

# The Canadian V.C.'s

## How Men From Canada Earned the Empire's Highest Tribute for Bravery in the Field of Battle.

For most conspicuous bravery in attack.

When the advance of our troops was held up by an enemy machine gun, which was inflicting severe casualties, Private Pattison, with utter disregard of his own safety, sprang forward, and, jumping from shell hole to shell hole, reached cover within 30 yards of the enemy gun.

From this point, in face of heavy fire, he hurled bombs, killing and wounding some of the crew, then rushed forward, overcoming and bayonetting the surviving five gunners.

His valor and initiative undoubtedly saved the situation and made possible the further advance to the objective.—Official Record.

By CAROLYN CORNELL.

The Canadians gained the summit of Vimy Ridge on scheduled time in the brilliant attack of April 9th, 1917. By 3.30 o'clock every objective except one had been attained.



PTE. J. G. PATTISON, V.C.

and for the first time since the fall of 1914 when the ridge was seized by the Germans, allied troops looked down on the green plains of Douai. This view filled the men from the land of long vision with a joy that they had not felt for many months. They talked about it in their trenches and officers brought back stories of the new country beyond the hill top to the headquarters staff. The day had been one of cloud and sunshine, wind and sleet, but the night settled clear, and the stretcher bearers and patrols went about their work under the light of a full moon.

Hill 145 was the one point which had withstood the pounding of the artillery and the dash of the infantry on the afternoon of April 9th. It was to be taken the next day. The place was the northern end of the ridge and had been fortified with immense care and labor. It was surrounded by an intricate system of craters and trenches laced together with webs of wire. Near the foot of the hill redoubts were established in the village of Givenchy, and machine guns were placed in the Bois de la Folle to the east. Here the fourth division on the left of the attacking line, had been held up by the fierceness of the opposition.

The 50th Battalion did not take an active part in the first day's attack. It had been held in support behind the other attacking battalions of the 10th Brigade. Its scheduled part in the attack had been to advance the second day beyond Hill 145 and take the Pimple, and abrupt elevation at the extreme left of the ridge, but the failure to gain possession of Hill 145 on Monday, the 9th, had altered the programme, and the 50th Battalion went into action Tuesday afternoon with orders to capture the eastern slope of that hill and consolidate the position.

The ground over which the troops had to pass was exceedingly difficult. Heavy rain had made the slopes of the hill slippery and uncertain. The men had to climb this slope, laden with full kit, in the face of a terrific fire from the machine guns studded along the hillside. The ranks thinned as the men struggled upward under the fire. Each step of the advance was contested in fierce battle. At last the attackers were checked from a hostile fortress to the left. The men assembled in the nearest cover, and in a series of dashes attempted to dislodge the enemy, but without success.

It was at this point that Pte. Pattison took stock of the chances for victory. One moment only he stood, then started for the point from which the fire was coming. He advanced in a series of short rapid dashes, from one shell hole to another until he reached a point thirty yards from the redoubt. Then he stood up in full view, under the very muzzle of the guns, and threw bombs into the stronghold. The explosion of the bombs completely demoralized the crew for the time and silenced the guns. As the last bomb exploded he dashed in and killed the gunners. When his comrades arrived he was in possession of the pit. This act won the day. In twenty minutes all other objectives were gained.

The hero of the day came out of the conflict unhurt and went through the attack on the Pimple, a hill beyond the northern end of Vimy Ridge, April 12th. It was June 2nd and award of the Victoria Cross had been gazetted for his valor in the April 16th attack, although he knew that he had been recommended for that honor.

John George Pattison was an Englishman by birth, his native town being Woolish, but he lived most of his life at Milton Court road, in the borough of Deptford, England. He

came to Canada in 1906 with his family and settled in Calgary. Soon after the opening of the war he and his son, Henry John Pattison, then a boy of seventeen years, enlisted in the 137th Battalion. The father was drafted into the 50th Battalion and went to France in January, 1917. His son now wears the red ribbon of his father's Victoria Cross on his right breast. Pattison was forty-two years old when he won the Victoria Cross.

## After Effects Of Influenza Often as Serious as the Disease Itself—How to Get New Health.

There are few homes in Canada that were not touched by the sorrow that trailed in the wake of the Spanish Influenza epidemic. Estimates of the loss of life caused by this epidemic show that it was almost as great as the losses caused by the war, and these take no account of the baneful after-effects which are sometimes fatal as a disease itself. Victims of the disease are generally left with impoverished blood and a weakened system. In this condition they are exposed to many dangers unless precautions are taken to enrich the blood and strengthen the nerves. The debility that invariably follows influenza is not a disease of any organ. It is a general condition of unfitness. It must be met by a remedy whose good results will be quickly felt throughout the entire system. In this condition Dr. Williams' Pink Pills will be found invaluable. The mission of this medicine is to enrich the blood, and this new, rich blood carries renewed health and strength to every part of the body. The case of Mrs. George Louder, Hamilton, Ont., proves the value of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in cases of this kind. Mrs. Louder says: "I had a very severe attack of Spanish influenza which left me pale and very weak. My appetite completely failed me and the least noise would startle me and make me cry. I was under a doctor's care, and finally he advised me to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I had not been taking them long before I could tell they were helping me. I used almost nothing but tea boxes and am now feeling as well as ever I did in my life. I believe if it had not been for these pills I would have been a chronic invalid."

Such proof as this must be interesting to everyone who suffered from an attack of influenza, and who still feel in any way weakened as the result of the trouble. It points the way to new health and strength, and if you are one of the sufferers you should avail yourself of this medicine at once. You can get Dr. Williams' Pink Pills through any dealer in medicine, or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Canadian soldiers are requested to loan their journals or note books written on active service to the Director of the Historical Section of the General Staff, Military Department, in aid of compiling the official history of Canada's part in the war.

Wellington county has won a long contest with the C.P.R. over the bridge grade at Harristown.

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## THE ORAKSHAN CLUB SMOKES AND CHATS

"People may think they can hide their dogs from the assessor, but they can't," declared the customs officer at the Orakshan Club meeting last night. "Their neighbors will tell and down goes a dog mark on the assessor's roll. There are always people in a block who are annoyed by their neighbors' canines, and trust to them to see that the dog levy is made."

"Well, to change the subject," chimed in the printer, "can you tell me if servants in men's clothing who hang out the washing and do chores at officers' homes are classed as males or females on the assessor's rolls? If females, when they are exempt from State labor fees."

"Oh, that wouldn't matter," said the Man with the Stick, "they are soldiers and, therefore, exempt from State labor fees."

"They may be called soldiers," put in the retired contractor, "but I always picked a soldier as a fighting man and not a man who files the rolls of a slave and pulls the cork."

"But you must remember these are lucrative jobs," said the president as he re-lit his pipe. "Those fellows earn more than the fighting men."

"Say boys," exclaimed the doctor, "it takes a wedding to get the women-folk out early in the morning. A nuptial event is as glorious in the eyes of the ladies as one of Davy Laddaw's silk stockings sales. They're all on the job and tumbling over each other to get a good view."

"Ha! Ha! Ha!" laughed the Man with the Stick, who expressed the opinion that the conversation of the women-folk who the spectators at any big wedding would make as fine a story on the woman's page.

The customs official introduced a discussion on strikes, and remarked that the present labor troubles were nothing to what might be. Suppose everybody went on strike. The doctors and nurses would refuse to attend the sick; the hospitals would have to close; the undertakers would not bury the dead; farmers would not sell their produce; ministers would not preach the gospel; the theatres would not be open to amuse the people; waterworks and lighting plants would close down; wives would refuse to get the family meals—that would be a real strike, and those above mentioned would have just as much right to strike as any other class, for the right to strike is generally conceded.

"Well, I hope I'll not be alive when that comes to pass," said the Man with the Stick, heaving a sigh. "They do say that men who make their fortunes out of liquor never have any luck," remarked the alderman, who spoke of the jump of National Brewery stock, some of which had been purchased in Kingston.

"Well, I'm not so sure about that, for I know that some prominent Kingston families are to-day enjoying the fruits of livings built upon big profits made out of liquor. The Governments themselves have made money out of liquor and why not the individual?" was the argument presented by the doctor, and that ended the discussion on that subject.

The frolic of the 21st Battalion in breaking into a camp canteen in England was referred to. "Well, what of it?" granted the president, asking for a match to get his smoke going again. "The canteen was likely in commission on Monday night, and Canada, so let the boys have their lark. Why a little rumpus like that was nothing more than Queen's students were wont to do to Princess street stores when they went off half-cock, not so long ago, when they would smash and steal, and then wind up by trying to beat up the police."

"Hooray for the 21st!" shouted the former hotel clerk, who still has a voice like a foghorn.

"Well it would be better if we did a little less cheering and gave the boys a helping hand," said the president, as he arose and intimated that he was going home to bed.

MASS BEQUESTS LEGAL. Judgment Makes English Law Correspond With Ours.

London, June 7.—The House of Lords decided yesterday that bequests for the saying of masses for the dead were legal according to the law of England. The Lord Chancellor and Lords Atkinson, Buckmaster and Parmoor agreed to this decision, but Lord Wrentham dissented. In giving his judgment the Lord Chancellor said that if his view was well founded, citizens of this country had for generations mistakenly held themselves precluded from making these dispositions.

"I cannot conceive that it is my function as Judge of the Supreme Appellate Court of this country," he continued, "to perpetuate an error in a matter of this kind. The proposition, crudely stated, really amounts to this: That because members of the Roman Catholic faith wrongly supposed for a long period of time that a certain disposition of their property was unlawful, and have abstained from making it, we who are empowered and bound to declare the law, should refuse to other members of that church the reassurances and belief to which our view of the law entitles them. I cannot and will not be a party to such a proposal."

The judgment, said the Lord Chancellor, would make the English law on this point correspond with the law of Ireland, of the dominions, and of the United States.

New Commander Named. London, June 7.—A despatch from Malta says that Admiral de Robeck will succeed Vice-Admiral Sir Robert Calthorpe as commander-in-chief of the Mediterranean fleet. It is understood that Vice-Admiral Calthorpe will remain as High Commissioner at Constantinople and will eventually become first British Ambassador under the new regime there.

Mary a man's reputation depends on what isn't found out about him.

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