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WELCOME THE OLD BOYS AND GIRLS

Before another issue of The Advance reaches our readers, the old boys and girls will have come, and many of them will have gone. It is timely that we should extend our greetings to all, and to add, in the words of the Scottish song, "Better lo'ed ye canna be: will ye no' come back again?

Our rejoicing to greet the visitors must be tempered with regret that through ill health or other disability there will be not a few absent ones. We will miss them, but we are assured that during the next week or two the absent ones will often think kindly of the old home and all the happiness that it meant to them.

Much history has been made since our pioneer forefathers came into what was then a wilderness and established a civilization in what was destined to be one of the fairest portions of the country. They builded better than they knew. But our visitors will observe that we are still striving to improve conditions within our borders. Seventy years ago this year the County Council of Grey set a good example to those who were to follow them, by voting $60,000 to provide gravel roads and took stops to interest adjoining counties in the provision of road connections, through them to the outside world. But the early settlers had to live through years of difficulty, without railway connections, without drainage, without nearby markets, and with crops frequently damaged by frost. And they left their successors a heritage worthy of them, and many lived to see their sons and daughters established in the outside world, a credit to their parentage, and a benefit to their fellow men. These sons and daughters or their children or their children's children make up the pilgrims who come to the old home next week. They come from far and near and old Artemesia and her well-beloved daughter, Flesherton, will, we doubt not, heartily greet them, and hope this visit will be but the beginning of a long series of homecomings and fraternizations.

Prior to the fathers establishing the gravel roads the old boys and girls might have hesitated to come back, but they have no valid excuse on that score now. We are, it is true, paying pretty steeply for our highways, but we must have them, and we trust our visitors will enjoy the ride over them, and that no untoward experience will be theirs.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A cynical bachelor observes that marriage resembles a cafateria. You grab what you fancy, and pay for it afterwards.

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Only a few more days and we will have the great pleasure of welcoming to Flesherton the boys and girls of the bygone days. We can truthfully say :- "Come one, come all."

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Canada's peace promoting maidens, who have gone to Geneva to devise means of abolishing war, may be in time to put the finishing touches on the placing of China and Russia in their respective places. Neither of these nations will go far in warfare unless they can borrow the money to buy powder, shot and poison gas.

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The Canadian Department of Agriculture is reported to have discovered a new wheat which will resist rust, whereupon a sapient critic suggests that an effort should be now made to provide farm machinery which will not rust. Non-rusting implements are within the reach of all, says an experienced agriculturist, unless, when in use, keep them out of sun, rain and snow. House them as carefully as you house your family.

Program For Sunday

It is the intention of the Military Band, coming from Toronto, to leave there in time to get here at 9 o'clock (standard time), but they will phone when nearing Flesherton and the church bell will be ringing, which will be the signal for everybody to go out to the cemetery hill to meet the motorcade. It is requested that all Flesherton people walk out and all visitors, who are already in town, on that morning, motor out and park their cars in the Fair Grounds, until motorcade arrives. The band will disembark and head the procession, playing soldiers choruses into town and stop at the main street corner and play "Home Sweet Home" to give all motor cars a chance to park and get ready to follow procession to memorial park where civic reception will be held, followed by selections by band, dispersing in time to attend services in the different churches. Then at 2.30 o'clock there will be on open air service in the park with a Sacred band concert in the evening at 7.30 by the Canadian Field Artillery band and Old Time Village Quartette.

How Dominion Day 1903 Was Celebrated in Flesherton

(By Dr. E. K. Richardson, Toronto)

What's the sense of spending all this money on military camps in Canada. Why give a two weeks' holiday to about fifty thousand young fellows at the expense of a couple of millions of the tax payer's money? What use would they be in a war anyway? Besides anyone can see that modern civilization and present day commerce have the interests of all the big nations so interwoven that the government that tries to start a war will find massed against it the entire commercial and industrial interests of its people.

War between two or more of the first class powers in inconceivable! Such were the opinions that held the minds of many men in many lands. Hence, the government at Ottawa decided to cancel the summer camps and to hold camps for training skeleton companies in the fall. This was too much of a disappointment for the 31st Grey Light Infantry Regiment, they who had won the Gzowski Cup for general efficiency and were in the habit of being given a day off in the second week of camp, to take a trip to Niagara Falls.

So the writer, being then in command of No. 6 Company, with headquarters at Flesherton, thought it would be some satisfaction to assemble the Company for rifle competition on the morning of July 1st, Dominion Day, and in the afternoon to practice "Company Attack," and "Infantry Receiving Cavalry." This was received favorably and led to a suggestion from F. H. W. Hickling that if the Company had, in the absence of a real enemy, at least a representative one instead of a merely mythical one, it would be more realistic and might indeed be an attraction for the holiday. This seemed a bright idea, and as Fred had served in the Civil Service Brigade in "dear ol' Lunnon" he was willing to organize a rebel force to occupy a position for our loyal red coats to attack. With his usual quiet energy he soon had a considerable force and it became necessary to let the members of No. 6 Company understand that they were required to parade with the Company, soon another distraction arose. Newt. Henderson conceived the idea that some cavalry would cut a dash. "Go ahead, Newt," said I, and his recruiting went on so rapidly that he soon had a couple of troops of as dashing young hussars as even Gen. Seeley might envy. Their uniform consisted of "pill box" cap of black, black coat, dark trousers, white bands in cap, on the cuffs and down the seam of the trousers, with white shoulder straps, Wasst belt cross-belt and tie rope, with cow chains to jingle, and lath swords to flash in the charge. They were the envy of all who saw them drill. This gnawed into the heart of some ex-members of No 6, who could not join the rebels but wanted to be in thet fun, so Sergt. John Hales came with the proposition to raise a force of loyal cavalry to resist and put to rout these daring traitors. What about sabres? "Oh, we can use the Sergt's. sword bayonets and get some lodge room swords; we'll find some sort of "weepons," said Johnnie. So the loyal cavalry sprang to arms and made a fair showing even though Frank Carr (one of them) was almost too deaf to hear anything.

There lived in the village a man named Cole, who had served in the artillery of the Union Army in the United States civil war and this old war horse wanted to smell powder again. Sure he would rig up a couple of guns. So with the aid of Bob Whitten to fit up gun carriage and limbers from lumber wagons, and Jimmie Sullivan to supply stove-pipes for 6 inch or 8 inch guns and a couple of old Snider Enfield rifles the Cole batetry took a really formidable appearance. Doc Mahan and Willie Wells—both sons of ministers ——were home from medical school on vacation and thought field hospital would be quite in order, indeed, might

With considerable concern the writer took council with the gallant originator and general leader of the rebel forces. What could we expect but serious accidents with all these various implements of war thrown into action in mimic warfare? We drew up a nice little program, each of us retaining a copy, no one else was to know.

As the infantry sought out and located the enemy stronghold, the latter with as good scouting, located the infantry advancing and opened fire with the batteries, represented by one gun, supporting the right of their position. This compelled extended order and thus delayed advance. Soon the other batteries, supporting the left of the position, came into action, with similar results. Did they make a noise? Talk about your 4.7 guns, your howitzers and skodas, Say! Those old Sniders firing blank cartridges down those old stove pipes would just about make a Jack Johnston or a Bertha turn green with envy. But the infantry kept advancing until at length it was time for the cavalry to take a hand. Out they filed, as prearranged, from the right of the position to be met by a volley from the infantry who then fixed bayonets and, with front rank kneeling, prepared for the cavalry charge. They, however, had been instructed to file steadily past and retire behind the left of the position. As this was being nicely completed the red cavalry staged a counter attack. Alas! their enthusiasm outran their discretion and, leading his men in jubilant pursuit, the dashing Sergt. John Hales became detached from his men and led captive into the enemy position. Watching his chance, and never dismounting, he cut his bridle reins, dug his heels into his horse's flanks and made a dash to freedom.

Meanwhile the infantry, in spite of a withering fire from the enemy ramparts pressed steadily on. Casualties there were—at least supposedly—and time and again as a prone infantryman had just fired he was seized by shoulders and legs and thrown on a stretcher and told he was wounded and must come to the hospital That was tiresome and the wounds were well just the instant there was a chance to grab a rifle and dash back into the fray.

The escape of "Col" Hales rankled.

(To Be Concluded Next Week)

Cow Has Twins

During the past five years an 18-year old cow owned by Arthur Holroyd of Feversham has given birth to five calves, one single one and two pairs of twins. Last week she brought the last twins into the world and all hale and hearty and doing fine, and are the size of an ordinary calf. A cow like that owned by Mr. Holroyd is to be treasured and well worth keeping.

Parade of Veterans

The parade of veterans of No. 6 Company, 31st Regiment, on Sunday afternoon is sure to bring out a full representation to take part in this, their first re-union. All those who at any time belonged to No. 6 Co., are given a cordial invitation to be present at the high school at 2 o'clock and take part in the parade. Jos. Oliver, D. McDonald, Jas. Turner, W. G. Watson, F. Reilley and P. McArthur are other names that were missed in last week's report.

The veterans of the Great War will also take part in the parade and they will also meet at the high school at the same time, and the Canadian Field Artillery band will head the procession to the park. All war veterans are urged to take part in the parade.

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