

THREE-MONTHS' LEAVE FOR MARRIED MEN OF FIRST CONTINGENT

Ottawa, March 5.—The department of militia and defence makes the following announcement:

"The government of Canada, after negotiations extended over several months has succeeded in arranging three months' furlough, at the public expense, for all married men of the original first contingent remaining overseas, whose families reside in Canada. This was finally consented to on the express condition that all those granted leave would return overseas for duty at the expiration of their furlough.

"The first Canadian contingent has been singularly fortunate in obtaining this leave, as other dominions which have made the same efforts have been unable to obtain a like concession."

"Applications are now pouring in from those who have already reached Canada, for discharge or employment in Canada, on compassionate grounds.

"While the department of militia and defence fully appreciates the natural desire of the families of many of these men that they should remain, and the fact that, owing to war conditions, many cases of hardship have arisen, it must point out that all these men would have been unable to obtain leave or respite from their arduous duties had it not been for the strenuous efforts made on their behalf and the express undertaking that all would return at the appointed time.

"Should the department accede to the requests for discharge and extension which are now being made, in spite of the definite understanding on which this furlough was granted, any further effort to secure a similar privilege for subsequent contingents will be rendered impossible and, in addition, the government of Canada will be considered to have broken faith, in view of the conditions described above. The department feels that it can confidently expect the hearty support of all soldiers concerned, their families, and the public of Canada generally, when they appreciate the full extent of the situation."

7,000 CANADIAN TROOPS ARRIVE IN ENGLAND

Ottawa, March 5.—It is officially announced, through the chief press censor's office, that the following troops have arrived in England: Infantry—From Saskatchewan, 1st Quebec, 2nd Quebec, 1st New Brunswick, 24th Winnipeg battalion, Central Ontario, West Ontario, East Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta, Nova Scotia.

Draft field artillery—Royal Flying Corps pilots; Royal Army Medical Corps; Forestry Dept.; skilled railway employees; army service corps; dental, Serbians, and details.

These detachments make a total of 223 officers and 6,888 other ranks.

GIANT METEOR IS SEEN IN YUKON

Dawson, Feb. 28.—A phenomenon of wide scientific interest occurred Tuesday night at 8:45 o'clock when a giant meteor shot northward across the heavens making the country as luminous as day.

It was visible for twenty seconds. It is known by telegraphic reports received here to have been visible from Fairbanks, Alaska, to Garmacks, Yukon Territory, a distance of approximately six hundred miles.

TERRIBLE CALAMITY IN HONGKONG

London, February 27.—In the collapse of the Chinese public stands at the Hongkong Jockey Club races Tuesday one hundred women and children were trampled to death, according to a Reuter dispatch from Hongkong. Fire broke out and several hundred others were burned to death.

Up-River Doings

St. Stephen, N. B., Mar. 6. Mrs. James Love has returned from a visit in McAdam.

Miss Blanche Greene enjoyed a short visit with St. John relatives last week.

Mrs. Horace Kellogg, of Vanceboro, has been visiting in Calais during the past week.

Mrs. Walter Dixon, Mrs. Charles Adams, Mrs. Foley, Miss Annie Young, Miss Sallie Wilson, Miss Margaret Lockery, Mrs. W. J. Leeman, and Miss Fitzmaurice, the St. Croix towns' milliners, are visiting Boston and New York cities.

Mrs. E. G. Beer, who has been visiting Moncton friends, has arrived home.

Miss Mildred Todd has finished her visit in New York City and is now visiting Boston friends.

Dr. Frank L. Blair is spending a few days this week in Boston.

Mr. Walter McWha is in Boston this week to attend the Automobile Show.

Mr. Fred S. White has gone to Moncton on a business trip.

Mrs. William Bartlett, of Baring, is a patient at the Chipman Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Walter K. Murchie has returned to his home in Edmonton, Alberta, after a month's visit with his father, Mr. G. Skiffington Murchie.

Mrs. Daniel Gillmor, widow of the late Senator Gillmor, has been in St. Stephen this week, the guest of Miss Alma Sullivan, at the home of Postmaster Daniel Sullivan.

The Ladies Advisory Board of the Chipman Memorial Hospital met at the home of Mrs. Laura Bogue on Tuesday afternoon and evening and spent the time sewing for the needs of the hospital. A picnic supper was enjoyed at the tea hour.

Miss S. A. Algar, has been the guest of her sister Mrs. Jesse Duston, this week.

Mr. Silas C. Stewart was summoned to Bath on Monday, as his daughter, Mrs. Gill, was very seriously ill with pneumonia.

The new regulations in regard to baker's bread came into effect last Thursday, March 4, in St. Stephen, when a loaf weighing a pound and a half was delivered to customers. The bread is not wrapped in paper as formerly, and great care will have to be taken to keep it clean.

An evening of colored lantern slide pictures was given in Trinity school-room on Friday evening by Rev. W. Tomalin, the rector of Trinity. It was extremely instructive and greatly enjoyed.

The first lesson in the art of home nursing was given to a class of forty six members at the Chipman Memorial Hospital on Monday Evening. On Monday Evening, March 11, the meeting will be held in the Town Council Chamber, when Dr. Everett Gray will be present and Miss Branscombe, the matron of the Chipman Memorial Hospital, will demonstrate the way to use bandages. These lessons are under the auspices of the Women's Canadian Club.

BOCABEC, N. B.

March 4. Mr. Howard Reid, who has been suffering for some time with some trouble in his foot, intends going to St. John Hospital tomorrow, if arrangements can be made.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McCarroll, of St. Andrews, were over Sunday visitors with Mrs. Mary Mitchell.

Mrs. Grace Hanson, of St. George, is spending a few weeks with friends here.

Mr. Henry Harmon was called to St. Andrews last week by the illness of his mother, Mrs. Samuel Cammick.

The new mail service for Bocabec is a sure thing, at last Robert A. McCullough is the new mail carrier. The mail boxes have been ordered, and we expect to have the route started April 2. Some people think it will not be an improvement, but one thing sure, it will have to go some to be any worse.

Four head of cattle, a horse, and about twenty sheep, the property of Dr. Jack Woodworth, of Jamaica Plain, Mass., were driven to the mainland from Hardwood Island on the ice last week. The only food they had for sixteen days was brush and seaweed.

BEAVER HARBOR, N. B.

March 4. The canning factory of the Beaver Harbor Trading Co., which has been closed for three weeks on account of the severe weather, has again started canning kippered herring.

Mrs. Mary Cross, and Mrs. Ben Bates, are each improving in health since last time of writing.

The rain of last week, followed by the sudden cold, made excellent skating on the ponds. On Friday the children were given a half-holiday from school that they might enjoy this sport.

The Red Cross Society was entertained by Mrs. Medley Kennedy on Wednesday evening.

Schr. Venus, Capt. Snell, of St. Andrews, was in the harbor on Saturday.

Dan Thompson and Wm. Cross return this week from Boston.

Mr. Crawley, of St. John, was in the village last week, inspecting the boiler in the Trading Co.'s factory.

Our teacher, Miss Lelia Armstrong, spent the week-end at her home in St. George.

ELMSVILLE, N. B.

Mar. 3. The recent rain storms and the bright March sunlight, have done much to reduce the great abundance of snow. We are beginning to be hopeful, because during the past week three carloads of pulp wood have been removed from the siding, and that is a record-breaker for this winter.

The siding was never so congested before and this winter a large portion of Dyer's field adjoining, and much of the roadside besides, have been used for piling ground.

Mrs. Gilley, of St. Stephen, has returned home after making a pleasant visit with her daughter, Mrs. David Reed.

Mrs. Jane Atchison is not in as good health as her friends would wish.

On account of the inclemency of the weather on Sunday night last, service was not held as had been announced, but on Monday evening, a special service was held by the rector, Rev. D. W. Blackall.

Mrs. James Monahan has been on the sick-list, but is improving.

THE BALLAD OF CODSON'S BEARD

I'll tell you a yarn of a sailor-man with a face more fierce than fair
Who got round that on the Navy's plan by hiding it all with hair
He was one of a hard old sailor-breed and had lived his life at sea,
But he took to the beach at the nation's need and fought with the R. N. D.
Now Brigadier-General Blank's Brigade was tidy and neat and trim,
And the sight of a beard on his parade was a bit too much for him.
"What is that," said he with a terrible oath, "of all that is wild and weird?"
And the Staff replied, "A curious growth, but it looks very like a beard."

And the General said, "I have seen six wars and many a ghastly sight,
Fellows with locks that gave one shocks and buttons none too bright,
But never a man in my Brigade with a face all fringed with fur;
And you'll toddle away, and shaver to-day" but Codson said, "You err."

"For I don't go much on wars—such, and living with rats and worms,
And you ought to be glad of a sailor-lad on any old kind of terms;
While this old beard of which you're sneered it stands for a lot to me,
For the great North gales and the sharks and whales and the smell of the dear grey sea."

New Generals crowded to the spot and urged him to behave,
But Codson said, "You talk a lot, but can you make me shave?
For the Navy allows a beard at the bows, and a beard is the sign for me
That the world may know, wherever I go, I belong to the King's Navee."

They gave him posts in distant parts, where few might see his face,
Town Major jobs that break men's hearts and billets at the Base;
But whenever he knew a fight was due he hurried there by train,
And when he'd done for every Hun they sent him off again.

Then up and spoke an old sailor, "It seems you can't 'ave 'eared,
Begging your pardon, General Blank the reason of this same beard;
It's a kind of a sort of a camouflage, and that I take to mean
A thing as 'ides some other thing wot oughtn't to be seen."

"And I've brought you this 'ere photograph of wot 'e used to be
Afore he stuck that fluffy muck about 'is phyzogmy."
The General looked and, fainting, cried, "The situation's grave,
The beard was bad, but, Kamerad! he simply must not shave!"

And now, when the thin lines bulge and sag and man goes down to man,
A great black beard like a pirate's flag flies ever in the van;
And I've fought in many a red-hot spot where death was the least men feared,
But I never saw anything quite so hot as the Battle of Codson's Beard.

A. P. HERBERT, in Punch.

CAMPOBELLO

Feb. 24.

The many friends of Mr. Chester Townsend assembled at his home on Feb. 14th evening to commemorate with the worthy gentleman his 88th birthday. Mr. Townsend, although of such an advanced age, is hale and hearty, and responded to the call in right good humor. At the close of a very pleasant evening cake and ice-cream were served, the Misses Freda Newman, Gertrude Mitchell, and Margaret Byron doing the honors. They were assisted by Mrs. Thaddeus Calder and Miss Ethel Byron, daughters of the host. Mr. Townsend has 9 children, 45 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren, who all enjoy the old gentleman's society from time to time.

Capt. Milne, of the Dominion Cruiser Curlew, was prominent here on Saturday. Capt. Milne has done the island great service in the mail matters while the ice interfered with the navigation of the smaller mail boats.

Among those from here to visit the military department at St. John last week were Mr. Archie Calder and sister, Mrs. Carroll Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Thaddeus Calder and son, Chester, Mr. Charles Newman, Miss Laura Gough, and Mr. Cheslea Allingham.

March 4.

Miss Edith Greenlaw and Miss Etta Calder spent a few days of the past week here.

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Calder and son, Earland, were the Sunday guests of Miss Cora Calder.

Miss Edith Lank returned from New York on Saturday to resume her school-work.

Mr. Judson Mitchell greeted his old friends here on Saturday, and they were all very glad to see him.

Baby Donald Calder, son of J. F. Calder, inspector of fisheries, is ill at home and is receiving medical treatment by a Lubec physician.

Miss A. Adams, nurse, of Lubec, Me., has been on the Island for a few weeks attending patients.

WILSON'S BEACH, C-BELLO.

March 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Fitzsimmons are being congratulated on the birth of a son on March 4.

Mrs. Chas Greenwood returned last week from a pleasant visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chipman, in St. John.

Messrs. Frank and Vernon Brown, of Lubec, were recent guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Brown.

Miss Ella, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Brown, was married last week to Mr. Riley, of Eastport. We wish them all happiness.

Pte. Reuben Rice spent part of last week at his home here.

After a lengthy visit here, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Calder and children, Melba and Melvin, returned last week to their home in St. Andrews.

One of our oldest and most respected residents, Mrs. Hannah Nash, celebrated her eighty-sixth birthday on March 1. She is still hale and hearty, and nearly every week knits a pair of socks for some soldier boy.

Mrs. Morrison, of Perry, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Edgar Newman.

Mrs. Fannie Searles is confined to the house with rheumatism.

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EARTHQUAKE AT SWATOW

Shanghai, February 26.—The earthquake at Swatow caused the death of between 200 and 300 persons. More than 200 persons are being treated in hospitals there. Hardly a house there has not been damaged, most of them seriously. Principal Wallace, of the Anglo-Chinese College at Swatow, in a dispatch to a Hongkong newspaper, says that first accounts of the disaster were exaggerated, but that the earthquake caused great distress to the population.

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London, Feb. Finnish soldiers fre... transport loaded... and munitions arri... on Wednesday, acc... Telegraph dispatch... Berlin telegram rec... says that a large G... left a Baltic port a... going to Finland... It was reported... soldiers of Finnish... army were being p... returning to Finlan... ment forces again

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