

INTERESTING LETTERS FROM BRANTFORD BOYS NOW WITH CANADA'S FIRST CONTINGENT

The Courier is in receipt of the following letters written from Salisbury Plains, where the Canadian contingent is encamped.

(By Reg. W. Teeple.)
After twenty-one days of the most delightful weather imaginable the First Canadian Contingent transports and escorts dropped anchor in Devonport harbor, Wednesday, Oct. 4, amid cheers and the blowing of whistles. Hundreds gathered on the wharves and kept up the noisy welcome for some time. The troops who like to cheer on general principles, relieved their pent-up feelings in no mean manner, but were certainly disappointed at not being able to land at once. It was truly a glad-some sight when the shores of Old England first came to view, and some of the eyes were indeed misty as many of the boys had not seen their native land for years, but are now returning prepared to give the best that is in them for the honor of the Grand Old Flag.

At about 10.30 on the night of Sept. 24th, the word passed from tent to tent in Valcarier camp that final orders had been received at headquarters for the troops to move; before that tented city, a few moments of quietness became a maze of light and activity, beggars descriptions. The old timers, seasoned veterans, who had been through many campaigns tumbled out beside recruits, only partially dressed, in their eagerness to ascertain if the news be passed down the line, while shouts, cheers and caps fought for places in the air. Non-coms hurried here and there, issuing their superior's command to be prepared to entrain at 6 o'clock in the morning. Immediately the men fell to the task of arranging and packing their kits, which was by no means simple as the rain was falling in torrents, making it necessary for all work to be executed within the tents, and most of the tents contained from ten to twelve men. The entire scene looked to be one of utter confusion, but in reality every moment counted, and in an incredibly short space of time all were in readiness and with kits for pillows rolled in their blankets, went off to sleep, or tried to, but many imaginary battles were fought in the minds of the boys that night. The morning of Sept 25th (Friday), broke with heavy clouds overhead, but rain had ceased to fall. The entire camp was a scene of

activity upon the sound of reveille, which sounded at 4 o'clock. A hurried rush was made for cook tents and rations were dished out and disappeared with equal rapidity. Bugles sounded the assemble and fall in, and the various companies lined up, first on their private parade grounds from whence they were marched to the general parade grounds where a general inspection was made before the men were marched to the trains which awaited them about five mile distant. Everything proceeded with utmost despatch. Good humor and the best of order prevailed, the boys singing and cheering as they entrained. A run of an hour brought us to Quebec city, where in a remarkably short time the men were aboard the boats which had been docked for several days awaiting their arrival. The camp had been divided into sections, and the company to which I am attached formed a portion of the 1st Brigade, consequently we were aboard in a short time and in possession of our bunks. Kits were unpacked and due preparations made for the voyage. A number of the boys "broke lines" against orders and made for refreshment booths of various kinds, but were soon rounded up by a detail made for the purpose, and as a result many done extra "fatigue" duty, such as scrubbing decks, etc. The "Laurentic" which was the boat we had the good fortune to make passage in, is considered one of the best and speediest of the entire fleet, and everything within the bounds of possibility was done for the comfort of the boys. A number of the crew were S. A. veterans, and many of them will enlist in their old regiments for a second time again, as the transports will now be used for the carrying of foodstuffs, etc. Too much thanks cannot be extended to Mr. Harry Pritchard, Chief Steward, and Mr. Hughes, second steward, whom the boys swear by. Their cameras and rather extensive library were at the service of all and his kindness was surely taken advantage of. There was little or no drill aboard ship owing to lack of space, but physical exercises were always indulged in for a couple of hours each day, beside fire and life-boat drills. The two latter came at an unexpected time, both day and night, but were enjoyed for all that. The "dry canteen" aboard, though open for a few hours each day, did not do much business at the usual top-notch prices. From the commencement of the voyage it was a matter of conjecture as to our objective point, but as we were sailing under sealed orders no one knew; however many opinions were advanced. It was not until we were almost within sight of land that the news was bulletined, which tended to satisfy the curiosity of the men. The entire trip was one of the most delightful imaginable. Out of the entire 22 days aboard ship, from leaving Quebec until anchoring at Devonport, there were all but one day, during the morning of Thursday, Oct. 8, the wind blew a slight gale, which had a tendency to cause some of the boys to seek refuge in their bunks, but they quickly became quite fit again with the return of fine weather. The Laurentic travelled at slow speed out of Quebec and proceeded to the mouth of the St. Lawrence river, where anchor was dropped on the morning of Saturday, Sept. 26. Here she was joined by five other transports and two cruisers. All during the day supplies were busily engaged unloading their cargoes of the transports.

This was due, owing to the lack of room at the Quebec docks for any large number of boats. The next stop was made at Cape Breton, where we anchored Sunday morning. Here eight more transports joined the little fleet, amid the cheers of the men already on the scene. In single column, the boats proceeded at 4 p.m. the same day, the objective point being Gaspe Bay, where anchor was dropped Wednesday, Sept. 30. The fleet lay in Gaspe Bay four days, during which time all the boats were painted a dark gray, making them as nearly as possible the color of the water. As the weather was fine and duties light the men enjoyed the novelty of jelly fishing while in the bay, and found it difficult but exciting sport. During the wait in Gaspe Bay transports and cruisers arrived daily, until in all, 32 transports, 3 cruisers, and 2 battle-ships were fleet together. It was certainly a magnificent sight and one to be long remembered. Pennants flew, bugles sounded and amid loud cheers the signal was given and anchors were raised at 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3. The fleet was at last on its way to England, and everyone was in high good humor. The trip was made without a mishap other than a man falling overboard off the top deck of the Royal George. The water was quite calm, and as boats were quickly lowered, he was rescued without difficulty. Boxmats and musical concerts helped the boys to put in the time. There were a number of excellent musicians aboard, whose services were gratefully in demand. On Wednesday, Oct. 14, land was sighted at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and at 6 o'clock anchor was dropped in Devonport harbor. Where we will be sent on landing, is yet unknown, generally, but it is rumored the troops will be sent on at once to Salisbury Plains.

spare time to pass the time away. Up to the present we have had a pretty good trip. It has been a bit rough and there has been a heavy swell on the boat, but it has not worried me at all. Harry has been sea sick, but he is pretty lively, as have the other fellows. I don't let anyone be miserable. He is better to-night and I think he has gone to the concert which they are holding below. We are getting a bit of fun to see the fellows jump out of the ranks and stick their head over the side. We have all got our regimental number now and when you write don't forget to put the number on the envelope, as that would find me as soon as anything. Our boats are all within sight of one another, and we had quite a bit of excitement the other day when one of the men from the Royal Edward fell overboard. The whole line stopped almost at once, and a boat from the Lapland picked him up. We are at present just about half way across, and we expect to land about next Thursday. We are living well on board here and we shall be sorry to go ashore and live on the old rickety and spud with the jackets on. I hope you got the letters alright which I sent from the boat, and I hope you did not have to pay for the letter which had not got a stamp on. Just as we were leaving Gaspe Bay we had a bag of mail come aboard and I had six letters out to you. Saturday, Oct. 10.

We don't know where we are going yet, but we still keep logging, and it is getting much warmer. It is getting monotonous now. We have been on board fifteen days and we are longing to stretch our legs on dry land again. This boat is only made to carry about 200 troops aboard, besides the crew, so there is not much room for rowing marches. Every day as we go through the water we have had a washing day to-day. I had to take my wash down and we were allotted one hour to do the washing for the whole section of 20 men and no more than 3 could get into the washhouse at a time so you can see that it was quite a picnic. I got a fellow in my section to do mine and he earned all the got out of it. We have got a Dreadnaught and a large armoured cruiser with us, besides our regular escort. Monday, Oct. 12th.

In pleasure steamers, it makes us long all the more to get ashore. We were kept like prisoners at Valcarier and then straight aboard the boat, and we have been here over three weeks, making altogether two months that we have been away from civilization, so you can see that we have got good grounds to be fed up with the Canadian system, but things will be better when we get on shore here. Most of the ships have been allowing men to go ashore, but they won't allow any from this ship. This afternoon five sergeants and about fifteen officers were allowed to go to buy tobacco and cigarettes for the men, as we have run out of both tobacco and matches. Some of the seamen managed to get some woodlines and sold them at 3 packets for 25 cents and matches at 10 cents a box, so you can see that the men have been pretty short. I have dropped a line to you and if I can get any leave at all I shall go there to spend it if she can run out of the Lapland and pick me up. We are at present just about half way across, and we expect to reach our destination, but for the present you can write to the address which I have put on the top. (Tell Bill Sever that we have got a color guard now, and I don't know if he is a relation to Singler McHenry. Remember me to all. We are both in good health and spirits and looking forward to landing in Merry England in a few more days. I am trying to get ashore to-morrow, as I hear that another batch of sergeants are going, so I will try and post this Good-bye letter for the present. Write soon. I remain, Your loving son, BERT.

Social and Personal
The Courier is always pleased to use items of personal interest. Phone 276.

Charles Arrowsmith of Montreal is to-day visiting city friends.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Whitehead were visiting yesterday in the city.

A. W. Cliffe of London, England, is spending a few days in the city.

R. G. Beatty of Buffalo, is spending the day in the city.

The members of the Ladies Bridge Club were entertained last night at the residence of Mrs. Frank Bishop.

Mrs. W. F. Newman will be at home every first and third Friday, at 11 Ontario street.

Miss Alice Coad leaves to-day for Saskatchewan where she will make her home permanently with her brother, Fred.

City News Items

MOURN THE LOSS.

Mr. and Mrs. Manougan of 154 1-2 Market street, mourn the loss of their infant son, Martin, who passed away last night. The funeral is taking place to Mount Hope cemetery this afternoon.

ENTITLED TO WHITE GLOVES.

Magistrate Livingston was due to receive a pair of white gloves this morning. He was to be heading the line. Everything declared the chief was quiet and there was nothing doing. The white gloves were not, however, forthcoming.

DR. HARTLEY WAS AT PLYMOUTH

He Describes How Canadian Troops Arrived—A Glorious Sight.

The following letter dated on board the Holland-American liner the New Amsterdam, from Dover, England, Oct. 15, has been received in the city from Dr. Charles Hartley. The doctor, who is a prominent dentist in Berlin, Germany, spent the summer in Brantford, where his parents here. A cable received last week announced his safe arrival in Berlin. Dover, England.

Nieuw Amsterdam, Oct. 15th, 1914
Can you imagine anything worse than being held in a port (Plymouth) for seven days, with nothing to do but walk the deck, within half a mile of a beautiful golf course with people playing on it every day, and not allowed to leave the ship. Such was my fate. I thought perhaps you would be interested to know that I saw the Canadian boys come into port. It was a glorious sight, ship after ship passed us. I was near enough to read the names of the following: Montreal, Carmania, Winnipeg, Magantic, Franconia, Royal Edward, Strathcona, Canada, Laurier, Royalties, Virginia, Lapland, Ivernia, Corinthian, Alauina. There were ten more, but I could not make out the names. They I counted five war vessels. Every few moments you could hear cheers from one or more of the boats. They seemed very enthusiastic about landing; the bands were playing "The Maple Leaf Forever."

Every ship is being examined. England is not allowing one atom of anything to go into Germany. While we were at Plymouth ship after ship was brought in and held. We left Plymouth yesterday and this morning we were held up here. We expect to land in Rotterdam this evening. This letter goes by Holland boat to New York and may take some time to reach you.

Thanking you and Mrs. Reville for your many kindnesses, I am,
Yours cordially,
CHAS. S. HARTLEY.

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Music and Drama

Excellent assortment is the vaudeville at the Grand Theatre this week. The turns are each in their way, clever, classy and amusing.

A second Mr. Hymask is J. V. Fitzgerald, who plays alone and unaided a comedy sketch in which there are some seven or eight characters. His quick change work is exceedingly smart and well done. While wondering at his ingenuity, we could not help smiling at the many amusing disguises so quickly discarded and resumed.

Downs and Comez presented a good turn of classical singer. Their principal feature was the excellent harmony of their voices, with the expression given was a true interpretation of his songs rendered.

Described as a crazy act, the Hoolligans in the railway scene, create fun in loads, and moreover, they keep it going from the start to the finish. For a hearty laugh, their show is worth while.

Supporting this bill are some photo films of great interest, including The Million Dollar Mystery.

Colonial Theatre.

Seething with interest, are the pictures at the Colonial Theatre for the beginning of this week. During the present time of the Great European crisis, Mr. Symonds has been fortunate in securing the exclusive right in Brantford for the use of one of the finest war productions turned out by the Universal Film Company. These photo plays are each different stories of the war, each having a deep human interest and give a good descriptive idea of the war area. Among the films now displayed are, Emmeshed by Fate and the House Discovered, both by Victor productions. Besides these there are other films which include a smart comedy play, Brother Against Brother is to be the attraction for Wednesday and Thursday. It is an exciting tale of a race for life in the city of Rome.

AT THE GEM

Gustave Geffray's famous novel, acted by the famous Players' Co. of France, for first half of this week, should play to capacity houses at the Gem Theatre, as it is one of the costliest photo plays of the present time. This is no faked picture, supposed to be of the present war, but one that has been carefully thought out; cleverly acted to give some idea of what war really means. The destruction of a whole city by fire is one of the many thrilling scenes of this masterpiece. The whole story in three parts is so wonderfully portrayed that the picture takes on a life-like appearance which appeals to the human sympathies and for the time being you almost forget it is only a special feature of the programme.

ADJOURNED INQUEST

No Evidence Was Taken Last Night Concerning Death of Lee Duck.

The inquest into the circumstances surrounding the Chinese murder mystery was adjourned last night for two weeks. Not a witness was called and not a scrap of evidence taken. Coroner Fissette lined up his jurymen at 8 o'clock sharp and announced that as Lee Yoo was not able to be present, it would be advisable to adjourn the inquest until his presence could be had. At the moment Lee Yoo was in far too weak a state to suffer removal from the hospital and were he brought out into the cold he might develop pneumonia. All the witnesses were not present, and therefore, he deemed it advisable to adjourn. Detective Chapman then read the proclamation of adjournment for two weeks and the jurymen disbanded.

BIG ARMY CONTRACTS

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 3.—Contracts for an aggregate for a \$10,000,000 worth of harness for the British army, part of a \$6,000,000 order placed with a firm in South Bend, Ind., were submitted to five saddlery manufacturing companies of St. Louis yesterday. The entire order is for 20,000 sets of six horse harness. A saddle is required for every other horse. The equipment therefore will be comprised of 90,000 saddles and 120,000 harnesses. The hardware for the harness is to be furnished by firms in Canada and England. The St. Louis firms will be allowed twenty weeks in which to fill their part of the order.

Mickle Dymont Employees Made A Presentation

The employees of Mickle, Dymont & Son met last evening at six o'clock in the office of the firm, the occasion being the presentation of a gold wrist watch to one of their number, Mr. Gerald Vath, prior to his departure with the second active service contingent of the Dufferin Rifles. Mr. Amos Ion made the presentation, whilst Mr. E. Hunt made a most appropriate speech. Mr. Vath was greatly surprised, but made a suitable reply, and the gathering dispersed after giving three cheers for the soldier lad.

VERY SAD DEATH

A cablegram from Chili, South America, contains the news of the death of Charles Perry, son of George A. Chrysler, on Friday, October 30, 1914. He was in the employ of the Chili Exportation Co., as superintendent of their work at the Port of Topocopia, where an extensive power plant is being installed for their copper mines in the mountains. Particulars of his death are being forwarded by mail. Under the circumstances it is impossible for friends to get to the place or to get the remains away. The country is so disturbed by the war as to imperil life and property.

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