

WOUNDED RESERVIST FROM BRANDON AND VOLUNTEER WITH FIRST CONTINGENT WRITE INTERESTING LETTERS HOME

PRIVATE MCINTOSH ANXIOUS TO
GET BACK TO CANADA—FRED
COOKMAN HAS NOW BEEN
MADE A LANCE CORPORAL

Private Joe McIntosh, a British reservist, whose wife and four small children reside on Fifteenth street north, sent the following letters to his aunt, Mrs. Lindstrom, 324 Tenth street, from the hospital to which he had been sent after being wounded in battle on the river Aisne:

10209 Royal Fusiliers

Crompton Fold,

Bolton Hospital,

Dear Aunt Kate—Just a line to let you know that I am doing well. I was wounded in the left foot, but can get about on crutches now. I was very glad to get back from France. I went into some terrible

trouble and was not getting any better than I did, is a mystery to me. All I hope for now is to get back to my dear wife and children. I have seen enough of it. It is not war, but wholesale murder. All I do now is to pray to God to help me to get back to you all. I have only had one letter from Canada, and that was from Violet (his wife), dated the 24th September. I feel in my heart and mind that they (his family) are all right. I hope so, or I think my mind would reel. I am sorry to say my nerves are very bad with what I have gone through, but by God's grace I hope to get my health back again. I have had some ups and downs through my life, but I don't think I can stand much more of it. War is an awful thing: to see the dead, dying and wounded, and hear them crying for help when you can't get to them made my heart bleed. Some wounded asking those who could stand up in the trenches to shoot them to get them out of their misery.

But I must try to forget those awful days and nights and ease my mind. Well, Aunt Kate, I must bring my letter to a close. Do write back quick; a letter would cheer me up. God bless you all.

Your loving nephew,

Joseph Graham McIntosh,

10209 Royal Fusiliers,

Bolton Hospital,

A Later Letter

Dear Aunt Kate—Just a line to let you know I am still improving. I am getting the use of my foot and shall soon be sent to the front again. I have not received any letters from you yet. I am glad to say I have been in the thickest of the fight and by the power of God I escaped death. I should never like to go through it again. My nerves are all on the jump yet. I will never forget it. I wish peace was proclaimed. I should be happy, so that I could get home again to my dear wife and children. I am always worrying about them,

and if I am wounded again I hope they send me on the first boat for Canada.

I am in a nice hospital, and they are very kind to me. We have the best of food; in fact I am getting fat. I had Frances and Jack come to see me. They were at Yarmouth, but I had to go to the front without seeing them when I landed; but I saw them when I came back. Now my greatest joy will be to see Canada again. You will be in winter now and keeping the fires going. It is rather cold over here, but nothing like Canada—that wants beating.

Well, Aunt Kate, I am looking forward to the time when I can get back home. Give my love to all.

Your loving nephew,

Joe.

Fred Cookman Writes

Fred Cookman, so well known here, and who went with the first contingent, has now been made a lance corporal. His parents here have just received a letter which tells of his visit to London and other interesting matters. The letter reads:

West Down South,

Salisbury Plains,

Nov. 19th, 1914.

Dear Folks,—Received dad's letter of the 28th, and was pleased to hear from you once again. This is Thursday afternoon, and it is raining as usual. We have just got back from a night bivouac. We left camp yesterday morning at ten o'clock, and went about fifteen miles around the country and landed up after dark at a bush near Stonehenge. I froze hard and we had to sleep out under the stars. We got up about four and skirished about four miles before breakfast. Then we skirished back to camp. We have a little oil stove in the tent to keep us warm, and we find the good of it this afternoon.

Last Friday some of us got passes to go to London. We went to Longton station in a taxicab. Then took the train for Bath, where we stayed all night. Then we got on a train for London, and made one hundred and eight miles in two hours. After having a hair cut and shave we had dinner, and went around to see the sights. It is certainly a big town and the streets are very narrow. There are no very high buildings, but some very large ones. We saw the Grenadier Guards Mount at Buckingham Palace. They are not so very much better than ourselves. We travelled miles in the underground railways and on motor buses. I stayed one night at a hotel and two at the Union Jack club, a home for soldiers and sailors on furlough. I went to see the great Madame Tussaud's wax models. There is a very large building filled with wax models of all the most prominent men in the world, made life size. They have

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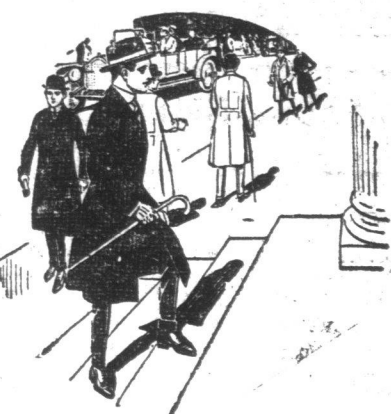
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Price.....

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at \$1.65. Bargain Price, **\$1.25**
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for Xmas Gifts. Sizes 5 to
10, 11 to 2. Special, pair..... **.5c**

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Brief and to the point, we tell in the following economy news of the striking savings prepared to make Friday and Saturday Red Letter Days.

READ AND TAKE ADVANTAGE of the good things that are going.

MEN'S EXCELDA HANDKERCHIEFS—
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Of the better kind—
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mixture. Special at— **35c**
Per pair.....

Men's Fall and Winter Suits

Regular \$10.50; On Sale for..... **\$ 6.95**
Regular \$15.00; On Sale for..... **\$10.90**
Regular \$20.00; On Sale for..... **\$14.90**
Regular \$25.00; On Sale for..... **\$18.75**
Regular \$30.00; On Sale for..... **\$21.75**

Men's Winter Overcoats

Regular \$20.00 Values for..... **\$16.50**
Regular \$25.00 Values for..... **\$21.50**
Regular \$30.00 Values for..... **\$23.75**

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Balance of a sample range; all the newest
styles. Regular \$35.00—
Clearing for..... **\$13.90**

300 Men's Sweater Coats

in the finest makes and the newest colors
and styles. Regular \$2.50 to \$10.00. On
Sale Friday and Saturday **20 Per Cent Off.**

Booze Balance Sheet for Brandon

CAN WE AFFORD IT?

What Brandon will lose under Local Option

16 Bar-room Licenses at \$150.....	\$2,400
2 Wholesale Licenses at \$400.....	800
2 Club Licenses.....	300
Police Court Fines for Drunkenness.....	2,000
Depreciation in Taxes.....	1,000
	\$6,500

Annual Loss Account under License.

Expenditure in Bar- rooms.....	\$248,000
Expenditure in Whole- sales.....	40,000
Expenditure in Clubs.....	10,000
Expenditure in Relief Work, per Drink.....	2,000
Expenditure in Super- vising Crime Caused by Drink.....	2,000
Loss of Earning Power.....	1,000
	\$303,000
Amount Received.....	6,500
Total yearly loss.....	\$296,500

Additional Loss to Crimes beyond Estimate

Drunks.....	473
Drunk and Disorderly.....	58
Giving to Intoxicated.....	2
Intoxicated in Bar.....	4
Blind Pigs.....	2
Excess Warrant.....	1
Direct Cause of Drink.....	540

Besides 673 Other Cases in Which Drink is Almost Sole Cause.

RATEPAYERS—CAN WE AFFORD IT?

VOTE FOR LOCAL OPTION.

SOCIAL SERVICE COUNCIL.

the king and queen and a lot of royal people, Teddy Roosevelt, Lord Kitchener, Lord Roberts, and all kinds back to Henry VIII. They even have Crippen and Harry K. Thaw, Smith, the commander of the Titanic, Gen. French, Lloyd George, and all those politicians. It was certainly worth seeing. We saw the Duke of Connaught's residence, the war office and admiralty office; I couldn't tell half of what we did see. It costs more to eat there in restaurants than it does in Canada. I had a picture taken, too, but have not got them yet. We went to a theatre the last night we were there.

Lord Roberts died last Sunday morning. Some of the boys went to Salisbury to a memorial service for him today. A week ago last Sunday I was promoted to Lance corporal. The war seems to be dragging along slowly, neither side gaining very much. We moved our tents up on a hill the other day, but it will soon be as muddy as ever. We have floors though now. We expect to move into huts pretty soon. It freezes at night and rains in the day time, so we have lovely weather. We don't know yet when we will go to the front. England is sending troops over every little while.

I have got pretty well rid of my cold and don't feel too bad now. Well, I can't think of anything more today, so I will stop for this time, so bye-bye.

Your loving son and brother,

Fred.

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WORLD'S CROP REPORTS STATED

PRODUCTION OF WHEAT FOR
YEAR ESTIMATED AT 734,
560,000 TONS

London, Dec. 11.—The board of agriculture and fisheries have received the following information from the International Agricultural Institute. New data of particular importance are those for the crops in Rumania and Russia in Asia.

In Rumania the production of wheat is estimated at 24,923,000 cwt. (55.3 per cent of that in 1913) of barley at 10,052,000 cwt. (84.9 per cent) and of oats at 6,695,000 cwt. (63.9 per cent). In Russia in Asia (10 governments), the production of wheat is estimated at 64,791,000 cwt. (87.7 per cent of that in 1913) of rye at 15,473,000 cwt. (103.1 per cent, and of oats at 34,491,000 cwt. (90.6 per cent).

508,837,000 cwt.

Oats—In the same countries as in the case of wheat, but omitting India, the production is estimated at 946,680,000 cwt.

Regarding the other cereals, for maize there are given new production figures in Spain, 14,320,000 cwt. or 114 per cent of the 1913 production, and Rumania 55,100,000 cwt. or 90 per cent.

For rice the production figures are given in the case of Spain 3,927,000 cwt., or 87.7 per cent of the production of 1913; India 563,169,000 cwt., or 98.9 per cent, and Japan 161,447,000 cwt., or 114.6 per cent.

As regards other products, the production of cotton in India for 1913-14 is given (18,570,000 cwt., or 112.8 per cent) and the area at present sown for the year 1914-15 is estimated at 14,704,000 acres, or 99.2 per cent of that at the same time last year.

MANY RAILWAY MEN JOIN BRITISH ARMY

London.—The Railway Gazette recently stated that the number of men to join the colors from the principal British and Irish railways since the beginning of the war, up to September 30, and in some cases up to the first fortnight in October, was approximately 57,000.

This figure, the Railway Gazette pointed out, had no doubt been increased meanwhile, but not to a very material extent, owing to the instructions issued by the war office that no one in the railway service was to enlist without permission from the head of his department.

The arrangements for allowance to the employees' dependents during the war and for the reinstatement of employees afterwards, are based on the proposals of the railway executive committee.



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GASOLINE TANKS TO CONSTRUCT BRIDGES

New York, Dec. 9.—The Russian government has purchased 50,000 55 gallon airtight gasoline tanks, at a cost of approximately \$250,000 to be used in the construction of pontoon bridges in their military operations, according to a statement issued this afternoon by the manufacturers. The tanks are of steel and are cylindrical in shape.

The first shipment is to go forward next Saturday it was said. The tire lot, under the terms of the contract, must be shipped not later than January 15.

GHEENT ECONOMIC CRISIS

Berlin.—According to a private telegram received by the Vorwaerts General von der Goltz recently ordered all the raw materials in the possession of the various factories in Gheent to be handed over to the German authorities. The burgomaster thereupon pointed out that such a proceeding would necessitate the closing down of all the factories, throwing 50,000 workmen out of employment, and obtained permission to call up the civil guard and other forces for fear of an outbreak on the part of the population.