

A Letter From Valcartier Camp

Lt. Col. Mersereau Writes of the Doings of the North Shore Boys, and Pleads for 100 more Volunteers

Valcartier Camp, P. Q., July 3rd, 1916

C. E. Fish, Esq., Mayor of Newcastle, N. B., Newcastle, N. B.

Dear Mr. Mayor,

Our boys are getting comfortably settled here at Camp and have already put in some profitable days of work. The thoroughness of our preparation and the work already done here have been such that it is thought we shall not be required to remain longer than six or eight weeks to be fit to go to England.

Yesterday we had a field day. The exercises lasted from 8.30 a. m. till 1.30 p. m. There were about 15,000 troops in line. We "Marched Past" in "Column of Companies" and "Advanced in Review Order" with the Battalions in "Close Company" formation, and then gave a "General Salute" and "Three cheers for the King". It was an inspiring sight to see so many khaki clad boys together and know the purpose they all have at heart.

Our Battalion made a good showing as to size and steadiness. It ranked among the largest in size and there were not more than two others that excelled it in march discipline, and they both are scheduled to sail within the next ten days.

We got our equipment yesterday in time to practice a little with the rifles and bayonets before marching out to the review.

There are Battalions here that have all sorts of conveniences, such as automobiles and camp equipment, but their Officers are wealthy men and one Battalion has \$60,000 of a Regimental Fund to draw upon. I am told it is nothing unusual for one of those Ontario Units to have \$5000 to \$10,000 of a Regimental Fund. We have had but \$25.00 given to our Regimental Fund so far and that was given to me by Mr. Fred Fowle of Little Branch before we left Chatham "to use in any way I saw fit for the benefit of the Battalion," so I promptly turned it over to start the Regimental Fund. The Band Fund was closed some time ago, but part of that Fund was raised by the Officers and men and they have authorized us to transfer what they raised to the Regimental Fund. This will realize nearly \$1,000 and will pay for many needed things not otherwise provided for.

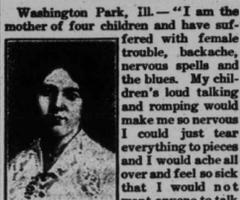
This shortage in the Band Fund can easily be made up by donations from the Schools, each one of which is to get a Panoramic Picture of the Battalion, when the photographer makes us a visit, as the school teachers have been the most generous contributors to the Band Fund.

Our Battalion is not now at full strength. We need an additional 100 men. Can we not get them from New Brunswick? There are many men whom Dr. Park rejected for small defects that would be accepted now, since he has found that the other surgeons are not quite so particular as he was. I hope they will write us to tell what they were rejected for, if they still wish to come with us and we shall send for them to join us here.

Then there are many men in the full vigor of their young manhood, 1892, have now been annexed to the who will never again have this glorious chance to show their loyalty to the greatest Empire on earth, by

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Miramichi Presbyterial Met in Bathurst

Most Encouraging Reports of the Year's Activities Presented—Officers Elected for Coming Year

The twentieth annual meeting of the Miramichi Presbyterial of the Women's Missionary Society, convened in St. Luke's Hall, Bathurst, on the 4th inst. About 50 delegates were in attendance, besides officers and visitors. These delegates represent the constituency covered by the Miramichi Presbyterial extending from New Carlisle, P. Q., to Harcourt, N. B.

Among the visitors were Mrs. R. C. Cruikshank of St. John, the Society's Secretary of Young People's Work, Rev. F. L. Jobb of New Mills, and Dr. Kate McMillan, a Korean medical missionary who is now spending a furlough at her old home in Jacques River.

The delegates were hospitably entertained by the ladies of St. Luke's and their friends. An address of welcome was presented by Mrs. R. Dunn of West Bathurst, the President of the Local Auxiliary, and responded to in a pleasing manner by Mrs. O. Nicholson of Newcastle.

The business sessions were presided over by Mrs. F. L. Jobb of New Mills, the President of the Presbyterial. A visit to one of the meetings would convince one that women are just as capable in the transaction of business as men.

The weather throughout the day was in an extremely torrential mood and the problem of navigation on some of the village streets was a rather acute one, but some even seemed to enjoy it and once within the comfortable hall, the ladies went ahead with their meetings as if had weather were never thought of.

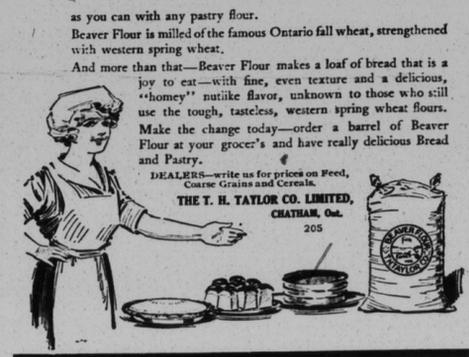
The reports of the year's operations were on the whole decidedly optimistic and encouraging. The Secretary reported 28 auxiliaries with 678 members and 95 scattered helpers. 50 members were added during the year and five life members. 21 of the 28 auxiliaries spoke of increase in funds and this notwithstanding the many other activities—especially war activities—in which the women are engaged. The various auxiliaries connected with the Presbyterial raised a total of \$2,066.63 for foreign missions; \$584.27 for Home Missions; and \$91.75 for the Hospital Fund; making a grand total of \$2,742.65, which is a very creditable showing and represents an increase over last year.

The way in which the H. M. funds were allocated is instructive in that it shows the various Canadian activities in which the Presbyterial is particularly interested. The allocation was as follows:—

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War will Cost 100 Billions

Or More, if it Lasts Three Years a French Economist Figures

Paris, July 6.—If the war lasts three years the losses will reach a total unheard of in the past. They will amount to 100 or 120 billions.

This is the conclusion reached by Jean Finot, a noted economist who writes in the Revue, says further: According to the speculations of economists and statisticians, armed conflicts from the time of Napoleon I. to our day, all added together, have not cost one-half the sums absorbed by the present war. The Napoleonic wars properly so-called, which are considered the most sanguinary in the history of past wars cost only about fifteen billion dollars. They lasted twenty years. The Crimean war cost the nations engaging in it almost eleven or twelve billions. The Civil war in America did not cost more than seven billion dollars or seven billion six hundred million. The war between Prussia and Austria in 1866 necessitated an expenditure of only five hundred million dollars.

According to the estimate of M. Mauguin-Bodet, minister of finance in 1874, the war of 1870 cost France the total sum of \$2,499,000,000. In the figures are included the losses to state, to the departments, to the communes and individuals. The cost of caring for German troops after the conclusion of peace and before the complete evacuation, amounting to \$18,000,000 is also included.

An English statistician puts the direct expenses of all belligerents from Napoleon I. to the war of 1914 at thirty-six billion to forty billion dollars.

Considering only the allied armies in the present war it may be noted that the number of combatants on our side now amounts to about fourteen million. If we admit an average daily expenditure of \$4 a day for each soldier, including ammunition, we will have a total of \$1,680,000,000 a month, or about twenty billion dollars a year.

For France alone the budget amounts to \$6,193,200,000 yearly, according to M. Almond, who recently made a report to the French senate, showing the following credits since August 1, 1914:

Last months of 1914.....	\$1,317,886,850
Year 1915.....	4,483,319,702
First half of 1916.....	3,906,506,870
Total since war began.....	\$9,887,713,422

Career of Miss Anna McLeod

As Given in an Interview With the Reformed Baptist Denominational Organ

"The King's Highway" of the 30th ult., has the following sketch of Miss Anna O. McLeod, who went from Newcastle six years ago as a missionary to Japan, and who revisited this town a few days ago and gave an address:

"Miss Anna McLeod returned from Japan—the youngest daughter of Brother and Sister Simon McLeod, formerly of Woodstock, N. B.—spent Sunday the 18th inst., with the Editor and Mrs. Baker, and gave a very interesting and enjoyable address in the Fredericton church in the evening.

"Knowing that many of our readers would be deeply interested, being acquainted with her father and mother, I met her personally, we asked Sister McLeod for a brief sketch of her call and preparation for the Missionary work and in response to the request she has given us the following:

"I was born in Woodstock, N. B., in 1875, and baptized at 8 years of age. When five years of age my Sunday School teacher went to India (Mrs. Sander). This made me think that to be a missionary was the greatest thing in the world. I went with my parents into the Reformed Baptist church at its organization.

"At ten years, my day school teacher (Mrs. Hale) went to Africa. At her farewell meeting she said to me 'Anna you will go some day.' Those words I never forgot and so all through my life this thought was with me, that at the right time I should go some place to the foreign field to carry the Gospel message, the wonderful words of love, to those who had never heard. Early in 1909 God said very plainly to me 'this is the time, I want you now, so I left the plan which I had been making for further study in medicine and after a year spent in the Methodist National Training School in Toronto, I went to my appointed field of labor, Japan.

"God has been abundantly with me through five years of service there. His abiding presence has made all the difficult things possible and filled my life with a song in whatever circumstances I have been placed. I rejoice that 'I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day.' I have committed my life, my all to Him and He is all in all to me."

Letters From the Front

No. 18026 Pte. D. Curtis, 3 Batt., 1st Brigade, 1st Can. Brit. E. F. France, June 13, 1916

Dear Mother,

Just a line to say that I am well, and hoping this will find you all the same.

Well, I have been at the Ferrieres school for the last two months, and I am getting on fine, that is learning to shoe horses. I am to be blacksmith to the unit when I go back. I will be going back on the 27th of June. We have very wet weather just now, but I am always dry, so that is a good job. I think I will get a pass about a month, so I will make us a visit, as the school teachers had a letter from Mrs. Asplund, and she is fine. She said in her letter that you were well, so I was pleased to hear that.

Well, I met in with a fellow here, and he has a violin, so that is the way I put in my time at night.

Well, mother, I will have to be drawing to a close for my news is scarce.

I remain your loving son, DAN.

The Gilbert and Ellise Islands, in the Pacific Ocean, which were proclaimed a British protectorate in full vigor of their young manhood, 1892, have now been annexed to the British Empire as a grown colony. The population of these islands was reported in 1911 to be 26,417 natives

Read These Booklets And You'll Be Pleased

The Canadian Publications of the Canadian Government Railways This Season will Delight All

(Halifax Herald)

The summer publications of the Canadian Government Railways have just appeared and they are a delight to the eye and a pleasure to the intelligence—beautifully printed and illustrated and full of interesting and informing reading matter—a real credit to the advertising department of the People's Railway. The books make a collection of seven, including the red folder of "Summer Excursion Fares" of the Government Railways system from the newest Musquodoboit branch to far-off Winnipeg, for the government system now stretches from the Sydneys and Musquodoboit in the east to the very centre of the continent at the prairie capital, "Summer Excursion Fares" also has a list of hotels and rates.

Each of the booklets has its own different story. Three are devoted to the Bras d'Or lakes; Prince Edward Island, the euphonious "Abegweit"—"cradled in the waves," according to the happy and picturesque symbolism of the noble red man; La Bate de Chaleur, the name given the beautiful inlet of the sea by Jacques Cartier in 1534, when that gallant French navigator sailed into the magnificent haven. The loveliness of those territories and waters, made accessible by the Canadian Government Railways system, can never be forgotten by those who have seen it, and that is almost everyone now; but those who have not had this privilege may obtain a fascinating idea of nature's matchless beauty as these displayed by the reading of these charming railway brochures and the others of the series. They are worth perusal by those who may not immediately intend seeing the country described, but for those who have seen it and who may propose doing so they are invaluable.

There are also the twin booklets "Notes-by-the-Way—one describing "Lines Quebec and West" the country from Quebec's ancient capital with its past romance and its present attractiveness to Winnipeg. Some of the chief points of interest are noted and illustrated for it would take a big volume to tell anything

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To be Tried in N. S. for High Treason

An Austrian Sent Contribution to His Mother Country's War Loan

At the sittings of the Supreme Court in Sydney, N. S., last week, Gaber Faber, a native of Austria-Hungary, was committed for trial on a charge of high treason. It appeared that Faber addressed a letter to T. Kisi Emil, a banker at 133 Second Avenue, New York, enclosing \$500 subscription to the Austrian war loan.

The letter was intercepted by the provost marshal at Sydney. The man was committed and the Grand Jury indicted him, bringing in a true bill of high treason.

The case came up before Justice J. A. Chisholm, who fixed the date of trial for July 27th at Sydney.

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