

THE VICTORIA CROSS.

The First One Presented by King Edward.

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(Montreal Star.) The first Victoria Cross to be presented to a member of the British Imperial Army, by His Majesty the King, is at present in the city.

It is worn by Sergt. Richardson of the Strathcona Horse, who reached Montreal today after an eventful transatlantic voyage, at the end of which he and his fellow passengers were detained at Grosse Ile by the Dominion health authorities for a period of three weeks, owing to an outbreak of smallpox on board the steamer.

Sergt. Richardson is staying at the Queen's hotel, and will leave for his home in the Canadian Northwest tomorrow. He accompanied the Strathcona Horse to England on its return from South Africa, but was prevented from continuing the journey to Canada with the rest of the regiment by the express command of the King, who wanted to present the Cross in person to the gallant trooper.

THE PRESENTATION.

The presentation took place at St. James' Palace, London, about eight weeks ago, and was the first ceremony of its kind that has occurred since the King's accession. His Majesty was accompanied on that occasion by a brilliant staff, including Lord Roberts, V. C., commander-in-chief of the British army, and a number of officers who had taken prominent parts in the war. The occasion was also graced by the presence of Her Majesty the Queen, Lady Roberts, Lord Strathcona, and certain of the ladies connected with the royal family.

HIS DEED OF BRAVERY.

In a conversation with a Star reporter this afternoon, Sergt. Richardson gave a brief and unwilling description of the deed for which the cross was given. The incident, he said, happened at Winterspruit on the 17th of July last year. On that occasion he was engaged with his regiment in an attack on the Boers, who were then occupying an ambushed position. When they opened fire at close range the order was given to retire. Sergt. Richardson, on his way to unload his magazine before complying with the order, and continued to pepper away. When the magazine was empty he turned to rejoin the rest of his troop, who were making for the kopie in the distance. On his way from the ground he noticed a fellow-trooper named MacArthur lying on the veldt near by, and on going over to him found that he had been wounded in the shoulder and hip, and that his injuries were such as to make it impossible for him to move. Although the fire from the Boer ambush was pretty hot and deadly at the time, Sergt. Richardson picked the injured man up and carried him across the fire zone to a place of safety.

WITNESSED BY COL. BIGGAR.

Meanwhile his troop had reached the kopie, from which position his action was witnessed by Col. Biggar, of the Imperial army, who at once reported the incident to Lord Roberts, with a recommendation that he be awarded the Victoria Cross.

Sergt. Richardson is justly proud of the Cross, although he is modest in speaking about the manner in which it was won. "Hundreds of Crosses," he said, "have been won in South Africa that will never be awarded, simply because the incidents have escaped the notice of the officers. Through pure luck, I suppose, my son carried Col. MacArthur across the veldt, and then used his efforts to obtain for me the Cross. But I can assure you, anybody placed in the position I was in at the time, would have done the same thing. It was simply a duty that I felt had to be performed regardless of cost. There have been many such incidents during the war, and my action was nothing out of the ordinary. Any Tommy would have gone to the succor of MacArthur."

THE COWARDLY BOERS. Sergt. Richardson, in speaking of the Boers, said they were downright cowards as a rule, and could easily have captured him on the occasion referred to if they had been a little braver.

The interview with Sergt. Richardson brought out the interesting fact that by special permission of the King, Lady Roberts is permitted to wear the Victoria Cross won by Lieut. Roberts, her son, at the battle of Colenso, during which action he lost his life. Among Sergt. Richardson's fellow passengers were the following: Sergt. Brigham, in charge of party; Troopers Clarke, Common, Cozens, Garner, Gilmore, Gordon, Gowler, Griffin, Nash, Robson, Skene, Swinburne, Wilson, all of Strathcona's Horse; Troopers Harvey, Miles and Poynton, C. M. R.; Troopers Brick and Staff, Brabant's Horse; Corp. Dupre, Trooper Spicer, R. C. D.; late of Brabant's Horse; Trooper Purvis, Kilohemer's Horse; and Trooper Curran, Army Service Corps.

WOLFVILLE.

The Commencement Exercises of the Acadia Institutions.

W. L. Wright, of Stony Creek, N. B., the first male graduate in music from the Seminary.

List of Students Who Expect to Receive the B. A. Degree on Wednesday—The Baccalaureate Sermon.

WOLFVILLE, June 2.—The Baptists of Wolfville province made no mistake when they chose the beautiful town of Wolfville as the site of their educational institutions. The historic and picturesque surroundings are a continued source of inspiration and delight to the people who annually attend Acadia University, Acadia Seminary and Horton Collegiate Academy.

STAGE DRIVER STATES HIS CASE.

Experience of Both His Wife and Himself. Each Has Tested the Power of Dodd's Kidney Pills—Each Has Achieved the Same Result—Dodd's Kidney Pills Have Cured Them Both.

DROMORE, Ont., May 31 (Special).—Mr. George Sackett, drives the stage between Dromore and Holoistin. That he is known throughout the country side goes without saying. When he was in trouble a short while ago he had the sympathy therefore of more than the few immediate friends and neighbors a man in another walk would have.

It is nine miles from Dromore to Holoistin. That means a round trip of eighteen miles. Two trains a day would make thirty-six miles of driving. Imagine this in a wet driving snow storm of March or February to a man in a delicate state of health.

Mr. Sackett did not give up driving the stage. Instead he sought the help of Dodd's Kidney Pills. Did he find help? Read his own letter, a letter which tells also that his wife proved the truth of the saying "Dodd's Kidney Pills are woman's best friend."

THE SYDNEY STRIKE.

SYDNEY, June 2.—There have been few developments since Saturday in the strike of bricklayers and masons here. All day Saturday groups of strikers were to be seen discussing the situation along the streets. The strike of the Riter, Conley men is merely a sympathetic one. There is no grievance against the concern. The men have had the nine hour system there for some time, and are not asking for anything more than to be paid for their work at the rate of fifty cents an hour for bricklayers and masons thirty-six to forty cents. The main point at issue is whether the steel company will recognize the union, that is, grant the nine hour system or not. The present indications are that they will not. President Lasset of the union thinks that over eight hundred men at least will be affected. Supt. McCreary, speaking for the company, declared his objections to granting the demands of the men.

D. A. R. AND YARMOUTH S. S. CO.

YARMOUTH, June 2.—Manager Giffins of the D. A. R. met a committee of the Yarmouth Steamship Company, Secretary Chase, Jacob Bingay and others, last night. On the strength of this it is reported today the sale of the Yarmouth Steamship Company was effected at \$260,000 to \$285,000, to take effect Saturday next. The officials refuse to confirm or deny the statement, but the stockholders state that the sale has been effected.

MONTEZUMA AT SYDNEY.

HALIFAX, June 2.—St. Montezuma arrived at Sydney Saturday to bunk for New Orleans, from where she takes a consignment of horses for the British army to South Africa. The Montezuma received her orders at Father Point, and Sydney and Newport News were telegraphed to with respect to the price of coal and the facilities of shipping. It was found the steamer could bunker at Sydney quicker and that the price of coal was cheaper than at Newport News.

First Chinaman—Let's see! The Christians have a text about turning the other when struck on one cheek. Second Chinaman—I don't doubt it. Anything to increase the indemnity—Puck.

Children Cry for CASTORIA.

WOLFVILLE.

The Well Known Lumberman Passed Away Thursday Evening.

MONKTON, May 31.—Edward Sinclair, the well known lumberman, who has been in the past ten weeks had caused his friends to despair of his recovery, passed away about eight o'clock last evening at his home, Bridgetown, Northumberland county. Mr. Sinclair paid a final visit to Monkton on the 29th of Friday, about ten weeks ago. At that time he complained of slight pain in his head. He was taken ill shortly after returning home, and has been gradually failing ever since. He was in the hands of the late Dr. Ferguson of this city, some weeks ago, and a consultation held by the most eminent medical authority there in regard to his condition, but no improvement resulted. Members of the family were summoned, and have been home for the past few weeks.

E. SINCLAIR DEAD.

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Mr. Sinclair was one of the best known men in New Brunswick and the principal officers of the company reside in Rhode Island. Chief of Police S. E. Day of Quebec, Me., is sending out circulars requesting information concerning Jeremiah Driscoll, late of Wolfey, Me., who left home March 18, and has not been heard of since by his family. Driscoll was about 55 years of age, a native of New Brunswick and spoke with a strong provincial accent. His family fear he has committed suicide.

THE LATE "GAT" HOWARD.

Interesting Description of How He Met His Death.

The following statement of how gallant "Gat" Howard came by his death is taken from a letter written by Sergt. Major O'Connell, at Sydney, N. B., to the editor of the "Scouts of South Africa," to show, Fennell, late of ID Battery, R. C. A., and published in the Guelph Mercury.

"We left Pretoria on Jan. 23, and reached the 'Boer' country on Feb. 14. It was here Sergt. Major Patterson was killed. He was shot in the head by a Boer named Munsey, Craddock and Bredon wounded. Then again we came in contact with the enemy at Diamond Hill, having a heavy fight. This is where we lost our Colt gun, had Gordon wounded, Sergt. Major McGregor and Hammond killed. Then we had sniping all the way until we came to the Crocodile River. Here we were heavily engaged again, firing our pom-pom for the first time, fired four hundred rounds on Feb. 14. It was here Sergt. Major Patterson was killed, Munsey, Craddock and Bredon wounded. Then again we came in contact with the enemy on Feb. 16 at Grass Flats. Here Sergt. Douglas was killed, and the Boer named Major Howard, and Northway, and had a native scout wounded. This happened in Swaziland. We captured five of their wagons, and our major was inside one of them, turning over the things when down one of the Boers came and shot at him, wounding him. Then he told him to throw up his hands; then he shot him through the mouth, the bullet coming out at the back of his head. He also told Northway to do the same, and he was shot. At the time—how was shot in two different places, through the back and through the head."

BOSTON LETTER.

Wet Weather Delays Planting in Country Districts.

Labor Disturbances Throughout New England and Many Mechanics Are Idle.

Recent Deaths of Former Provincialists—Fined for Illegal Fishing in Nova Scotia—A Missing Man—The Lumber and Fish Markets.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) BOSTON, June 1.—This city has had another cheerless week. Of rain, gloomy weather and east winds there has been an abundance. The sun has not been seen for several days. Probably the greatest complaints come from the farming districts, where planting is at least two weeks behind schedule time. Many farmers have not planted their corn, and in some sections seed potatoes have rotted in the ground. Considerable corn was planted early in May, but the ground had not been so heavy and soggy that a large crop could be expected. Just now it looks like a corn and potato famine in this state. The owners of very dry land are the fortunate ones this year, and will probably lose nothing because of the cold and wet spring. Those crops which are above ground are making no progress, while many farmers report almost total losses of early planting. The wet weather has one redeeming feature. It ensures one of the finest grass crops Massachusetts has seen in years. Last year at this time there was a severe drought, which continued until the hay crop was a failure and the roots were blasted. This summer, it is predicted, hay will be abundant in every section. Farmers generally agree that they have seldom, if ever, seen grass heavier and better at this time of year.

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STRIKE AT HALIFAX.

HALIFAX, N. S., June 2.—With the exception of the carpenters employed by only one or two firms in this city, who agreed to the advance demanded by the men, the carpenters of Halifax are on strike. They went out Saturday morning because they had received no reply to their verbal demand for a 35 per cent increase. The present wages are 18 cents an hour. The men ask that they be paid 25 cents. The employers claim that some years ago the men agreed to settle such disputes by arbitration and they say they will pay any wages a board of arbitration may order, but that till then they refuse to pay more than they have been paying.

AGNOSTIC MARRIAGE.

CINCINNATI, O., June 2.—The first "Agnostic" marriage in this country occurred here today at the Agnostic Sunday school. The contracting parties were Peter F. Leary and Miss Martha Seaman. Justice Alexander Robling performed the legal part of the ceremony, after which both parties made the pledge, including one not to resist the proceedings. The original motto of the words: "Should I discover that we are unbecomingly or maimed, I hereby pledge that I will not bear children that are not born of affection."

MILITARY RIOT.

LONDON, June 2.—A military riot occurred last night at Shortlands, an attachment of the Dublin Fusiliers, actuated by some indignity grievance, wrecked their barrack room. The guard was called out, Sergeant the ringleaders, and shots were fired by the Fusiliers, who met the reinforced guard with a volley of ball cartridges and with bayonets. Two men of the guard were seriously injured by bayonet thrusts. The riot lasted for two hours.

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FROM THE PEOPLE.

Hickman Contradicts World Statements. (Sq., London, S. W.)

of the Daily Sun, St. John.

of April if you published "Mr. Hickman" which was more or copied. I hope I am too much on your you to publish this more. Here it is:

MAN'S GARDENER. I am responsible for the article which appeared on account of salary and Hickman, the nice young man who is in England finding emigrants here, and to his duties is shown of a Chatham gentleman by his services. Geo. E. Fisher, a market gardener, and a man in reply to the article mentioned himself to me. Mr. Fisher looked at his natty clothes and said: "I suggest you gardening and know all and received the asterisk. I never was on a farm, why have you your 'Deacons' was sent to me. 'What is your name?' 'Fisher.' 'I was a market gardener. He was, of Mr. Fisher, but Mr. Fisher here on a fool's errand, a cent, was also fortunate employment in the same. Fisher is keenly disposed on getting a and is now without to note one or two to we which, to the to lead to misconception not entirely accurate, aph, after being benefitted, loses some of it which is now its characteristic. The instance, that Mr. me for a market gardener. As far as I know I sived a letter from Mr. e; in fact, the first in of the gentleman's ex- from the garden. A search of the h the correspondence ce fails to reveal Mr. and, no doubt, Mr. would deny ever hav- that I sent a man to also, of course, untrue, applied to me for a or he could have been with a good man. In other man, who was a 'con' was a 'con' editor of the I must also plead ab- our sincerely,

ALBERT HICKMAN.

of the Kidney-ys. Duffin, Antisville, Ont., troubled with Bright's kidneys for five years. or of doctors and pre- no relief. My son Dr. Chas. A. Kidney- got a box, and to my relief at once, and am cured." One pill a box.

OUT MR. MILLIGAN. liberal, writing to the the unhappy condition Northumberland Coun- come of Mr. Milligan. He has visited Nor- a knows how the "ma- Perhaps this complex- is to his busy assist- general Pugley in lo- lesary forger. It seems he would apply himself party grievances he sh greater value to the an holding down the of the Telegraph."

OR SALERATUS IS THE BEST. E.W. GILLET, TORONTO, ONT.

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