

CANADIAN COMPLAINTS ABOUT MAILS

Letters From Canada Also Fail to Reach Volunteers in England—What Canadian P.M.G. Says

Practically every English mail that reaches this city brings complaint from one or more of our Volunteers in England about the non-receipt of letters from home. Such a complaint is embodied in a letter on this page.

Now in practically every case it is known that the relatives and numerous friends of the Volunteers are writing our soldier lads regularly, and numbers of these letters should have reached them before their complaints were mailed. Yet instances are known of men not having received a single letter since their arrival at Salisbury Camp.

Canadians are voicing the same complaint and it is, therefore, evident that the trouble must be with the postal authorities on the other side.

Canada Also Complains

There is something radically wrong with some part of the postal service supplying mail to Salisbury Camp, where the Canadian soldiers are in training, says The Montreal Daily Star. Hundreds of letters have been written by relatives in Canada, and have been duly despatched, according to the postal regulations, but the soldiers have not received them. Similarly soldiers' letters addressed to anxious mothers and relatives in Canada, have not reached their destination.

During the past fortnight there have been more than fifty callers at The Star office, asking what is wrong.

The Postmaster-General, T. Chase Casgrain, was seen by The Star and stated that the delay is not due to any fault on this side of the Atlantic. "There is no delay at this end, except that caused by the scarcity of ships, and the use of the slower boats as all the fast liners have been taken over," he said. "We are seeing to the delivery of the mails as regularly as possible, and especially the mails to the soldiers."

No Delay This Side

"We have given instructions to all the postmasters and all handling the mail which is addressed to soldiers on Salisbury Plain, to use the greatest diligence and the greatest care so that there will be no delay or anything like that."

"We have even gone further than that," he continued, "for if there are any letters or parcels that come to Canada from our soldiers which are not sufficiently stamped, the postmasters have orders to stamp them without any extra charge, so that there will be no delay, and no cost to the recipients."

"We are taking up the matter of delays with the authority on the other side to find out where the cause lies. There are complaints in all the English and French papers about the postal service in England. The delay must be at the training ground."

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ARTHUR HUSKINS' FAREWELL WEEK

Mr. Arthur C. Huskins, who has been singing at the Nickel Theatre for the last three months farewells this week, and will be heard in a different song each evening.

To-night he sings, "Bonnie Sweet Bessie," and tomorrow, "The Old Plaid Shawl."

The entire programme for to-day is one that will attract all patrons, as the celebrated Cines Co., of Rome, Italy, will appear in the sensational two-part drama, entitled "After Death."

Anita Stewart, the well-known movie star, leads in a Vitagraph social drama, "His Second Wife."

There are two reels of comedy, one a Keystone and the other a Kalem, and a full reel of the Mutual Weekly. Wednesday, Miss Maude Fealy will be seen in "Kathleen the Irish Rose," which is produced in two parts. Don't miss to-day's show and Wednesday's.

Prospero left Fortune Harbor at 8.30 a.m. and is due here Wednesday morning.

S.S. Anna, which loaded pulp at Campbellton, for New York, passed the Narrows this morning.

Anniversary Services Of Cochrane S. School At College Hall Sunday

Rev. D. Hemmeon of Gower Street Preached on Patriotism at the Morning Service

BIG RALLY HELD IN THE AFTERNOON

Rev. C. Whitmarsh in the Pulpit at Night—Splendid Musical Program of Day's Services

The anniversary services of Cochrane St. Sunday School, held at the College Hall yesterday, were the most successful of their kind in the history of the school. Weather conditions were ideal and consequently all the services were largely attended. Good music, splendid singing, excellent recitations and solos, stirring addresses and a well-thought sermon by the pastor all in keeping with the subject of the services, "Patriotism" gave a splendid tribute to the patient, untiring and self-sacrificing labors of the officers and teachers of the school.

Morning Service

At the morning service the Rev. D. Hemmeon occupied the pulpit and instead of giving the usual sermon, gave an interesting talk to the boys and girls, telling them that the Christian Church was not an adjunct of the British Empire but of the Kingdom of God and its pulpit should be used for no other purpose. To be citizens of that Kingdom was greater than anything else. Still we should be proud that we were citizens of Britain's oldest and loyal colonial possession. It was love of our native land that contributed Patriotism which was to be distinguished from Loyalty which meant love of the laws, institutions and government of the country.

It was possible to be a patriot and not a loyalist and a loyalist and not a patriot, illustrating the latter by an incident that happened in the life of his ancestors who lived in the New England States at the time of their rebellion against the authority of England. So much were they in love with the laws and institutions of England they emigrated to Nova Scotia rather than stay in their native country.

But now in Canada there is a fear that its highest position—Governor-General—may become a dynastic right or a preserve for a certain family. He believed to hold such positions it should be based upon character and not on birth. Aristocracy there has been and will be, but let it be an aristocracy of worth and merit.

A solo "Set Thy guard over us" was very effectively sung by Mr. Chas. Hatcher.

Afternoon Service

The afternoon service was a bright, attractive and inspiring one, presided over by Mr. H. N. Burt, who has just attained his majority in Sunday School work.

The service consisted of readings by Misses Flora Curtis and Marguerite Parsons, recitations by Master Wylie and Elsie Wylie, duet by Misses Bowden and Taylor, solo by Miss Peach, songs by the Primary Girls

and an inspiring address by the Hon. J. A. Robinson, who began by congratulating the Superintendent, Hon. H. J. B. Woods, on his thirty years of active and continuous work of Superintendence in the school despite the misfortune of fire had according to the Secretary's report found a greater stimulus than ever to go ahead with its noble work.

Coming to the subject, "Patriotism" he quoted Dr. Sam Johnson as saying patriotism was the last resort of a scoundrel, interpreting Johnson's meaning as applying to a man who having lost all other virtues, found patriotism to beat within. Patriotism, besides meaning love of one's country, embraced courtesy and civility and was old as humanity. It necessitated good citizenship, which begins not when we begin to vote, but at birth and the value placed upon it could never be too high.

St. Paul rejoiced in his citizenship of Rome, and our Empire, allowing of greater liberty and freedom, should make every boy and girl rejoice still more in that citizenship.

Belgium's Sad Case.

Mr. Robinson then referred to the Belgian people as peaceful and inoffensive, industrious and happy, arising largely out of a belief that the pledged word of Britain, France and Germany made them immune from the horrors of war. They were woefully disappointed by Germany who looked on its sacred obligations as "a scrap of paper."

Almost incapable of defence, the Belgians rushed to arms as best they could, defending their homes, sacrificing their lives, and saving France from being overrun and Britain invaded.

The noble response of the men of St. John's was then touched upon, and no doubt need arise that our volunteers would do their duty in defence of the Empire.

The report of the secretary, Mr. Arthur Peters, showed the school in a flourishing condition, although several departments were affected by those volunteering. There are now 35 teachers, 450 scholars, 50 members of the Home Department and 167 on the Primary and Cradle roll. Faithful work has made such a result possible.

Besides the superintendent's long years of loyal service, there is Mr. Arthur Mews, as organist, Mr. Peters, as secretary, Messrs H. N. Burt, W. Clarke, John Maunder, Misses Bradberry and Giles, who have labored there for twenty years or longer. Then the work of the pastors in the Teacher Training Class that was successful in obtaining five diplomas last year from the Toronto Board of Examiners all have greatly added to the efficiency of the School.

Evening Service.

At night the sermon was delivered by the Rev. C. Whitmarsh, who spoke from 33rd verse, 4th chap. Deuteronomy, holding the text more as a motto in line with the thought of the day from which to find some spiritual significance otherwise we fail to see the truest patriotism. Living in an age the most remarkable in the history of the world, it presented opportunities as no other age has done. The ad-

MORE PLAINTS OF NON-RECEIPT OF LETTERS

Lance-Corporal Reardigan Says he has Written Home Over Dozen Times and Received only One Reply

Lance-Corporal John Reardigan of the 1st Newfoundland Contingent writes another interesting and chatty letter to his parents.

At the time of writing he was well and had just returned from his holidays which he spent in London. John spent three days there and describes it as a wonderful place.

Accompanied by George Winslow and Hal James he had a most enjoyable time in the great metropolis.

They boarded with a policeman and were treated just the same as if they were his sons. In fact the man kept his boy from school to show them around.

Historic Buildings.

They took in the King's Palace and saw the Guard being changed, went through the Tower of London and visited many other historic places.

London, he says, is a very busy spot, and one would hardly think the greatest war in the history of the world is raging, excepting for seeing so many soldiers.

I was one of those who went down to London for the Lord Mayor's procession. I dare say you will soon see us on the moving pictures. Saw our Contingent at the Movies in London.

I have met Belgian, French and Indian soldiers and many of them can speak very good English.

Expect to Wear Kilts.

We are expecting to join the 17th Battalion and if we do we will have to wear kilts (leave it to us for the kilts) of course this is not official it is simply a rumor that is going the rounds of our camp. The 17th Battalion are Nova Scotia chaps.

The weather is very good over here now, though cold in the mornings for a couple of hours.

The food is all that can be desired—far better than we expected.

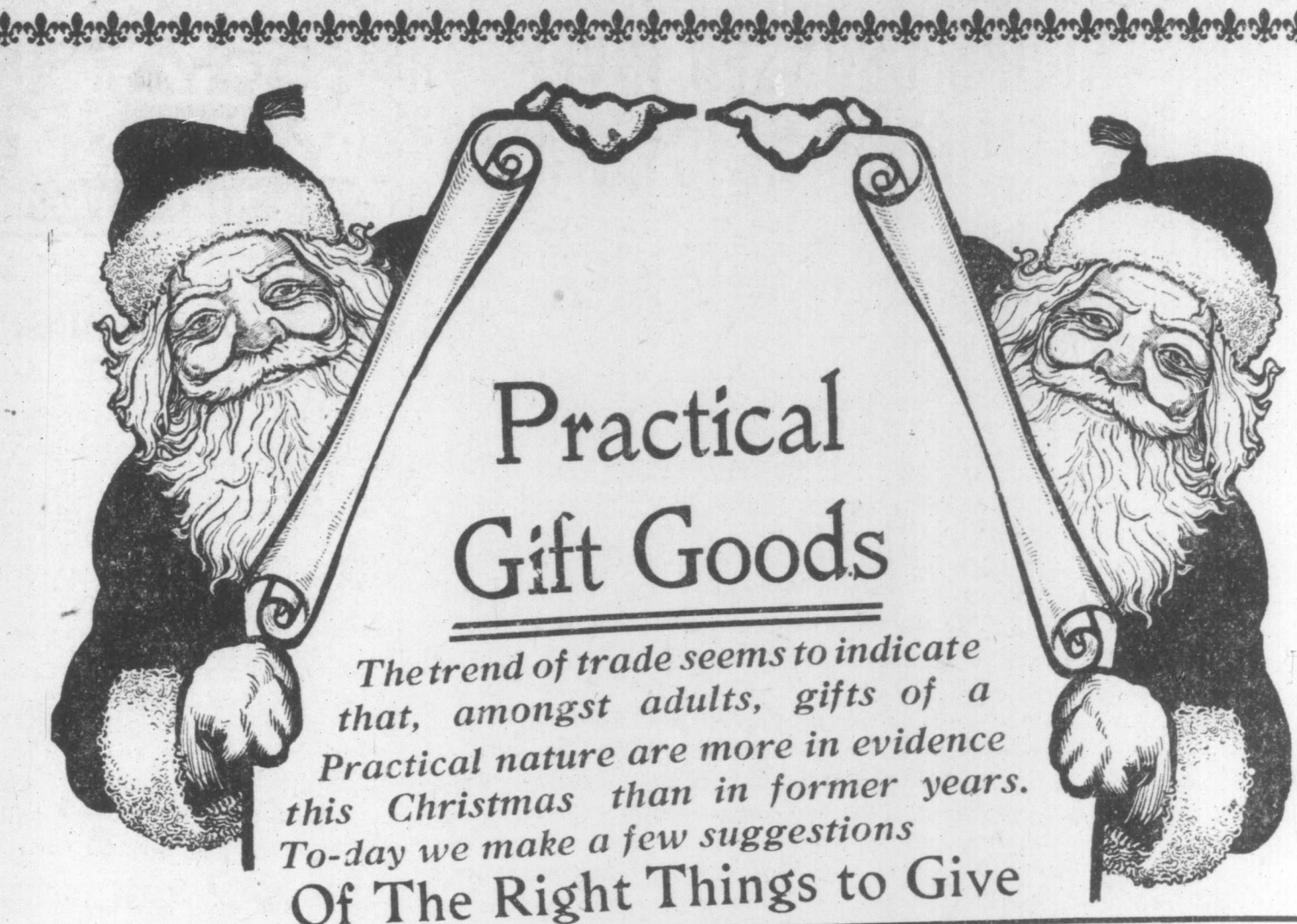
I got the surprise of my life when I came back from London, as I was promoted to be non-commissioned officer, with the rank of Lance-Corporal.

Got No Letters.

I have written over a dozen letters and as many post cards and have received only one letter from you and no postals from Nellie. Now that is not right, as I am just as anxious to get a letter from you as you are to get a letter from me. Some of the boys have received dozens of letters and you can imagine how I feel when there is none for me.

(We can assure our young friend that the trouble must be with the postal authorities on the other side, as we know that every English mail leaving St. John's since the boys left has had at least one letter and several postals for our young friend. P.M.G. Woods is now making enquiries into his matter and we feel certain he will find out where the trouble lies.)

I would not like to go home, continues the gallant young Lance-Corporal, without seeing the firing line. He concludes by sending regards to all his friends in St. John's.



Practical Gift Goods

The trend of trade seems to indicate that, amongst adults, gifts of a Practical nature are more in evidence this Christmas than in former years. To-day we make a few suggestions Of The Right Things to Give

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T. A. SOCIETY'S 57th ANNUAL

Excellent Reports Presented Concerning Work of Both Branches of Society

The T. A. Society's 57th Anniversary meeting was held on yesterday afternoon, the attendance of members being large thereby showing their interest in the institution.

Several applicants were elected to membership. President Ellis presided and Treasurer M. F. Summers, presented the Society's financial statement which was received and adopted unanimously.

The Club.

The Club submitted a stirring report re its progress made during the year, showing a very large but justifiable expenditure which leaves the rooms in splendid order, fully equipped with all modern improvements.

In consequence the attendance of members nightly has greatly increased.

Juvenile Branch.

The Juveniles, through their Treasurer, J. P. Kelly, tabled a very progressive financial report from this important branch (the recruiting ground for the parent society), which caused many encomiums to be expressed on the great work performed by the devoted guardians during the past year. The report was received amidst genuine applause and passed accordingly.

Saving Bank.

The Society's Savings' Bank ac-

count as was shown by its Governors Messrs. Redmond and Quinn, was most encouraging, the number of depositors during the year having almost doubled that of last year, which speaks volumes for the thriftiness of the Society's members.

The Society's Band, under the tuition of N. J. Murphy, is progressing in the musical line and adding new members to its ranks. This report together with the Club's and Savings' Bank met with the full approval of the meeting.

New Officers.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—W. J. Ellis.
Vice-President—L. J. Griffin.
1st Asst. V.P.—M. Frank Summers.
2nd Asst. V.P.—J. Murphy.
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Management Committee of Rooms—F. Woods, T. Ryan, G. Ryan, G. Coughlan, J. Murphy, W. D. Quinn, J. Cochran, P. Hanley.

The officers were installed by W. J. O'Brien.

Vote of thanks were passed to the retiring V.P., R. J. Power, the press and the clergy.

Schr. T. M. Nicholson is loading hering at Bonne Bay for Gloucester.

S.S. Bellaventure, Capt. Randell, two days from Sydney, has arrived to A. Harvey & Co. with a cargo of coal.

Drunken Men Cause Big Row On City Street

Another disorderly scene was witnessed near Waldegrave Street at 8.45, when several men under the influence of liquor, gave the police considerable trouble.

As the officers were arresting one man who was disorderly, his chums interfered and a general melee followed. Prisoners were forced away from the officers and one man ran to Steer's Cove with the hand-cuffs still on his wrists and a pal broke them off.

Several in the crowd said the police acted shamefully and that they used their batons freely.

Two were arrested, eventually, and the man who ran away handcuffed gave himself up this morning.

While we object strongly to policemen using their batons on people's heads, rowdyism, such as was seen on Saturday night should be stopped.

The conduct of a number of men along Water St. and New Gower St. on Saturday nights is shameful.

Three of the principals of Saturday's exhibition are now on remand, and will be presented to Judge Knight to-morrow.

DEATHS

WHITTEN—On the 14th inst., after a long illness, Kenneth, son of Elizabeth and the late Henry Whitten, aged fifty years; funeral on Wednesday at 2.30 p.m. from his late residence, South Side. Friends will please accept this the only intimation. Halifax and Boston papers please copy.