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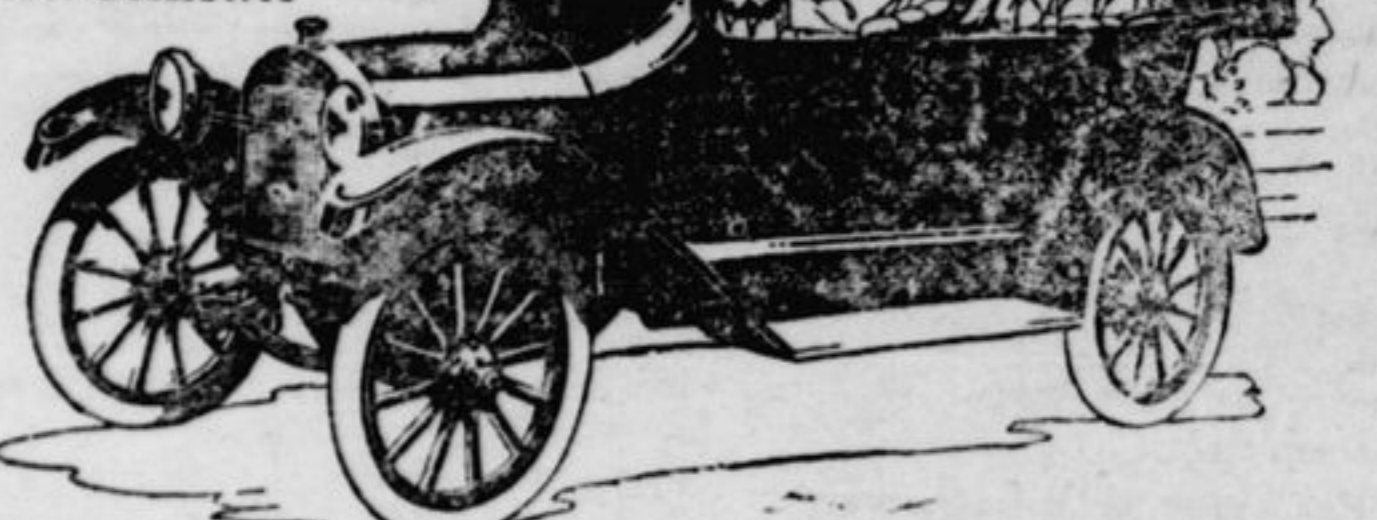
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### Nearer to the Boys An Interview with Ralph Connor

By PETER McARTHUR

When I was told that if I went to a certain office at a certain hour, I would have the pleasure of meeting the Rev. Charles W. Gordon (Ralph Connor), I accepted with joy. I wanted to meet him for two reasons. I wanted to meet him because he is our most distinguished Canadian novelist, and also because in my boyhood I wrangled on hard, uncompromising benches, listening to the same stern ministers that he "sat under." I had listened to them in both Gaelic and English, and wondered if he would have a fellow-feeling for one who had gone through the same boyish experiences. As my eagerness had brought me early to the place of appointment, I had a few minutes to wait, and fell to wondering what he would be like. Unconsciously I associated him with these old-time Free Kirk ministers and wondered if he would be like the Rev. Lachlan Ross, of Inverclyde, or the Rev. Lachlan MacPherson, of East Williams. So my surprise was complete when a brisk man in khaki uniform stepped into the room. He did not look enough like those old ministers to make my heart come into my mouth with terror as I faced him. Neither did he look enough like a military martinet to make me click my heels together and come to "attention." And there was absolutely nothing to suggest the producer of "Test Sellers." It took less than a minute to discover that "Ralph Connor" is, first of all, a fellow-human being, who is ready to take a glance at anything from any man's point of view.



RALPH CONNOR

A reference to the old ministers gave us an instant point of contact, and with much laughter—kindly and reverent—but still laughter—we compared notes and exchanged reminiscences of the good men who made the Scotch settlements where we had both been brought up, the places of stern discipline we remembered so well. The hour that had been promised to me was gone and part of another hour with it, before I remembered that the man who arranged the meeting had not done it out of pure kindness. He wanted me to interview Ralph Connor about the war work of the Y.M.C.A. By the time I remembered my duty we had reached a point where I felt that I could ask him about it from a rather daring point of view. I began with a straight question:

"What do you think of the work of the Y.M.C.A. in the war?"

He hunched his shoulders slightly and slipped down a trifle in his chair. From the expression on his face I was afraid that he was going to offer an unfavorable criticism. But his answer made it clear that that was not what disturbed him.

"It is doing a lot of work that the church should be doing."

Now you can understand why my question caused him a war of discomfort. The minister in him—a touch of the old Free Kirk spiritual guide that made him feel the responsibilities of his calling—made him regret to confess that a purely lay institution is carrying practical Christianity to a point that is as yet impossible for the churches—"beating them to it," as the soldier boys would say.

"Don't misunderstand me," he protested. "The churches and their chaplains are doing a wonderful work, but the Y.M.C.A., being without a propaganda or dogmas, is able to adapt itself instantly to any needs that may arise, either at the battle-front or wherever the boys may be located. It meets them at all hours and in all places with a spirit of good cheer, comfort and helpfulness."

"Then you are of the opinion that the man who supports the war work of the church is not doing all he can to help the boys?"

"Assuredly. The Y.M.C.A. is able to go a little farther. Though the work of the church may be nearer to the ideal of what I want to see done, the Y.M.C.A. gets nearer to the boys."

That struck me as a very important point, and I decided to question him from an angle that might not be pleasing to a clergyman.

"You know," I insinuated, in a spirit of half-confession, "that there are a lot of boys who would be inclined to look at a Y.M.C.A. at home as a sort of dissipated institution, beneath the notice of young men of the world who like to affect a sort of manly wildness. Does the Y.M.C.A. get near to them?"

High Command had something of the attitude you suggest. But whenever there was anything to be done to help the boys the Y.M.C.A. was there to do it and do it well. By its spirit of unassuming helpfulness the Y.M.C.A. has won the hearts of both the officers and men, no matter what their church connections may be or may not be. It gives and it does not ask anything in return. Its sole reward is that it helps freely all who need help. The thing to emphasize about its work is that it gives—it is an organized spirit of giving, and it gives without a string to the giving."

"Till the boys come home, the Red Triangle takes home to the boys. What every man and woman of us would do for the boys 'over there' had we but the chance, the Y. M. C. A. can do and is doing for us. Its system of work is a triumph of organization. Not only does it reach every man, but it ministers to every side of each man. As the flaming red three-sided symbol indicates, body, mind and spirit are catered to. Tired bodies, minds made soggy by the monotony of camp life, souls distressed and yearning for loneliness and temptation are strengthened and renewed by this ministry."

"But I often hear comments, not always friendly—about the prices that the Y.M.C.A. charges for some of its supplies."

"Such comments have no justification. The prices are as near right as they can be made. If there is any profit on the sales to the boys in the camps or back of the lines every cent of it goes to provide things free—absolutely free—to those who are in the front line trenches. As a matter of fact, the cautions and other organizations under the control of the churches and chaplains have pretty much the same schedule of prices as the Y.M.C.A."

I could not suppress a smile at finding my ancient enemy the trust or "Gentleman's Agreement" appearing in so admirable a form. But I made no comment. Instead, I asked a concluding question:

"Then I may tell the people that in its war work, especially in the matter of creature comforts, the Y.M.C.A. is nearer to the boys than anyone else?"

"Yes. It stands nearer to them than anything else except the military organization under whose discipline they live—and die. You see they are specially organized, trained and outfitted for the kind of work—and they are a mighty spiritual force, too."

When leaving him, I stopped to talk to several other clergymen who appeared in the office—it was a piece of clergyman—and he stepped from the room. Shortly afterwards he returned with a copy of his latest book, on the fly-leaf of which he had written in memory of the men we had known in our boyhood:

"There were giants in those days." It will be cherished as one of the most prized of a little collection of autographed first editions. And with it I shall cherish the memory of having spent a couple of hours with a well-known man who is doing a noble work himself and is not afraid to give the fullest credit to other men who are doing a noble work—such as the officers and field-workers of the Y.M.C.A., who play such a great forward line to the Church's backing in the

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#### Two and a Quarter Millions

The Canadian Y. M. C. A. is asking for \$2,250,000 to enable it to "carry on" for another year. This will mean that every one of the boys in camp in Canada, in England, and in France, will be given something of the joys of home for the nominal sum of between five and six dollars per man. Looked at in this light, the Y. M. C. A. budget appears modest in the extreme. Candidly, we should like to know of any other institution that gives the same value for the money.

Many a mother, if she had it, would gladly donate the two and a quarter millions asked for to continue and extend this work, if thereby she could secure for her son the comforts, the solace, and the close, intimate touch with home that the Y. M. C. A. provides.

Must Loan Money Yearly And Produce More Wealth to do it

Such is the prospect before Canada as outlined in the annual budget presented to Parliament on Tuesday. Canada is shut out of money markets abroad and can look only to her own people. The war is coming home.

A great broadening of the income tax has been made. The lowest exempted income being \$1000 in the case of unmarried men and \$2000 in the case of married persons. In larger incomes than \$2000, a deduction of \$200 for each child under 16 is made. The lowest rate of taxation is 2 per cent but the rate increases as the income increases and incomes of a million pay 50 per cent.

The A. B. is placed on -tea, 5c on coffee. So on every pack of playing cards - 10 per cent will be added to automobiles and gramophones, watches and much more.

But nothing off Agricultural Implements. This is a bad omission. Appealing to farmers to increase production and keeping tax on their tools is unwise.

The total war outlay for Canada to March 31, 1918, was \$878,000,000 and the total debt of Canada is now over a billion dollars, to be exact \$1,200,000,000.

But exports are increasing and big surpluses every year give hope that Canada can stand it.

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#### Hymeneal

McINTOSH-IRWIN  
A very quiet wedding was solemnized on Wednesday, April 17th, at 5 o'clock, at the home of Mr and Mrs Edwin Irwin, North Battleford, Saskatchewan, when their daughter, Pearl Susanne (formerly of Winnipeg), became the bride of Cameron R. McIntosh, the editor of the News. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. J. Russell, pastor of Knox church in the presence of a few relatives and friends. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore her going away costume of navy gabardine with military braid trimming, ermine turs the gift of the groom, and chic hat of black horse straw and pussy willow braid. Her corsage bouquet was of orchids and lilies of the valley. After the ceremony the wedding breakfast followed, the table decorations being roses and smilax.

The happy couple left on the evening train for a two weeks' trip to Pacific coast.

About twenty-five or so of the personal friends of Mr C. R. McIntosh surprised him on Tuesday evening when they presented him with several beautiful pieces of cut glass on the occasion of his marriage. After the presentation Mr McIntosh entertained the gathering to a very pleasant evening of songs, recitations, etc.

#### MULOCK

The memorial service held in honor of the late Pte W J Hopkins, son of Mr and Mrs Richard Hopkins, who gave his life defending the cause of justice and liberty, was very largely attended at the Baptist Church last Sabbath. Rev. Mr. Ashton spoke words of comfort and consolation from the words Luke 21: 28. "And when these things begin to come to pass then look up and lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh." He spoke briefly on the signing of the coming of Christ—wars and great tribulations being one of the signs and sin being the cause of the war. During the service a solo was rendered by Rev Mr Ashton entitled "God will take care of you."

The service also commemorated another soldier who made the supreme sacrifice in the person of Campbell C. Lark. The speaker closed by committing the bereaved families to the care of Him who said "I will not leave you comfortless."

Pte Hopkins enlisted of his own accord when he realized the necessity of doing so, in the 147th Greys Batt., when only 17 years of age, showing the voluntarily manly part taken by the young man. His memorial service was preached on the anniversary of his birthday. He would have lived had he reached the age of 20 years on the date of that memorial service. The collection which amounted to \$10 83 was given in aid of Red Cross.

Miss Mabel Beaton is the guest of her friend Miss Etta Twamley this week. Messrs Arch Beaton and Donald Beaton spent Sunday with the former's sister, Mrs Jno McGillivray who is seriously ill at present.

Mrs M. J. McLean who has been visiting under the parental roof for some time is now visiting friends in Durham.

#### NORTH-EAST NORMANBY

S. S. No 1, Red Cross, met last week at Mrs S. Caldwell's and this week at Mrs Ed. Fee's.

Mr and Mrs Thos. McAllister visited recently with Mrs Robt Marshall of town.

Mr W. Hay and two sisters of Proton, visited over the week end with their aunt, Mrs Rich Barber.

Mr Albert Marshall is preparing to build a fine residence this summer.

Mrs J. W. Blyth, Mrs Nelson Eden and Miss Maimie Mountain attended the R. C. S. C. at Mrs Caldwell's last Wednesday.

Knox Sunday School will re-open next Sunday with Mr D. Leith as Superintendent and Mrs John Marshall as Bible Class teacher.

We extend sympathy to the relatives and friends of the late Mr Geo. Moore who died Saturday at the home of his daughter Mrs C. Petty and will be buried Tuesday in Maplewood cemetery.

Mr and Mrs Wes. Storey and three children of town visited Sunday at the Wallacehoms.

#### School Reports.

No 3, GLENELG and BENTINCK

4th—G. Gibson, K. Morison, S. Ledingham, F. Gibson. Sr 3rd—"E. Willis, K. Ray, P. Mortley, H. Mortley, H. Mortley, A. Schafer. Sr 2nd—"D. Schafer, A. Smith, M. Ray, E. Melosh. Jr 2nd—"P. Willis, C. Schafer. Sr 1st—Clarke Morrison, M. Melosh, M. Mortley, J. Ledingham. Pr—"E. Willis, D. Morrison, B—"L. Schafer, I. Stafford. C—"C. Ray, Average for April 21 65. Full attendance.

Katybel Black, Teacher. No. 9, GLENELG.

4th—G. Lindsay, K. Davis, A. Ritchie, L. Hunt. Sr 3rd—M. Bell, J. Bell, M. Aioe, R. Davis. Jr 3rd—E. Hunt, E. Hargrave, H. Ritchie. 2nd—M. Hargrave, A. Lawrence, I. Davis. Sr 1st—R. Arnett, B. Ritchie. Jr 1st—F. McFadden, Geo. Collison. Sr Pr—A. Arnett, K. Davis. Jr Pr—R. Hargrave, N. Hunt, I. Collison, O. Hopkins. A. E. McGirr, Teacher.

#### Daring Naval Deed

A sensation, even in this war, occurred on Tuesday of last week. A small section of the British navy, aided by French destroyers made an attack on Zeebruck and Ostend. Under cover of an artificial fog they approached the former place, attacked the Mols which guards the harbor, and with three old vessels laden with cement, sank two of them in the mouth of the canal as planned. A force was landed from the ships with bombs and other destructive appliances, and tremendous wreckage was caused before they retired. Of course the enemy was not idle and casualties were many, but the daring deed may result in checking submarine activity. Anyway they gave the enemy a bad half hour, and proves the alertness of the British navy.

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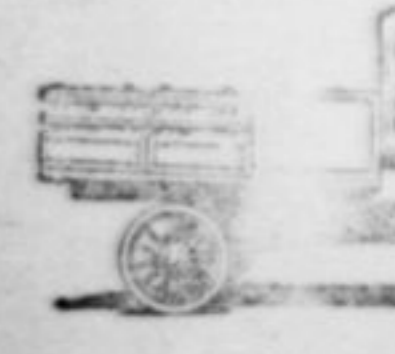
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