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OUR ARTILLERY UNITS

Our Island Artillery in the annual competitions before the war so often led the rest of Canada that a failure to hold this place in any year was more noticeable than the reverse.

Military records made in peace times must be sustained in time of war otherwise we must feel greatly discredited before the world and it is with great and pardonable pride that we today think of our artillery record in the present war.

The P. E. I. Heavy Battery on home duty at Fort Ives is fulfilling that part of home service apportioned to Prince Edward Island and its work at this fort has been a repetition of the efficiency established in previous years.

In England we are represented at the Midway training camps by the 5th Canadian Siege Battery a body of men of whom we are all proud and we wait with every confidence for word of their work in training as compared with other Canadian units.

On the firing line in France and in the hottest section we are represented by our noble 98th Siege Battery the pride and admiration of every true Islander.

Training in England as the 5th is now doing the 98th was easily first and out of all Canada was the first Siege Battery to be sent to France where during the many months of continual work at the front it has repeatedly drawn the attention and admiration of Commanding Officers to its accuracy, rapidity and efficiency.

These successes of Island Artillery should make it a popular branch of the service and no difficulty should be experienced in raising the two Siege Artillery drafts now recruiting, one of which has been allotted to King's County under Command of Lieut. Roy C. McLean.

The County is already well represented in the 98th having two Commissioned Officers and a large percentage of N. C. O.'s and men.

The opportunity of sending a unit of artillery is an honor well merited by King's County which has always been exclusively an artillery district and an opportunity for every old artilleryman and others throughout the County to sustain and improve a record of which we are already proud.

THE GREAT REFUSER

Sir Wilfrid Laurier advances a flimsy excuse for rejecting Sir Robert Borden's invitation to co-operate in the appointment of a Joint Parliamentary National Service Committee. His refusal was to be expected says the Toronto News.

He has a long record of similar refusals to his credit. In a series of Imperial Conferences he persistently refused to co-operate with the rest of the Empire for Imperial defence purposes. He blocked the proposals of South Africa and New Zealand statesmen looking to united action for the common safety.

He hesitated to send Canadian troops to South Africa until his hand was forced by rising public opinion, and even then he made the Imperial Government pay the whole cost of the expeditionary force.

For months he fought the proposal in the Commons and finally got his majority in the Senate to reject it. As a consequence Canada has no battleships to take their places beside the powerful vessels which represent Australia and New Zealand in the North Sea.

FLAX CULTURE

"The possibilities of producing flax for fibre in Canada have been proven to be very considerable. It would seem wise, therefore, to do anything possible to encourage the growth of this industry in districts suited thereto at this time, when unusually high prices will serve as an impetus to its development and extension."

SIR WILFRID KNEW

In its yesterday's issue the Patriot says in two statements we made yesterday on the Borden Naval policy and the Laurier defeat thereof we were misleading and untruthful. For every statement we make we have proof which is easily ascertainable.

(1) "That the \$35,000,000 fake was due to the memorandum of the Admiralty with regard to the provision of a certain number of the largest ships of war which science can build or money supply. This is not a fact. The application to the Admiralty was an afterthought, when Borden was seeking a way out of the position into which his Nationalist embarrassments had brought him."

(2) "The second untrue statement is that Laurier defeated the Bill in the Senate. This is not true. The Bill was not defeated in the Senate. An amendment was carried there that it be referred to the people for approval, which Borden refused to accept."

With regard to the first allegation we submit the irrefutable evidence of the speech of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught in opening the second session of Parliament in which Sir Robert Borden was Premier. The pivotal subject of the speech from the Throne was the Naval policy, and the announcement made by His Royal Highness was as follows:

"During the past summer four members of my Government conferred in London with His Majesty's Government on the question of Naval Defence. Important discussions took place and CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN DISCLOSED WHICH, IN THE OPINION OF MY ADVISERS, RENDER IT IMPERATIVE THAT THE EFFECTIVE NAVAL FORCES OF THE EMPIRE SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED WITHOUT DELAY. My advisers are convinced that it is the duty of Canada at this juncture to afford reasonable and necessary aid for that purpose. A bill will be introduced accordingly."

These are the very words of the Speech from the Throne delivered on Nov. 21, 1912. On December 5th, with every member in his seat, with densely crowded galleries, with the presence of T. R. H. the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and Princess Patricia, Sir Robert Borden introduced his measure, the formal resolution being in exactly the same terms as the bill. SUPPLEMENTARY TO HIS SPEECH WAS THE ADMIRALTY MEMORANDUM ON THE GENERAL NAVAL SITUATION TRANSMITTED TO OTTAWA ON OCT. 25, 1912.

Yet the Patriot has the cool audacity to think it will escape with the allegation that "the application to the Admiralty was an afterthought."

Further comment would be superfluous. With regard to the second contention of the Patriot, all we need say is that had Sir Robert Borden accepted the Senate amendment which suspended the bill until after next general election, what difference would that have made today. The bill was an "emergency" measure based on the information supplied by the British Government, regarding the critical conditions in Europe, and to suspend it, was to PLAY INTO THE HANDS OF GERMANY AND SIR WILFRID LAURIER KNEW IT.

NOTES

500 persons, including lawyers, clergymen, college professors and novelists, took part in a competition for the best 500 word editorial pointing out why either Wilson or Hughes should be elected president. Though the judges weren't journalists the two first prizes for the best editorials were awarded to two reporters. However, this won't affect the opinion of the other 498 that they can write better and run a newspaper better than newspaper men.

AN OLD ISLANDER AND THE AUTO

Sir.— After forty-eight years as a resident of the States, I have returned to my birth place, "The Garden of the Gulf." Although my business was along other lines I have always been greatly interested in the farmer, particularly in late years since scientific farming has been in practice.

I want to say right here you may travel from the Atlantic to the Pacific and nowhere find such farm buildings, such an air of independence and prosperity as exists on the Island. The farmers here have kept well abreast of the times in the use of labor saving devices. I find the old cradle which I have slung many a day, replaced by the self-binder; gasoline engines thresh the grain, saw the wood, pump the water, separate milk, churn butter, and even wash the clothes.

In view of such advancement I am surprised to find the farmer here opposed to the automobile, the greatest of modern improvements. In the States today even the smallest farmer considers his machine a necessity rather than a luxury; and the cost is now so nominal that an automobile may be bought for the price of a good team, with the great recommendation that a car is not eating its head off when not in use.

Many farmers here argue that the roads are unfit for machines; my opinion is the roads here are naturally much better than roads I have been familiar with in Illinois. There the soil is black loam and when it rains sticks to the wheels so badly it is almost impossible for them to go around. However, you will find that wherever the automobile comes, good roads follow. The motor car is the direct instigator of the "Good Roads Movement," one of the greatest things that can interest a country.

Encountering frightened horses along the road is practically a thing of the past; a very wise horse would often scare and any man with common horse sense can drive a car. I don't want to add that driving a car need not be restricted to the men, in many cases women make the best drivers, and while the men are working their horses in the field the women may take their butter, eggs, &c., to market. Then consider the advantage as well as the pleasure of the whole family driving to church on Sunday while the horses are resting. Undoubtedly the motor car is the great eliminator of time and distance.

Now, I am not an agent for any car, neither have I an interest in any particular make. I am simply speaking from observation and experience. I am, Sir, etc.

GEORGE SIMMONS, Springfield, Ill.

HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK

Hallowe'en was royally celebrated on Tuesday, the young people especially having a jolly time, while their elders enjoyed themselves more leisurely. Several real old fashioned parties are still being talked about and laughed over and the outcome of many Hallowe'en tricks yet anticipated.

Speaking of Hallowe'en it might be mentioned that the St. James Young Ladies Guild held their annual tea as usual on Tuesday and received very wide patronage. The large hall was charmingly arranged with pretty Jack O'Lanterns, Black Cats and Hallowe'en decorations.

Mrs. A. A. Bartlett who has been in St. John for some days a guest at the home of Mrs. Clarence B. Allan on a visit to New York.

"Sir Frederick and Lady Williams Taylor, of Montreal, Canada, announced the engagement this week of their daughter, Miss Brenda Germaine Williams-Taylor to Frank Duff Frazier of New York. Miss Williams-Taylor is prominent in society in the dominion and in London. Her father is the general manager of the Bank of Montreal. Her mother, Lady Williams-Taylor, is a warm personal friend of Queen Mary, and last winter she stayed in New York a few days on her way from London to Montreal, to express Her Majesty's appreciation of the work of the American branch of Queen Mary's Needlework Guild. She is the president of the Queen Mary's Needlework Guild, a relief organization formed during the early months of the war and which is represented in this Province. Miss Williams-Taylor's brother, Captain Williams-Taylor was among those who went to the front with the Canadian contingent at the beginning of the war. Mr. Frazier is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Frazier of New York, New York, who are now at their country place, Uplands, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Mass. He is a graduate of Yale, class of '05, and belongs to the Union Club of Chicago.

Among the guests at a picnic luncheon given at the residence of Mrs. Robert Cruikshank, St. John, a few days ago was Mrs. A. A. Bartlett, of Charlottetown.

The twilight musicales arranged under the auspices of the Daughters of the Empire are creating quite a lot of pleasurable anticipation this week and it is likely a large attendance will greet Prof. Watkins' opening on this afternoon in St. James Hall.

Mrs. Hazen, wife of Mayor Hazen, of St. John, is the guest this week of her daughter Mrs. G. Douglas Steele.

Mrs. H. K. Dutcher of Vancouver, is visiting her sister Mrs. H. V. McKinnon of St. John, whose former home was in this City. On Tuesday Mrs. McKinnon entertained informally at the tea hour in her sister's honor at the Sign O' the Lantern.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Seaman have as their guest their daughter, Miss Nellie Seaman, a clever young nurse who returned this week from Saloniki where she has been attached to the Alexandra nursing sisters for the past year. Miss Seaman after a short furlough will return overseas probably to France. She is being warmly welcomed by her many friends.

The Young People's Society of the First Methodist Church held a masquerade Hallowe'en party in the Hearts Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening which will be a bright memory for many months. There was much merriment as the evening proceeded and every one had a jolly good time.

Mrs. Laidlaw of Halifax has as a welcome guest this week her friend Miss Amy Earle.

The Mission in St. Dunstan's Cathedral is being exceptionally well attended by the men to whom this week's services are devoted. The interesting and instructive addresses were followed with the closest attention by all.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Morton who spent a very pleasant visit among their former friends here returned home evening Mr. Steele was also present.

Remember The Boys in the Trenches This Christmas

They deserve the best present you can afford. Make it something comfortable and warm. Months ago we were watching the market for such articles as would give them pleasure and comfort. Here are a few articles.

- 1 pr. of Khaki Woolen Gloves 85c
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Here are some heavy ribbed knit Khaki Wool Socks, all sizes 60; pair for \$1.50.

Good warm lined Khaki Gloves, Mocha or Dogskin, \$1.00 ea.

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this week taking as their guest Miss Gertrude DeBlais on a short visit.

Prof. and Mrs. Clark of the Experimental Station entertained at a nicely arranged Hallowe'en party on Tuesday in honor of their Sunday School classes. Mr. and Mrs. Clark are exceptionally clever entertainers and their party proved the event of the season for the guests present.

Prof. and Mrs. Steel held their first post-nuptial reception this week when many ladies and gentlemen called to offer their congratulations and welcome Mrs. Steele to Charlottetown. In the afternoon Mrs. Steele received assisted by her mother, Mrs. Hazen of St. John and Mrs. Rogers, while in the former friends here returned home evening Mr. Steele was also present.

Mrs. Steele looked exceptionally pretty wearing a dainty gown of white crepe over a pink satin while her mother wore a smart dress of wine colored moire silk. Assisting in the tea room were Miss Mamie Smith, Miss Helen Smith, Miss Margaret White, Miss Jean White, Miss Annie Johnson and Miss Helen Wakeford, Mrs. Fulton presiding gracefully over the tea cups. The reception and dining rooms were very artistically decorated with chrysanthemums and roses and made a charming background for the dainty dresses worn by the ladies.

Miss Elsie Nicholson is being welcomed home from France on a short furlough to her parents, Mr. Donald Nicholson, M. P. and Mrs. Nicholson. Continued on Page Three.

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