

The Canadian Drive on Vimy Ridge

[The following poem was received by Mrs McKeown, Glenelg, from her son in France, and given us for publication.—Ed.]

Come, all ye people of a noble land, and listen to my song, And if you will but wait awhile, I will not hold you long: 'Twas on Easter Monday morning, boys, at the stroke of half-past five, When hell tore loose on Vimy ridge, and the Canadians made their drive, For there we were, wearily waiting—our thoughts were far away, Where we were on many an Easter Monday, and where we were to-day, But all at once our guns tore loose; 'twas deafening to hear The roar of our artillery on Vimy ridge to clear. A shout, a rush, a cheer, and over the top our gallant boys did go; O'er shell holes, mines and craters, and through the blinding snow, Till we got to Fritz's front line, and there we encountered the foe, We gave them a jab with the bayonet, a hasty shot that was true; And then we had Huns lying around us, and hundreds of prisoners, too, Ah, sirs, it was grand—but it was fearful—the sight of the wounded there, As they lay on the cold bloody ground, and wrestled with death and despair, We could only stay for a moment, we had not much time to spare, For our barrage was slowly creeping to his second line at our fore; So on we sped, while o'er our head the shrapnel burst galore, And little we thought of the danger, as through it we did go, And into his second line we did leap, and soon some Fritzies were piled in a heap. Some threw down their rifles, and put up their hands, Crying "Mercy! Kamarad! Mercy! Kamarad!" A few of our comrades had fallen you know, But that did not stop us, it was forward to go On to his last line which was hid in the snow, But his saucages, whizzbangs, minnies and bombs Could not stop us one moment with all their death throngs; And when we got there, the line it was bare, for shelter he had sought down below. But when some of the boys made a terrible noise with bombs brought up from the rear, And into the dugouts they threw quite a few, which gave them the hell of a scare. Up from below the Huns they did come, And into our bayonets and bombs they did run, Oh Lord! but the blood it did cover the ground, And some more of the Heineys were lying around. The prisoners were still going in by the score, Till our barbed wire cages held twelve thousand or more, And there we remained, no farther to go, For we had gained our "final objective" you know, Ah, boys, 'twas a grand and a glorious day For Canada's sons in a land far away; And I'm sure we'll get credit where credit is due, Not forgetting our artillery and flying machines too, For the last two corps mentioned played a very big part, To make our success to the world to impart. Boys, that ridge it was captured and lost again, And it cost the lives of thousands of men; So now that we have it we'll hold it, I am sure, For the ridge we have captured shall know him no more. Now, all my noble people, I'll finish up my song About the drive on Vimy ridge that you have just read on; So if any of you readers had sons or husbands, too, Who fell on Easter Monday for the flag that's good and true, Remember what I tell you—they died, like soldiers should, Fighting for their freedom and the land they loved so good. 'Twas on Easter Monday morning, boys, at the stroke of half-past five, When hell tore loose on Vimy ridge, and the Canadians made their drive.

Written and Composed by Private G. Donovan, An Irish-Canadian, No. 812036, D. Company, 49th Battalion, in the Trenches somewhere in France.

PRICEVILLE AND LIMITS

PRICEVILLE AND LIMITS Priceville Sunday School Anniversary

The Anniversary of Priceville Sunday School held on night of December 20th, was quite a success. Those of us who went to Sunday School some fifty or more years ago, could not but entertain the thought of what a change from the manner of entertainment of long ago. Those of us who are old enough to remember, when in the old small school house of more than three score years of the manner of being taught, can recall and memory the fact, that simply, a chapter would be read, and sometimes had to find a person who would offer up a few words of prayer, however the intention was good. To find one who would lead in singing, of Psalm 23 to the old tune of martyrdom was also a difficult task, however not to be behind times, some youth who lately learned to sing that old tune would tremble lead the praise part which ended lesson for the time being.

In drawing a comparison from that long away time to the grand program given at our anniversary on Dec. 20 We could not refrain from giving place to the thought of how time changes; and of intervening years that passed how time has made an impression on youths of three score years ago but old times have passed away and behold all things are made new.

So without making too long a preliminary to our subject, we commence after chairman's address. At 6 o'clock the doors were opened to basement of church where the ever faithful ladies provided ample of good stuff to appease the appetite of old and young, for veterans of some four score years down to youngsters; a few months old were there. All did justice to the good things on tables.

All being satisfied from contents of the tables, Supt. Thos. Nichol called to order that to make room, all that got served to go up to main portion of church. Being done with first part of program, Rev. Matheson, acting as chairman, called to order the crowded church and it was a difficult task to make those youngsters obey orders and as it was their night they had the privilege of enjoying themselves for some time. Strange, but a fact that some of our old heads forget that we were young also but the young naturally, must enjoy themselves all called to order. The Durham Male Quartette gave five selections which were appreciated highly by audience. They were Messrs H. G. Miles of Royal Bank, W. A. Glass, Hugh McCrae, Alister Saunders and Miss Rita Irwin as accompanist.

Space will not allow us giving in detail the many performances by the school children, such as recitations, drills, and other parts. Miss McDonald deserves much credit for manner in which she had all the youngsters to act their different part in the drama. Mr. Fletcher, a young man from Oshawa gave two long recitations which were well rendered. Selections on gramophone were given by Marion Murphy. Short addresses were given by Mr. Miste and Mr. McCrae. Mr. McCrae spent a couple years in Priceville some 18 years ago and could see many changes in old and young folks since then. Supt. T. Nichol gave a good address also. Both he and Mrs. Nichol take much interest in our Sunday School. It is not an easy task to be prompt every Sunday but Mr. and Mrs. Nichol make it a point to be always there. A B McDonald, assistant Superintendent and others deserve much thanks for their faithful attendance.

The Christmas tree which yielded its fruit against Nature's decree was loaded and by the time it was empty of its contents, it was the big tree 12 but all the recipients did not mind the lateness of the hour as long as they got from the forest of the balsam tree contents to see Santa Claus come as usual with good wishes, etc. After a vote of thanks to all concerned in making entertainment a success, the meeting closed with singing National Anthem. Proceeds \$81.00.

Miss Kate McDonald is spending this week in Toronto and elsewhere. Miss Ella McKinnon of Toronto and brother Bobs are at the old home in town this week. Mr. McKinnon and family are moving to Toronto this week and friends with them good wishes of many friends in this part. Miss Laura has been organist in the Presbyterian church quite a long time, and was a young lady whose pleasant manner and other good qualities as organist was highly appreciated by congregation at large. Her successor as organist is Miss Rebecca McMillan, whose talent as organist is up to the times. Miss McMillan is teacher at Swinton Park.

Rev. Matheson preached suitable sermons for the season last Sunday. Neil Shortreed, who has been at Cargill is spending holidays at his home on South line. We are pleased to report Mr. Alfred Hincks is getting over his operation lately.

PRICEVILLE AND LIMITS Raining again this Monday and by all appearance Christmas day will be an icy day.

On account of the lamented death of Rev. Philip Jones, the Rev. J. A. Chapman M. A. of Toronto has been appointed to the pastorate of Priceville Circuit and will conduct New Year services at Priceville next Sunday at 10:30 and Ebenezer at 2:30 and at Salem at 7:30. A cordial invitation extended to all.

Form of Resolution, carried unanimously at meeting of investigation held in Priceville on the afternoon of Dec. 21, 1917, and conducted by Mr. John Miller, Inspector, Ontario Provincial Police Dept., Toronto, for the purpose of investigating alleged rumors of disloyalty and Pro Germanism on the part of Mr. F. G. Karstedt and son Harold, which were entirely groundless.

Moved by Mr. A. McCaig, reeve of the township of Glenelg. Seconded, by Mr. Thos. Nichol, ex-reeve of the same township.

That this meeting desires to express its appreciation of the fairness and justice, with which such investigation was conducted in contrast to the monstrous atrocities, committed by German militarists in Flanders and other parts of Europe, and we, the more admire as a result of such deeds our British freedoms, which stand for Liberty, Freedom and Liberty.

Topshill, Ont., Dec. 21, 1917. To Miss Jessie F. Black.

Teacher S. S. No. 10, Glen. & Eg't.

Dear teacher: We, your pupils, for the past year, at this Xmas time, as appropriate for expressions of Goodwill, and renewed effort in practicing that glorious message of "Peace on earth, and good will to men," wish to convey to you our appreciation of your untiring efforts for our advancement in useful knowledge, for our welfare, and usefulness in the journey of life, and while we have often caused you annoyance, and would prefer more liberties at times, your kindly disposition and sympathy have won for you our esteem and gratitude. As a small token of our good will we give you a Xmas box. Wishing you a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year, Signed on behalf of the pupils, Annie Shortreed, Annie McLeod, Pearl L. McCaig.

SWINTON PARK

Electron day passed off quiet here and a good vote was polled. The ladies too turned out and helped to support the Unionist in winning a good majority for the government. Balloted there. 780 looks like a good majority. Won't the boys at the front cheer? They are keeping the enemy back with bayonets, we are supporting them with ballots.

Mr. Neil Campbell has returned from the West. He is accompanied home by J. R. McNulty who has been in the West the last six months. The annual school meeting will be held in the school house on Wednesday next.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Parslow have been visiting friends here and have gone to Stratford to spend Xmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. Blakeston. Some of the young people attended the Sunday School entertainment in Priceville and report a good time.

The box social held in Boothville school was a decided success. The proceeds amounted to over \$117. A Happy New Year to the Editor and staff.

HOPEVILLE

Miss Agnes Shand visited her brothers at Maple Lane last week. The mild weather over week end causes much ice but no skating.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Burnett, spent Sunday at Joe McMurdo's, Dromore. Mr. and Mrs. Will Christie and babe of Steepleville, Alta. are welcome visitors around here.

Hector Jack was in Toronto last week on business. A number from this part are suffering from severe colds.

Miss Morley is visiting her aunt at Mrs. W. Wade. Peter Fettes is under care of the doctor.

Rev. Pugsley of _____ occupied pulpit here and at New England, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Kiddell, Fergus, are visitors over Xmas holidays, here.

Mrs. H. Lova is visiting her parents at Bethel. The Misses Ferguson are holidaying under the parental roof.

Durham Markets.

Table with market prices for various goods like Hogs, Butter, Eggs, Flour, etc. in Durham, Dec. 27, 1917.

BOOTHVILLE

Well, Mr. Editor it is some time since you heard from our little burg. Our concert and box social Friday evening proved to be a great success the school being packed to the utmost capacity. Mr. J. Gillespie of Cedarville ably acted as chairman while Swinton Park orchestra suitably supplied the music. Mr. Archie Clark in his usual manner favored us with a couple of good recitations. A dialogue entitled "From Down East" was well performed. The children's part of the program showed Miss Richardson's good patience and training. Mr. A. McPhail stationed the boxes, proceeds amounting to \$117.50 to go in aid of Red Cross.

Miss Richardson left for her home in Simcoe County to spend the holidays.

We are pleased to see Mary Wilson home again and much improved in health.

Mr. F. Watson of Toronto spent Christmas at the home of Mrs. M. McCannel.

We notice Stanley and Jack are taking a new tour. Why not stay nearer home boys.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wilson intend going to Toronto to spend Christmas with their daughters. We wish the Editor and Readers all a Happy New Year.

Canadian Verse

THE PASSING OF SUMMER.

By William Edward Hunt. "Summer is dead!"—it was the wind that spoke In the bronze mantle of the sombre pine— "The sumac bush unfurls a scarlet sign; The sere rush signals it in stream and lake; Soundeth a requiem in gilded brake, Where mateless birds a lonely fate repine; The sky is veiled in tears; each gray confine Bespeaks the shrunken branch the leaves forsake. "I laugh with ruddy Autumn in the morn; I sound his praises in the golden light; But when high noon has passed and raven night Comes rushing down, I wail with those forlorn The dying leaves, the lone flowers, pale and torn, The multitudes confronting death or flight."

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TOWN OF DURHAM, 1917

Abstract Statement for year 1917, up to 15th December

Table showing financial abstract statement for the Town of Durham, 1917, including Receipts and Expenditure.

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Table listing log prices: Basswood \$12.00 to \$28.00 per M ft, Maple 12.00 to 26.00, Beech 10.00 to 20.00, Soft Elm 12.00 to 26.00, Rock Elm 12.00 to 24.00, Birch 12.00 to 26.00, Spruce 12.00 to 18.00.

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