RETURNED BOYS GET A LIVE RECEPTION HERE LAST NIGHT

Party Off Steamer Minnedosa Home — Many of 2nd Tank Battalion.

Terrific cheering greeted the 91 returned soldiers who arrived in London last night at 8:25 o'clock via the Grand Trunk. The station platform was crowded from end to end with cheering hundreds, who gave the boys a real welcome as the two special C. P. R. cars which had been detached from the rear of the train were shunted up to the platform.

Forty-eight of the boys were booked for London, the rest being for points west. Lieut. W. C. Bogart, who went overseas with the 71st Battalion, was in charge of the party, which left St. Johns Saturday night. He reported that J. E. Nopper of London showed symptoms of influenza and was dropped off at Montreal to go to the hospital there, his brother, H. Nopper, staying with him. It was learned late last night that the brothers would arrive this morning.

Real Lively Trip.

Lieut. Bogart stated that the conduct of the boys had been beyond reproach, and that they had had a real lively trip. The majority of the men had been attached to the Second Tank Battalion.

The men reported everything "jake." The "eats" had been of the very best, served in a diner, and that they had "no complaints." The S. A. C. as usual was on the job and the boys were hustled into cars (there were lots of them), and a parade was formed to Princess avenue school, headed by the C. G. R. Band.

Bill, Tom or John Discovered.

Relatives who could not get a look at "their boys" owing to the crush scurried round to the back of the station and walked up and down the long line of waiting cars, peering into each one, until, with a scream or two, the fact was proclaimed that Bill, John or Tom had been discovered. It was a merry crowd and they had a merry time.

Walter W. Shaver, Western Ontario representative of the S. A. C., was present to see that the boys were well looked after, as well as Dr. C. H. Reason, Rev. H. B. Ashby, T. McFarland, Ed. Lance and others.

RETURNED MEN CAN GET FREE TRAINING AT GUELPH O. A. C.

Short Course Arranged, With Forty Vacancies.

Forty men who have seen active service at the front may take a course in agricultural training at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, and will have their board and tuition paid during the twelve weeks necessary for the course by the Soldiers' Settlement Board.

Word to this effect was received today by the Soldiers' Aid Commission from the provincial supervisor, W. M. Jones, in a letter which says that the board has completed arrangements for the course, which will be very practical and will begin on January 6. Preference will be given men who have been in the fighting lines, and they will live in the college.

The board has not yet made arrangements to provide for the wife or family of married men grasping this opportunity, so that this first course will be restricted to single men and married men who have some capital.

The work is being undertaken with a view to giving discharged men, who are anxious to engage in farming as a permanent vocation, a chance to get some practical experience before going on the land.

Any man who is interested may get full particulars by writing to the Ontario office of the Soldiers' Settlement Board, 32 Adelaide street east, Toronto.

PAY TAXES IN CITY, BUT CANNOT OBTAIN LIGHTS ON STREET

McCormick Boulevard Has Not Even Mail Delivery.

RESIDENTS COMPLAINING

But City Council Gets Problem Shifted Until Next Year.

Living in the city and paying taxes, C. Joyce and Thomas Morgan of Princess avenue and McCormick Boulevard, cannot get street lights. They waited on the city council last night to demand a reason. Ever since that section has been taken into the city they have been endeavoring to have a light placed on the corner of their streets, but without avail. Neither will the postie deliver their mail. The cause of the trouble apparently is the refusal of the city to take over the street. City Engineer H. A. Brazier reported that the street had not been satisfactorily graded, and, therefore, the city refused to take it over.

Where Do They Stand?

"We would like to know just where we stand," said C. Joyce. "The city assesses our property, and we pay taxes and we want to know why we cannot have some of the privileges granted to the other citizens. There is Palmerston avenue, it has had lights for four years, and we are still groping home in the dark."

It was pointed out that before Palmerston avenue had been lighted a petition had been sent to the council for a pavement on the street, and as the petition was accepted by the council, the street was automatically taken over by the city.

Mr. Joyce wanted to know if they were expected to pay for grading the whole street before they could expect any conveniences.

Liability Not Settled.

J. M. Moore thought under the agreement with the city the McCormick Manufacturing Company should foot the bills for grading the street in question. The question as to who would be liable for any accidents that might happen on the street was not settled.

Ald. C. G. Moorhead, seconded by Ald. P. J. Watt, moved for a light to be placed on the street.

The amendment of Controller C. H. Merryfield, that the matter be referred to No. 2 committee, was carried.

Thus next year's council is already having its work cut out for it.

ORATORY CONTEST PROVED REAL, STIFF BATTLE AT L. C. I.

Mary Marshall and Robert Shaw-Wood Winners.

OTHER PRIZES AWARDED

Scholarships and Medals Are Handed to Successful Ones at Commencement.

At the collegiate commencement exercises held yesterday afternoon in the Masonic Temple, Major C. M. R. Graham and Capt. William Gregory, former drill master at the school, were greeted with great enthusiasm. Major Graham spoke a few words about the schools of France, which were being carried on as near to the firing line as three and a half miles, and where the fire call meant doubling to the nearest shellproof hole.

Old-Time System.

T. H. Purdom, who was the first man called upon to make a presentation, spoke enthusiastically of the old-time prize-giving system, when books were the awards. This, he declared, was unfortunately done away with at the time of Confederation, but might be with good cause revived again. He also mentioned how throughout the ages the pen had proved itself mightier than the sword, at the same time extolling the mighty deeds of the sword during the war just ended. He paid a special tribute to the pen of President Wilson, which did so much toward bringing about a speedy termination of the war, and thus saving a great many lives.

Coming back to the matter of education, Mr. Purdom mentioned London as one of the greatest centres of learning in the Dominion, from the university down to the kindergarten.

An interesting and altogether unexpected addition to the program was a most popular rendering of the L. C. I. Rag by Wallace Matthews.

The oratory contest, fought out between Edith Foster and Mary Marshall and between Carl Wells and Robert Shaw-Wood, resulted in Mary Marshall winning the girl's contest and Robert Shaw-Wood that held for the boys. A third prize was awarded unexpectedly, and fell to the lot of Edith Foster. The subjects chosen were respectively, "The Spirit of France," "The Birth of a Nation or the Development of Canada," "Wit," and "The Personnel of the British Army."

Prize-Winners and Medalists.

The medalists and prize-winners were as follows:

Carter scholarships for Middlesex County—First, $100, Margaret Reid; second, $60, Ruth Dodds; third, $40, Margaret Gemmell.

Beck medal, presented by Sir Adam Beck, for highest standing, Part II., faculty entrance—Margaret A. Gemmell.

Boyle memorial medal, presented by Thomas H. Purdom, for highest standing in Part I. faculty entrance—Helen M. Davey.

C. R. Somerville scholarship of $50 (similar to Rhodes scholarship)—Delmer Lewis.

Philip Pocock scholarship of $20 to the boy making the greatest progress during the year—Hilton Stothers.

Alan Gibbons memorial medal for highest standing in pass junior matriculation—Gladys Bluett.

J. S. Barnard medal for highest standing in Middle School Normal entrance—J. Katherine Tilden.

Graham medals, presented by Lieut.-Col. Graham for highest standing in the second year—Hazel Stelk and Fred Hitchins.

W. T. Strong medal for highest standing in commercial course—Able Leff.

F. G. Jewell prizes for penmanship—General course—1 Reta Goodyear, 2 Kenneth Figgs. Commercial course—1 Lillie Wagborn, 2 Norman Adams.

Prizes for proficiency in writing in commercial course—First prize, presented by J. B. Hay, Gladys Hudd; second prize, presented by Messrs. Holmes & Popham, Jessie Flowers.

E. R. Dennis' prizes for manual training—First year, Fred Harley; second year, Clarence Nugent.

Mrs. E. R. Dennis' prize for household science—Helen Hardy.

C. E. German prize of $15, presented to the student of the evening classes who stands highest in complete matriculation examination—Phyllis Johnston.

Ten dollars in gold to boy of first or second year, making greater progress during year, given by Mr. D. H. McDermid—Walter King.

Winners in Sports.

Senior championship medal, Angus Graham.

Junior championship medal—Charles Deeley.

Girls' championship medal—Kathleen Brooks.

Road race shields, presented by Mr. A. E. Silverwood—Junior, Cecil Gauld; senior, Harold Richmond.

Cadet Corps.

Capt. F. H. Greenlees' prizes for shootinag and signaling—F. Hitchins, D. Winnett, M. Clinger, G. Collyer, L. Scott, N. Miller, J. Gorwill.

Diplomas were also presented to students of the second year.

CRONYN MEMORIAL HELD ITS 45TH ANNIVERSARY

On the occasion of the 45th anniversary of the Cronyn Memorial Church, the large Sunday school rooms were packed to capacity on Monday evening to spend a social evening.

Community singing was a feature of the evening and solos were well rendered by members of the choir. The Cronyn Memorial Orchestra played throughout the evening and was enthusiastically received, this being its first appearance in public, other than at the Sunday afternoon services.

As is customary at the church on the anniversary day, a collection was taken, and the substantial sum of $600 was raised for the general work of the church. Rev. Archdeacon Richardson, who held the pastorate of the Cronyn Memorial Church for 23 years out of the 45 years, was present, and spoke a few words of congratulation upon the rapid advance of Christian work in that church.

Refreshments were served by the Ladies' Aid of the church, assisted by ladies from the congregation.

GIVEN PURSE OF GOLD.

S. H. Low, assistant inspector for the Imperial minister of munitions, was presented with a purse of gold by his staff, including examiners of all grades in the London district. The presentation was made in his office in the Royal Bank building. C. V. Lang read the address, and Alfred Sheere made the presentation. Mr. Low has been employed in this district for the past 18 months, but is leaving, as all inspection in this district has ceased.

FINE EXHIBITION OF CANADIAN ART NOW SHOWN AT LIBRARY

Work of Over Twenty Artists Well Worth Visit.

If you are interested in Canadian art take an hour off some day this week and visit the exhibition at the public library, open 2 to 6 and 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. each day. Ninety-two examples of the work of the Society of Canadian Painter-Etchers show that this branch of art is attracting the effort of some men and women of genius. The work of 20 odd artists is represented and there is marked variety in the style of their work. Practically every work being shown here has been hung in some of the Canadian exhibitions.

Eugene Beaupre exhibits a series of six charming dry-point studies of child life. W. W. Alexander has six etchings, four of these quaint little scenes at Quebec City, one a fine study of traffic on the Thames and one in color of the University Buildings, Toronto, on a winter evening. John W. Cotton, now overseas, is represented by two color etchings and by four others, one being a very interesting little sketch of the famous Belfry of Bruges.

Dorothy Stevens of Toronto shows a series of five etchings of Italian and French subjects and one very charming child study, Baby Betty, which will doubtless be one of the much-admired features of the exhibition. H. Ivan Neilson's study of the deepening of the St. Charles River at Quebec is fine and bold in its lines. W. R. Stark, another Canadian artist overseas, has given his attention to birds and animals. His color etching of peacocks is particularly beautiful work.

George Fawcett of Winnipeg has found his subjects around his native city, the Red River, St. Boniface in Winter, a Deserted Indian Camp, etc., all of interest. Owen P. Staples of Toronto has six etchings on view, one being of the main doorway of Toronto University and another taking as its subject the steel construction work on a modern skyscraper.

Two of W. J. Thomson's work that will attract attention are his view of a deep cut on the new Welland Canal and a study of the busy hub of Detroit. Other artists whose work is being shown, all of whom deserve mention if space permitted, are Frank Carmichael, Chas. W. Jefferys, who shows one fine lithograph, T. G. Greene, Fred S. Haines, Andre Lapine, Arthur Lismer, George A. Reid, Walter J. Phillips, Fred W. Sutherland, Wm. J. Woods, F. W. Jopling and E. L. Laur.

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Dress of Silk Tricolette, in taupe, a very handsome model, trimmed with heavy silk fringe and embroidery, tunic style, round neck. Price $98.00

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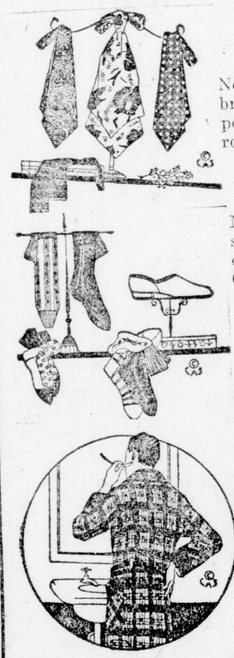

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FASTIDIOUS THIEVES ENTER TWO TAILOR SHOPS LAST NIGHT

Displaying a decided penchant for tailor shops thieves last night entered the stores of Tip-Top Tailors, 205 Dundas street and J. A. Selak, Dundas and Waterloo streets.

The exact time that the burglars staged their stunts could not be learned, but it is thought that it was about midnight. The police are working on it. At the police station early this morning it was stated that so far as was then known nothing had been taken from either store.

CHUG! CHUG! LIST TO THIS!

Which Proves That Taxi Drivers Are Not Pirates or Hold-Up Men.

Page Diogenes! The original honest man has been discovered. He is to be seen almost any day guiding his Blue Bonnet taxi through London traffic.

A few days ago he picked up a passenger and was told to go to a house on Piccadilly street. On arriving there, he was handed what he thought was a one-dollar bill, which he crammed into his pocket with one hand, while he pulled his car around with the other.

On reaching the office, he put his hand in the pocket above mentioned, and nearly caused a riot when he found a one-hundred-dollar bill sticking to his trembling fingers.

Again he made a trip to the house on Piccadilly street. He handed the bill back to its owner, who had passed it out a few minutes before in mistake.

Just to show that there were "no hard feelings," the owner of the bill handed the taxi-man $5 for his second trip to the house.

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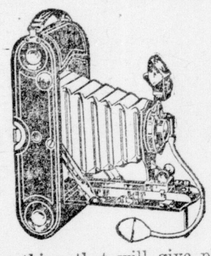

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