

## THE RECEPTION LAST NIGHT.

### How Charlottetown Welcomed the Returned P. E. I. Volunteers.

#### AN UNEXAMPLED DISPLAY OF PATRIOTIC FERVOUR



THE FIRST P. E. ISLAND CONTINGENT.

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Charlottetown has added another to her list of successful receptions; she has once more demonstrated her ability to do the right thing at the right time.

The reception tendered the brave Island boys who have been "wiping something off the slate" in South Africa was on a grand scale, the spontaneous outpouring of a grateful people. And the "boys" deserved it all.

The names of the Islanders who arrived by the Princess last night are given below:

- Rev. T. F. Fullerton.
- J. A. McDonald (Lieut.)
- Lorne Stewart.
- Joseph O'Reilly.
- Thos. A. Rodd.
- Ernest W. Bowness.
- Richard J. Foley.
- Chas. Hine.
- J. Edward Small.
- Hedley V. McKinnon.
- Roy Harris.
- William Cook.
- John W. Boulter.
- L. Gurney.
- Artemas Dillon.
- Reginald Cox.
- James Matheson.
- Nelson Brace.
- Fred McRae.
- Fred. Furze.
- James T. Leslie.
- Sergt. Hession.
- Walter Lane.
- James Walker.
- John Harris.
- M. J. McCarthy.
- A. J. Holl.
- J. A. Pigott.
- Necy Doiron.

Long before the hour set for the arrival of the Princess Great George Street was thronged. Navigation Company's wharf, at which the "boys" landed, was crowded, and all the other wharves were filled

with people. Thousands upon thousands turned out.

The approach of the steamer was made known to the people by the firing of a salute from Fort Edward, which was the signal for the blowing of whistles and the ringing of bells all over the city.

As the Princess came up the wharf was a very pretty one. Rockets were sent skyward, and a bonfire lent a picturesque to the scene that was charming.

As she passed by the wharves from hundreds of throats went up cheers for the brave boys in khaki, and as the lines were being made fast at her mooring place the band of the 4th Regiment played "Home Again" and "Soldiers of the Queen."



Rev. T. F. Fullerton.

The militia were drawn up on the wharf to receive the returning soldiers, and after the band ceased playing Col. Moore proposed three cheers for the Island contingent which were right heartily given. On the wharf the boys were welcomed by their old friends of the militia and representatives of the City Council, Caledonian Club and other societies.

They took their places in the procession, which moved up the

wharf to Great George Street, where the national and other societies and the Boy's Brigade were awaiting them. Here all formed up and the procession started along Great George Street. From Great George Street they proceeded down Richmond to Prince, along Prince to Kent, up Kent to Queen and down Queen to Market Square where a platform had been erected. Great crowds lined the streets through which the procession passed and many followed all over the route. Cheers greeted the returning soldiers all along the line and when they reached the square and ascended the platform the cheering was even greater than ever.

Here Col. Moore, who acted as chairman, called for the doxology, which was led by Mr. James R. Davison, the band playing the accompaniment and the crowd joining in the chorus.

Rev. Mr. Fullerton then repeated the Lord's Prayer.

Judge Fitzgerald proposed three cheers and a "tiger" for the returning soldiers, which were given right heartily.

Premier Farquharson then came forward and after some introductory remarks complimentary to the brave Islanders, read the following address:

To the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the P. E. Island Contingent returning from active service in South Africa:

FELLOW CANADIANS AND SOLDIERS OF THE QUEEN:—

On behalf of the people of this Province we extend to you a full, warm welcome on your return home.

It is eminently fitting that we should do this. A year ago you left volunteers to maintain the cause of the Motherland, to represent us on the battlefield of South Africa. Today you return with the task you took part in well-nigh completed, and with the joyful assurance that British arms have triumphed, and that an increased portion of the African Continent will shortly enjoy the blessings of our country's beneficent rule.

Our first thoughts naturally turn to your dead departed comrades Roland D. Taylor and W. Alfred Riggs. What we now say of them will not be remembered. What they did will live, consecrated in your memories and in ours, an incentive to noble living, and heroism in death.

Sadly we mourn their loss, and their absence in this home-coming, but let our thoughts ever be brightened with the belief that not in vain have they died. Their "last full measure of devotion," given with other far-distant sons of the Kingdom, has taught the world of a United Empire, for whose preservation, if need be, her children's blood

will flow unstintedly in the full tide of a people's love.

To you, whose gallant conduct, and steady, intelligent, soldierly qualities we have followed, and watched with ever increasing pleasure as words of generous praise and well-earned commendation have been bestowed upon you by your commanding general and superior officers—we tender our heartfelt congratulations; thankful to the Divine Ruler that you have been permitted to return, and filled with joyful recognition of your valour and efficiency.

Memorable in the history of the English race will be the gathering from the ends of the earth of Britons to do battle in defence of the Nation's cause, yet more to be remembered by each portion of the Empire will be the record of the part her sons took in the contest. We, in common with our Colonial Kinsmen,



Lieut. J. A. Macdonald.

rejoice that they have proved themselves worthy of England's heroic past, fit comrades for the men who compose the historic battalions, on fields where endurance and fortitude are tried to the uttermost. We thank you, in our people's name, that our rejoicing is as full, and our pride in your achievements as justly warranted, as it can be in any portion of Her Majesty's domains.

We wish you each a long and useful life. Cheered as it will be with the remembrance of a duty well performed, let it prove an incentive to a citizenship of the highest and purest type.

On behalf of the people of Prince Edward Island,

- D. FARQUHARSON,  
Premier.
- R. R. FITZGERALD,  
Vice-Chancellor.
- F. S. MOORE, LIEUT. COL.,  
D. O. Commanding.
- JOHN F. WHEAR,  
Acting Mayor.

COMMITTEE.

The address was acknowledged by Rev. T. F. Fullerton, who returned thanks for the magnificent reception given the returning Islanders. He spoke briefly of the trials and hardship they had undergone since leaving our shores.

Lieut. Macdonald also spoke in acknowledgment of the address, adding his thanks to those of Rev. Mr. Fullerton.

Lieut. Governor McIntyre then delivered a short speech welcoming the island boys to their homes after covering themselves with glory in

South Africa and contributing materially towards making the name of Canada famous the world over. Upon the eve of their departure from the Province he predicted that they would nobly uphold the best traditions of their country and his prediction had been more than realized. Governor McIntyre closed his remarks with a touching reference to Privates Riggs and Taylor, in whose memory he hoped soon to see a suitable memorial erected.

"Soldiers of the Queen" was then sung, Gunner Leslie Cook leading off and the great crowd and the band joining in.

Chief Justice Sullivan then expressed his pleasure at the return home of the Islanders. There was, however, a tinge of sadness in the reception, for two of the island boys sleep beneath the veldt in South Africa, having died fighting the battles of the Empire. The Canadian soldiers had done nobly and had won the admiration of the British Empire.

Councillor Horne, who represented the City Council in the absence of Mayor Warburton, extended a hearty welcome home to the contingent, and made a fitting reference to the bravery displayed on the battle-fields of South Africa.

"Rule Britannia" was then sung, Master Joseph Large singing the solo to an accompaniment by the band, and the audience taking up the chorus.

Mr. George E. Hughes, who promoted the soldiers' fund, was greeted with cheers as he came forward to discharge the pleasant



Corporal Charles Hine.

duty of presenting each man with \$15 in cash, the contribution of a grateful people. Before proceeding with the presentation Mr. Hughes expressed the pleasure it gave the people to have the Islanders back again after discharging the soldier's duty so heroically in South Africa. When they left Charlottetown a year ago the people were confident that they would do honor to their Island home and to Canada as a whole, and it was gratifying to know that their most sanguine expectations had been realized. After having passed through many trials, after having their ranks thinned by sickness and death, they came home strong in their manhood and better than ever prepared to act their part as citizens. Mr. Hughes then presented each man with an envelope containing his share of the money and a list of the contributors. As each soldier came

forward and saluted he was greeted with cheers.

Col. Moore then made a short address of welcome on behalf of the militia, expressing their pleasure at having the "boys" with them again and their appreciation of the valuable services rendered in South Africa.

"The singing of "God Save the Queen" brought to a close one of the most notable and successful celebrations ever held in Charlottetown.

The platform upon which the foregoing programme was so well carried out was artistically decorated with red white and blue, and contained pictures of the Queen, the British generals on service in South Africa, and Rev. T. F. Fullerton. Adjoining this platform was another one thoughtfully prepared for the press.

On the platform, besides the members of the contingent, who were under command of Lieutenant Macdonald, and Rev. T. F. Fullerton, were Lieut. Governor McIntyre, Premier Farquharson, Chief Justice

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#### SERIOUSLY DAMAGED.

##### Steamer Orinoco on the Rocks.

(SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.)

HALIFAX, Nov. 3.—A despatch from St. Thomas, D. W. I., says: "The British steamer Orinoco, which sailed from Halifax on Oct. 8, for West Indian ports, struck a reef on a bar at Granada, one of the West Indian Islands and remains aground. The vessel is reported seriously damaged. The passengers have been landed."

#### GOOD NEWS FROM

##### NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX, Nov. 3.—It is now admitted that Colchester and Cumberland counties will be redeemed by the Conservatives.

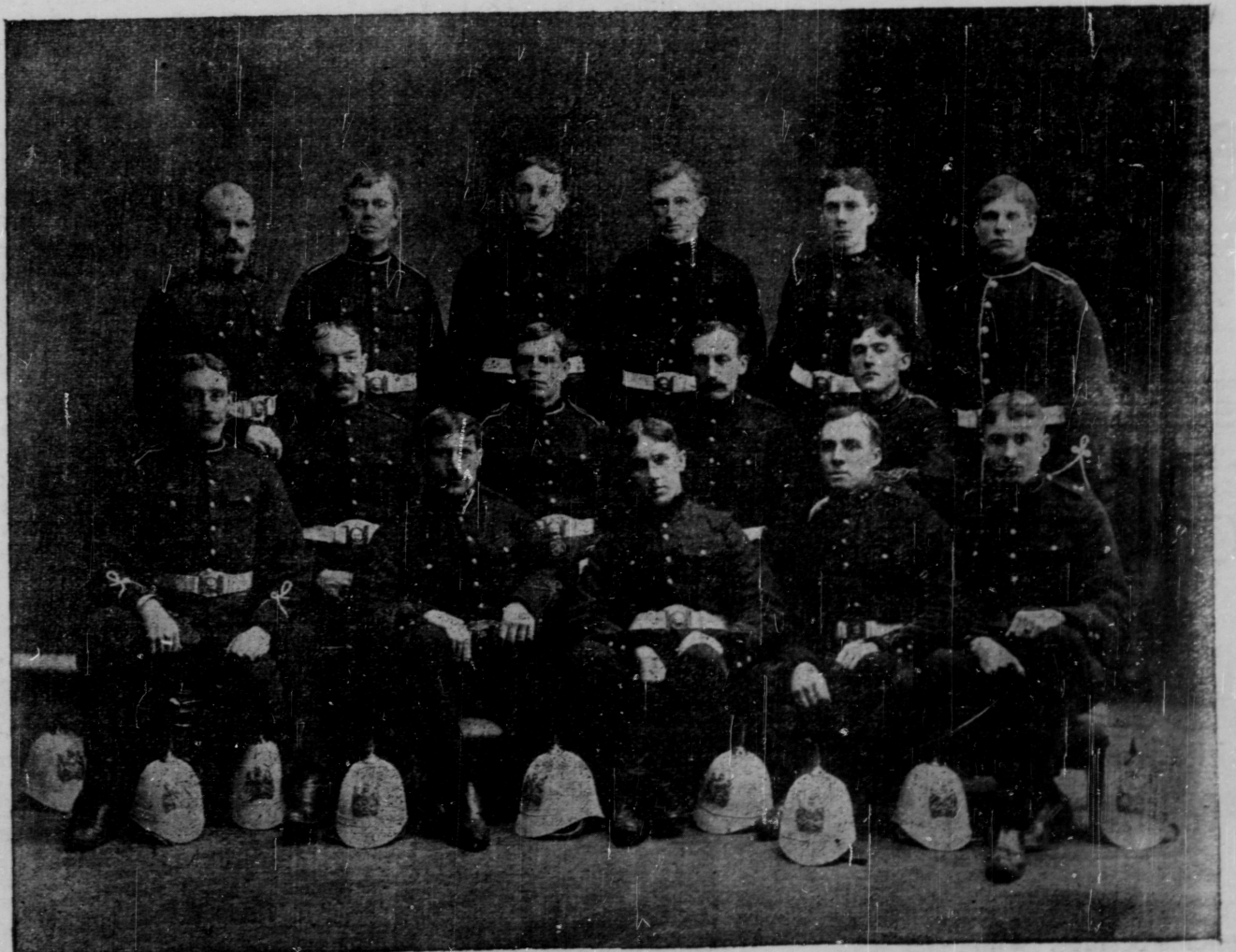
Nova Scotia will elect at least fifteen or sixteen supporters of Sir Charles Tupper.

#### MEETINGS YESTERDAY.

The Hope River meeting yesterday afternoon was largely attended and strongly Opposition. At the Granville meeting last night the hall was packed, and the electors present were very favorable to Mr. Stewart.

Tarte has been "Master of the Administration." The people are masters, now!

You have a picture of any kind of the Second Contingent, have you? Well, you can get a splendid one in the Souvenir of the return home. Also pictures of all the other representatives of the Island who took part in the war. Ten cents at all the bookstores.



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