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STORY FROM FRONT

CAPT. R. D. PONTON ADDRESSED THE CANADIAN CLUB.

And Gave a Vivid Account of His Experiences—Paid a Warm Tribute to Kingston Men At the Front—Sounded Call For More Men.

The members of the Kingston Canadian Club were given a rare treat at their noon-day luncheon, on Wednesday, in the Frontenac Hotel, when they had the pleasure of listening to a vivid story of experiences at the front from Capt. R. D. Ponton, of Belleville, who was attached to the Second Battalion, C. E. F.

Capt. Ponton, who is a son of Col. Ponton, of Belleville, was wounded and was invalided home to Canada, after being in a hospital in England. For the past few weeks Capt. Ponton has been undergoing treatment in the Kingston General Hospital. The president of the club, Capt. L. W. Gill, presided and there was an unusually large attendance of members, in fact the largest attendance which has marked the gatherings of the club held in some time, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the accounts given by Capt. Ponton, who spoke in a modest unassuming manner, and as he told of the brave part the Canadians, and especially the Kingston boys, have taken in the great fight, there was great cheering. The speaker's appeal for more men for the front, touched the hearts of everyone. Capt. Ponton is a most fluent and entertaining speaker. A fine menu was provided for the luncheon, and the service was good, reflecting credit on the management of the hotel.

Capt. Ponton was introduced by Capt. Gill, who referred to him as a man who had been "in the thick of the fight" and who had undergone machine gun fire, rifle fire and gas.

In his opening remarks, Capt. Ponton referred to the fact that he had the honor of meeting Col. A. E. Ross, Major McPhail, Capt. George Richardson and many other Kingstonians who had won honors at the front.

Major McPhail is decorated with a D. S. O., added the speaker, "and the others ought to be wearing the Victoria Cross. I cannot speak too highly of the gallantry and bravery of these boys who left Kingston with the First Canadian Division."

Th 1. Ponton gave a very interesting account of his stay at Valcartier, of his trip overseas, his stay at Salisbury Plains, and eventually his trip to the front. While this great training camp at Salisbury Plains was not the best place he had ever been in the world, the weather conditions having made it very bad for training purposes, the men smiled at all the hardships.

The speaker described the battles of Neuve Chapelle and Langemarck, which he went through. He said that the men were not frightened at the first baptism of fire, but they were very nervous. During the awful hardships he had not heard one complaint.

"It is almost impossible to describe the scenes," he said. "When the machine guns, rifles, and everything was in action it was awful. Remember that at Neuve Chapelle more shells were fired off in 48 hours than there were during two years of the South African war."

Capt. Ponton told about the Canadian successes, and as he described their noble capture of German trenches, the audience burst forth into loud applause. The hearts of his hearers were deeply touched when he referred to his arrival in Belgium. "We were glad to get there," he added, "for it was for the people of this country we had left our home."

He told of the battle of Festubert, and the terrible fight in the orchard. A touching tribute was paid by the speaker to Allan Davidson, of Portsmouth. "He was sergeant of our bomb-throwing unit," he said. "I have seen him all night long throwing hand grenades into the German trenches. He played the game as he has always played it. His death was a great loss."

A high tribute was paid to the efficiency of the Army Medical Corps, and also the Army Service Corps. The medical corps was one of the most wonderful organizations of the world. A man is wounded in the morning, and he is in England in twenty-four hours later. Too much credit could not be given the work of the Army Service Corps. Only one night at Langemarck had the men been minus their supplies.

The speaker declared that the Allies were working as a unit. "And it is the only way that success will come," he said.

He added that he had the pleasure of seeing King Albert of Belgium. "He is a man with a big heart," he said, "and it is no wonder that the troops love him."

"The boys at the front are making a great sacrifice, and look for encouragement from you at home. These men are giving their lives. It is up to every man who is not going to the front to put his hand into his pocket, and to put it down so far that it hurts, and then it will be a sacrifice. I wish to say that the men who are making money out of graft from Government contracts are traitors to the British cause. I have no objection to legitimate profit."

At this stage the speaker paid a warm tribute to the artillery. As an infantry officer, he wished to state that the artillery had at all times, given splendid support.

Capt. Ponton again discussed the part the "stay-at-homes" should take and in doing so said:

"There are men who have not yet decided about going to the front. They do not regard it as their duty to go. I venture to say that if the Germans were about forty-five miles from Kingston they would be ready to go. But would it not be better knowing the Huns as we do, to keep them three thousand miles away?"

Speaking about the reported atrocities committed by the Germans, Capt. Ponton said the soldiers might be inclined to believe that many of the stories were not true. "I have read all the stories as regards Belgium," he said, "and I have not found one story to be exaggerated."

He added that he had knowledge of young girls being maltreated and murdered.

"And it is our duty to see that such atrocities are not committed in our Empire," added Capt. Ponton. "And the only way to prevent this is to get more men. I am glad to see that there is a new battalion being formed in Kingston, to be known as the 146th Battalion. My suggestion to this Club is that every member go out and secure one recruit for this new battalion. At Langemarck more men were needed."

In his last words, Capt. Ponton said that all the time was not gloomy with the men at the front. When back of the trenches the men enjoyed baseball and other sports, and had a fine time. "It is only when you get away to the hospital that the time gets gloomy," he added.

Bishop Bidwell extended the thanks of the Club to Capt. Ponton for his address. He stated that it was an admirable address, and he wished to return thanks on behalf of the members. Speaking personally, it was one of the best addresses he had ever listened to, and it had touched his heart.

"It makes one feel proud of our Canadian boys when we hear such a story as this told in such a manner," said Bishop Bidwell, amidst loud applause. "I am sure that when we have men of this type going to the front we need have no fear or pessimism regarding the outcome of this great struggle."

THEATRICAL NEWS

To Repeat "An Ideal Husband."

Owing to the success of the Queen's Dramatic Club's first performance, "An Ideal Husband," they are offering it for a second time, by special request, at the Grand to-night.

As there was such a rush for seats by the students for the first performance, the general public were unable to secure tickets. For this reason "An Ideal Husband" is being played a second time. Those who attend to-night will undoubtedly witness an even better performance than that of Friday.

At the Grand.

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the Grand Opera House will have an entirely different programme from any yet seen in the city. Charlotte Walker, America's beautiful actress, will be seen in a stirring play entitled "Out of Darkness." A two-reel Universal photoplay, a comedy picture, and the Pathe News, showing interesting scenes of the war, will be seen also. The vaudeville includes Esmeralda in a high-class musical act in which a zylaphone is used, and Willis and Royal in an original comedy skit, "Milady Raffles."

This splendid programme will be shown every afternoon and evening for the last three days of this week.

At The Strand.

Capacity business once more attended the screening of Robert W. Service's great poem, "The Shooting of Dan McGrew" at the Strand last night. The commendatory remarks passed by one and all as to the merits of the feature were "the best I ever saw." This wonderful masterpiece will be shown for the last time to-night. The feature for the last three days of the week is "The Long Chace," a marvelous picturization of Peter B. Kyne's gripping story in six big acts, featuring the great dramatic actor, Frank Keenan.

Eyes That See Not.

This is the title of a three reel Broadway star drama featuring "Beverly Bayne," and comes to the King Edward Theatre highly recommended; also this week's Hearst Selig depicting the Red Socks at their innings in the World's Series, to-night and Thursday. Usual admission. 6,000 feet of film shown every afternoon.

TO HELP THE FUND.

The 14th Officers Will Help In Every Way.

At a meeting of the officers of the 14th Regiment held on Tuesday evening it was decided to give a subscription of \$300 to their regimental funds of the 146th Battalion. They realize, far more than do civilians, the necessity of having a regimental fund for every overseas unit. The officers will co-operate with Lieut.-Col. C. A. Low in every possible way in building up a large regimental fund and in securing recruits to the battalion. Lieut.-Col. Low was an officer of the 14th Regiment for over twenty years.

It was also decided to send Christmas gifts to all of the 14th Regiment officers overseas. There are twenty-five serving in Europe now and the same number in overseas battalions in Canada.

Dr. D. E. Mundell To Lecture.

At the Y. W. C. A. the third lecture in connection with the Home Nursing will be given by Dr. D. E. Mundell on Thursday night. Subject, "Bones: Fractures, Dislocations and Bandaging."

Fiske O'Hara, in his newest play, "Kilkenny," will be supported by a large and capable company, and his superb tenor voice will be heard in new songs written especially for this production. Mr. O'Hara will be at the Grand on Monday next. Sweet Cider. J. Crawford.

Announcements

Notices of any character relating to future events, where an admission fee is charged, are inserted in the advertising columns at 10c a line for first insertion and 5c a line for each consecutive insertion; or 10c a line each insertion, if reading matter. Announcements for societies, clubs, or other organizations of future events, where no admission fee is charged, may be inserted in this column at one cent a word, with a minimum of 25c for one insertion.



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