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## OUR BOYS ON SHIP

One of Them Tells of the  
Voyage

## ON THE S. S. SARDINIAN

Things Went Pretty Smoothly  
—But All Was Not Quite  
Pleasant.

S. S. SARDINIAN Nov. 10th.

By the time my letter reaches you the send off at Quebec and the weak moments that must have at some time or other thrilled the beings of us all as the shudder of the propeller through the ship told us that we were leaving Canada to serve our Queen, perhaps "Canada Forever." However, the beautiful scenery of the St. Lawrence tended very much to lighten the "White man's burden" in our case.

When nearing the coast of Newfoundland the proverbial fog enveloped us and many of the boys were sea sick. We certainly failed to find the sea of glass and many of the boys were not sure footed while on deck and to resort to the hammock was not much of an improvement as the boys rolled out on the deck. Pans and in fact everything movable added to the lively scene. But the bad weather did not last very long and we were soon as one family.

Mr. Fullerton has preached on several occasions and takes special interest in the boys from Prince Edward Island.

The excess of men causes us to be crowded to some extent. Our food is good and we get plenty of fruit which consists principally of apples, oranges, bananas, figs, and raisins. The steward of the boat is reported as selling apples to us at the very cheap rate of three for ten cents, and all our other luxuries at about the same rates. The officers soon got after him and impressed him with the rules.

## Home-Made Men's Long Boots.

For winter wear you need good serviceable boots that will keep your feet dry and warm. We manufacture the boots we sell, out of stock tanned with "Long Tan Process" not like the soft spongy stock tanned by the "Quick Process" used by some because it is cheaper. Get the best—**Our Own Make.** Prices from

\$2.50 to \$5.25.

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Ch'to wn Shoe Factory.

The letters which have been mailed to you will convey to you the account of the funeral of a private named Des Laurier of Ottawa. He was a jolly good fellow and his death is universally regretted by all.

As you read this letter you will doubtless hasten on until you come to the Island boys and we are all one family. The thirty that stood shoulder to shoulder on the morning of Nov. 1 does not by any means represent the Island sons who form the jolly ship's company.

All the military boys will remember Joe Russell, formerly of Fredericton its ructor at camp Brighton, now Sergt. in No. three section. Then Hession of Georgetown, now of Quebec, is Sergeant of No. four section.

All do not know that Willie Warren and several other Island boys, including Mr. Fancy who at one time boarded at Miss McMillan's, Prince street, are here. There are also several here from the Island whose names I cannot at present recollect.

No doubt there will be a little trouble about some of the minor details of the voyage, but in my humble judgement we have nothing to complain of. The men are more in the fault than the Government or the officers. Food is plenty but there is a shortage of lime juice and water is scarce.

The whole Contingent is getting down to real discipline now, and those who do not carry out the orders promptly must stand by the consequences and receive their punishment in extra watches, guards and cleaning out the canteens, wash-houses etc.

To get into the canteens which are only open about three hours in the day the men have to form up in line, and it is a common occurrence to see from one to two hundred patiently waiting for their turn to pay what is considered the unfair prices asked for the fruit, drinks, etc.

All line up in the same manner to get a drink of water. So you can understand that a scarcity of this precious liquid is something that we were never used to at home.

The helmets and haversacks have been dyed brown so that it will be the same as the suits. A lot of the rifles have been nearly ruined by the sea waves coming in the port holes. One rifle will never figure in the war as it was lost overboard by one of the soldiers and it shot to the bottom.

There is a little bit of thieving being done but it is nothing to speak of when it is considered that our Contingent is from all parts of the land.

Concerts in Charlottetown were always enjoyable and our concerts and lectures on discipline every evening are very interesting.

Prayers are held at 6.15 p.m. every day, and to hear the boys sing "Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow," "Nearer my God to thee," "Hold the

## CANADIANS UNDER FIRE!

### They With other Troops Surprise The Boers.

## AND CAPTURE FORTY PRISONERS

### Gen. French's Victory Confirmed and May Have Most Important Results—Canada's Second Contingent Getting Ready—Hamilton Puts Up \$10,000 For Her Soldiers.

OTTAWA, Jan. 2.—(Special)—Hamilton intends to raise \$10,000 for its men in the two Contingents.

THE WINNIPEG ARTILLERY.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 2.—[Special]—The Artillery detachment for the Transvaal left on Monday for Kingston. Thousands farewelled them at the railway station here.

FRENCH TELLS OF HIS VICTORY.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—(Special)—General French sends particulars of his capture of Colesburg, confirming the first reports.

He had three killed and a few wounded.

The Boer losses are believed to be heavy as the British artillery fire was heavy and well directed.

HIS PRESENT POSITION EXCELLENT.

His position cuts the line of the enemy's retreat by road and bridge.

The Boers shelled the British with a gun they captured at Stormbeek.

The belief is this victory will be of great strategic importance and will enable Gen. French to cut off the Boers facing Gen. Gatacre.

SOME OF THE CANADIANS UNDER FIRE.

BELMONT, Jan. 2.—(Special)—A mounted force has been engaged consisting of 100 Canadians of the Toronto Company, 200 Queenslanders, two guns and a horse battery under Major DeRongemont, forty Mounted Infantry under Lieut Regan and 200 of the Cornwall Light Infantry.

Fort" and "God Save the Queen" would bring tears to the eyes of many at home.

The band is just getting into shape and will have lots of music for the remainder of the trip. Hedley McKinnon, Charles Hine and Jack Harris are in the band. The band comprises fourteen members. Seven are from G. Co. and three of the seven are P. E. Islanders.

Necy Dorion and Hurlis McLean are our tailors and we patronize home-trade. They get fairly good pay for their work. Richard Foley and Charles Hine (when Hine is not in the band) are doing carpenter work. Dr. Dillon is attached to the hospital for the extracting of teeth. At first the fresh meat was not coveted by us all but it improved later on. All the bayonets have been sharpened and they look like business.

Each company has had a practise with the morris tube, and the number of bull's eyes, is astonishing, many a possible being made, and there is no doubt a greater number here can be classed as first class sharpshooters.

The saloon steward had to be put in irons and gagged on the 14th inst while drunk. He made an awful racket. He has been selling whisky to the boys at \$3 per bottle or \$24 per case.

The coal has been reported very bad and we cannot get up much steam.

S. S. SARDINIAN Nov. 25. This week has been a very busy one issuing khaki, and boots and different

A MARCH ACROSS THE VELDT.

The whole force was commanded by Col. Pelcher. They left Belmont Sunday at noon on a march westward, covering 20 miles before sunset.

The force camped at Cook's Farm, where the troops were welcomed enthusiastically.

A TURNING MOVEMENT EXECUTED.

At six o'clock on Monday morning the force appeared at a spot where a laager of Boers was reported.

Col. Pelcher on approaching detached Major DeRongemont with the guns, the Toronto and Mounted Infantry to work towards the right, making a turning movement himself with the Queenslanders towards the south of the Boer position.

LAAGER CAPTURED WITH PRISONERS.

The manoeuvre was a complete success. British shells were the first indication of the presence of our troops.

The Boers left their laager and opened fire, but the Queenslanders completing the movement the laager was captured with forty prisoners.

LOSSES—WHERE THE FORCE NOW IS.

The British casualties were two men killed, three wounded and one missing. The whole force worked admirably. The men killed belonged to the Queensland Contingent.

Some Boers were also killed and wounded.

Col. Pelcher is now camped about forty miles north of Belmont.

other articles which the men might be short of. Our company and H. company will not be fitted out properly until we reach Cape Town.

There has not been a single case of contagious disease on board the Sardinian. Two men however, have gone blind from what cause I cannot say, but the pupil of the eye is very much enlarged. With the exception of the first few days the weather has been glorious and we are now enjoying a continuation of it. It was a great surprise to us all to have had such a smooth voyage across the ocean.

Yesterday was pay day, and last night up to bed-time was rather lively, for to do their best the officers cannot stop the gambling. To-day, there were eight arrests for gambling, but it still goes on in a quiet way.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—(Special)—The following are the closing rates:

Jan. wheat, 66½; corn, 30½; oats, 21½; pork, \$10.47½.

May wheat, 70½; corn, 33½; oats, 24; pork, \$10.77½.

July wheat, 70½; corn, 34; oats, 24; pork, —.

Bentley's Liniment will cure Croup in a few minutes.

## Mr. Earle's Concert.

There is nothing like the magnetism of an immense crowd for exacting the best work from the performers. It is retroactive in that the audience once warmed readily becomes enthusiastic or what is equally pleasing to the performers, kindly demonstrative.

The orchestra was hardly up to form. Considering the frequent changes in its personnel it is creditable to its efficient leader that it is what it is. One of our New Year's wishes for Mr. Vinicombe shall be that his staff may suffer no change for the whole season. It is not possible to replace Ernest Hill at once. Both Mr. Peter McDonald, flutist and Mr. Hornsby, cornet, are serious losses; their successors are promising men and with experience will doubtless do their work well.

The choruses and ensemble numbers were bright and tuneful and merited the approbation accorded them.

The humorous numbers were in especial favor, the drill points were excellently brought out.

The dances by Miss Gillis and Master Warburton secured the unqualified approbation of the audience. Dalsler tripping, more festively performed is seldom seen in dancers so young. The instrumental numbers were all enjoyable from the mandolins and guitars, thru the violin on down to the piano selections.

Alas poor piano, that your mission is to teach rather than to entertain.

Miss Florence Earle sang a most pathetic song very feelingly; her voice is very sweet and her enunciation distinct. Mr. Chas. Earle's song was very amusing. He was in good voice and sang as he always sings to the delight of his hearers.

The burlesque was one of those delightful nonsense pieces that keeps one in a ripple of laughter. The doggerel was all out too p(h)unny. The singing reflected credit on the soloists while the ensemble numbers were pleasing and effectively rendered.

The histrionic honors were divided between Miss Florence and Miss Amy Earle, the former as a Minerva of the most pronounced and the latter as a mistress of the Thespian art of the legitimate, type. Cinderella was winsome, the Prince Bonnie and the Godmother not only danced like a fairy but was radiant as star.

The accompaniments were tastefully and sympathetically played by Mr. Earle. The large audience is all the eulogium he needs and we hope the financial results will as well repay him as the success scored by the performers he trained. Those who attended last night will look forward with pleasure to Mr. Earle's re-appearance before a Charlottetown audience.

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Made from pure cream of tartar,  
Safeguards the food against alum.

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You might as well expect one wave of the sea to be precisely the same as the next wave of the sea as to expect that there would be no change of circumstances.

ASTHMA.

Mr. George Budden, Putnamville, Ont., says: "I feel it my duty to recommend Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine, as I had the Asthma very bad; could get nothing to do me any good. A friend of mine persuaded me to try this remedy, as he had tried it, and it proved successful. I tried it and it cured me. I am thankful to-day to say I am a well woman through the use of this remedy, 25 cents a bottle, family size 60 cents."

Lost Saturday evening between Gentlemen's Club and Hotel Davies a gold watch, chain and locket. Finder will be rewarded by leaving same at Hotel Davies. 2 21

## POWERS

### AGREED

### In Favor of the Open Door Policy in China.

## A ROYAL ENGAGEMENT

### The Filipinos Capture Some Americans—Washington's Statute at Paris.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(Special)—News has been received that the Philippine rebels have captured a party who were building a telegraph line, among them, Lieut. Duffy.

FILIPINOS WANT TO TREAT.

The Hong Kong Filipinos are urging the Americans to accept evidence of their allegiance.

A ROYAL ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—(Special)—The engagement is announced of King Alexander of Serbia and the Archduchess Maria Christina, daughter of the Archduke Frederick.

THE OPEN DOOR POLICY.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(Special)—The Cabinet announced that all but Italy have agreed to a common understanding for an open door policy throughout China. A favorable answer from Italy is expected.

WASHINGTON'S STATUE IN PARIS.

PARIS, Jan. 2.—(Special)—The City Council will place a statue of Washington in the middle of the American quarter at the Great Exposition.

TO CURE A COLD IN A DAY.

Take Laxative Broom Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature on each box.

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