

Parkdale Collegiate Institute

Roll of Service

The following list contains the names of former pupils of Parkdale Collegiate Institute who served in the Great War. In each case the last-known rank is given, with the general branch of the service to which the soldier belonged. For the sake of simplicity the particular units (batalions, batteries, etc.) are omitted, and some liberties are taken with exact military nomenclature; e.g. "Medical Corps" stands for "Army Medical Corps", and "Naval Patrol Service" for "Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve." When a soldier served under another flag than ours, e.g., that of the United States, the fact is indicated. It is scarcely necessary to differentiate the Canadian from the Imperial forces, but in a measure that is done. The Air Force (the name being here used to cover the Royal Naval Air Service and the Royal Flying Corps both before and after their amalgamation) was entirely under Imperial control; so the word "Royal" is omitted. The Naval Service was almost entirely Imperial; but, where a boy was in the Canadian Service, that is mentioned. In the Infantry, Artillery, Engineers, Medical Corps, etc., the majority of our boys served with Canadian units; but, when they served with the Imperial Forces, or partly with the one and partly with the other, that is indicated. Decorations are marked in the usual way, but there were many instances of promotion in rank, mention in despatches, recommendations, etc., which could not be recorded in such a list as this. The hope is still entertained that a complete record may some day be published of P.C.I.'s part in the War, though the difficulties in the way of obtaining the desired information have postponed the project. Since the war ended over 1000 letters of inquiry have been sent out; but—so great is the reluctance of the returned soldier to give information concerning himself—only a little more than half of the necessary