

THE CEREMONY OF "TROOPING THE BANNER" WAS MOST IMPRESSIVE

A very interesting ceremony took place at the Engineer Training Depot yesterday on the occasion of the presentation of the Banner to the Depot.

The Rev. Rural Dean A. H. Moore officiated and the ceremony opened by the singing of the Hymn "Brightly Gleams our Banner". The impressive service laid down was conducted and afterwards the Banner was blessed with the words:—

"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do dedicate and set apart these colours, that they may be a sign of our duty towards our King and Country in the sight of God.

Amen."

This ceremony is unique to a degree, being the only occasion when a banner has been presented to the Canadian Engineers.

To the men who took part in this function a pleasant memory will remain with them always. May we all look to our banner for guidance and bring to it the honour and glory that has attached to banners and colours of other corps and battalions.

The Banner that we have received at the hands of Miss Evans, who is the local Regent of the Daughters of the Empire, was made gratuitously by Mrs. M. J. Heney of Ottawa. It is of silk bunting and the workmanship of the Emblem, scroll and motto in coloured silk reflects great credit upon Mrs. Heney.

The ladies dresses were indeed dreams, being mainly out of sight—but we caught glimpses of Maltese Cross Lace, Crepe de Chine and pale blue silk which showed up well against the snow and lent a pleasing effect to the gathering.

After the ceremony those invited were entertained at the "Home of the Engineers" by Mrs. T. C. Keefer, assisted by Mrs. W. N. Fellowes, Mrs. H. L. McBeath, Mrs. Blackadder and Mrs. W. B. Young.

Among those present were the following:

Mrs. T. C. Keefer, Mrs. Wyte, Mrs. Blackadder, Miss Brosseau, Mrs. J. W. Ryan, Mme. Brunet, Mrs. and Miss Black, Mrs. W. W. Fellowes, Mrs. W. B. Young, Mrs. H. L. McBeath, Miss Menhennick, the Misses Longtin, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Thayer, Mrs. Stockwell, Mrs. Golden, Nursing Sisters Perry, Byers and Morrison, Mrs. and the Misses Smith, Mrs. Wyte, Mrs. and Miss Donaghy, Mrs. and the Misses Duval, Mrs. D. B. Armstrong, Miss Evans, Mrs. C. W. Wilkinson, Mrs. Landry, Mrs. and Miss Fraser, Mrs. Campbell, Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Moore, Lt. and Mrs. N. H. C. Brown, Rev. S. J. Hughes, Major H. H. Madill, Capt.

A. G. E. Smith, M.C., Lt. W. T. Goodhugh, Lt. S. Wojciechowski, Lt. B. Brzezowski, Lt. S. Draczkowski, Lt. P. Zydanowicz, Lt. P. Jancazko, Lt. A. P. Oscelski, Lt. B. K. Johnston, Mr. Pinsonnault, Mr. A. Messier, Mr. Hart, Mr. Pratt, Mr. Ryder.

The Banner is to be handed over to the St. James Anglican Church, St. Johns, for safe keeping tomorrow, at a special dedication service.

LITTLE BUNCH OF VERSES.

Little "Knots and Lashings";

Bridges, trenches, grand:—
Make a mighty sapper
From this frigid land.

Squad drill, never-ending;

"B.F.", "P.T.'s" too!

O.C. Parade on Monday—

(We like it, yes we do!)

Medical inspection

To guard against the germs:—

We want to be in Berlin

When the Allies state their terms.

Fatigues we always welcome

(Except our leave, you know!)

For each day sees us nearer

To "overseas-we-go".

Only a common sapper—

But every sapper tells

The things we know will some day

Cause the Boche to yell.

A few more weeks of drilling

And then we sail from here:—

We'll make the folks at home feel proud

We're Canadian Engineers.

—N. B.

ATHLETICS.

The skating rink beside the Curling Rink building has been taken over for the use of this Depot.

The following is the hockey and skating schedule which will be adhered to until further notice.

Monday.—A. Coy, 6.30 to 7.30; B. Coy, 7.30 to 8.30; C. Coy, 8.30 to 9.30.

Tuesday.—D. Coy, 6.30 to 7.30; Skating, 7.30 to 8.30; Skating, 8.30 to 9.30.

Wednesday.—Mtd. Sec., 6.30 to 7.30; Base Coy, 7.30 to 8.30; Employed Sec., 8.30 to 9.30.

Thursday.—B. Coy, 6.30 to 7.30; C. Coy, 7.30 to 8.30; A. Coy, 8.30 to 9.30.

Friday.—Base Coy, 6.30 to 7.30; Skating, 7.30 to 8.30; Skating, 8.30 to 9.30.

Saturday.—Employed Sec., 6.30 to 7.30; D. Coy, 7.30 to 8.30; Mtd. Sec., 8.30 to 9.30.

General skating will also be held Saturday afternoon, 2 to 5 p.m., Sundays and Holidays, 2 to 5 p.m., and 6.30 to 9.30 p.m.

The Band will be in attendance Tuesday and Friday nights from 7 to 9 p.m.

Civilians will be admitted for skating when accompanied by soldier friends who will be responsible for their conduct there.

Each Company team must elect a representative who will be present during practice hours, and who will be responsible for the conduct, both on the rink, and in the dressing rooms during the practice hours.

Tulloch, You Shouldn't!

Shivering Sapper, at P.T.'s in the Curling Club): "Pretty cold here for this sort of thing, isn't it?"

P.T. Instructor: "Well, yes, perhaps it is; but then, it hardens the men."

S. S.: "I don't doubt it. Water can be hardened the same way!"

BE GOBS, O'TOOLE'S RIGHT

Editor "Knots and Lashings".

Dear Sur:—

Casey, Maloney and so many other bhoys have axed me the question, "what is a rumour"?—that to save meself breath Oi'm goin to make use av yer paper, beggin yer pardon for that same.

A rumour is a kind av dope sarved out by the powers that be, to ameliorate a disease, caused by stoppin too long in wan place. The disease furst starts in the feet gettin itchy an gradually wurks up to the head.

Ye can follow the different turns and twists av it by obsarvin the bhoys aroun an listenen to their conversashun. Aja can often hear somethin like this, "Where did ye say ye come from? Vancouver. Eh! How long have ye been here? Nine months! Schone!

Well, the wan axin the questions is jist 'gettin the disease, and the other wan must have it bad, or there is somethin else wrong wid him, an it's a foot disease too.

Did ye iver hear a bunch av the bhoys yellin, "We want to go". Well, them's the wans have got it bad, an whin they git to that stage, along comes some rumour for them.

Now take heed tae this, ye spalpeens!—this stuff called rumour is loike any other kind av dope. Ye want tae go aisy on it an, loike a wee drap av the crayter, it will trate ye kindly an warm the cockles av yer heart.

But if you take too much, it's drunk ye'll get, an ye know what ye feel loike afther a drunk!

Ye will be loosin interest an get goin around loike a lot av peat cutters—

—An' shure its meself wud be ashamed to see the flower av the Canadian Army turn into anythin av the sort.

A little rumour wont hurt ye if ye feel bad, but jist "carry on" loike the sons-av-guns ye are till the rale cure comes.

O'TOOLE.

Townfolks can secure "Knots and Lashings" at the uptodate store of H. Bernard & Son, Richelieu St., every Saturday noon. Leave your order early.

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