

THE CECIL CLIMO LUNCHEON.

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INTRODUCTION

CECIL CLIMO.

Gunner Cecil Climo was born September 22, 1898, in the Climo home located on King Street, Cobourg, above the Climo store. The premises are presently occupied by Sommerville's Sporting Goods store. He attended Cobourg Public Schools and the Cobourg Collegiate Institute. Before enlisting at Easter, 1916, he played baseball and hockey for Cobourg teams. He left his studies at C.C.I. in April, 1916 and enlisted with the Cobourg Heavy Battery, Fourth Draft, under Lieut. Lane. of Camborne. This draft of fifty men was composed mostly of Cobourg boys, many, like Cecil, had left school to join. The Draft left Cobourg on June 16, 1916 and moved directly to England. After two months of training in England Cecil was drafted to France and to the firing lines. He saw action at the Battle of the Somme in 1916 and at Vimy Ridge in April 1917. On August 9th, 1917, his battery was stationed at the French village of Bulley-Grenay. An enemy shell exploded the Battery's ammunition and destroyed their gun. Most of the crew were killed, including two Cobourg men. Cecil was severely shell burned and barely escaped with his life. After nine months of hospitals and convalescence, he returned to Cobourg in June, 1918, and received his army discharge in August 1918.

Cecil returned to his studies at the Cobourg Collegiate Institute. In September 1919 he entered Queen's University at Kingston on a four year course in Mechanical Engineering, graduating in May, 1923. During the summer of 1922, he lived at home in Cobourg and he was

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employed by the Consulting Engineering Firm of JAMES, PROCTOR and REDFERN ^{first} supervising the/paving of Cobourg's King Street . After graduation, he took employment with the Carborundum Company at Niagara Falls. He remained with this Company all of his employment years, rising to the position of Plant Engineer and finally as a consultant for the Company. For many years he was active in Church work, lodge and professional societies.. He is a Professional Engineer, ^{and} a past Chairman of the Niagara Branch of the Engineering Institute of Canada.

Cecil was Married to Evelyn Bruce of Kingston in September of 1924. To this couple were born two daughters. They now have twenty-two grand children and great-grand children. After retirement they moved to Kingston where they presently reside.

Now at ninety years of age, he can look back on a full , productive life, with a great variety of experiences and accomplishments.