line, the children who rushed out to see the train go by and the farmers who were working their fields along the way.

Nearing Moncton an interesting touch was given to the journey by an aged man, veteran of the Peninsular War, who stood at his garden gate with a large flag in his hand and gave the boys a military salute as they passed by.

Moncton, reached shortly after ten o'clock, was the first appreciable break. Here, due to the thoughtfulness of the Red Cross Society and the train officials, the men were provided with generously thick sandwiches and hot tea and coffee. The first substantial bite they had had since the evening before, the boys surely did do justice to the short time they had to patronize the counter and the departure of the train was the scene of wild exchanges of coffee cups and a general tableau of tongues holding on to the windows and platform rails with one hand and waving a partly demolished sandwich in the other.

At Moncton there were many happy reunions. One brave private in particular, shot bodily out of the car window into the waiting arms of his wife and family and a shout from his bunkie brought his kit following him. He did not come to St. John.

Each man, at Moncton, was given a printed sheet of welcome, signed by the mayor and aldermen and there was generous cheering when the train pulled in and when it departed.

At Sussex the station was gaily decorated and the boys were given a rousing welcome. Cheers, the blare of horns and the waving of flags made the short stop at the military town one of the most interesting of the trip home.

In due course, but not too soon to please the Tommies, the information was given "Next stop in St. John, better get your kits prepared; only three miles to go." "All right, boys, we're right with you there," was the reply, as the boys prepared for the beginning of the end of their last march as a battalion.

OBITUARY

Joseph R. Lawson.
The death at Watertown, Mass., of Joseph R. Lawson is announced after a short illness of pneumonia. The deceased is a son of the late Rev. J. R. Lawson of Barnesville, N. B., and besides a loving wife and two young sons, leaves seven children to mourn. The sisters are Mrs. J. B. Williamson of Cambridge, Mass., Mrs. A. J. Millican, Arlington, Mass., Mrs. T. B. Pollock, Boston, Mass., Mrs. Arthur Rankin, Fairfield, N. B., Mrs. Robert Millican, Burlington, Mass., Mrs. John H. Duncan and Mrs. George T. Willis, both of St. John.

William D. Bailey.
Special to The Standard.
Frederick, May 15.—The death of

Loyalist Day Was Honored At Trinity Church

Canon Armstrong Preached at Both Morning and Evening Services, Reminding Citizens of the 131st Anniversary of the Landing of the Loyalists.

Special services in honor of Loyalist Day were held at Trinity Church yesterday, both morning and evening. The rector, Canon Armstrong, was the preacher and in the morning took for his text Deuteronomy 33-16, dwelling on the strong sense of religion possessed by the Loyalists and how they both "feared God and honored the King."

Special music was rendered by the choir. Members of the Loyalist Society attended the evening services. In the evening the text was from the 16th Chapter of 1st Samuel, verse 24, "And all the people shouted and said 'God Save the King.'"

"This is," Canon Armstrong said, "not only the 131st anniversary of the landing of the Loyalists but the 134th anniversary of the incorporation by royal charter of the City of St. John, the first city to be so incorporated outside the British Isles. We are thus the oldest city of the British Empire overseas and as citizens should remember this. The next city was not incorporated until nearly fifty years later. The first mayor, Colonel Ludlow, was also a member of Trinity church, and in the old Trinity there was a tablet to his memory bearing the inscription, 'He was a truly good man.' It is hoped that some day the fathers of the city will unite with the Loyalist Society to restore this tablet."

For the benefit of strangers to St. John Canon Armstrong told that the chimes of Trinity are a civic memorial to the Loyalists and the great bell is thus named: "In memory of the Loyalist, faithful alike to God and King."

The preacher then dwelt briefly on the history of the period saying that all admitted that the King of that time was wrong as he was acting strictly against British principles.

"The Loyalists whose loyal souls would not permit them to give up their right to be a part of the loved motherland and who remained true to their King. 'It is a grand thing,' said Canon Armstrong, 'to stand up for your rights but at times it is a far greater thing to forego your rights and take up your privileges.'"

It is our place to rejoice with pride and it is a joyful thing to see that the principal of loyalty held away in our own day. The colonies did not ask how little they could do in defence of the motherland but 'How much can we do?' and hastened to her assistance.

By their lives far more than by their voices the cry of the Loyalists, "God save the King," can be heard today. The echoes must have rung around the rafters of old Trinity church and though those echoes have died away never did and down to the last generation St. John will praise this devotion to principle.

The Loyalists were right in following the scripture and coupling with their fear of God their honor of the King. The preacher then gave a number of reasons why the British throne endured and why there was a confidence in our monarchy when others turned to the ground. He quoted Churchill who said: "It is the most ancient and most firmly rooted in the affections of its people," and showed how the Kingship of England was established firmly from the most early times. "King" comes from an Anglo-Saxon word meaning both king and head of the family or folk and thus the King is the centre of the family and in being true to him we are being true to our homes. The way in which King George had lived up to the precisely meaning of his title, "the Lord's anointed," was referred to, illustrating how he had lived in time of trouble and fasting in time of trouble and in victory had proclaimed a general thanksgiving to God, giving to Him the praise and honor.

George's partakes of the characteristics of the British race and that race gave democracy to the world. The British race which has more liberty than others and upholds a republic with a head who is a king.

Canon Armstrong said he hoped that never would the words "King by the Grace of God, Defender of the Faith," be taken from our coins. After an interesting description of the peculiar characteristics of the monarch and its apian representatives, the sermon ended with a reminder that we must follow our king in penitence and prayer and in giving our lives to God. "We have a great heritage from our fathers which we must pass on. He who helps to establish the Kingdom of God and His Christ in his heart is rendering the greatest service to his country that any man can give."

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