

Brant County's Own Battalion

In the course of a very few days, it was at most, the 125th's sojourn in Brantford will be a thing of the past, and a matter of history, while the battalion will have gone forth to make more history for itself. In view to the circumstances, a brief review of the regiment's career from the time of its inception to the present, might prove of interest to readers of the Courier.

WHEN IT FIRST STARTED
It was in August of 1915 that the idea of a battalion to be recruited entirely and exclusively in Brant County was first mooted. The system previously followed had been that of recruiting a company or perhaps two platoons of men, together with a few officers, in each of a number of cities of Ontario, and to unite this quota into a battalion. In this manner the men from each city found themselves among strangers and under the com-



Lieut.-Colonel M. E. B. Cutcliffe

Battalion to-day, if you like." Immediate advantage was taken of the opportunity. On November 1, the first recruiting meeting for the benefit of the Brant Battalion was staged by the Recruiting League at Glenmorris.

LT.-COL. CUTCLIFFE.
Two applications for the position of Lieutenant-colonel of the Brant Battalion were made, and on Nov. 13, came the announcement that Major Cutcliffe of the 38th Dufferin Rifles had been appointed Lieutenant-colonel and commanding officer of the 125th Brant Battalion. More than twenty i.c.o.'s of the Dufferin Rifles immediately volunteered to serve under him, and active recruiting was commenced by Capt. P. A. Shultis. On Nov. 21 the first Sunday night recruiting



Captain Hanna, M.O.

mand of strangers, and it was suggested in August last by Capt. Cutcliffe, the D.O.C. of the Dufferin Rifles, that much better results might be obtained by raising a full battalion from one county. "Why not raise a Brant County battalion?" he asked, that being the first time that such project had ever been broached.

SIR SAM NOT IN FAVOR
The idea met with favor from all the senior officers of the Dufferin Rifles and the prominent men of the city, and a deputation from Brantford was sent to wait upon Sir Sam Hughes, asking his sanction for the purpose. This was refused, the Minister of Militia being but little impressed with the plan, and so for a time no more was said.

'GO AHEAD WHEN YOU LIKE.'
The matter was not forgotten locally, however, and in October it was learned that permission had been given by the City of Hamilton to raise a battalion. Prompt action was taken, a resolution favoring a Brant County Battalion being drawn up at a meeting of the Brant Recruiting League on Oct. 27. Mr. W. F. Cockshutt was waited upon by a deputation from the league, and agreed to use his influence with the Minister of Militia, which he did to such good effect that on October 30, Sir Sam wired to Brantford:

"Start recruiting a Brant County



Captain Emmons, Adjutant

WILL HAVE MAIL ALWAYS INSPECTED

Norwegian-American Line Solves Trouble in Novel Way.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
Christiania, May 25, via London, May 26.—The Norwegian-American Line has decided to have all its steamships which sail between America and Norway enter Kirkwall volun-

Machine Gun Officer: Lt. C. M. Shepherd.
Signalling Officer: Lt. Thorburn.
Company Commanders: A company Capt. (now Major) P. A. Shultis; B company, Capt. P. E. James; C company, Capt. A. Cockshutt; D company (Paris half), Capt. W. W. Patterson; D company, Capt. H. K. Jordan.

THE HONORARY COLONEL.
On December 11, Mr. W. F. Cockshutt, M.P., for South Brant, who had done so much in the organizing of the 125th, was appointed honorary lieutenant-colonel, a title which he has borne worthily ever since. During the month of December and January recruiting was carried on at a record pace, it being a usual occurrence to obtain twenty-five men or more over



Major W. F. Newman

a week end, and so well did the battalion thrive that in February a grand week's recruiting campaign was planned with the purpose of bringing the battalion up to full strength, after less than three months of active recruiting. Though the campaign did not accomplish this, a total of over 150 recruits were obtained during the week, which is believed to be a record for Brant county.

MR. LAYELL AS CHAPLAIN.
On February 2, the appointment of Rev. A. E. Layell of Brant Ave. Methodist church, as chaplain of the battalion was announced, the popularity of this selection being at once evidenced by the showers of congratulations which were poured in upon Mr. Layell. The latter received the usual rank of captain, and has since qualified for his position. Since his appointment the battalion has been prominent in social and sporting



Captain Van Someren, Paymaster

events, and has won tremendous popularity with all ranks.

"S.M." OXTABY.
A history of the 125th Battalion, however, brief or haphazard, would not be complete without mention of Sgt.-Major Oxtaby, for many years regimental sergeant major of the Dufferin Rifles, which is the parent regiment, so to speak, of the 125th. Sgt.-Major Oxtaby left Brantford in March, 1915, with the 36th battalion, and became later brigade sergeant major at Shorncliffe camp, England. In Feb., 1916, it was announced that, through the efforts of Lt.-Col. Cutcliffe and others, Sgt.-Major Oxtaby would return to Brantford and receive a commission



Major H. J. G. McLean

in the 125th. On March 11, "S.M." Oxtaby will follow will be that upon arrival in city and reported at once for duty, receiving lieutenant's rank and assuming the position of second in command of D company. Lt. Oxtaby is at present in Toronto, qualifying for his captaincy, and he

ALMOST AT FULL STRENGTH.
Matters have progressed favorably with the 125th since March, and at present the battalion is only some thirty men short of its full strength. Another date of importance in the history of the battalion is May 18, of this year, when the presentation of colors took place at Agricultural Park in the presence of Sir John and Lady Hendrie and others.

This brings the chronicle of the 125th up to the present time, though there is one more momentous date which will be added within a few days—the date of the battalion's departure from the city. Other dates which will follow will be that upon which the 125th will receive its baptism of fire at the front, and the triumphant day when the battalion will return in triumph to Brantford, when the hordes of Prussia have been humbled to the dust, and the peace and liberty of the world ensured forever.

MANY IN KHAKI.
The past six months have wrought many changes in Brantford. Over 1,200 of the men of the county now wear the khaki and whereas in November last it was predicted that the 125th would never reach full strength, not only has this been approximately accomplished, but a second Brant county battalion has been organized and has reached a present strength of over 300 men. Two of the ablest and most popular subalterns of the 125th, Capt. A. D. Slemin and Lt. R. Gundy are now members of the 125th.

RECORD GOOD.
Of the morale of the 125th Battalion, as a whole, and its individual members, too much cannot be said. It is seldom, indeed, that such a gallant body of men have been gathered together as the first Brant Battalion, and to the officers, non-commissioned officers and men, the highest praise and commendation is due. It is not too much to say that when the 125th goes forth from the city the hearts of all of us will go with it, and, confident in this knowledge, the men of the battalion will go forward for the defence and honor of king and country.



Lieut. Bunnell, Asst. Adjut.

What is Wanted
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Seattle, Wash., May 26.—Demands for increased wages and shorter hours effective June 1, were submitted today by the International Longshoremen's Association, Pacific coast district to steamship and stevedoring companies at every port on the coast. The new wage scale ranges from 55 cents an hour for general cargo to \$1 an hour for explosives, and from \$1 an hour to \$1.50 an hour for overtime. The men have been receiving 50 cents an hour for straight time and 60 cents an hour for overtime for landing general cargo.

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Lesson IX.—Second Quarter, For May 28, 1916.

THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, Acts xv, 1-38. Memory Verses, 32, 33—Golden Text, Gal. v, 1—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

This lesson tells of a lot of trouble which certain people caused by teaching that faith in Jesus Christ was not enough to save any one unless they were also circumcised. These people are spoken of as "Pharisees who believed" (verses 1, 5). The Lord Jesus did not believe in all who said that they believed in Him, for He knew all men (John ii, 23-25). Any one who does not see a full salvation in the finished work of the Lord Jesus for all who receive Him, apart from any works of ours, does not understand God's way of saving people and cannot be a true believer. Ever since the devil taught Cain that the best he could do or bring was sufficient without any sacrifice or shedding of blood he has continued so to teach, or else that the blood of Christ is not sufficient without some works of ours, as a Sunday school superintendent once told me that he could not know that he was saved till he had done his part. From the day that the devil lied to Eve and made God a liar he has been on the same line to the present time. The argument in Rom. ix is full and clear—that salvation is wholly apart from any works of ours and that Abraham was a righteous man before God, apart from circumcision, and the teaching is the same in all the epistles. Yet the false teachers continue to this day.

We might think that the testimony of Paul and Barnabas as to what they had seen the Lord do in the way of saving uncircumcised gentiles would silence these disturbers at Antioch, but the devil is very persistent and can make a lot of trouble, and the Antioch believers decided to refer the matter to the apostles and elders at Jerusalem by sending Paul and Barnabas as their committee. See how along the way as they journeyed they caused great joy unto the brethren as they declared all things that God had done with them (verses 3, 4), and thus this seemingly unnecessary journey was made to glorify God. Rom. viii, 28, is always helpful.

When they appeared before the council at Jerusalem there was much disputing there also, so it would seem that the false teachers had not all left the city. When Peter found his opportunity he told, or reminded them, how God had sent His Spirit upon the uncircumcised company gathered in the home of Cornelius (verses 6-11; Acts 2, 34-48). Then Paul and Barnabas declared what they had seen along similar lines in their missionary tour, telling of the wonders and miracles God had wrought among the gentiles by them (verse 12). We may imagine how profound the silence was as the council listened to the record of what we have been recently studying in chapters xiii and xiv. Then James, who seemed to be presiding at the council, summed up the matter and gave the decision that the believers among the gentiles must not be troubled about circumcision or anything unnecessary for them, but prove, by a life separated from all idolatry, that they were true followers of Jesus Christ. This was indorsed by the apostles and elders and by the whole church and sent by Paul and Barnabas and two of the chief men among the brethren, Judas and Silas, to the believing gentiles in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia (verses 22, 23).

Notice in verse 28 that the Holy Spirit was really presiding one at the council and led them to their right decision and thus brought joy and comfort to the brethren at Antioch (verse 31). I am often impressed with the fact that the Spirit seems to make so little of a voyage on a journey, as to the time occupied or the incidents by the way or the places visited or passed through. Note in verse 30 they were dismissed from Jerusalem and came to Antioch, and so it is always, as a rule, no matter how long the voyage or the journey. Time and distance and many things that get much attention here seem not to be noticed in heaven whence the angels come and return as a flash of lightning and where 1,000 years are but as yesterday when it is past or as a watch in the night (Ezek. i, 14; Ps. xc, 4). The speech of James gives a most concise summary of the purpose of God in this present age and in the age to come.

Now, God is gathering out from all nations a people for His name. His church, the called out ones, the body and bride of Christ, who shall reign with Him when He sets up His kingdom on the earth. His church being completed and caught up to Zion to retain the face of the earth with fruit. From the beginning God saw clearly His eternal purpose which He has purposed in Christ Jesus, our Lord, and which He will in due time accomplish (verses 13 to 18; Eph. iii, 11; Isa. ix, 1-3).

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Philadelphia, May 27.—Philadelphia took first place from Brooklyn by winning yesterday's game 1 to 0. The tally of the pitching duel between Alexander and Smith was scored in the 7th inning. With one out, Whitted doubled. Stock batted for Cooper and got an infield bingle, Smith knocked down the ball and Cutlaw, who recovered it, threw wild, and Whitted scored. Score: R.H.E. Brooklyn... 00000000—0 8 1 Philadelphia... 00000100—1 7 1 Smith and Meyers; Alexander and Whitted.

Cincinnati Takes One

From Weeghman's Team
Cincinnati, May 27.—Cincinnati took the second game of the series from Chicago yesterday, 5 to 4. Sals error in the second inning was costly, the locals scoring two runs. Their other runs were made by opportune hitting. Score: R.H.E. Chicago... 100010020—4 9 1 Cincinnati... 020200100—5 9 1 Hendrix, Lavender, Seaton and Scher; Toney and Wingo.

Law of Pa's

SMOKE 'AN HE PLANTED 'EM STUFF FRIDAY? HE'S TOO RED FAR-SIGHTED SUIT ME?