His Last Letter

AN EPISTLE RECEIVED AFTER DEATH OF THE WRITER.

(O. S. Sun.)

Camp Klerksdorp, March 23, 1902.

ED. SUN,—Once more it is my pleasure to write a few lines to your interesting journal, and to let some of my friends know that I hope they are in as good humor as the majority of the 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles. Nearly all of us are gaining weight on army rations I just lacked one pound of making 200 the other day, and you must remember that we are not dressed for 20 degrees below.

Now, I am puzzled to know where my last letter left off in the narration of the events connected with our trip. I have written so many since that I have forgotten whether I told you anything after we left Cape Town or not. If I did I'll give you another brief review (we needed one of those every now and then at the O. S. C. I., so maybe it will not hurt some of you).

We landed in Cape Town, February 13, about noon, and left for Durban at 9:15 p. m. on the same day. The following day the weather was beautifully clear, so that we could get a fine view of the rock-bound coast At 8:15 a. m. we passed the spot where the Birkenhead was lost. I think I should be able to make the lesson on that event more interesting than formerly. Two of our troop, E. and C. Minnet, returned to duty after a severe attack of measles, and one of the boys in another troop broke his leg by slipping down stairs.

Saturday 15, we sighted the second whale and passed Point Elizabeth while taking supper. The continuous mountains along the coast ceased and the shore became beautifully level or rolling. The next day we passed East London and prepared to disembark. We dropped anchor in the outer harbor at 1:15 p. m. and saw a boat load of Boer prisoners who were being conveyed out to a prison ship. We sailed into Durban Tuesday 18, about 9 a. m. We went almost crazy at the sight of several Hindoos who were on the wharf with fruit. Before the boat had time to tie up we were throwing down money and they were throwing back bananas, pine apples and oranges. Then we disembarked the horses and shipped them on the trucks. We were not supposed to go up town, but Bert Brace and I saw a rickshaw near the station and followed several others up through the city. The rickshaw and Kaffirs who draw them are very gaily decorated. The negroes decorate their heads with painted horns, feathers and paint. Their dress is scant, but the paint on their limbs make up. Fruit is very cheap in Durban, pine apples cost a penny each. It is one of the prettiest cities I ever saw. Of course it has its oddities. You never see a Kaffir on the sidewalks. They must keep the middle of the road. Instead of one team to a wagon, they drive from 3 to 8. I saw one wagon with 30 oxen drawing it. The people are all eager to get Canadian badges. I got a beautiful bouquet of roses from a young lady for a maple leaf. She also gave us a large parcel of papers to while away the time on our trip up country. The passenger cars in this country are very inconvenient especially for sleeping. The cars are divided into compartments by the seats running crosswise. Two seats face each other, but there is no aisle running through the coach from end to end There is a door on each side for every two seats. The first two seats are separated from the rest by a partition. This is for carrying Kaffirs They must not sit with the whites. At large stations there are separate waiting rooms. We left Tuesday evening and arrived in New Castle on Thursday 20th. Except for the cramped sleeping quarters on Tuesday and Wednesday nights we had one of the most interesting trips that could be taken any place on the globe. We came over the same road as Buller advanced on to the relief of Ladysmith. The marks are but too plain. Every mile or so had its little group of graves. Some were all alone, and marked where some advanced guard had fallen; in other places there would be a large number of little white crosses surrounding a large pillar. We saw the monument erected where young Roberts fell, also the one where he was buried. A slab marks where each of the twelve guns which Buller lost stood. We unloaded our horses for dinner at Moos River on Wednesday and had tea in Ladysmith. Brace and I went up to one of the hotels and had a fine spread for 2 and 6. We reached New Castle in time for breakfast on Thursday and after feeding the horses we marched out to camp, a distance of 3 miles.

The following day 150 men left for Botha's Pass in a pouring rain. Our troop was not among them but Bliss Williams was. He told me when they returned five days later that they had a fine time after they got to the trenches. They had to travel 19 miles by transport, as their horses were not yet fit to ride, and as the roads were bad were forced to walk most of the way. The move was to help check De Wet, but he managed to slip through some seven miles above them. However, he was caught in the next line and lost 800 men, escaping himself by driving cattle against the lines. He is not held very high in the estimation of the people out here. He deserts his men too readily to save himself. Deleary, the man we are holding now is a different man altogether. Nothing very serious happened during the week succeeding the march to Botha's pass, but we were constantly being told to be prepared for the march We received orders that General Lord Kitchener would inspect us at 5 a. m., March 1, so we were forced to rise at 3 in a regular down-pour. He pronounced our horses to be examples of care and the men to be in good condition. The next day (Sunday) I received eight letters. That may not seem very important to you but to us it is the thing. I am sorry I have not time to answer each letter separately. I am indebted to Max Telford, T. J. Symons, Rev. G. I Burns, Mr. Hamilton, of the O. S. C. I. staff, (to the latter for a letter of introduction to a fine young fellow in our squadron) Robt. Anderson, W Harper, E. McQuay, W. Seaman, and W. A. Day. I hope to have time to answer these, but do not wish the writers to stop because I do. We have very poor facilities for writing out here. I am sitting on the ground, in the shade of a pom-pom gun trying to scratch off this epistle. I hear that we are to move at six to-night so will have to close to get ready. If I have time I'll continue my discourse in a letter to the Advertiser. In the meantime I am indebted to Mr. Little for his kindness in sending me his paper so regularly.

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TO SECURE REGIMENTAL COLORS

Ladies Committee to Raise Funds for This Purpose—New Uniforms Received Last Week.

During the past week Col. Campbell of the 31st Regiment has been in town, and making himself active in promoting and furthering the interests of his regiment. The lack of colors has been a want greatly felt by the officers and men of the 31st ever since the old ones were burnt in 1881 and 1883, but steps have been taken by which it may be expected new colors will be secured in a short time. A committee of ladies of Owen Sound has been formed for the purpose of raising funds for the purchase of new colors, the ladies who have kindly consented to act in this capacity being Mrs. Tate Robertson, president of the committee; Mrs. Ardill, treasurer; Mrs. Judge Morrison, Mrs. Captain Frost and Miss Creasor. Other ladies, no doubt, will be requested to assist, and voluntary offers of help have been already given. It is not the intention of the ladies to solicit subscriptions, but they feel satisfied that the many friends of the regiment in Owen Sound will feel it a privilege and pleasure to aid such a patriotic and worthy object. Donations, which will be acknowledged through the press, may be sent to any member of the committee. Other towns in the county where company headquarters are located have also taken the matter in hand, namely, Meaford, Durham, Clarksburg, Flesherton, Markdale and Chatsworth. No. 4 Company (Durham) has already sent in its first contribution to the fund Under such auspices it may be assumed that prospects are excellent for the regiment securing the desired equipment. It has been stated that if the people of the county could only witness the annual drill at Niagara and see their really fine regiment taking part in the divisional march past on field day the disadvantage under which they appear from lack of colors would then be clearly manifested, and the necessary funds to place the regiment on as good footing as any other in the Division would be speedily supplied. The 31st Regiment, which forms a part of No. 4 Brigade of Military District No. 2, is the only regiment in the Brigade without a set of colors.

Prior to going into camp in 1901 the new Lee-Enfield rifles and the Olney equipment were issued to the Regiment. Last week new uniforms were supplied, consisting of scarlet serge tunics, trousers and active service caps. These will no doubt prove an inducement to draw recruits into the ranks.

The old colors referred to above were presented to the regiment in 1867 by the citizens of this town, Mrs. Pollard, wife of the Colonel then in command, making the presentation. Had these colors not been destroyed by fire they must have been worn out by this time, or at least would have the appearance of

The flag that braved a thousand years
The battle and the breeze.

It is hoped that new ones will be secured before the regiment goes into camp this year.—O. S. Advertiser.

A CHURCH BUILDER.

Many Edifices Founded by the Late Archdeacon.

A memorial service for the late Ven. A. H. R. Mulholladd, the Archdeacon of Grey, was held last Sunday evening in St. Thomas' church, Brooke, when a good congregation attended, including members of the late Archdeacon's family. During the service several of the favorite hymns of the late deceased were sung and during the offertory Mrs. G. M. Franklin sang with much feeling a solo entitled "Time Thou Speedest On," set to an air by Flotow. The sermon was preached from Philippians 1: 11, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

The rector, Rev. G. M. Franklin, proceeded to explain the text by remarking that St. Paul was a man of action. He had realized the truth that he had died with Christ, and was now living the life of a spiritual resurrection. "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, and the life that I live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me." Thus the passage might teach us that the Apostle understood it to mean, I live to do the will of Christ; I live to do the deeds of Christ; I live to speak the message of Christ.

The preacher then applied these principles to the life and labors of the late Archdeacon. He was born June 19, 1823; came to Canada in 1849; was ordained Deacon the same year and appointed missionary by Bishop Strachan. He was advanced to the Priesthood the following year, 1850. The original territory included in the mission was about forty miles in each direction and reached to Southampton in the west, Collingwood in the east, and Mount Forest in the south. When the Diocese of Huron was set apart in 1873, the first Bishop (Cronyn) appointed Mr. Mulholland Rural Dean.

This office he held for many years, being succeeded as Rural Dean by the Rev. Geo. Keys, of Clarksburg. He was made a Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, in 1879, and on his retirement from the rectory of St. George's church, was made Archdeacon of Grey, which was in 1893. In the early days the roads were very bad and most of the travelling was done on horseback. He will be remembered as a founder of churches in all this region. The churches at Mount Forest, Durham, Chatsworth, Southsmpton, Collingwood, Clarksburg and others, not to mention St. George's church, Owen Sound, are monuments of his zeal and toil.

In all this country the older people are the personal friends of Mr. Mulholland. He took an active interest in all that concerned the highest welfare of the people. He was chairman of the old Board of Superiors and later the Board of Education an office he filled with honor to himself and advantage to the community for about twenty-five years. The Chairman of the Board and the Inspector (the venerable Thomas Gordon) worked together for many years laying the foundation of that system of secular instruction which now is in operation in all the school sections of the County of Grey. He became a member of the Loyal Orange Association in 1851, and was, therefore, one of the oldest members in Grey.

He was in charge of Owen Sound parish from 1849 to 1893, and for forty-four years impressed the people of the town with his personality. God has taken him to Himself and we may, with truth, apply the words of the text to the life and labors of the late Archdeacon who has spent all his active life in this locality and now has entered into the rest of Paradise.

The sermon was listened to with rapt attention throughout and will long be remembered as a fitting tribute to one whose memory will be treasured as a worthy pioneer in the Master's veneyard.—O S. Sun.

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NORMANBY COUNCIL.

Met on April 20th; all the members present. The minutes of former meeting were read and passed.

P. Skelly to have use of town hall lots under same conditions as in former years.

Reeve and Coun. Glebe to inspect sideline between lots 10 and 11, con. 16 and 17, and report to this council. J. Ruehn and J Obenback allowed to perform this year's statute labor on mentioned road; H. B. Feick to perform his in front of his 6-acre lot near Ayton.

No road grader to be bought this year.

The following fence-viewers, pound-keepers and pathmasters were appointed:

FENCE-VIEWERS.

G. Johnston, P. S, Schans, E. Ryan, M. Doyle, P. Esch, A. O'Farrell, M Ryan, D, Widmeyer, J. Robertson, J. Widmeyer, J. Schoen.

POUND KEEPERS.

J. M. Reist, W. J. Halliday, H. Bieman, V. Pfeffer, F. Oehm, A Hergott, Wm. Neville, D. Knapp, R. Corley, L. Himmler, R Ovens, P. Yung, J. Haney, J. Flynn, Wm. Crawford, W. Rehkoph.

PATHMASTERS.

D. McCrie, A. Marshall, W. Crawford, James Petty, R. Barber, Wm. Caldwell, Q. Pettigrew, D. Marshall, J. Calvert, D. Leith, Wm. Dickson, D. McIlvride, J. Haney, J. Peter, Wm. Cameron, Charles Blyth, Wm. McFarlin, J. Cornish, E. W. Bradwin, E. Bogle, Jas Corley, M. Donoghue, F. Ward, Wm. Moore, E. Petzold, John Taylor, L. Weber, A. McPhee, P. Hassett, J. Robertson, J. Herzberger, E. Holliday, H. Sockett, J. Dreier, H. Miller, L. Schans, J. Williamson, J. Kreuzer, H. Chilton, C. Herbst, J. Long, P. Oehm, Thomas Stephenson, F. Henry, jr., C. Adair, O. Henry, D, Holliday, E. Unger, A. Ebenau, V. O Fisher, C. Yenssen, jr., G. Derbecker, N. Preiss, Dan. Fisher, Wm. Ellis, P. Burke, E. Doepel, P. Horrigan, H. Klug, C. Hopf, J. Weltz, W, Koenig, Wm. Damm, J. Tone, N. Wenger, C. Hartman, J. Feick, J. Helwig, G. Dietrich, M. Forster, F. Kester, C. Dietrich, Wm. Kenna, J. Mass, H. Fisher, Wm. Keais, A. Filsinger, J. McQueen, J. Hawkins, A. Wagner, E. McMahon, V. Reiner, J. J. Tone, J. Ford, H. Wieseman, J. Allenson, N. Widmeyer, G. Sachs, M. Widmeyer, Thomas Ball, Thomas Ryan, W. Snider, V. Fisher, M. Byers, R. Mackie, A. Fulton, J. Mackie, L. McNaughton, W. Little, J. H. Hughes, R S. Whiteford.

The following orders were issued on treasurer:

A. Widmeyer, filling washout and repairing road at Feick's corner, cons. 11 and 12, $3; R. Pettigrew, rebuilding culvert sideline between lots 9 and 10, con. 1, $5; J. Weppler, filling washout lot 5, cons. 13 and 14, $1; H. Breutigam, do. washout lot 13, con. 9 and 10, $1; Mrs. Welsch, salary as caretaker of town hall, $10; members of local board of health, services at meeting of date, $8.60; reeve, re board of health, $3; G. Glebe, repairing railing Ayton mill bridge, $1.40; John Morris, culvert, lot 14, con. 13 and 14, $1; M. B. Flynn, on account of printing contract, $35; M. Murray, towards salary as assessor, $55; Commissioners Gardiner, Glebe, and the reeve, each $2, for letting and inspecting jobs, $6; councillors for services at meeting of date, $12.80.

Council will meet again on Tuesday, May 27th, as a court of revision and for the transaction of general business.

G. HOFF, Clerk.

SPRING BANK.

Seeding is about over in this locality.

Mrs. Wm. J. McFadden is down with Bilious fever.

Mr. Wm. Davis was down with pleurisy for a time, but recovering.

Mr. Wm. R. Watson spent Sunday with Artemesia friends.

Miss Maud Whitmore is home from Toronto on account of her father's illness, who we are pleased to announce is progressing favorably.

Mr. Wm. Rite, of Philadelphia, is visiting his daughters, Mrs. James Brown and Mrs. Anthony Lawrence. Mr. Rite is an intelligent gentleman of three score and six years, and still looks as hale as though he might live to be a thousand.

Most of the young men of this part have taken up the cement cry and have departed to Durham.

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