

## NEWFOUNDLANDER WRITES FROM THE ZONE OF BATTLE

Lt. Alec. Jackson Tells His People of Stirring Time Facing the Germans in the Trenches

### STRENUOUS WORK FOR OUR TROOPS

Germans Tried to Spring Surprise Attack on British but Were Detected and Repulsed

At the Front, Oct. 23, 1914.

My Dear Mother and Father,—I have no time to write much, but just a few lines to let you know I've had several letters from you, what days I don't know, as we lose all sense of time.

We have been having a very hard time lately, and no small excitement also. We have stuck again now, like we were at Vailly, both sides strongly entrenched, a few hundred yards from each other.

Out all night. We are out every night, putting up barbed wire entanglements in front of the trenches. The night before last we had a very exciting time. We were doing this in front of a trench, with very exposed flanks, when Turner drew my attention to a lot of crouching figures coming along on our left.

It was clear they were Germans, so we yelled to the sappers to get back into the trenches and at the same time the Germans charged, but fortunately they missed our trench and rushed past our left flank and into a farm behind us. We killed a lot of them while they were rushing past, but were in a quandary now, as we could not get word back for help, as the Germans were all around us and much superior in numbers.

They set fire to the farm, which made a splendid blaze.

### Fine Show.

Altogether it was a very fine show, just like a "night attack" one would see at the Coliseum. Here we were in the trenches, half facing to the front and half to the rear, a roaring blaze all round us and shells whistling and screaming over our heads, and such a banging of rifles as I've never heard before.

We sent our patrols through the night, who "bagged" several prisoners. Also, we tried to get messages back for help. Luckily one of these reached its destination by one of our men crawling along a ditch by the side of the road on which were crowds of Germans, and in the early morning a company came up and turned them out.

### Friends Fired on Them.

Then we came back and went to a farm on our right rear to turn out more Germans, and were repaid for our trouble by being fired at by our own men, who had already done the job, and in the half light they mistook us for Germans. However, we luckily escaped casualties. Then we went home!

The day and the night before this we marched 23 miles, and dug four trenches. Altogether, I have only had an average of 4 or 5 hours' sleep a day for the last five days, and so we're pretty well worn out, though otherwise very well.

### His Good Wishes.

I was interested to hear about the Newfoundland Regiment, and hope they do well.

I was amused to hear you had given Wilfred "my address." I don't think there is much chance for our meeting, though. All the time we are not working we stay at a farm about four or five miles behind the fighting line, so have a good time, though very hard worked.

For over a week we drove the Germans steadily back, but now they've had the cheek to hold us up, as they are in superior numbers.

### Made a Dash.

October 24th. No chance of sending this since finishing off. We had to dash out last night and man some trenches near, where some Germans were reported to have broken through.

There we stayed until dawn, and of course got no sleep. This morning I was out again, putting up some barbed wire in some ditches.

The Company was changing billets, and so we had a five mile march thrown in. Now I've said all there is to say. Of course, there's heaps of news which I am not allowed to say. One good thing is that the weather is fine, except for occasional wet days.

With love, ALEC.

## LAI D TO REST IN OLD ST. PAULS

Body of Field Marshal, the Late Lord Roberts, Carried Through London Streets to Empire's Great Fane

London, Nov. 19.—The body of Field Marshal Lord Roberts, borne on a gun cart, moved slowly through the streets of London to-day to its last resting place in St. Paul's Cathedral.

The streets were lined with bare heads as the funeral cortege went by, this in spite of the cold rain which fell incessantly.

The cortege reached St. Paul's at noon, where before a great and reverent throng of people, including King George, the funeral services were held.

The body will be interred alongside the remains of Wellington, Nelson, Wolsley and other famous Britishers. The pall bearers, representing England's most distinguished men in the service, were Earl Kitchener, Field Marshal Sir Evelyn Wood, Field Marshal Lord Grenfell, Field Marshal Lord Methuen, Field Marshal Sir William Nicholson, Gen. Sir James Hills-Johns, General Sir Robert Bid-dulph, Gen. Sir Alfred Guselee, Gen. Sir Reginald Egerton, Gen. Sir Archibald Hunter, Admiral Lord Chas. Beresford and Admiral Sir Michael Seymour.

## BRITISH ARMY COUNCIL TO PAY FOR NEWFOUNDLANDERS RATI ONS

And This Will Save About Three Hundred Thousand Dollars to the Country Says the Governor

### TO RAISE SECOND CONTINGENT

Preparations Being Made to Recruit Enough Men To Keep Our Regiment At Full Strength

"Newfoundland's contribution is no mean one; the Colony will be able to hold up its head proudly because of the assistance she has given the Motherland," were the closing words of His Excellency the Governor at the public meeting of the Patriotic Association held at the C. L. B. Armoury last night.

The meeting was for the purpose of receiving reports and the following were present:

His Excellency the Governor, Rt. Hon. Sir Edward Morris, Sir Joseph Outerbridge, J. M. Kent, Lt.-Col. Rendell, J. A. Clift, W. J. Ellis, Rev. Canon Bolt, W. H. Rennie, O. Emerson, C. O'N. Conroy, J. Jackson, J. C. Hepburn, A. Macpherson, R. G. Reid, Hon. J. R. Bennett, Hon. M. P. Cashin, T. J. Duley, J. W. Morris, Hon. M. G. Winter, Dr. Fraser, A. Hiscock, I. G. Sullivan, Hon. R. K. Bishop, C. McK. Harvey, Capt. A. Montgomery, Hon. J. Harris, T. J. Edens, T. McNeil, J. S. Munn, R. B. Job, G. Langmead, M. Chaplin, R. White, H. D. Carter, R. H. Trappell, J. J. McKay, F. Angel, J. H. Monroe, Tasker Cook, Capt. H. Outerbridge and W. J. Higgins, who acted as Secretary in the absence of Dr. Burke.

The Premier proposed and Mr. J. M. Kent seconded, the following resolution, both making appropriate speeches:

**Resolution of Sympathy**  
RESOLVED.—That this Patriotic Association of Newfoundland formed to organise the men of this ancient Colony in the defence of the British Empire offers its homage to the memory of that distinguished Soldier and Patriot, Field Marshal Earl Roberts of Kandahar, Pretoria and Waterford.

His Excellency then announced that we have 1099 men on active service, besides the honor roll kept by Mr. Robinson. Five hundred and sixty Naval Reservists have left, 107 on Niobe, 304 on Franconia and 149 on Carthaginian. He was pleased to be able to say that the men in the Niobe were "well and happy and not far off."

### Save to Colony

His Excellency also announced that the Army Council had offered to pay for rations, equipment and maintenance of the soldiers, which would save the Colony two or three hundred thousand dollars. He had cabled a suitable reply that his ministers had gratefully accepted the offer.

## OUR LADS DEFEAT THE CANADIANS

In a Lively Football Match on Salisbury Plains—Won "Hands Down"

"Billy" Cook writes another interesting letter from Salisbury Plain. All the boys are well and are in fine spirits. Billy says a lively football match was played a day previous to writing. The contestants were Newfoundlanders and Canadians, and it was witnessed by thousands of khaki clad boys, who were not on duty.

The Newfoundlanders won hands down. It was as easy as rolling off a log. Four to nil was the score. Of course our boys were there in force, and we showed other spectators that we could appreciate good play.

The Y.M.C.A. tent is a great advantage to the boys on the Plain. Many pleasant hours are spent there, especially by our boys. There is every facility for letter writing, and a hearty welcome is always extended to the soldiers.

There is talk of the Newfoundlanders being sent to Africa, but various rumors are afloat and none can be relied upon.

Billy met his old teacher, Mr. Jeffrey of Bishop Fell College. It is great to run across strangers from home.

### Joins the Navy

Dr. Hal Chaplen, of St. Thomas's Hospital, London, has been given a commission as Lieut.-Surgeon in the navy, and ordered to report on board H.M.S. Victory at Plymouth. It is not yet known what ship he will join. Congratulations.

## ENJOYED SIGHTS "O' LUNNON TOWN"

E. Chafe, Newfoundland's Bugler Boy Tells of Trip To Empire Metropolis

Eric Chafe, son of Levi Chafe, Esq., this city, who is bugler with the 1st Newfoundland Regiment writes a news letter to his mother from Salisbury Plain.

It is dated Oct. 31st. My Dear Mother, says the bugler boy in opening, by this time you have no doubt received a letter from me.

Well, mother, I was in London for my leave, which lasted three days. I left on Monday evening at 4.30 and reached London at 11, and went to an hotel for the night. Stan Newman and I were together.

**Visited War Office.**  
Tuesday I went to the War Office and had a look round and then went to Hyde Park, saw Kitchener's Army and the Recruiting office.

I remember the stories you told of Hyde Park and London; little I thought I would be here under such circumstances.

In the afternoon I went to Westminster Abbey. Service was just beginning. It was for soldiers and sailors. My! it was lovely to hear the choir boys sing.

I went to the theatre at night; I forget the name of it, but I know I got in for half price. As you enter you see marked up in front of you soldiers and sailors, half price. So when I paid "two bob" for a seat I was placed next to some big "bug."

### At Trafalgar Square.

The next day we went to Trafalgar Square, The Palace and Houses of Parliament, but the visiting day at the Palace was Saturday. The "cop" on the gate said "just a minute, chaps, and I will see if I can get you thro." He was gone a few moments and returned with a big "gun" evidently.

The latter asked us where we were from and we said Newfoundland. He replied "certainly, you can come in," so we went and were shown through. They were very obliging and made us feel right at home.

That night we went to see a great play that's beginning here, "The Belle of New York." It was a fine play.

### St. Paul's Cathedral

The next day we went to St. Paul's Cathedral and arrived there just before service commenced. Oh, my, it was impressive. I would like you to be there. The choir was grand. I counted sixty boys, but there must have been as many more, and it was a week day.

Then we did London on a bus—the Bridge and to the South Side.

We met a chap the first day we were there at Westminster Abbey and he was with us till we left. He was a very decent fellow; took us to his home the last night we were there.

The last day we also went to Acton to see Miss Uphill but she was out. I told the old lady my name, and she was very sorry that Miss Uphill was not at home. I guess the women remember you as she recognized the name.

### Saw the Cogsans.

We then left for Twickenham to see Mr. Cogan, but he was off also. His father is dead and he was down to the funeral. We saw Mrs. Cogan and she was delighted we called on her. She asked for all the family. She was sorry Mr. Cogan was not there, but said he was coming out to the Plain to see us.

I was sorry when the three days were up, but if we don't go to the front before Christmas I expect we will get another three or four days off, and I'll be off to London again.

Bert Dicks is our guide, philosopher and friend. I am satisfied with his advice.

### C. C. C. Notes

Capt. W. Doyle of No. 4 Company at their drill last night made the following announcement re to promotions—Corps. W. Grace and M. Chan-ning to be Sergeants.

To be Acting Sergeant, Corporal T. Murphy; to be Corp., Lance Corp. P. Dobbins.

The promotions to be made at next battalion drill.

The exams were under the supervision of Major P. Kent.

The Cadets have formed an ambulance squad, under the direction of Dr. Scully.

### Stephano Arrives

S. S. Stephano arrived at 6 o'clock last evening from New York, via Halifax, bringing a large freight and the From New York—E. M. Blum, J. K. Kelly, L. J. March, J. Cleary, H. Powers, E. Iverny, J. Cleary, E. Riley, M. Smith, B. Norris, W. Shea, U. Skimp, G. Delaney; From Halifax—F. Cook, T. W. Bean, H. Haley, T. Colbourn, J. Finlay, M. Norris, E. Nangle.

## Week-End Offerings.

We are offering the Following, and Other Great Bargains:

### Dress Tweeds

40 to 48 inches wide. Checks and mixtures. Regular, 60c. Week-end - 53c.

### Fall Coatings

Popular Hop-Sack weave, Myrtle, V. Rose, Tango, Mahogany. Regular, \$1.60. Week-end, \$1.45.

### Door Panel Curtains

Full size, handsome patterns. Regular, 55c. Week-end - 45c. Regular, 75c. Week-end - 60c.

### Umbrellas

Serviceable and strong, good varieties of handles. Regular, 60c. Week-end - 49c. Regular, 80c. Week-end - 69c.

### Hand Bags

Values up to 50c. Week-end, 20c.

### Knitted Hand Bags

Regular, 55c. Week-end - 40c.

### Wool Hose

Women's heavy black. Regular, 30c. Week-end - 25c. Tan Cashmere. Regular, 50c. Week-end - 40c.

### Eiderdown

40 in. white ground, with 2 inch stripe, suitable for Dressing Gowns. Regular, 45c. Week-end - 42c.

### Flannelette

20 pieces 36 inch striped. Regular, 35c. Week-end - 18c.

### Table Cloths

White striped Damask, size 50 x 60. Regular, 80c. Week-end - 65c.

### Ladies' Underwear

Fleeced Ribbed (Essex Mills). Regular, 35c. Week-end - 29c. Regular, 55c. Week-end - 49c.

### Childs Osoezi Vests

Regular, 40c. Week-end - 20c.

### Giant Zephyr Wool

Regular, 12c. Week-end - 8c.

### FOR MEN.

NEGLIGEE SHIRTS. Soft cuffs, good patterns. Special - - - 45c.

DRESSED REGATTA SHIRTS. Reg., \$1.00. Week-end, 70c.

SWEATER COATS. Grey, with contrasting colors in front. Reg., \$1.20. Week-end, 90c.

ODDMENTS in Men's Fine Grade Wolsey and Stanfield Underwear.

### "EXTRA SPECIAL."

Child's Fur Sets—	50c., 60c.	Child's Grebe Sets—	65c., 80c., 90c., \$1.20
Child's Combination Sets—	20c., 30c.	Child's Muffs—	20c., 40c., 50c., 80c., \$1.00
Ladies' Muffs,	60c., 80c., \$1.00	Child's Sleeping Suits	25c.



## 70,000 Men From Canada By the Spring

### ALLIES REGAIN ALL LOST GROUND

### Many Recruits Join the C.L.B.

### Vigorous Counter-attacks by French Algerian Contingent Did the Trick

(French Official Bulletin.)

Paris, Nov. 19.—In the north yesterday was marked by renewed activity on the part of German artillery, especially between the sea and La Lys. There were no infantry attacks.

Between the Oise and Aisne operations around Tracy La Val resulted favorably for our troops.

It is to be remembered that we had taken possession of this village a few days ago, but recently the Germans assumed the offensive to dislodge us, and, after having taken the first trenches, they managed to reach the locality, but a vigorous counter attack from our Algerian contingent compelled the enemy to retreat with heavy losses. Thus we regained all our lost ground.

In the Argonne our positions are maintained. Elsewhere there is nothing to report.

shores which with reinforcements to the first two will make about 70,000.

**150,000 By Next Fall.**  
From then on there will be 90,000 or more men in the way of reinforcements to go over every month to make up for wastage in the three contingents. At this rate there would be over 150,000 men gone to the front by the fall of next year besides the 40,000 constantly under arms in this country.

With the great strain upon the Mother Country at the present time Canadians would feel that they were doing less than their duty if they did not aid the forces of the Empire to the utmost extent.

At parade last night ten new recruits joined bring the total to about sixty since the contingent left.

This speaks well for the Brigade and shows that the C.L.B. is in a most flourishing condition at an ever.

Twelve of the senior members are hard at work under the direction of Battalion Sergt. Major Noseworthy training for Lance-Corporal stripes. They anticipate being ready by the first of the year to receive promotion and to start in at section drill.

After parade with hockey sticks and the famous game of hockey was indulged in and from now on the companies will play a team each night.

Dr. Lloyd is giving an address in George St. Church next Sunday afternoon on "The Great War."

The man Ricketts, of White Bay, charged with incest, pleaded guilty yesterday afternoon, and was sentenced to five years with hard labor.

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE