

Cap. Pierce, Brantford Boy

One of the Speakers at Notable Y. M. C. A. Banquet

Also Mr. T. F. Best, for Many Years Secretary in This City

A Folkestone paper of recent date contains a lengthy report of a notable banquet for the Canadian members of the Y. M. C. A.

Capt. Pierce, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Pierce, Palace St., was one of the speakers, and also Capt. T. F. Best, for many years Y.M.C.A. Secretary in Brantford. They are thus recorded:—

"Capt. Pierce, senior officer for this district, proposed the toast of 'The Boys at the Front.' He said he considered it a unique privilege to have his name associated with the toast, and with that of the splendid man who was to reply to it. Any success he had ever had in life he owed to Capt. Best. He remembered hearing him tell of the wonderful work of the Y. M. C. A. in the Boer War, and he then made up his mind that he would consider it a supreme call if at some future day he had the opportunity of emulating Capt. Best's work. As he thought of the magnificent men who had already made the great sacrifice on the battlefields, and of the fellows there that night who were preparing to follow their footsteps, it made him feel that it was worth while to be connected with such an institution whose one aim was to provide comforts for the boys in khaki. He hoped they would all live to go back to their native land in safety at the end of the war. Would they rise and solemnly drink to the boys at the front?"

"Capt. T. F. Best, in responding, said if he had to bring a message to them from the boys at the front he thought the first message would be one of cheerfulness; that they should be cheerful, bright optimistic, cheering themselves up and cheering their pals up. They felt very badly when they lost their pals at the front, but if they went talking about it and moaning about it they were just discouraging and disheartening the men they ought to encourage and cheer up. No matter what they were feeling they must smile; no matter what they were thinking of they must say something bright, or not speak at all. Let them tell a bright story, sing a song or do anything to cheer the rest up. They could not tell how much they might contribute to the cause that we and our allies had espoused. There were plenty of things to do, courage and to make men fall into gloom and disheartening, plenty of things of that kind that could be forced on them, but it was for them to be there with a smile and with a kind word of sympathy and encouragement, something to get the hearts of the men up. He did not know whether there was any place at all in the world for a chronic groucher. But if there was he was quite sure it would be a good thing for them to cultivate the habit of being cheerful and of being

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environment. (Laughter). But this enemy in their trenches or in the open, they would wish they had taken some friend's advice and got themselves into condition for it. They must also be mighty familiar with their rifles, and the same with the bayonet. They must be experts in these things, because their lives and the good of their cause depended on it. In cases where one man of each side got left to themselves, as they often did, it was the man who could get his rifle up and draw a bead the quickest who lived to tell the tale; the other man didn't. The responsibility was on them to see to this matter. They must realize their personal responsibility in the war, because it was the quality of the individual man in the army that counted. He didn't want them to have to sing: "If every man in the Army was like me, O, where would that Army be?" (Laughter). Lastly every man who went to the front must be a Christian man. Every man should be at right with God if he was going to do his best for his country and his King. There was no doubt that the man who went into the thick of the battle knowing he was right with God had the advantage over the man who went into it feeling that all was not well with him. Everybody prayed out at the front. He knew many men who had had no use for God who prayed very hard when they got into the thick of it. He did not blame them, but that was not the time for praying; he had something else to do then. If they had not done it before let them get right with God at the beginning of this New Year. It would bring joy to their lives, strength and influence to them as soldiers, and give them courage in the day when the severest test came to them. He prayed that it might be their privilege to do their bit to the limit, but in any case, let them be truthful, clean, helpful Christian men. (Loud applause).

During the evening several items were given by the Belgian Orchestra. A bill has been introduced in the Michigan Senate to prohibit youths under sixteen from driving motor cars. Fire which started in a furniture plant at Cambridge, Ohio, did damage of \$125,000 in the business section. A span of the new bridge over the Spokane river gave way and twenty-five workmen fell into the water. Four were drowned. Arrangements are being made to provide military training for all public and high school boys in New York State. Assist Nature. There are times when you should assist nature. It is now important to change your system—if you will take Hood's Sarsaparilla the under-taking will be successful. This great medicine purifies and builds up as nothing else does.

NEWS OF NORFOLK

Lt.-Col. Aiken Late of 133rd Returns Home to Simcoe

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(From Our Own Correspondent) Simcoe, Feb. 9.—The governing committee of the town council went through the plans for extensions this afternoon with the Town Engineer, Guy R. Marston, and ordered the forwarding of the copy prepared for the Provincial Health Dept.

Mr. H. P. Innes, K.C. drew the \$105 pair of pillow slips which Mrs. E. Raney donated to the I. O. D. E. Lt.-Col. F. L. Aiken of the 33rd militia regiment, who conducted recruiting and training here from the outbreak of the war till the launching of the 133rd campaign and throwing in his military accoutrements overseas as Senior Major of the unit, reached home by the noon train to-day, Friday. He was a few hours late for the first banquet to returned soldiers, Col. Aiken was in the trenches with the 4th Battalion for five days. The line was quiet, only one killed and seven wounded during the time. Col. Aiken crossed on the Scotian landing at St. John and was obliged to report to Quebec, Ottawa and Toronto.

Simcoe, Feb. 12.—The Board of Education will hold a special meeting this evening to get the contract for the North Ward school under way. The action of the Town Council last week in passing the \$20,000 vote has left the board clear for an early start and it is now generally conceded that the buildings will be ready for occupancy at the September re-opening.

The I. O. D. E. cleared out their successful fair at the Armouries on Saturday, winding up with a short platform program and a four o'clock cup of coffee at the Japanese tea corner. The little girls' drill so highly appreciated on Thursday evening was repeated and Misses Mary and Mina Harner sang "Playmates" very beautifully.

The decoration committee took down the flags and bunting on Saturday night. The public should know something regarding the chief contributors to this monstrous success and Mrs. Jno. Porter is due recognition for the decorations except the thought of the banquet hall, where Mr. A. Sovereign carried out the suggestions of a special committee on this work.

Other "mere men" who contributed labor or tradesmen's skill were R. E. Gunton, D. G. McKnight, R. Rawlings, Douglas Porter, Rev. A. B. Farney, Guy R. Marston, C.E., Ira Whitehead, Sam King, Fred Purcell.

The women of the chapter practically all worked. Litho Employees Are Being Pleaded. Mr. Graham of the Simcoe Litho. Co. has taken a situation in Brantford with a large stationery firm.

Wheatcroft, Owens and Mottahed go to London; Harris, Chapman and Higgins to Toronto; Prosser, Woodworth, Foster, Cattell, Lambert, West, Roberts and LaPlant, are all located.

The contents of both vaults have been found to be uninjured and some of the artists will be able to resume work in their former quarters above the offices.

Other Plants Offer Assistance. General Manager F. J. Smith received a group of letters, all programs offering every assistance for the continuing of the Company's work, in other plants. Among others from, Ralph and Clark, Stone Island, David Smith Co., D. H. Henderson, Harris Litho. Co., and Standard of Toronto; Duncan Lithographing Co. and Howell's of Hamilton and H. J. Jones, Lawson's and the London Printing and Litho. Co., of London.

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News Notes

Magistrate Veit, of Kitchener, reserved judgment for a week after hearing the evidence of Chief O'Neill, Sergt. Grasser and Constables Farrell and Steiner in an action against Joseph Zuber, proprietor of the Walper House, charged with refusing to open a safe in an empty store when requested by the police.

F. N. Beardmore, of Montreal, and E. J. Davis, of Newmarket, saw Sir George Foster yesterday on behalf of the leather interests to ask that an effort be made to have the regulations relaxed to allow hides to come to Canada. They represented that the situation was serious, that boot leather was reaching impossible prices.

After having raised the 11th (South Waterloo) Battalion to a strength of 900, taken it overseas, and spent four weeks on the firing line, Lieut.-Col. J. D. Clark is back in Galt.

MAIL CONTRACT

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa, until noon, on Friday, the 23rd day of February, 1917, for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mails, on a proposed contract for four years, six times per week over Brantford No. 3 Rural Route, from the 1st of April, 1917.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed contract may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Office of Brantford, Engler's Nest, Barich and Newport, and at the office of the Post Office Inspector, London.

G. C. ANDERSON, Superintendent

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Day Set For Discussion

London, Feb. 12.—The Government agreed to-day to set a day for discussion in the House of Commons of the Irish Administration as requested by the National League.

Duke of Connaught Inspector-General

By Courier Lensed Wire. London, Feb. 12.—The Duke of Connaught will be appointed Inspector-General of overseas operations according to The Times. The Duke will intimate the question of promotion of Canadian officers which has been subject of criticism.

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