

BELLEVILLE SOLDIER RETURNS WOUNDED AT YPRES

Private William Rawlinson Welcomed Home Yesterday - His Experiences at the Front

Home again after the horrors of St. Julien and Langemarck, Private William Rawlinson, late pioneer of the 2nd company of the Second Battalion C.E.F., a member of the 15th detachment which left Belleville with Lieut. O'Flynn and Ponton (now Captains), is being welcomed on all sides by his friends. He has been honorably discharged from the service and has a conduct sheet which shows his character as "good."

Private "Bill" Rawlinson wears the honored battle scars and marks, a German bullet having struck him on the temple and a double rupture caused by exhaustion. He went into the trenches in February of this year and fought through the engage-

ment of Ypres. He said, "We did the best we could." The Belleville boys all played their part well. For six days we held the line at St. Julien and Langemarck.

The returned soldier served 12 years in the 1st West Surrey Regiment, six years of this time being spent in India. He had spent three years in Canada and was a trusted employee of the City Gas Department prior to enlistment in August, 1914. He has drilled with the 15th, 49th, 16th and 40th, having been a full corporal at Barriefield with the 40th under the late Major Bolger.

Pte. Rawlinson will spend a short time recuperating and hopes to get some light work to do. He has only one complaint to make, that he was given a suit of civilian clothes on discharge which he would not value over \$5. He was not provided with scarf, nor overcoat.

Speaking of Captains O'Flynn and Ponton he said "They are soldiers."

Pte. Rawlinson is stopping at the Crystal Hotel.

Mr. T. C. Thompson was in Toronto yesterday.

Lieut. Frank L. Smith has completed his course in infantry at Barriefield and is in this city.

Dr. Hahn, is removing to Michigan, where he will practice.

Belleville Cheese Board

Cheese sold on Belleville Board today at 15 1/2 cents, the buyers being Messrs. Cook and Son and M. Sprague. Mr. J. Alexander secured a few factories at 15 7/16, but this bid on the products of other factories was refused.

The board was as follows:—
Shannonville, 40
Bronk, 60
York Road, 50
Massasauga, 40
Silver Springs, 50
Union, 50
Eclipse, 35
Holloway, 35
Hyland, 50
Sidney, 60
Acme, 40
Weller, 70
Sidney Town Hall, 80
Rosebud, 25
West Huntingdon, 30
Melrose, 60
Zion, 60
Foxboro, 70
East Hastings, 60
Thurlow, 60
Mountain, 55
Plainfield, 30
Thomasburg, 54
Pine Grove, 25.

Frankford, 90.
Rogers, 90.
Moira, 40.
Kingston, 30.
Roblin, 35.
Rock, 25.
Stoco, 25.
Codrington, 75.
Avonbank, 75.

Shou'd there be a Truce

From what has appeared in the press recently, one may judge that the liquor interests have offered to give \$1000 to the Red Cross Fund if the Local Optimists would call off the campaign for Local Option till after the war. This offer was, no doubt, made in perfect good faith, but was, of course declined because it would look like too palpable a sale of principles for a little money. However, what has taken place suggests two questions. 1st, Is it desirable to arrange a truce till after the war? 2nd, Are the liquor interests prepared to offer something that will be regarded as an advance along temperance lines and are the Local Optimists prepared to accept same? As to the first question most people will agree that it is a wise thing to eliminate every element that will create discord among the people or divert their attention from war thought and work.

A Local Option Campaign usually raises a great deal of bitterness in the community. What can the liquor interests offer that will be looked upon as an advance along temperance lines? I wish to make it clear that I am not suggesting anything. I am not suggesting that either party should do anything. I am merely asking the question. Are there any terms on which the conflicting interests can agree that will result in a truce till after the war because I believe the people generally would like to see such a truce.

The parties should remember that a good deal can be said on both sides. I have heard total abstinence and pronounced temperance people say they would not vote for Local Option, and I have heard drinking people say they would vote for it.

This communication has not been inspired by anyone and no one but myself had any knowledge of its contents prior to publication.

W. C. Mikel

Large Market

Prices for all lines of Produce Well Maintained - Eggs and Chickens Plentiful - Butter and Potatoes Scarce - Meats About the Same (From Saturday's Daily)

There was a satisfactory combination at Belleville market this morning—great quantities of reasonable produce offered for sale and a huge crowd of buyers with plenty of money to give in exchange. Notwithstanding the plentiful offerings prices remained at a high level, there being few drops to record.

In the main building the most conspicuous feature was the vast quantity of dressed chickens. Nicely dressed young chickens could be had as low as 70c per pair but prices averaged around 80c. The larger fowls were retailing from \$1.25 to 1.50.

A number of ducks and geese were in evidence but it is a little early yet for many of these to be offered. For ducks the regular price was 75c each while the geese, all very plump were selling from \$1.50 to 1.75.

Eggs were remarkably abundant, and the price sagged slightly. From last week at first 35c a dozen was demanded but this quickly dropped to 34c, then 33c, and even 32c in some quarters. A lot of eggs remained unsold at noon.

Butter was scarce and ranged in price from 34c to 35c a pound. What little was offered, was soon picked up. One lady was offering head-cheese at 25c for 2 pound cake. Another had cream at 80c the quart. Still another was selling the strawberry tomatoes with the husks on for 5c a quart.

The floral dealers had a very pretty display of chrysanthemums and asters as well as a large assortment of potted foliage plants, varying prices.

The crowd of "40s" market was nearly as large. Potatoes are scarce. That fact was frankly admitted by every one who had potatoes for sale. One woman from Huntingdon stated that about half the tubers had rotted in what is generally a section immune from the rot. He sold his load all to one dealer at \$1 a bag. The prevailing price for the single bag was \$1.25 but some aristocratic individuals were asking \$1.50.

One dealer had a load of water-melons which he was retailing at 10c and 15c each. They were pretty fair in size too.

Apples ranged from 15c to 25c a peck, according to quality and variety. Vegetables were quoted as follows:—beets 20c per peck, carrots 30c, on 30c, turnips 15c, herbs etc. 5c bunch.

The fish market was well supplied with two varieties—whitefish and fresh herring. Ten cents a pound was the price of white fish, while a dozen fresh herring could be had for 30c.

Prices of meats, etc., are much the same as a week ago.

Live hogs are slightly lower, selling at \$8.65. Dressed hogs are quoted at \$12. Beef hinds were selling at \$9.00 to \$10. Lamb was a little higher and sold at 15c. Mutton was 12c.

Prices for grain and hides are practically unchanged.

John Street Presbyterian Church will take the vote on church union on the third Sunday in November.

SUNDAY EVENING RECRUITING CAMPAIGN INAUGURATED

Theatre Crowded to the Doors Last Evening - Urgent Appeals for Recruits by Men From the Front.

(Special Correspondent)

The first of the Sunday evening series of recruiting rallies, planned by the Belleville Speakers' Patriotic League, drew together last night in the Griffin Theater the largest patriotic audience that has gathered since the war began. Through the generosity of the Griffin management the theater has been put free of charge at the disposal of the league for recruiting purposes. The inauguration of the scheme proved so successful that the proposition will be continued on succeeding Sunday evenings. From the pit to "the gods" the large building was jammed. Boxes were filled and many were obliged to stand at the side of the stage. A profusion of posters and flags decorated the front of the theater.

As the curtain arose, the Fifteenth Regiment Band in command of bandmaster Sergeant E. R. Hinchey was revealed. These musicians opened the program with the rendition of patriotic music.

When this was concluded the following took their place on the stage: Col. S. S. Lazier, chairman, Hon. Sir Mackenzie Bowell, E. Gust Porter, K. C., M.P., J. W. Johnson, M.P.P., Rev. Dr. Blagrove, H. F. Ketcheson, Rev. C. G. Smith, E. F. Milburn, Col. W. N. Ponton, Mayor Pantier, Captain R. D. Ponton, Lieut. Bennett, Corporal Sandford and Pte. Wm. Rawlinson, 2nd Batt., C.E.F.

Such a huge gathering, said the chairman, Col. Lazier, in his opening remarks, was not possible before the war was started by the archfiend of Europe, the German Emperor. "But now no hour is too sacred for such a purpose."

"The trouble with us is that the war does not affect us. Every one should do something. The women have set us an example. Men unable to go are contributing immensely. There has been a magnificent response to the Red Cross."

YOUNG MEN LACKING

The only class in the community which has not sized up the responsibility is the young men. For many years he had been the commanding officer of the local regiment. The young men in these days all drilled in the city regiment. And now when I see the crowds of young men attending the pool rooms, the picture shows and standing on the corners, I wonder what has come over them. Two young men were on the platform who had faced death. The hell of Balaklava was nothing to that of St. Julien and Neuve Chapelle.

Col. Lazier paid a tribute to the generosity of Griffin management.

OUR HEALTHY SOLDIERS

"The duty is now upon us as individuals to maintain the glorious liberties which we now enjoy," said Mr. J. W. Johnson, M.P.P. "A finer health, happier body of men does not exist than at Barriefield, the men from our own homes. You may risk your lives in the war but death is everywhere around you, even in this city. You if you enter service, will secure a discipline that will be of invaluable benefit to the future. I cannot understand what is keeping the young men back."

"So far as I can, the men who return will have my influence for their preference in the public service. I believe and know that the end will be victory for the allies and liberty for the world," (cheers).

"We ask these young men to go out to do their duty and I venture to say on behalf of the citizens that we will care for you when you return. Go out boys and take your part like men," (cheers).

Mrs. James Grant sang "The Colors of the Flag," to the setting of Mr. J. Nevill Doyle, who acted as accompanist.

Captain R. D. Ponton paid a tribute to the warm spirit of welcome in Belleville and the loyal work of the ladies throughout the land. "We are fond of peace, but when the Motherland calls we find we have men who are willing, who are able to help that land. Those who go are defending their own homes in Canada. Every man would go out to fight the Germans if they were 50 miles away from Belleville. Is it not better to keep them 3,000 miles away? I have seen little girls with their hands off at the wrists, I have seen them ravished, yes murdered." Today one of our sisters, Nurse Cavell, has been taken from us. Has it not come down to this, that we are beginning to learn to hate?

The men who have gone to the front and those now enlisting, are not ignorant men (cheers). "Why do

I speak of casualties at a recruiting meeting—to show the tenacity and valor of the men, whose deeds every man capable of bearing arms should emulate."

At Givenchy at the Duck's Bill, Captain Ponton was in charge of a company in a trench 35 yards from the Germans. For six days and nights it was a continual battle of hand grenades. Finally the German trench was mined with 3,000 pounds of dynamite and 260 of the Kaiser's soldiers were buried alive.

"I saw two of our Canadian boys bayoneted by Prussians after they were maimed."

The greatest pleasure to the men at the front will be to know that 250 or 500 more young men from Belleville have enlisted.

"There is not a man who is medically unfit, who should not have in his pocket a certificate from the medical examiner at the recruiting depot."

"At Givenchy I had the honor of seeing the Prince of Wales binding up a wounded British Tommy's wound with his own dressing. And he asked him for a cigarette and the Prince gave him five."

"Are you young men enlisted that they shall fight your battles. If you are, you are not fit to be called a Britisher."

"I want no military cross nor Victoria Cross. I only want to be able to say, I did my duty. That is all." Captain Ponton referred to Corporal Sandford who was four times wounded and St. Julien and was wrecked in the Heeperian.

Corporal Sandford got out of the lifeboat, swam 50 yards and saved a child. "On his right is a Belleville man, Pte. Wm. Rawlinson, who returned this afternoon from England. You can see the scar over the right eye by a bullet."

"We have got to make arrangements with some man at Montreal to let us know when our Belleville men are coming home." Captain Ponton said Pte. Rawlinson could show a clean conduct sheet.

"Men what would you give to be in the shoes of these two men? Captain Ponton led in three cheers for Pte. Rawlinson. Three deafening hurrahs for the gallant soldier followed.

Captain W. H. Wrightmeyer sang "Till the Boys Come Home." Prof. Wheatley as accompanist.

Corporal Sandford said "I am going to try to take you to a little trip to the trenches."

"It's not how long you live, but what you do when living," (cheers). He had received much instruction as to the trenches from two Cockney soldiers, regulars.

"It is the greatest honor a young man of military age can have to go out to Flanders or the Dardanelles, along with valiant men. It's the greatest brotherhood on earth."

"The trenches are the happiest places in the world." His section had an improvised band and also a "death and glory boys' parcel club."

Corporal Sandford told of the methods of entering trenches and the relief. "There were quite a few cases of tetanitis in our regiment, but there were none in the trenches. The rum is not drink for drink's sake, but is a stimulant."

"I used to have command of a listening post. Sometimes we cut the German wire. One time the party had got into a cart near the German trenches. There was not a sound. I said 'Boys we had better get out of this; I don't like it' and a little later a mine blew up the cart."

"We used to talk to the Germans. They would tell us the names of our officers. How they knew it, I did not know."

"I want to make a small appeal for big recruits. Mothers, you will have to make up your minds to let your boys go. Boys, you will have to make up your minds to go. I go back by Dec. 15th."

No one is ignorant of the situation. Those incapable of going can learn from the doctor their disability. The only other excuse is cowardice. There is no cowardice here, there is going to be none under the old flag, (cheers).

There are enough officers in training now in Canada to handle all the recruits necessary for the next ten years. The boys in the trenches are saying "come." The mothers must say "Go."

The gathering was brought to a close by the national anthem.

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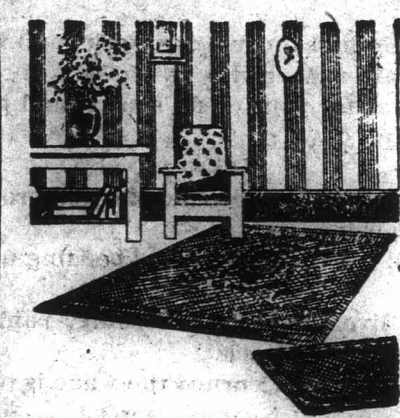
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