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Up to Our Neck in Work

We Wish You All A Very Merry Christmas . . .

WE are doing the best we can for you, working night and day. Still we cannot get our orders out half fast enough.

W. A. Armstrong, Flesherton
JEWELLER AND OPTICIAN

The Battle of Inkerman

THE RECOLLECTIONS OF A SURVIVING BRITISH TAR.

[Written for The Advance]

We remained ashore until the latter end of February, when Captain Lushington received instructions to send us aboard, which orders, as you may imagine, were gladly received by us. Having arrived on board, we formed line on the quarter deck and were inspected by our good Captain Menzies, who was glad to see us all safe back again, and complimented us on our good conduct ashore, saying that Captain Lushington had praised our conduct and characters as most exemplary, which he would not forget, neither did he forget; for each man got a rate up. Then he had a good word for each of us. "What is your name?" he asked me. I told him. "What countryman are you?" "A Scotchman, sir." "Have you been sick while ashore?" "No, sir." "You don't look like it. Shore duty seems to agree with you. You Scotchmen are tough fellows," and he walked away, smiling. What a change from wet, muddy ground to a dry, snug hammock; from raw pork, raw beef, bread and cold water, to our coarse but comfortable meals aboard; from those muddy excursions back and forth between camp and Balaklava and those weary nights in the trenches, to our regular watches on our own good ship. Many a time I thought of and pitied our poor soldiers who had yet many a long and weary winter's night to spend in those trenches and in those war-tattered tents without fire, often with raw, and seldom with properly cooked food to eat, or warm clothing to wear, and though I was not in love with my profession as a sailor, I thanked my stars that I was not a soldier.

I had hoped that we had made our last change and that we had done with shore duty, but no, more yet remained to be done. Still I was glad to find that it was under less distressing circumstances. We were soon ordered to proceed to Kertch at the entrance to the sea of Azof, and take possession of that place. Having got troops aboard troopships we made round to Kertch, landed the troop and were soon in possession of the place and captured their guns, which we brought away with us, some of which, if I am not mistaken, are at present in the Queen's Park, Toronto. On our return to Sebastopol the signal was hoisted for all the first and scond launches of both the English and French fleets to get in their guns and a supply of ammunition and provisions for a cruise on the sea of Azof. All being ready, we were taken in tow by the Miranda, Captain Lyons, and started on our cruise. Our first scene of action was Teganrog, where we sent in a flag of truce demanding unconditional surrender, which was defiantly refused. We then formed line, went into the little bay and began bombardment. Soon, however, a white flag was hoisted. We ceased firing, and the water being very shallow beached our boats and sprang ashore to take possession, little dreaming of any treachery awaiting us. We had to climb a flight of stone steps to reach the place where the flag was flying, and noticing that there was no one with it, one of the officers remarked, "Why don't they come half way to meet us?" "We will go and see," replied the other. We had not gone very far when we discovered that near the church lay a large number of men in ambush, who, on seeing us approach, rose and fired at us. As fast as our legs could carry us we made back for the boats, which we backed out far enough for our guns to play nicely on that church, and you may be sure there was not much of a sermon preached in that church on the following Sunday. After the commander had concluded that we had inflicted sufficient punishment for their obstinacy and treachery, the recall was hoisted. We went across to where there were a number of haystacks, which we fired, and set off for the next scene of action, having received no damage here. Next morning we went to Semperopol with our usual demand to surrender. The only proviso we met with here was that no private property should be wantonly destroyed. This condition was agreed to, after which we went ashore and fired the grain sheds and everything we could find belonging to the government. Near the grain sheds was a comfortable looking house, thatched with straw, and my oarmate and I thought we would go in and see how things were looking. We found that everything except a bed and a barrel organ had been carried off. "Well," says Tom, "I'm going to nab this organ, anyway. It will afford us some little amusement for our trouble." Tom found the crank under the bed, and slipping it on the organ began grinding away. "What's that you're giving us, Tom?" I asked. "D—your me if I know!" says Tom. "Shove her up a notch and try what she will do," said I. Tom gave the thing the desired twist with the same effect. "That must be Russian lingo the old thing is blabbering out now," said I. "Shiver my timbers if I know what it is, but I'm certain it ain't Gaelic anyhow, or you would be dancing a Scotch reel." I left Tom grinding away at the organ while I took a turn outside to see how things were going on, and shortly after, happening to cast my eye over the weather bow, I observed the house to be on fire. Hurrying back to the house I shouted to Tom to get out as quick as he could. Tom, too busily engaged with his new-found toy, had not noticed the fire. "To the window," I yelled, for by this time the flames and smoke had blocked egress by the door. Tom dropped the organ which he had determined to carry off. I assisted him through the window, and not a moment too soon, for we were no sooner clear than the burning roof fell in with a loud crash.

From Semperopol we returned to Kertch, arriving there the following afternoon, and finding that our work there had been effectual. All being quiet we made around to Sebastopol. We thought our work had been completed and that we should now rejoin our ships, but on arriving at Sebastopol we received orders to proceed to Kinburn to administer a dose of shot and shell and take possession. This we soon accomplished and returned to our ships at Sebastopol, where we remained until the last act in the bloody drama had been performed, namely the fall of that formidable and (as the Russians thought) impregnable fortress, Sebastopol.

In the meantime fresh troops were continually arriving to fill the decimated ranks of our skeleton army, and I am glad to say that with them came many comforts for our suffering soldiers, such as blankets, sacks, fur caps, buckskin mitts, warm clothing, etc. These were served out to the troops. The commissariat and medical staff departments were vastly improved, and above all, Miss Florence Nightingale, that angel of mercy whose name will ever be revered and her praises sung by British soldiers, with a free hand, assisted by her gallant band of heroine nurses, made a great reform and did a noble and christian duty among the sick and wounded in the hospital at Scutari. National indignation had been aroused and public sentiment freely expressed in England at the gross mismanagement which had hitherto existed, arising out of the use of too much red tape. Public subscriptions were started and philanthropists gave freely to add to the comforts of the nation's suffering defenders, and our sailors and soldiers were henceforth better provided for and many little luxuries were added to their usual allowance, which cheered their spirits and preparsd them to meet the coming obstinate and closing struggle.

To be concluded next week

Priceville

A parlor social was held at the parsonage, on the 17th, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid, (Methodist). Together with the good things provided by the ladies, the fine selections of music, some excellent readings, and various parlor games, the evening seemed to step too rapidly away, and at a late hour the company dispersed. after uniting in singing Auld Lang Syne and God Save the King. Many who were there speak in glowing terms of the profitable and pleasant evening thus spent.

Lodge 140, A. O. U. W., initiated 8 members on the 26th and have some more candidates ready for the next meeting on the 14th Dec., when Organizer Allen and District Deputy Burgess, of Owen Sound, are expected to be present, and we understand that the Workmen are trying to arrange for a big jollification of some kind on that night. This society claims to be the oldest and largest of the kind in North America, the largest in Ontario and ditto in Priceville.

Mr. Peter McArthur and 7 other hunter friends were out for a few days in the hunting season, in the wilds of Proton, and captured 7 deer.

Mr. Alex. Mahood's new chopper is doing good work, and his trade in this line is increasing rapidly.

A couple of loads of villagers drove out on the evening of the 1st Dec. to the parlor social, held under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid (Methodist), at the residence of Mr. J. J. Lyness, on the 5th con., Artemesia. The cosy parlor and pleasant entertainment, caused every one present to forget that time flies, and at a late hour the guests found it necessary to hurry home.

The grand concert under the auspices of the public library board, that we hinted at in our last budget, is now arranged to take place on the 15th, in Watson's hall. Those who have peeped behind the curtains tell us that there are one or two mirth producing plays that "would make even a Boer laugh." The music will be excellent, Professor Konold and others will handle the piano. Vocal music, choruses, quartettes, Gaelic songs and solos by W. Ramage, W. Keating and others. A new fancy military drill, club swinging, shadow pantomimes, and two one act farces, entitled, "Completely Cured," "The Duel, or the Actor's Revenge." The management are straining every nerve to make this the success of the season. Every one should come and help the library and at the same time enjoy a rare treat.

Eugenia

The Sabbath school tea meeting held on Friday evening last was a success. The program was all that could be desired and reflected great credit on all who took part in their dialogues, drills, recitations, readings, all being rendered in good style, which showd the good training the children had received and the talents given to our young people. There were so many took part, it is impossible for me to give the names, as each and all did so well. The tableaux of the "Ten Virgins," received great applause, also "Home Sweet Home," and "Woman's Rights." Some of our benedicts got a lesson on what they must soon expect in their everyday life, "Hasten the Happy Day." The singing by the school children was really fine. Two little tots we must mention—Miss Allie Williams and Miss Zaide Lawler, who gave a duet in splendid style. Altogether it was a very pleasant and enjoyable time. A good tea was prepared by the ladies, which was heartily enjoyed. Proceeds amounted to $24.

Our farmers are taking advantage of he good sleighing to get their wood hauled out to supply the wants of our town's people.

Electioneering is the order of the day and friendly greetings may be expected from our candidates now in the field.

Eugenia L. O. L. held its annual election of officers on Dec. 2, resulting as follows:—W. M., Robt. McMullen; D.M., Wm. C. Pedlar; Chap., Jas. Carson; Lect., Ben Madill; Rec. Sec., George Meldrum; Fin. Sec., Richard Parks; Treasurer, Alex. Caruthers; D. of C., John E. Williams; Com.—Wm. Simpson, Robert Williams, Joseph Sherwood, Wm. Magee, Josiah Cooper.

Kimberley

Mr. and Mrs. George Curry attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Ormsby of Beaverdale on Tuesday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Down of Portlaw spent Monday with friends in this vicinity.

Messrs. George Proctor and William Fawcett attended an all-day meeting in the tenth line church on Wednesday last.

Mrs. George McCartney of St. Vincent spent a few days of the past week with her mother, Mrs. Joseph McCullough of this place.

Mr. Simon Fawcett and Miss Maude Fawcett spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Hall of Walters Falls.

Mr Fred Walton, who has been in Westminster, B.C., for some time, has returned home.

Mr. William Plewes drove to Dundalk on business last week.

We are sorry to report Mrs. Edward Burritt on the sick list, but hope to hear of her speedy recovery.

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Wethey's Condensed Mince Meat, one pound package 10c.
Best Brand Canned Tomatoes, Corn and Peas, per tin 9c
Choice Pink Salmon per tin 10
Choice Red Salmon, 2 tins for 25
Choice Canned Slice Beets, per tin 4

Fresh Sardines, per tin 5c
Tomato Catsup, best quality, per bottle 10
Large 20-ounce bottle Choice Mixed Pickles, only 10c
Fresh Choice Tapoica, 8 lbs for 25
3 pound fresh Fruit Biscuits for 25
3 pounds Fresh Fruit Ginger Cakes for 25
3 lbs. fresh fancy Assorted cakes, for 25
4 pounds fresh Ginger Snaps for 25
4 pounds Fresh Ginger Cookies for 25
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50 yds. crash toweling, worth 8c. yd. for 7
6 pr. gray wool Blankets, to clear out at $1.90 pair
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There is a story going the rounds now to the effect that in a certain northern town the G. T. R. train was to the surprise of everyone, on time. The passengers and citizens were so gratified and astonished that they got up a subscription and made a present to each one of the train employees. Not till the deed was done did they find out that it was the train that should have arrived the day before.