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OPEN AIR CONCERT

MUSIC LOVERS HEARD the Georgetown band, fresh from winning honours at the CNE on Sunday, when open air concerts were played on the grounds of Kennedy and Harrison public schools. Similar concerts are planned at other town locations, to give local folk a chance to hear the fine music dispensed by these youthful musicians.

PRIDE OF THREE COUNTIES

Include Victoria Cross In Great War Honours

This is the fourth of a series of articles dealing with some experiences of Camp, the Battalion was serving with some experience of trench warfare on the 4th of August, 1914, and overseas and was broken up to reinforce the Lorne Scots. In October the Peel Dufferin Battalion militia unit will be presented with its colors by a representative of Her Majesty, during the World Playing Match, at Major Conn Smythe's Caledon Farms.

On the outbreak of the First World War in August, 1914, Canada decided to send an Expeditionary Force to the aid of the Mother Country. It is an fortunate that the system adopted in raising the various Canadian Divisions by service overseas took little account of county affiliations. As overseas battalions were authorized and their units were asked to contribute units toward their formation. Thus, for instance, the 20th Battalion Canadian Expeditionary Force was composed of personnel from the twelve rural corps in Military District No. 2. Later in the war, to assist recruiting, militia units were called upon to recruit and train overseas battalions; however, these units were invariably broken up on arrival in England to reinforce battalions already in France. The Militia Regiments throughout the war were used mainly as depots for recruiting.

On 6th Aug. 1914, instructions were received direly from the Minister of Militia to recruit personnel towards the formation of the 1st Division Canadian Expeditionary Force. The 26th Peel Regiment and the 20th Halton Rifles provided an initial draft of 16 officers and 403 other ranks. After a short period at local headquarters, the two contingents proceeded to Valcartier where along with detachments from the militia units they were formed into the 4th Battalion Canadian Expeditionary Force. All of this contingent could not be absorbed into the 4th Battalion, a number of officers served appointments in other units and a number of men joined the Royal Canadian Regiment.

It is interesting to note that in 1914 service khaki was not a general issue to militia units so that many drably arrayed at Valcartier wore the traditional scarlet rifle green or Highland dress. After a short period spent in organizing, equipping and training the first Canadian Contingent embarked for overseas. The movement was spectacular, the transports, 33 in number, were concentrated in Gaspe Bay and on 3rd Oct. 1914 set sail. This vast armada was arranged in three columns each led by a small cruiser and guided by the finest ships in the British Navy. This was the largest troop movement that had ever taken place at this time in the world had ever seen.

After a month of hard training with emphasis on rifle drill and Regimental colour, the 4th Battalion embarking units were subsequently deployed to the Tyne on the 23rd, assisted in St. Jude's Church, for embarkation. On September 1st proceeded to Finsbury for safe keeping. On 1st October, the 4th Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force, had already in France, the 1st Canadian Division, the 4th Canadian Expeditionary Force, had been deployed to France for an intensive recruiting camp, and training at Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Nathaniel Rozell First White Child Born In Erin Township

A week ago Sunday, a membership of Esquerring, lawfully elected to superintend the burying ground in consideration of the sum of five (5) shillings of lawful money, the witnesses being Donald MacLean and Arthur Thompson.

A history of the cemetery had been compiled and was read by Erin Township reeve Mr. Barden.

Text of his address follows: "One hundred and fifty (150) years ago this district was just a wilderness. Nathaniel Rozell, a native of Pennsylvania, was the first settler in Erin Township. He came with his family from Smithville in November, 1820, and settled on lot one (1) concession 7, that is, between the 6th and 7th line."

Many years ago the 200 acres on lot 1 were known as the Rozells' farm. Lately, part of it was divided among the trees and some of these farms was known as times killed a cattle beast or a wild boar."

Nathaniel Rozell's son Benjamin was the first white child remains of the Pioneers who born in Erin Township. He worked hard and long hours to date of his birth being November, 1822, to clear the land for their family home. In 1822 the population of Erin Township They had very few conveniences but they had courage and a strong faith in God. We enjoy the fruits of their labours and should never forget them or neglect the place where they farmed for a burying ground."

The first religious meetings were held in Mr. Rozell's home and he gave land off the corner of his farm for a burying ground.

Thomas Merry, a native of Ireland is credited with giving Ballinadaf its name.

In 1845 a deed for the cemetery was drawn up with the first party being Nathaniel Rozell and his wife Hannah of Erin served 40 years as a missionary in India.

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