

The Canadian Legion in the Porcupine
By the Secretary-Treasurer.

At Vimy Night celebration the true Legion spirit of good comradeship, was never better displayed. Old friends met, and re-fought old battles. The hearty laughter was a tonic for the soul. As Comrade Gibson said:—"Well, Bill, this the best I've been to yet, and that is saying something." I think all will back up Comrade Gibson in his kind remarks. The best is our motto and we always stick to that motto in Legion events. It was a pleasure to see so many contented faces coming upstairs at the close and many expressions about the good time were frequently heard. The Legion artists were at their best. The singing and the sketch were greatly applauded, and the earnest address by President Neame was also one of the bright spots of the night. I was just thinking that if the returned soldier in the Porcupine only

no wood; no food; no money! Another case of a returned soldier who has given his all for King and Country, and had struck hard luck. Another case: a returned soldier landed in Timmins with his wife and five children. No home, no friends, no prospects! In both these cases the Legion stepped forward and helped these men and their families. That's what the Legion is for "to help, to assist those in need," to make a returned soldier think that there is one heaven where he will not appeal in vain.

We need the help of the many, many returned soldiers in the Porcupine, to help us in this work of mercy. By joining the local branch you help many of our unfortunate comrades who cannot help themselves. We have lots of application forms; special forms for those who are unable to attend our meetings and also we have comrades who are for ever working for the good of the Legion. The officers and the committees have but one thought and that is "For the Good of the Legion." Many comrades and ex-soldiers do not realize the work that is entailed by a night like Vimy Night, or any Legion event. The comrades who compose the Entertainment committee of this branch give many, many hours of their time to bring these events up to the Legion standard "The Best," and to these comrades and the comrades who assisted to make Vimy Night a success the thanks of the Legion are certainly due. The thanks of the branch also are due to the Algonquin Rifles for the loan of uniforms, rifles, etc.; the ex-officers who so kindly lent their uniforms; also Mr. T. Richards, of the St. John Ambulance, who lent his equipment for this event and to other gentlemen who so kindly came forward and helped out.

One event worth mentioning was the coming forward of the following comrades for membership in the branch. Those sending in applications were T. Murrell, from the Dome, brought in by Comrade Tom Parsons. Tom's record will soon reach 30. Comrade Loader brought in the application of R. J. Convery with dues for year.

I had the pleasure in assisting with making out applications for C. H. G. Wheeler, W. J. Lavallee, Bill Byrom, Cedric Furze, J. A. Fraser and Comrades W. Curtis and B. Pearce brought in the application and dues of David Moffat. We now muster 195 all told so we hope to reach the 200 mark soon. We have had one member per day for

the first 12 days of April. One very thoughtful action of one of our honorary members and another comrade was to put down a bill and leave the change for our relief fund. This kind and thoughtful action of these gentlemen, is certainly appreciated and is worthy of mention. Contributions to our relief fund, however small are thankfully received and the relief work done by the Timmins Branch this past winter would make good reading, if the circumstances were published. We have had some good ex-soldiers looking for work this winter, men who could do a day's work. They were homeless, hungry, but willing to work. Labour conditions in the camp this winter owing to the Dome mill burning and the closing down of some of the small mines have been bad, but now spring has come, work will be getting more plentiful.

These ex-soldiers speak "Good English." They are willing to work. They had lots of experience in work overseas for King and Country. (Army work was real work at the best of times). They are British born, Canadians, and surely they are worth at least a chance to work in the country they were men enough to fight for. They should be far, far better than some of those people from Central Europe, whom we fought, and bled for, and many of our brave men never returned, fighting for the honour of the "British Empire."

The country owes the ex-soldier a debt that can never be repaid, and the least the country can do is to give the ex-soldier a show, in preference to an alien, when work is concerned. It makes one's British blood boil, to see men who cannot speak a word of English in work, and an ex-soldier starving. The fault we know is not all with employers of labour. The Government of the country is to blame for letting these people in, in the first place. If necessary the local branch could keep a roll of all ex-soldiers out of work, and supply a good honest class of workmen, as there are hundreds of ex-soldiers out of work in the North Country. Our Department of Mines for Ontario stresses a good lot about English speaking in the new regulations and in all fairness to everyone, preference should at least be given to the man who had guts to go and fight for the honour of the British Empire, when that honour was at stake. It is only by a frontal attack, that a soldier gets anywhere, and it is up to us as ex-soldiers to start an attack right in the Porcupine.

Only by placing facts in the front line, and supporting them, can we get anywhere. We have the front line manned and it's support we want. Without support we cannot get anywhere.

Only by getting in the Legion, and keeping dues paid up can we man the front line, and keep it intact; the support must come partly from outside. It is a shame and a disgrace in an English speaking country, to see ex-soldiers in want and their families suffering. If only some people could see the misery and what some of the ex-soldiers have had to exist on in the Porcupine, it would be a good lesson. "Give and ye shall receive" is the teaching of Christ and a little more "give" in the case of the ex-soldier in the Porcupine would be greatly appreciated by the Canadian Legion.

Much has been said about the employment of men, but in all fairness to the employers of labour in the Porcupine, I believe that in many cases they do not have the facts, but leave things to a subordinate, who might at times, turn an ex-soldier down in favour of an "alien." I remember in 1919 one gentleman saying at a banquet to returned soldiers "Boys, I'm with you." That should be enough. Let's hope that the future will be brighter, and that we have the whole of the Porcupine "with us."

Every returned soldier in the Legion, will give us the right to command respect in the Porcupine, and place facts when they will get "home" and "work." During the past week I have had daily the report of the special committees in the House of Commons in Ottawa on pensions and returned soldier problems. There Col. L. R. LaFleche Dominion President, General Sir Arthur Currie, and many officers of the Canadian Legion are fighting for right and justice for the returned soldier, and the Canadian Legion at large. The reports are interesting and should any member or any one interested care to read these reports, I will be only too pleased to let them do so.

When we get men such as Col. LaFleche and Gen. Sir Arthur Currie working for the Canadian Legion and the returned soldiers we as returned soldiers should be proud that we have such men at the head of the Canadian Legion.

With that British bull-dog spirit they hold their own and put forward facts that cannot be disputed. It is up to every returned soldier in Canada to get into the Legion and support these gallant comrades who are fighting for us in the House of Commons, just the same as it is for every returned soldier in the Porcupine to get into the Timmins Branch, and give us support for the good of the Legion.

Every returned soldier in the Porcupine who reads "The Legion in the Porcupine" in these columns and is not in the Legion, just consider awhile and ask yourselves these questions:—

1. Ought I to support Col. LaFleche and General Currie in their fight for right and justice?
2. Ought I to put all grievances aside, and get in with the boys?
3. Ought I to help to help those who cannot help themselves?
4. Ought I to try and get a little of something, I went and fought for?
5. Ought I to have at least a little say in the country that I fought and bled for?
6. Ought I to see that Canada will be for the British, and that the British soldier gets a little of the good things of life?

And lastly, Ought I to see my comrades in want, their families starving, their future hopeless?

And the only answer you'll make is "Yes, I'll join the Legion at once, and help the comrades of the Timmins Branch to hold their own, and by joining the Timmins Branch, I help the Legion at large."

For the general information of every one we are only now in the 1st month of the 2nd quarter. Now's the time to join the Legion, and anyone requiring applications or special forms, see the president or myself, or any member of the branch, who will be only too pleased to get and help to fill in the forms.

The Timmins Branch Canadian Legion will hold a sports day and carnival on May 24th in the athletic grounds. Particulars will be announced later, after a meeting of the executive and entertainment committees on Monday, April 21st, in the president's office at 7 p.m. With these two committees working together on this event it will be another Legion event of "The Best." A full attendance of both committees is requested on April 21st.

I am sorry to announce the resignation of Dr. Harrison, as 1st vice-president. Owing to business reasons Dr. Harrison cannot attend the committee meetings and feels that he should stand aside in favour of a comrade who can attend the meetings. It was with great regret that we accepted his resignation, as the Legion never had a more faithful worker than Dr. Harrison. Dr. Harrison now becomes past president of the branch. Comrade W. O. Forrester will be the new 1st vice-president; Comrade McLaughlan the 2nd vice-president, and Comrade Jas. Cowan fills the vacancy on the committee, as a member of the executive.

Some of the bugle band equipment has arrived, so the band will soon be under way.

Don't forget our next event, the dance at the McIntyre hall on April 25th.

The Provincial Command informs me that new cards will soon be issued to every member, and that the new system is now in force. Let's all strive to boost the membership of the branch and application forms will be gladly sent to any comrade who will join our ranks, by

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