

"Arrant Nonsense," Says Capt. McFarland

Replies to Article in Flesherton Advance re Removal of No. 6 Company to Markdale.

The following letter written by Capt. G. F. McFarland, of Toronto, and addressed to the Editor of the Flesherton Advance, is a reply to the editorial in that paper recently re the removal of No. 6 Company of the 31st Regt. from Flesherton to Markdale and explains itself. The Standard has also been requested to publish the letter, which is as follows:

Toronto, October 7th, 1910. The Editor of the Advance, Flesherton, Ont.

Dear Sir:

In a recent issue of your paper, dated 29th September, appeared an editorial concerning the transfer of the headquarters of "F" Company of the 31st Regiment from Flesherton to Markdale. The gist of your article appeared to be that a fell conspiracy had been "conceived in sin and brought forth in iniquity" to deprive Flesherton of the honor of being the military centre of the Southern portion of the county. It is far from my intention to rush into a newspaper controversy upon the subject, but your editorial contained so many misstatements, that I feel that I must endeavour to apprise your numerous readers of the real circumstances. The fact that I was an officer of the Flesherton Company for 8 years, and commanded it for 3, may perhaps entitle me to a hearing.

I quote from your article:—"Unfortunately, some of the officers for No. 6 Company have been chosen from Markdale, and these have taken an absolutely no interest in the Company and in that way have been a detriment to its welfare." Markdale officers are themselves largely responsible for the position in which No. 6 Company has been placed. They never tried to drill or to escort the Company to Niagara.

I presume I am included in this scathing denunciation. I was an officer of the Flesherton Company from 1898 until my promotion in 1905, during the greater part of which time my home was nominally at least, in Markdale. During these years I missed only a part of one camp, and while at camp attended every parade. The Company which I took to camp each year was one of the largest in the regiment, and was second to none in efficiency. The other two Markdale officers who have been gazetted to the Company are Lieutenants Kelly and Haskett. These gentlemen were appointed only provisionally, their appointments being conditional on certain qualifying examinations. Neither has done so as yet, and consequently Lieut. Kelly's name has been dropped from the list of officers; while Lieut. Haskett must attend the Royal School of Infantry course, and pass the necessary tests, before the next annual camp.

But the point which I would emphasize most strongly is that the only reason why officers were appointed from Markdale was that no one could be found in Flesherton who would take such a position. During my tenure of command, Lieutenant Richardson and I made every effort possible to fill the vacancy from Flesherton but with absolutely no success. I have reason to know that Lieut. Richardson continued the effort after taking command of the Company, receiving no support and very little encouragement. Consequently it scarcely seems fitting that any objection should be made by the citizens of Flesherton to the appointment of Markdale officers.

Let me quote again from your article:—"It seems that certain Markdale gentlemen made large promises to the Department of Militia with a view to inducing the

Department to remove No. 6 Co. from Flesherton to Markdale. The scheme has all been hatched secretly without letting Flesherton people know what was going on. And now comes the moving of this Company to Markdale without giving the people of this village and section an opportunity to reorganize the Company or to have anything to say one way or the other. Perhaps we could have made as large promises as Markdale, and carried them out too."

If any promises, large or small, have been made "by certain Markdale gentlemen" to the Department of Militia, I have no knowledge of them, nor has Lieut. Col. Galloway, the Deputy Assistant Adjutant General, who conducted the transfer for the Department. Moreover the transfer was not a scheme hatched secretly and carried out without giving the people of Flesherton an opportunity to reorganize the Company. Certain large promises were, however, made by certain Flesherton gentlemen, which were forgotten as soon as made. In April of this year Lieut. Col. Cleland was asked to recommend some repairs to the Flesherton drill-shed, but the Company had been going to camp so weak numerically for the last two or three years, that he decided to investigate local conditions before sending in his recommendation. Accordingly he and Major Chisholm, the second in command, went to Flesherton, and discussed with some of the business men of the village (their names can be furnished) the unsatisfactory state of affairs. These gentlemen were given to understand in no uncertain terms by Lieut. Col. Cleland that unless some interest were shown in the Company by the people of Flesherton immediately, it would be transferred to Markdale or Dundalk. These public-spirited citizens made large promises. They would see that the Company was instantly revived, and sent to camp with its full complement of officers and men. On the strength of those promises Lieut. Col. Cleland sent in his recommendation for the repairs to the drill-shed, and decided to leave the Company at Flesherton. So well did these public-spirited citizens carry out their promises that No. 6 Company for "F" Co. as it is now called, appeared at camp with 6 men and no officer out of a nominal strength of 42 men and 3 officers. Lieut. Col. Cleland immediately withdrew his recommendation and replaced it by one advising the transfer of the Company to Markdale, and the Department of Militia, after ascertaining the circumstances, ordered the change to be made. Lieut. Richardson was notified on July 23rd last that the change was about to be made.

Another statement in your article must not be allowed to pass unchallenged. "When the volunteers went out to drill last summer, through neglect of Col. Cleland to send along transport papers. Capt. Richardson had to pay the entire transport out of his own pocket, and has not yet been reimbursed." Lieut. Col. Cleland's failure to send transport requisitions was due not to negligence, but simply to the fact that he had none to send. Some of the requisitions supposed to have been sent out by the Army Service Corps never reached Lieut. Col. Cleland, among them being those for the Flesherton and Durham Companies. It would not have been necessary for Lieut. Richardson to pay for the tickets if the Station-agent had known enough to get into communication with Owen Sound, and have the Flesherton detachment put on the Owen Sound requisition. However, Lieut. Richardson did pay the sum of \$9.20 for the transportation of the men to Toronto. Afterwards the requisitions did arrive, but the Station-agent refused to refund the money to Lieut. Richardson. Accordingly I filed a claim at the Divisional Office of the railway in Toronto for the repayment of the money, and a Money Order for the amount was sent to Lieut. Richardson on the 5th inst.

I must apologise for the length of this letter, but I feel that a full explanation is the best remedy for any misunderstanding or bitterness which may exist. I regret that bitterness probably more than anyone else, because I have always with me the memory of many happy days spent in camp with No. 6 Company, and of the good, wholesome sympathy and support that I received from every non-commissioned officer and man.

In your editorial you say:—"We want to know just who is responsible for the present condition of affairs." I can answer that question for you. The people who are wholly responsible are the pseudo-loyal citizens of Flesherton, whose sole interest in the Company consisted in sitting on the corner, and moralizing on the halcyon days that are gone, when every man in the Company was 7 feet tall, and the Company always went to camp double strength. As for galvanizing themselves into a little active endeavor to help the present company along, such idea never entered

their heads. Nobody who knows the conditions can fail to appreciate the splendid efforts which Lieut. Richardson has made to keep the Company going, or fail to regret the fact that those efforts were fruitless, simply because he found nothing but apathy or worse where he had a right to expect active cooperation and support. Lieut. Richardson himself epitomized the situation when he said to me on the day of the transfer:—"It simply shows that a man can't swing this thing alone."

Believe me, Mr. Editor, Yours very truly,

G. F. McFarland.

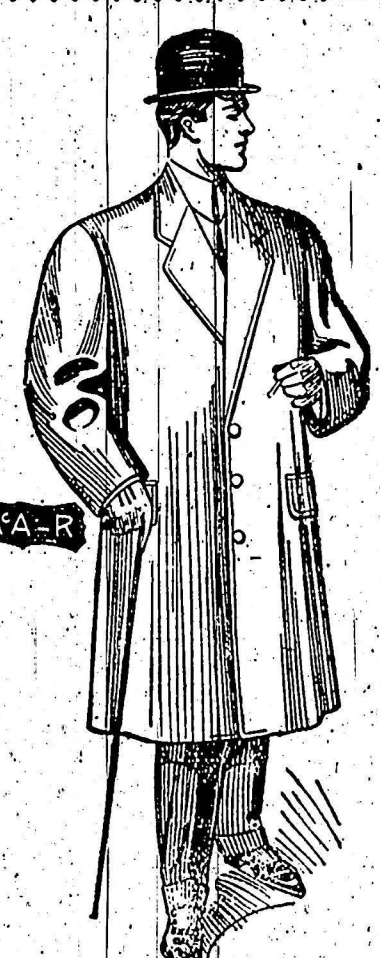
Since writing the above, my attention has been called to your subsequent article in the Advance of the 6th inst. in which the whole blame for the emigration is laid at the door of Lieut. Col. Galloway, D.A.A.G., and he is accused of deliberately planning a conspiracy to rob Flesherton of its military glory. This, Mr. Editor, is nothing more nor less than arrant nonsense. Anybody who has the smallest scintilla of knowledge of the conditions prevailing in the Militia of the Western Ontario Command, knows well that Lieut. Col. Galloway is one of the most intelligent, efficient, and conscientious officers in the service, and that he would be the last man in the world to lend himself to anything questionable. Moreover he has under his supervision more than 40 regiments comprising over 300 companies. Is it reasonable that this officer should have either time or inclination to mix himself up in what, as far as his district is concerned, is a relatively insignificant matter? Surely, Mr. Editor, it is possible for you to work off your editorial ammunition without directing it towards an officer who is one of that rare species, the staff-officer who understands the problems confronting the rural militia, and is at the same time always ready to assist in their solution.

G. F. McF.

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Sunday, October 16th, is Children's Day throughout the church in Canada, and will be fittingly observed on Sunday by a Children's Service in place of the usual morning prayer. Special Psalms and Lessons have been appointed by General Synod for this day and children's hymns will be sung. The Sunday School scholars will meet in the basement at 15 minutes to eleven and will occupy the pews on both sides of the centre aisle. The sermon will be addressed to the children and young people. There will be the usual service at 7 o'clock with a special sermon on "Religious Education." All the children of the town are invited to attend the morning service and it is expected that the parents of the S. S. Scholars will make a point of being present. Let the adult members of the congregation encourage the children and the Sunday School teachers by their presence at the morning service.

Next Sunday, being the third Sunday of the month, there will be a Celebration of Holy Communion at 8 o'clock, not at 8.30 as formerly.

ROCKLYN Miss Eva Black spent the weekend with her sister, Mrs. W. H. Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McCullough, of Meaford, came over for the Fair and were guests at the home of Mr. Walter McCullough over Friday.

Mrs. Ferguson and children, of Owen Sound suburbs, spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. C. Devitt last week.

Mrs. Williams and children, accompanied by Miss Ruby Scott, drove over to Owen Sound on Saturday of last week and returned on Monday.

We were again favored with ideal weather the latter day of our Fair, Friday last, and immense crowds came out to enjoy the Show and it is needless to say they were not disappointed in the programme for the afternoon. The Concert Committee for the evening were disappointed in the entertainers, the minstrels from O. S., who had been engaged for the evening, but a good programme was presented. It is greatly to be regretted that outsiders who remain for the Fair Concert and who probably find themselves a little uncomfortable owing to the seating capacity of the Hall being overtaxed are so thoughtless and unkind as to forget that others are very anxious to hear the programme and that the entertainers have in many cases come a considerable distance to give their services gratuitously to help along with our Township Fair. It surely shows a depravity in taste to show a desire for only the comic selections that a cultured audience would pass by. Our programme committee complimented the audience by procuring excellent talent, surely they deserved a better reception. May we

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These are therefore to be sold, with all lawful costs and charges, on Wednesday, the 16th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1910, at the hour of Two o'clock in the afternoon, at the Public Auction Room of the County of Grey, at Owen Sound, in the said County, by the Sheriff of the County of Grey, or his deputy, in pursuance of the order of the County Council, and the proceeds thereof are to be applied to the payment of the taxes and costs thereon.

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