

FINE MEETING FOR RECRUITING

Boys' Club Gathering Hears Excellent Speeches and Enjoys Other Features—Six Recruits Yesterday

A smoker and recruiting meeting under the auspices of the Eastern Recruiting Committee, of which H. H. McLean is chairman, was held last evening in the Boys' Club Hall, corner of Brunswick and Union streets, and was very successful in point of attendance, while several recruits were also secured. The platform was decorated with Union Jacks. The various speeches were very heartily applauded, and the entertainment features were bright and enjoyable. More than two hundred men were present.

The rally was fittingly held in the Boys' Club Hall, for several youths who were members of the Boys' Club two or three years ago, are now at the front. Geo. A. Kimball presided. The speakers were John C. Ferguson, Rev. M. H. Fletcher, C. F. Sanford and John Connor, while R. S. Ritchie sang patriotic songs, accompanied by D. Arnold Fox. S. H. Hurley gave a number of his admirable readings, and John T. Power told a story so well that he had to tell two more.

John C. Ferguson was the first speaker, and made a very stirring appeal. In the course of which he set forth the reasons why every Irishman in the empire is with Britain in this war, and gave some instances of Irish valor in the field, including the exploits of Michael O'Leary that won for him the Victoria Cross. Mr. Ferguson spoke with his old time force, and illustrated points in his address by very apt quotations from the poets. He referred to the Loyalties and appealed to their descendants to be worthy of their high traditions.

The following were enrolled yesterday—John Little, St. George's; Thomas Daggett, St. Stephen's; Beverly R. Allan, St. John's; Leslie C. Holder, St. John's; Lewis Clarke, St. John's; Fred Herbert Thomson, Hampshire.

Rev. Mr. Fletcher took a letter that he had that day received from his son in the trenches as a text and read an extract. "The sound of the big guns is like thunder but you soon get used to it," he wrote. "Frank Smith is in the same tent as I am. It is a shame that the boys are not enlisted; they are a poor bunch of sports. You should just hear the boys here talk about them." Mr. Fletcher added that the casualty lists showed that only four in a hundred men were killed. He added that the English industrial schools had sent 20,000 boys to the front and out of them three had won the V. C., twenty-five the Distinguished Service Medal, twenty were mentioned in despatches and three had received commissions. (Applause.)

Leut. C. F. Sanford read out the schedule of payments and pensions to men who enlisted and showed how generous the government was to either single or married men. Then he went on to say that he believed that it was a lack of the realization of the seriousness of the position that was responsible for the unsatisfactory state of recruiting. It was not realized by those who ought to know that great as the British army was now it was still two millions of men short of what Lord Kitchener had said he wanted. The demand was imperative; every man would have to ask and answer the question of why he had not enlisted. Recruiting in the dominion had been disappointing and still more so in New Brunswick and worst of all, perhaps, in St. John. Yet they were not a bit less loyal than any other city. Was it because the men were afraid? They did not breed that sort of man.

The only reason was that the young men had not grasped the seriousness of things. It was a fight for right against wrong and he asked all men who valued the name of Canada to consider how gravely the dominion was in peril of losing its very existence as a part of the empire. Instead of getting better the war situation in the last three days had developed worse than ever and the end seemed farther off. It was to him distressing to walk about and hear the expressions of absolute ignorance of the state of affairs. Only by men could it be ended. (Applause.)

John Connor, who had travelled, he said, through the dominion said that all Canadians ought to welcome the opportunity of showing their love for so grand a domain but he could not help being struck as he travelled east in Canada that the response to the call decreased and he noticed with regret that it was about worst in New Brunswick.

"In St. John we are not lacking in loyalty nor is it a sense of the benefits we owe the mother country and yet we are all disappointed at the small response made by the rising generation and the younger men of the period." If there is one part of the empire that should be grateful and show it to the empire and Britain it is this. Canada has been regarded as the brightest jewel of the crown and we have enjoyed in a special measure the protection and the aid of the mother country that we have the right to expect that our young men would rush to assist the mother country now. History does not record a place where the assistance of the mother country has been greater than in Canada.

"Even from the business point of view it behooves every loyal Canadian to do something to pay back the debt. I have reason to believe that it is because we do not realize this that recruiting is so backward. The mother country has been so indulgent and so generous in granting us everything that we wanted without even hinting that she wanted anything in return that we have, I fear, become insensible to the things we have received from her. We have taken it all as a matter of course. We should now rise to the occasion and show that we appreciate all that has been done for us and this we can do by sending her men when that is all that she is asking for." (Applause.)

Tomorrow the series of Sunday evening meetings at the Imperial Theatre will be continued and may in some ways be said to be a departure, for Miss Blenda Thompson has offered to sing and to get other singers to assist her. It was a patriotic offer and was promptly accepted. Judge Forbes, whose interest in recruiting and the patriotic fund are now well known, will preside and the chaplain of the 64th, the Rev. and Hon. Capt. Harrison, will again be one of the speakers. He always interests men and should be heard.

Seven companies of the 62nd Regiment, St. John Fusiliers, were represented in the drill that was held after a long

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It is reported from Sussex that there are now 2,000 men under canvas there. No word has yet been received of the postponement of the battalion or of the disposition of it, though it is known that all the men will not remain together. Nothing has come to hand of the arrangements for the 88th under Lieut. Col. Fowler, who is now in Halifax.

EXTRA PAY FOR CANADIAN JACKIES IN CERTAIN CASES

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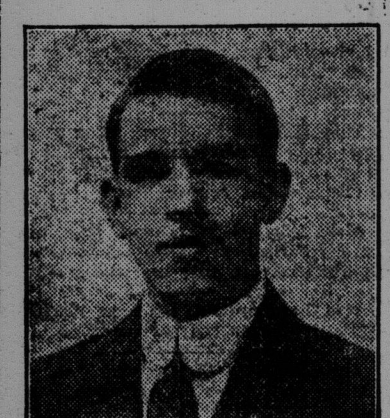
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"I'll have a smoke, too, I think." But he then discovered that his cigarette case was not in his pocket, whereupon the canny Scotchman was heard to remark:

"Then I suppose you'll be no wanting your box of matches back?"

He'll be in port next week—Neal of the Navy.

MANY COMFORTS FOR MEMBERS OF 26TH ACKNOWLEDGED

Mrs. George McAvity received word this morning from Halifax that contributions for the next shipment of Soldiers' Comforts should be sent forward as soon as possible. Great satisfaction was expressed at the splendid work being done here. More than thirty packages for the 26th Battalion have already gone to Halifax for shipment. All contributions of soldiers' comforts should be sent to the association headquarters in the C. P. R. building, Gormain street, St. John, as soon as possible, as it is the collecting and forwarding agency here.

Mrs. James L. McAvity and the Soldiers' Comforts Association wish to acknowledge and thank the many societies and individuals who have sent in socks and other comforts for the men of the 26th Battalion. As many socks were sent in without names, and a number through error in address in shipping were sent to the Red Cross Society, it is hoped that those whose socks have been received, twenty-six boxes have been shipped by the Soldiers' Comforts Association, through the Field Comforts Association, care of Miss Plummer, Sherbrooke Barracks, who will forward them to the men in France.

The sum of \$80 was sent by the Soldiers' Comforts Association, \$17 was given to Mrs. J. L. McAvity for tobacco for the 26th and a number of scarves and other comforts contributed by the following: Mrs. Geo. McAvity, Miss Marie Thomas, Miss Sheppard, Mrs. Murd Thomas, Miss Sheppard, Mrs. Gillis, Campbellton Red Cross; Mrs. J. H. McAvity, Miss Rosamond McAvity and others.

The following is a list of those who contributed socks: West St. John Soldiers' Comforts Association per Mrs. Richards, 204 pairs; Newcastle Red Cross, 280 pairs; Sussex Red Cross, 180 pairs; United Baptist church, W. E. 60 pairs; Lord Seckville Chapter, I. O. O. 100 pairs; Sackville ladies, 102 pairs; Women's Institute, Dalhousie, 48 pairs; Fredericton ladies, 144 pairs; Hampton ladies, per Mrs. H. Schofield, 88 pairs; Harvey ladies, 22 pairs; New Carlisle, per Mrs. Sheppard, 42 pairs; Lakeville and Williamstown Red Cross, 30 pairs; Fort Monckton Chapter, I. O. O. 24 pairs; Elgin, 181 pairs; J. D. Boudreau, Pettit Roche, 18 pairs; of Onanet, per Mrs. Fred Knowlton, 42 pairs; Women's Institute, Stanley, 17 pairs; Richibucto Red Cross, 38 pairs; East St. John Knitting Circle, 26 pairs; Red Head Knitting Circle, 12 pairs; Women's Institute, Sussex, per Mrs. Murray, 8 pairs; Mrs. E. S. Gross, Penobscot, 6 pairs; Centreville Red Cross, 12 pairs; Mr. Rathbone, 24 pairs; Women's Institute, Campbellton, 100 pairs and other articles.

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