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A MEMORABLE DAY AT VICTORIA PARK

Thousands of Citizens Turn Out to do Honour to the 105th Overseas Highland Regiment. Inspection by Lieut.-Governor, Manoeuvres by the Battalion and Splendid Programme of Music and Short Addresses.

Victoria Park has in its day witnessed many intensely interesting and spectacular events connected with affairs of historic importance to the Empire and the Province, but never one of such character as that of yesterday, when thousands of citizens were present to attend the public farewell to the gallant lads of the "Island's Own," 105th Highland Regiment.

With the exception of "C" Company, which did not reach the City until the evening, when they came down by a special train from Summerside, the other three companies, "A," "B" and "D" were out in force and presented a magnificent appearance as they were put through various movements on the old-time cricket field, where soldiers and blue-jackets many a time in days gone by have gone through their manoeuvres.

The troops after being reviewed by His Honour Lieutenant Governor McDonald, who passed through the lines in company with Colonel Ings, "marched past" to the stirring strains of the Regimental Band playing the regiment's own song "Boys of the 105th." They were then drawn up before the band stand where a programme of songs and speeches was carried out.

The opening item of this programme was the rendition of "O Canada" by the band. "Tipperary" was then sung. Prof. Walkie presiding at the piano. Prof. Barlow lead the group of singers on the bandstand while the soldiers and everyone else who could sing joined in the chorus.

Major, the Reverend Dr. Fullerton, who presided at a few introductory remarks pointed out that only a few months previously it had been said by the authorities that it would be an impossibility to raise a fighting regiment in this Province. Since that time two batteries and the present splendid regiment had been raised.

he declared, had the ability to rise to the top of the ladder. He hoped that they would continue their good behaviour and bespoke for them the heartiest kind of a reception when they would return.

After another selection by the band Mr. A. A. McLean M.P. gave a brief address congratulating the men. He declared that the 105th would be one of the finest regiments to cross the ocean, and he had no doubt but that they would nobly uphold the traditions of their forefathers and drive the Germans back to Berlin. He wished them all God-speed and a safe return to loved ones.

The "Song of the 105th" was next sung, after which Mayor Brown spoke. He declared that while the present occasion was one tinged with regret yet all were proud of the boys. He referred to their excellent conduct and said he had no doubt but that all would do their duty manfully. He hoped with other citizens at some time to bid them a joyous welcome home.

The next item was the singing of the song, "Never Let the Old Flag Fall." Mr. A. B. Warburton pointed out in a brief address his firm belief that the men go forth to fight the great battle of Christianity. He reminded them that this would be no child's play, but he felt that German hearts would need to be stung and their steel sharpened before the P. E. Islander. The conduct of the men at the front he felt was a source of pride to those they are leaving behind. He hoped to see the men return safely wearing Victoria Crosses and other badges of honor.

"Keep the Home Fires Burning" was next sung and Judge Stewart was called upon for a few words. He declared the boys were starting out upon a proud mission and he believed they would help write a page in history that would never be erased—the complete destruction of despotism. He felt sure they would shed a lustre of glory on the Province. The Judge concluded by hoping that all would return practically unscathed holding the banner of justice so high that an attempt upon it could never again be made.

Premier Matheson addressing the Regiment said: "You represent the courage and manhood of the Province. I feel confident that you will win glory and honor for our native Province, and hope that in time we shall welcome you as those who had seen their duty and performed it. I hope that you will maintain that high standard of conduct which has marked your life since you enlisted. I wish you good luck and all the fortune that merit can command for the future hold in store."

11,000 MORE PRISONERS TO CREDIT OF RUSSIANS

The Steam Roller Steadily Crushing Along Towards Germany. In Fighting from 4th to 7th they have Taken 51,000 Prisoners besides Immense Quantities of Guns and Munitions.

(Special to the Guardian.)

PETROGRAD, June 8.—An official statement says: "In addition to the 40,000 prisoners previously taken we took in the course of yesterday's fighting 58 officers and about 11,000 men and captured a number of guns and machine guns a quantity of other weapons, field kitchens and telephone

material. The results of the engagements from the fourth to the seventh in Volhynia and Galicia permit us to consider that we have already gained an important victory which is crowned by a great breach in the enemy's fortified front. On the Dvina front and in the Lake region south of Dvinsk there has been violent fighting at many places. The

Germans have bombarded by concentrated fire the Ikskull Bridgehead. Repeated German attempts to advance in the region south of Smorgon were frustrated by our fire. South of Krevo enemy artillery fired gusts on our positions. In the Caucasus the situation is unchanged.

GERMAN DEFENCES SHATTERED BY BRITISH CANNONADING

In Sanguinary Fighting on Western Front all German Attacks have been Repulsed and Enemy Entrenchments Battered Down.

(Special to the Guardian.)

LONDON, June 8.—A British official statement issued at midnight reads: "The principal activity in the past 24 hours has been in the sector between Vimy ridge and La Bassée Canal, where mine warfare was particularly in evidence. Six mines and Camouflets have been exploded with results, generally speaking, in our favor. Near Hohenzollern redoubt the explosion of one of our mines considerably damaged the enemy's defenses and after the explosion our snipers accounted for 9 of the garrison.

Their dead on the ground. The situation at Hooge is unchanged. There have been no infantry actions today. Artillery of both sides shelled intermittently both day and night. Elsewhere on the front there was no special interest, the day passing quietly.

gation communication says: "Bombardment on both sides reached great intensity at various points along the front of the Belgian army."

Around Souches there has been a good deal of work with trench mortars and along the whole sector we artillery of both sides has been active. Just south of La Bassée Canal, we carried out a successful raid last night inflicting losses on the enemy. Garrison of the raided trenches fled leaving

PARIS, June 8.—An official communication tonight says: "On the left bank of the Seme artillery activity was maintained with intensity in the sector of Hill 304 and the region of Cattancourt. On the right bank the enemy after violent bombardment directed successive attacks against our positions west and east of Thiaumont Farm. All these attacks failed under our curtain of fire and our machine guns. Cannonading was violent west of Pont a Mousson and intermittent on the rest of the front. The Bel-

PARIS, June 8.—Heavy fighting continues in the vicinity of Fort Vaux northeast of Verdun. The war office report of today says French troops still occupy the outskirts of the fort, as well as the trenches to the right and left of the works. The loss of the fort itself, of which an intimation was given in last night's report, is conceded. The abandonment of the fort was announced by the garrison, after it had been reduced to a heap of ruins by an incessant bombardment of seven days. German attacks on the adjacent positions thus far, have been unsuccessful.

THE WAR SITUATION REVIEWED

LONDON, June 8.—Having recaptured Lutsk, one of the triangle of Russian front in Volhynia from the Austro-Hungarians, the Russians are pressing their adversaries westward, in numerous places not only have the Russians gained the banks of the Ikwa and Styr rivers but have crossed the streams and continued their offensive against their foes. In the region of Kovel, midway between Lutsk and Brestlitovsk, and in the vicinity of Rovno, southeast of the fortress, the Russians have begun actions against the Austro-Hungarians. Likewise in Galicia there has been no let up in the Russian attacks against the Austro-Hungarians. From whom they have captured, along the lower reaches of the Stripa river, heavily fortified positions. In the fighting the Russians have materially added to their prisoners

and their stores of captured guns, machine guns, and war materials. Considerable activity has been shown by the Germans against the Russians on the northern sections of the Russian front, where German guns have heavily bombarded the line along the Dvina to the Lake region south of the Dvinsk and thrown infantry attacks against Russian positions south of Smorgon in this latter region the Germans report the capture of the village of Kunawa, but Petrograd asserts all their attacks were repulsed. With the capture of Fort Vaux, northeast of Verdun, the Germans attempted to advance their line against the French east and west of Thiaumont, south of Douaumont. The French barrier of fire, however, held them back. Northwest of Verdun, around Hill 304 and in the region of Chattancourt the artillery duels are still intense.

Intermittent artillery duels have given way to vicious infantry attacks and counter attacks by the Germans and British around Hooge, a small position between the Vimy ridge, La Bassée Canal and near the Hohenzollern redoubt were to the advantage of the British according to London. The Italians to the south and southeast of Trent continue to keep the Austrians from further advances. South and southwest of Asiago attacks by the Austrians against Italian positions were entirely repulsed according to Rome while along the Lagarina valley concentrations of Austrians were dispersed by Italian batteries. North-west of Trent in Orler region the Italians attacked and captured several points of vantage from the Austrians and further south in the Cese Valley repulsed Austrian offensive.

N.B. & P.E.I. CONFERENCE AT SUMMERSIDE

The annual meeting of the N. B. and P. E. I. Conference opened in Summerside yesterday morning. Pres. Rev. R. Opie in the chair. On roll call 74 ministers and 29 lay delegates answered to the roll call. Rev. Dr. Sprague, on account of illness was excused from being present, and a letter of regret forwarded to him. Rev. Thomas Hicks was appointed president and Rev. D. R. Chown, secretary. The latter declining to accept. Resolutions of appreciation to the retiring President and Secretary were unanimously passed. At the afternoon session, which opened at one o'clock, Rev. E. S. Crites was appointed Journal Secretary and Revs. H. A. Bowen and George Morris, Assistant Secretaries, and Rev. Mr. Opie, Statistical Secretary. Conference then adjourned to attend the farewell to the 105th. On resuming Major Jardine on behalf of the citizens extended a welcome to the Conference. Rev. Dr. Steele replied. Revs. H. J. Fraser and A. L. Ackland, on behalf of the Presbyterian and

Germans Admit Loss of Two More Warships

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, June 8.—A British official communication tonight says: "In the German official account of the North Sea battle appearing in Dutch papers this morning the loss of the Luthow, Rostok and Elbing was admitted in addition to the Pommeren and Fraenlob which was announced in the official German communication on June 1st. The loss of the Wiesbaden which was announced June 1st is now withheld. Baptist Churches respectively extended fraternal greetings. The ex-President Rev. R. Opie made a suitable reply. Rev. Dr. Huestis brought greetings from Nova Scotia. The remainder of the afternoon session was taken up with the appointing of sub-committees and routine work. At the evening session Dr. James Edcott, Secretary of Foreign Missions for the General Conference, delivered an address in the contribution of Missions to the development of the Empire. Mrs. Joseph Wright, Bedeque, gave a report of the W. M. S. held in St. John, a few days ago.

J.J. HILL, WITH GREAT ESTATE, LEFT NO WILL

ST. PAUL, Minn., June 6.—James J. Hill, the railroad builder, left no will. His widow today filed a petition in the probate court, asking that Louis W. Hill, a son, be appointed administrator of the estate, the value of which is placed, in the formal petition at \$10,000,000. The petition was signed also by the eight children. COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS ETC. ONE CENT per word each insertion for advertising in this column. Cash must accompany orders. Minimum charges twenty-five cents. *Fresh Mackerel, Salmon Halibut, Codfish, Haddock and Lobsters at Charlottetown Fish Supply Co. This morning. 253-6-9M11. *It costs more to do without a REMINGTON TYPEWRITER than to buy it. Time saved is just as important as MONEY saved, in fact it is often more important. A. Milne Fraser, Halifax, N. S. 252-6-8M31.

ROYAL COMMISSION WILL CLOSE TO-DAY

Kyte Charges have Dwindled into Insinuations and all Evidence Shows they were Made for Campaign Purposes with no Foundation in Fact.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, June 8.—The final argument by Messrs. E. F. B. Johnston, John S. Ewart and Eugene Lafleur, retained by General Sir Sam Hughes, was presented before the Meredith Duff Commission to-day. The fuse inquiry will close tomorrow after arguments have been heard from Messrs. Nesbitt and N. K. Laframme for the Shell Committee, Mr. George F. Henderson for Col. Allison and Mr. A. W. Atwater for the International Arms and Fuse Company. That there is no question in the minds of the Commission of any public dishonesty or personal corruption on the part of any person in authority in connection with the subjects of inquiry was made evident today by the comments of both Sir Wm. Meredith and Mr. Justice Duff. Furthermore a most complete exoneration of Major General Sir Sam Hughes in regard to many of the points which were attempted to be made against him in the so called Kyte charges, was furnished by no less a person than Mr. Johnston chief opposition counsel, himself. Mr. Johnston stated this morning that when the Shell Committee had awarded the fuse contracts to the United States they had done so against the expressed wish and determination of General Hughes. Mr. F. B. Carleton, who was present, yesterday excoriated General Bertram on all points in connection with the fuse contracts so that the opposition is now approaching a rather unique position in regard to the charges they have made. Mr. Carvell's argument of yesterday fared somewhat badly at the hands of Mr. Justice Duff, today. His claim that there was something corrupt in the failure of Col. Carnegie to understand earlier than he did that gas as well as time fuses were re-

quired by the war office was discounted by the Commissioner, "I can safely say that Mr. Carvell's point as to that," he stated. The contention of Mr. Kyte's counsel that from his relations with Allison General Hughes must have known that he was to get a commission on the Fuse Contract with the American Ammunition Company did not seem to impress the court any more favorably. Commissioner Duff, confessing that he could not follow Mr. Carvell's argument, and to Mr. Johnston also, the Commissioner observed that it struck him as quite reasonable that the Minister of Militia should have considered the special mission which Col. Allison was undertaking for him on the Fuse Contract a personal matter involving no commission. Mr. Johnston's argument this morning was on the whole in striking contrast to that of Mr. Carvell yesterday, a reasoned statement rather than a political speech. Mr. J. S. Ewart's statement was in the main a reply to Messrs. Carvell and Johnston while Mr. Lafleur dealt mainly with the matter of the scope of the inquiry. Both counsel referred to the evidence as completely disproving even the highly indefinite charges made against the Minister of Militia in the speeches of Messrs. Kyte and Carvell. While Mr. Lafleur spoke warmly of the methods adopted by Mr. Kyte's counsel to insinuate what he did not care to state, he pointed out for instance that Mr. Carvell had claimed that \$25,000 was paid by Yukon to Col. Allison for his influence to obtain the fuse contracts when produced before the commission showed that the money had been paid over in fulfillment of an arrangement made months before the fuse contracts were even though of.

SUMMERSIDE HONOURS C COMPANY, 105TH

Splendid Send-Off Given by Citizens of Summerside to the Company Quartered there During Past Six Months.

The public send off given to the boys of C Company 105th Battalion at Summerside yesterday afternoon was everything that could be desired. It was the best planned and best carried out public function that has ever taken place in Summerside. Mayor Jardine and everyone connected with the affair are to be most heartily congratulated. The programme was hearty and genuine and the speeches short and excellent. It was not expected that the boys would be leaving so soon or more people would have come in from the country. It was originally intended to have a civic send off last night but owing to an order received the previous night the farewell was held at 2.30 p. m. and at 4.30 a special train with the boys left for Charlottetown.

At the appointed time the boys of the 105th headed by the Summerside Band and accompanied by many citizens marched to the school grounds and formed up in front of the grand stand which was crowded with school children who opened the programme with "O Canada."

Mayor Jardine in a short address wished the boys God speed and spoke of the appreciation of the people of Summerside and Prince County of the sacrifice they were making. Councillor McFarlane addressed the boys on behalf of the Town Council and an address from the Mayor and Town Council was then read by the Mayor. Major Inman on behalf of the Officers and men thanked the Mayor, Council and citizens for the hospitality shown them and the cordial wishes expressed on that occasion. Captain Stewart and Lieut. Methelal also spoke on behalf of the officers and men, and short addresses were given by Mr. A. S. McKay on behalf of the Recruiting Committee and Hon. A. E. Arsenault who gave the assurance of the Provincial government that their loved ones would be well looked after in their absence. Mr. A. A. Lafleur also gave a short address. Selections given by the Band and school children formed part of the programme. With the singing of "Till the Boys Come Home," the National Anthem, the ringing of bells and the tooting of whistles the company marched to the train and left for Charlottetown. On Wednesday evening St. Paul's Congregation gave a delightful smoker in their Social Hall to the members of "C" Company. The function, although improvised, was excellently arranged and most enjoyably carried out, a fine programme of music being rendered, consisting of selections by the Summerside Orchestra, songs, recitations etc., by leading Summerside soloists and members of the company. The Catholic boys of the company took advantage of the occasion to present their pastor Rev. J. C. McLean with an appreciative address accompanied by a prayer in recognition of his kindness and attention to them during their stay in Summerside. The Acadicians of Summerside, also, presented Lieutenant Dohrn with an address and gift. Mayor Jardine was present and addressed the soldiers. Hon. A. E. Arsenault presided.

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THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE, TIDE MOON ETC. The tide will be high this afternoon at 4.18 and tomorrow at 5.40; it will be high tomorrow morning at 5.08 and Sunday at 5.48. The sun sets this evening and tomorrow at 7.50; it rises tomorrow morning and Sunday at 4.08. The moon rises this afternoon at 1.55. The first quarter of the moon was on Thursday, June 8th at 7.59 p. m. There will be a full moon on Thursday, June 15th at 5.16 p. m. The length of today will be fourteen hours and forty-two minutes. Minard's Liniment Cures Neuralgia

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