

UNPUBLISHED HISTORY.

Interesting Records of Royal N. F. Fencible Regiment.



The inscription on this monument, which stands in a small park in the older portion of the City of Toronto (York), is as follows:

"This Monument is erected to the memory of the fallen members of the York Rangers, Glengarry Fencibles and Royal Newfoundland Regiment, who were killed while successfully repelling an American invasion of the town of York, in the month of August, 1812."

(To Mr. John Garland, formerly with Messrs. G. Knowling, Ltd., but now residing at Weston, Ontario, the Telegram is indebted for the photograph from which the above illustration was made. Mr. Garland, acting on request in Telegram of February 12th, for a snap of the monument, very promptly and kindly acceded. He has our very best thanks, for nothing could be more appropriate to head the concluding installment of this series of interesting articles than the picture of the memorial erected to the memory of the gallant men of the 1st Royal Newfoundland Regiment, who gave their lives, over one hundred years ago, in the same cause of freedom for which so many of their fellow countrymen fought and died in the years 1914-18.—Editor Telegram.)

ORDERED HOME.

Halifax, June 2, 1815.

To Lt. General Sir Gordon Drummond, K.C.B.

Sir—As I have received orders to send to England the 2nd Battalion of the 93rd Regiment from St. John's, Newfoundland, which will leave that garrison very weak, I beg you will be pleased to send either to Halifax or to St. John's, Newfoundland, direct that part of the Newfoundland Fencibles which is at present in Canada, as I wish the whole of that Regiment to be concentrated at St. John's as soon as possible.

I have the honor to be, Sir, Your humble and obedient servant, J. C. SHERRBROOKE, Lt.-General.

This ends the series of extracts from the originals showing the part played by the Royal Newfoundland Regiment during the war between Great Britain and the United States from June 19, 1812, to December 24, 1814. During this period several important battles were fought, both on land and sea, in which the Regiment played a conspicuous part. It will be



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enemy's batteries; that the conduct of your memorialist on this and other occasions, was so highly approved of by his commanding officer, that the late Sir George Fowles, then Commander-in-Chief of His Majesty's forces in Canada recommended him for an Ensigncy in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, in which the first vacancy occurred; that in consequence of this recommendation he was appointed an Ensign in the said regiment and joined at Kingston. That in consequence of the regiment having lost a great number of men in the different actions in which it was engaged, in almost every part of Canada, it was ordered to Newfoundland to recruit a short time previous to the close of the war. That your memorialist remained with his regiment till it was ordered to Halifax to be reduced, and that for a considerable time previous to the reduction, which took place on the 24th of June, 1816, your memorialist was the Senior Ensign of the Regiment. That at the time of the reduction, and for some time previous to that event, there were three vacant Lieutenancies, to two of which your memorialist was by his Commanding officer recommended. That contrary to his expectations your memorialist was placed on half pay as an Ensign. That he has understood that Lieut. Bulger, the Senior Lieutenant of the Regiment, has since the reduction of the regiment, been appointed to a company, which was vacant at the time by the death of Captain Skinner, and that your memorialist trusts that your Royal Highness will be graciously pleased to extend the same favorable consideration to him as the Senior Ensign. That your memorialist is unwilling to speak of his own conduct, and will only remark thereon that it was such as to procure him a recommendation, in the first place for his commission, and subsequently for a medal from the Loyal and Patriotic Society of Canada, and that he trusts that the Commanding Officers of his Regiment, Lieut.-Col. Heathcote and Major Pilon, as well as all others under whom he served, will bear testimony in support of it if necessary. Your memorialist, therefore, prays that Your Royal Highness will be graciously pleased to take his case into your favorable consideration and grant him the rank of Lieutenant in the said Regiment from the time of the vacancy occurring, or from the reduction of the Regiment as to your Royal Highness may seem proper, and as in duty bound he will ever pray.

PRESCOTT.

Prescott, Upper Canada.

WANTED — HAMILTON KENNEDY.

War Office, London, 16th April, 1837.

Officer Commanding His Majesty's Forces, Canada.

Sir—Not having received any reply to the communication addressed to you on the 29th September in 1825, relative to a man named Hamilton Kennedy, who was discharged from the Newfoundland Fencibles on the 30th October, 1816, I have the honor to call your attention thereto, and to request an answer to the same without delay.

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Mad Pilgrims Pray in Mountain.

QUEST FOR CITY THAT WAS TURNED INTO GOLD.

People in the region of the battlefield of Tannenberg in East Prussia have been struck by an amazing form of mass madness or hallucination, for a parallel to which it is necessary to go back to the Middle Ages. Beside the little village of Muehlen, thirty miles south of Allenstein, and close to the Polish frontier, stands a triple peaked height called Golden Mountain. The local sages say that the mountain stands on the site of a former city, 2,000 years ago. On account of the savagery of a single inhabitant the city was put under a spell by evil spirits, who turned the people into gold and threw the mountain over it.

Kisses for Repulsive Reptiles.

A hundred and ten years ago, says another legend, a shepherd lad fell into a chasm on the mountain. When the body was recovered it had been turned into gold. Exactly 100 years ago another boy, it is stated, was taken by a beautiful spirit into the mountain and shown a sleeping city of gold—houses, churches, palaces, people, the king on his throne, all solid gold. The boy was told that to release the city from its ancient spell he must kiss twelve repulsive reptiles. He failed at the twelfth, which was a two-headed toad. The city was, therefore, condemned to a further century of imprisonment in gold. A few weeks ago a blind old woodman of the neighbouring village of Jablonken was troubled by constant dreams in which three spirits charged him with the task of releasing the city from the spell, and threatened that he would become a complete cripple if he refused to do as he was told. He was to rouse the people of the neighbourhood to assemble constantly on the mountain, and sing and pray.

Saw Roundabouts in Paradise.

The threats became more terrible, till at last he went off to the mountain, eight miles away, by a difficult road, and reached the top without mishap. He repeated the formula given him by the spirits, and immediately heard singing inside the mountain. He told the people the story of his adventures, and they began to flock to the mountains. Then another man appeared on the scene, declaring he had visited the city accompanied by a beautiful golden woman, who sat on his shoulders and spurred him on. He saw what the shepherd lad had seen, and impressed on the people that if the spell were broken the golden king would become king of all kings, with enough money to pay the indemnity, and to make everybody enormously rich. In a golden prison he had seen a golden prisoner, who caused the spell to be set on the city. He was also shown Paradise, he said, which was all music and roundabouts.

Spell of Hallucination.

A few nights ago a wealthy lady who owns an estate near by went out at night to dig for gold on the mountain. She heard something; fled in terror, and is now in a lunatic asylum. The story meantime spread, and people came from far and near to take part in the regular singing and praying meetings on the mountain, which are held every day from eight to four. Many people stay the night. Vehicles of all sorts bring pilgrims in thousands, and the railways are overburdened. People who endeavor to persuade the inhabitants that the whole thing is a delusion are cursed by the simple peasants of the region, who wholeheartedly believe in the story. Indeed, a curious spell of hallucination has been cast over the entire region, and the authorities are wondering what to do to bring the people back to their senses.

FOOTBALL FIVES.—The preliminary fives in connection with the forthcoming G.W.V.A. sports, were played yesterday and resulted as follows:—Briton vs. Guards.—Won by Briton. Star vs. B.L.S.—Won by Star. Feldians vs. C.L.B.—Won by Feldians.

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Order Should Be Kept.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir—I attended the concert given by the C.L.B.C. Band in Victoria Park last evening, hoping to enjoy the splendid programme which I heard they were rendering. I was greatly disappointed, like many others, owing to the noise that was kicked up by children and also by many young men and women old enough to have better sense. A favourite game of theirs is striking people across face, hands or legs with switches torn from the trees that ornament the park. The young-

sters clung about the wire netting of the Bandstand, shut out all view of the bandmen and hampered them in their work by knocking off their caps.

The Bandmaster must be a genius in conducting, as he was at times nearly pushed in over his men by the mob that kept crowding into the stand. How bandmen can work under such conditions gets me, and I hope matters will be remedied in the future by a policeman being stationed near the Bandstand on concert nights.

Thanking you for space.

I remain, MUSIC LOVER.

July 9, 1921.

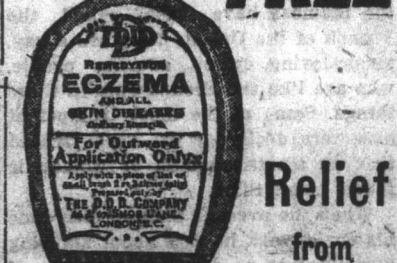
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