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THE WALKING VETERANS ARRIVE IN KINGSTON

They Were Warmly Welcomed, Fed and Housed—Addresses at Armouries.

Marching in column of route and headed by the veterans' band of Kingston, the "army of unemployed veterans" reached Kingston at 6.50 p.m. on Sunday. Among the banners carried was the Union Jack. One stated in large letters "After British Justice" and another asked "Have Ye Broke Faith?" It was a strange army to walk into Kingston. It was no phantom army or ghostly crew, but a living, tangible army, and one that bears testimony to the waste of war. Whence come they?

For answer we must turn to the representatives of the executive committee, to "Major" Frank Riley, second in command, who was in charge owing to the illness of "Gen." E. C. McDonald, who was brought to the city by automobile on Sunday morning and taken to the General Hospital. The advance party, consisting of the headquarters with ten cooks under J. E. Lowrie, "adjutant," and secretary to the executive committee, reached the city at 3 p.m. and were established in the armories. The main column of about 500 men, was conveyed by the private automobiles of citizens of Napanee as far as Odessa, where dinner was served by the people of the village. From Odessa they were brought to the corner of Princess street and the Bath Road by citizens of Kingston who volunteered their cars for the purpose. When all reached the point of assembly the "army" was formed into column of route with the veterans' band of Kingston at its head and the march was a sort of triumph. Hundreds of citizens crowded the sidewalks to see the veterans go by, and from the repeated cheers given it was manifest to them that Kingston had only the warmest greeting for them.

In the Army and Navy Veterans headquarters, elaborate preparations were made for a fitting reception. The main dining room was elaborately decorated and a splendid banquet spread out as a result of the munificence of Kingston's citizens. At the armories, a kitchen was fixed up under Serg't. Joseph Selby.

Appreciate Treatment.

Mr. Lowrie, adjutant, spoke lightly of the treatment accorded them all the way from Toronto, but especially of the generosity of the people of Napanee, where the ladies provided everything useful and the Boy Scouts waited upon them. Three hundred sat down at the tables, and on Sunday morning all were surprised to find that they were not to be permitted to leave the town on foot. One hundred trucks and automobiles were used to convey the "army" to Odessa, where it was picked up and literally carried to Kingston. The people of Odessa were exceedingly kind. There was no chaplain travelling with them, but at Odessa there was a funeral, and after the burial the Methodist minister held a service for them. Last Sunday at Oshawa, Adjutant Greaves of the Salvation Army officiated.

The executive committee consists of E. C. McDonald, officer commanding; Frank Riley, second in command; J. E. Lowrie, secretary; G. Allen, H. Maitland, W. R. Blair, J. O'Neill, R. Pierson, William Barbour and G. W. Suddes.

The advanced guard, or flying squadron, is composed of Messrs. Allen and Suddes, who travel on a motorcycle. Major Maitland is master of transport, which consists of two trucks and one ambulance. The Red Cross section is headed by A. R. Martin, a graduate male nurse of Halifax General Hospital, and who went overseas with the first stationary hospital and served in the Naval Medical Service. He was at Zebrugge and at other important engagements. There is also a wireless radio service and a signalling unit. One of the members acts as chaplain when called upon. Fifteen police do duty under A.P.M. Army orders are issued daily for the guidance of all ranks and strict discipline is observed. There have been no cases calling for action by the high command and the men have been complimented everywhere for their splendid behavior.

The kindness of the physicians of the different towns was highly praised. "They gave our men treatment and medicine without charge. Our own nurse was kept busy looking after us all the way working sometimes twenty-four hours dressing sore feet and otherwise helping all hands," said Adjutant Lowrie.

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Addresses at Armouries.

Mr. Nickle said: "You are demanding and taking the right of every citizen in this country to demand and make known your grievances. You are going down to Ottawa to lay your case before the country. I do not know that the government has a cure for the conditions that prevail today, but if you are moderate you will get a good hearing. I am not speaking as a politician. If the government have not an immediate remedy I don't want you to think that the government is not sympathetic. Remember that there are thousands of men out of work in this country. Take the situation in Kingston. The Canadian locomotive works that employed 1,000 men is closed, because there is no demand for locomotives. Our railways are not in need of more locomotives because there are no crops to haul over them."

"As a Kingstonian, I welcome you to Kingston. I am glad that the citizens are responding to appeals for you who come as men who fought for us all in the war. We are glad to have you here and to speed you on your way and trust something may come to you."

Dr. Ross extended a welcome to the men and expressed his sympathy for them in the circumstances in which they were placed.

The visiting veterans slept in the armories, the A. and N. rooms and other places.

Left for Gananoque.

The army of veterans spent the night in the Armouries and this morning had breakfast at the A. and N. headquarters. All seemed to be in the best of spirits. None appear to feel that vagrancy is an offence, and twenty-five recruits from Kingston were added to the number when the procession was formed up in front of the armories at 10.30 a.m. preparatory to leaving for Gananoque.

Keen interest was shown by the citizens who congregated on Montreal street to see the army leave on its way. The plan of the executive is to remain in Gananoque over night and proceed to Brockville tomorrow morning. From Brockville they will go to Prescott where they will go into camp and wait for a contingent said to be on the way from Montreal. While it is not definitely known how many will come from the East, "Major" Frank Riley expects to have an "army" of 800 or 1,000 men when he marches into Ottawa.

Owing to the generosity of citizens of Kingston the "army" was well supplied with provisions, consisting of bread, butter, coffee, etc., enough to last for two days, and it is understood that arrangements have been made for supplies at Gananoque.

"Gen." McDonald, who was brought to the General Hospital suffering from neuritis of the hip, caused by the exposure while on that march from Hamilton, expected to be able to leave the hospital Monday so as to overtake his army at Gananoque.

Doing Good Work.

Eight members of "General" McDonald's army on the march to Ottawa, were cared for at the "Do-Drop-In Sailors' Mission" at 47 Princess street, which is conducted by James Robinson and his wife. They were given a bed and meals.

The "Do-Drop-In Sailors' Mission" has been doing splendid work. During the winter no less than sixteen men were given board and lodging at this institution, and much credit is due Mr. and Mrs. Robinson for the work they are carrying on among soldiers and sailors. Some citizens have been under the impression that Mr. and Mrs. Robinson have been assisted by some of the churches or societies, but they have been carrying along the work of their own accord. Mr. Robinson is himself a war veteran. He served in the South African war, and also served in the English army and the navy.

Passed Second Year.

F. W. Torrance, son of Rev. Dr. Torrance, Princess street, and Miss Mary Taylor, daughter of Principal Taylor, of Queen's, have passed the second year law examinations at Osgoode Hall.

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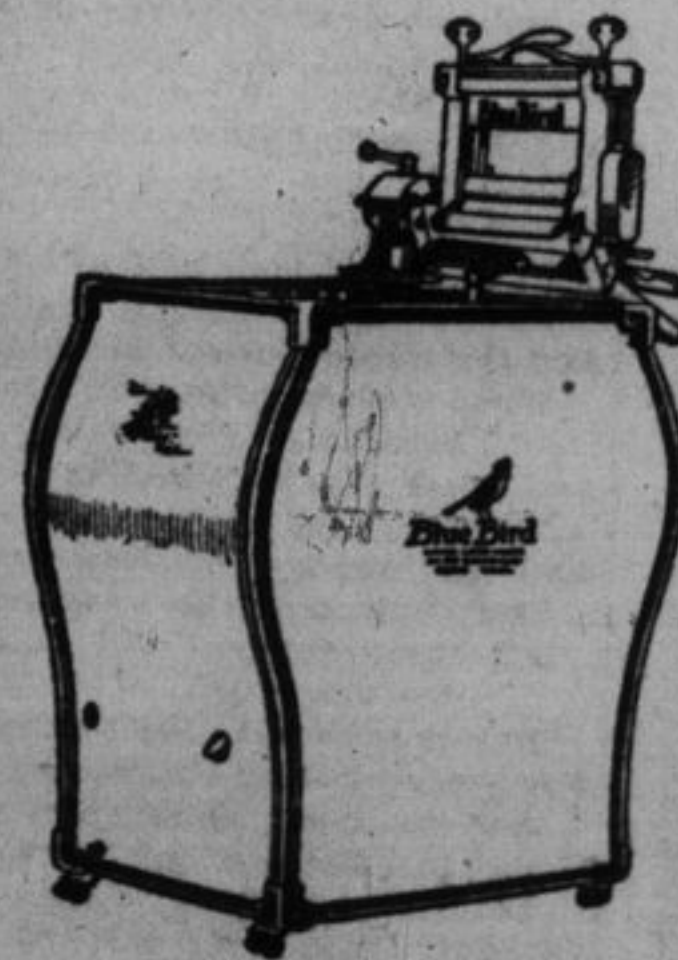
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