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CANADIANS' GRAVES.

MOVEMENT TO IDENTIFY AND MARK THOSE OF S. A. HEROES.

Seventy-four of the 246 Graves of Canadians in South Africa Have Yet to Be Found and Located—Difficulties of the Work—Governor-General Organizing a Committee in This Country.

A most interesting and somewhat pathetic document has come into the possession of the writer, Lally Bernard, dealing with the work done by the Canadian South African Memorial Association, who held the fourth meeting of their Central Committee in Ottawa on the ninth of January last.

Out of the 246 Canadians who fell during the war, she says in the Toronto News, that 230 were buried in South Africa, and 11 at sea, while five were interred in England. Out of the 230 graves in South Africa, 156 have definitely yet to be located and identified. Possibly very few people who scan these figures can have any idea of the difficulty—even at this early date after the war—of locating with exactness the graves of the men who fell in action and died on the march.

In a country where distances traversed by the troops were enormous, and where climatic conditions and a thousand circumstances would render the work of identification extremely difficult. One page of the "documentary evidence" of the magnitude of the work involved may be imagined when one finds that this "one page" consists of five sheets of foolscap paper pasted together, and that it necessitates eight of these enormous "pages" being used. Particulars asked for and given to the members of the committee are as follows: No. of rank, name, corps, cause of death, where buried, No. of grave or other mark, whether in protected cemetery or otherwise, in single grave or otherwise, No. of grave or other mark, name next of kin, relationship, address of next of kin, whether in sympathy with memorial associations, wishes of next of kin.

This means gigantic work, compared with the number of the graves to be identified, and fortunately from the answers under "whether in protected cemetery or not," one finds that the majority of the graves are "protected," but occasionally one finds a pathetic note, which recalls a picture of a lonely grave on the veldt, and a comrade taking a last look at the rude wooden cross which marks the resting place of his chum.

"Tombstone, erected by comrades, tended by Loyal Woman's Guild, here and there answers the query of 'Number of grave or other mark.'" The number of relatives written to by the Memorial Committee concerning the erection of monuments has been 218, and out of this number only 126 have replied, and I find that in the addresses given of "nearest of kin," 30 are from the Old Land, showing that this number at least were not "native-born Canadians," for in most cases the relationship of the nearest of kin was the brief word "Father."

Now and then a relative will express a wish for a certain inscription to be cut on the headstones, which are to be sent from Canada by ship to South Africa, the tender for the headstones being accepted from a Toronto firm and two Montreal firms. The stones are very simple but substantial, in grey granite, and each and all bear either a single marble leaf or the small bunch preferred by the committee.

There is a rumor that the present Governor-General of Canada is interesting himself in organizing a com-

mittee in Canada, whose work will be to seek out and preserve the graves of soldiers who lie buried in various parts of Canada, for scattered through Canada are numbers of small military cemeteries very much out of repair and neglected; and there are those who believe that the work done in perpetuating the memory of men who fell in the service of their country is not only a positive duty, but one which means the preservation of the most valuable historical record of important events. The erection of one huge shaft of granite in the midst of a town, bearing the names of men who fell in action, cannot have the personal and direct influence on the human mind as the preservation of the actual graves of the individual has. One finds in several instances in South Africa that those who fell together in action were buried in the same grave. For example, Pte. Johnston, who fell at Paardeberg, came from New Brantford, and fate willed that he should be laid in the same grave as Captain Arnold, from Winnipeg. Again, one finds Pte. Kerr, killed at Haining Spruit, buried with Corp. Mordan, 200 yards H.S. Station. Lieutenant Borden's grave is about 200 yards from farm house; a substantial wall guards the cross erected over the grave.

The record alone is a most useful one from an historical standpoint, and the amount of correspondence which passes through the hands of the honorary secretary must be enormous. At the present moment he is in communication with Sir Percy Girouard, K.C.M.G., who is Commissioner of Railways in the Transvaal and Orange River districts, with a view to having the memorials transported free of charge to points on the railway nearest the places where the various graves in those districts are situated, and Sir Percy Girouard, who is a close personal friend of the secretary of the Central Committee, is asked to use his influence with the commissioners in charge of the Cape Colony and Natal districts to grant the same favor on their lines.

Col. Steele and Sir Percy Girouard are both men with considerable influence in South Africa, and their every effort will be used to further the interests of the Canadian committee. The Canadian South African Memorial Association is a provisional and temporary organization, which will go out of existence as soon as the raison d'etre of its existence is accomplished. Then it remains for the Imperial Order of the Daughters to perpetuate for all time the work of keeping in good order and repairing, if needs be, the graves and memorials erected in South Africa to Canadians. This, as before remarked, will be done through the co-operation of the Loyal Guild of Women, with the Imperial Daughters of the Empire. And thanks to the efforts of Memorial Association, they will be able to feel assured that the graves which are tending are those of Canadians, for the work of identification has been most thoroughly carried out, and could we but know the details in full of the work it has necessitated, we would doubtless find what tremendous difficulties there had been to surmount.

In a country like South Africa, where the population is certain to augment in extraordinary strides under the new regime, the preservation of graves in the veldt, and a group of several, possibly "two hundred yards from a farm house," will make the work of the Loyal Guild of Women one of no little difficulty. The immediate erection of substantial memorials will facilitate their efforts, to an immense degree, and insure the respect of the incoming settler for what otherwise might heedlessly be desecrated.

Finally, it might be well to recall, in connection with this subject, how much we owe to the Boers, in the way of gratitude for their conduct in respecting both the sufferings of our wounded, and leaving undisturbed the graves of our dead, and with this tribute to the vanquished, we take leave of a subject of sad import to many Canadians.

HOSTS SHOULD BEWARE. Rev. Prof. Cody Warns Them Not to Tempt the Young. In a discourse on temperance, taken in its broadest meaning of self-control, Rev. Prof. Cody, rector of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Toronto, recently appealed strongly to hosts both in this matter Canada was greatly in advance of Great Britain, where the nation's industrial supremacy was actually endangered by drunkenness. The essence of this sin was in the subordination of the spirit by the flesh, and thus the degrading of the proper sovereign of life. In the matter of drinking each individual must decide according to the dictates of his conscience. A man must think of his duty to himself, to others and to God. In the second place it was a Christian's duty to follow Paul's principle, "If meat maketh my brother to stumble, I will eat no meat while the world standeth," and in reference to this Prof. Cody warned people who entertained to take care what temptations they put in the way of the young.

Days of Mizen Masters Over. The days of the old mizen masters on Lake Ontario are gone. The steamship has taken the place of the sailing vessel, and the railways have gobbled up much of the work of both of them. There was not, twenty years ago, anything that the lake marine was not ready to do in the way of transportation, but to-day there is comparatively little carrying of business done by the Lake Ontario freighters. It was not so a few decades back. Then the marine of Lake Ontario was a great one, and the business transacted was immense. In the early sixties the Seagull, a two-hundred-foot schooner, owned and commanded by Captain Frank Jackman, performed a feat that has never been repeated in the history of the lake marine. Loaded with a cargo of house lumber, the Seagull sailed from Browne's Wharf, in this harbor, says Day by Day in Toronto News, for Port Natal, Africa, and carried out the whole journey until accident. There was a lot of talk in those days about that expedition. There were many of the masthead mariners of the lakes who firmly believed that the bluff old Captain Jackman could never carry out his venture to a successful conclusion. He, they said, was a good enough lake sailor, but he would never make a success of ocean navigation. They pointed out that fresh-water and salt-water navigation was as different as chalk and cheese, but all of their vaticinations turned out wrongly, for, as has been said, the voyage was a successful one.

Robin's Queer Nesting Place. Conductor McKnight and Brake-man Joe Smith of Stratford have discovered a robin's nest underneath a passenger coach of the Grand Trunk Railway. This coach leaves Stratford at 4 p.m., and returns from Port Dover at 10 a.m., and stays on the Stratford siding until the hour of departure. The robin finds the tracks as the hour for departure arrives. On the first investigation the nest was discovered under the platform on the drawbar and was only in a partially finished state, but recent investigations show that the nest was not only finished, but that four eggs had been laid and watched by the bird. The train crew, to see whether she completes the set of eggs and sets on them while the train is in motion.

Pioneer Canadian Editor Dead. Winnipeg, May 12.—A Battleford despatch announces the death of P. G. Laurie, editor of The Battleford Herald. Laurie was aged 70 years and the pioneer editor of Western Canada. Throwing the Dart. Throwing the dart is a picturesque custom which is observed in Cork, Ireland. Every third year the chief magistrate proceeds to the mouth of Cork harbor in full state. Following immemorial custom, he throws a dart into the sea—a dart with a head of gold and a shaft of mahogany—saying, "I cast this javelin into the sea and declare that as far around as it falls extend the right and dominion of the corporation of Cork to and over the harbor as well as the rivers, creeks and bays within the same."

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