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IMPERIAL PREFERENCE

A correspondent writes to ask if it is true, as some Liberals have claimed, that the British preference is only a mock preference and that it will be of no benefit to Britain.

In reply we suggest it is too soon yet to know whether the preferences given any of the Empire countries will be of benefit or not. We have before us a few figures dealing with some of the articles formerly imported in large quantities from Britain. Take for instance cotton piece goods. Under the Borden and Meighen administrations the tariff on these goods was 25%. The Mackenzie King administration reduced it to 18% but the Bennett government increased it to 61% and at the Imperial Conference it was reduced to 58.5% to British countries. That is typical of the textile business generally. The case of blankets is rather an extreme one. Borden set a tariff of 22.5%. Meighen increased it to 25%. King reduced it to 20.25%. Bennett increased it to 106% and under the British Preference blankets come in from England or Scotland wih a duty of 78% or must stay out.

It will be very interesting to note what effect these duties will have on Canadian business. Conservatives claim they will be beneficial but Liberals say the people of Canada will have to pay those duties and trade will be strangled. Possibly a year from now we shall be in a better position to tell what the result will be.

WHAT IS NEXT STEP?

The ports of Montreal and Churchill are closed for the remainder of the grain shipping season. Ordinarily the shipments would now be made through United States ports but as a result of the Empire Conference it is less profitable than formerly to ship through the U. S.

This is the time when Prince Rupert should benefit, but the action of the lessees of the local elevator in using it for storage purposes only instead of as a terminal shipping elevator makes it difficult for Prince Rupert to get the benefits which ought to accrue from contact with one of the big grain shipping agencies.

The contract with the Wheat Pool ends next August and it would seem to be the best policy for Prince Rupert to ask for the cancelling of the lease to the Wheat Pool or the insertion of a clause making it obligatory to ship a reasonable amount of grain through the elevator each year.

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STORY OF SIXTEENTH

Col. "Sandy" Urquhart Writes Epic Of Famed Canadian Scottish

Ypres Gas Attack

Somme, Vimy, Amiens and Cambrai Win Renown For Highlanders

OTTAWA, Dec. 20: (Canadian Press)—The library of histories devoted to the achievements of individual units of the Canadian Corps during the war is increasing steadily. The latest addition is that of the 16th Battalion (Canadian Scottish). The product of several years of exhaustive effort on the part of its author, Colonel H. M. Urquhart D.S.O., M.C., the book justifies every hope and expectation with which its appearance was awaited.

The painstaking thoroughness with which the writer pictures the record of the Battalion is reinforced by a well-balanced judgment, by the exercise of a fine discrimination between things that are important and those that are not, and by the sane application of a mature sense of values.

The history is noteworthy in many respects. Its language mirrors a cultured and well-stored mind, language as reflexive as the crystal surface of a mountain weir, and, employed as the fluent medium wherewith the historian sets forth his reactions to the drama to which he himself played a notable role, it elevates the work to a status not hitherto achieved by preceding unit histories. Thus amid the horrors of the Ypres Salient, the inferno of the bombardment and the pungent fumes of high explosive, Colonel Urquhart is not lost to "the fragrance of the blossoming hedges, the scent of flowers in the neglected gardens, the freshness of the morning air" which "mingled in a draught of sweetness and advanced bravely to defeat the poison of death. The sun peeped over the summit of Wytschaete and gilded Kemmel with its tints; the war and its carnage dissolved for a fleeting moment into a mirage of beauty and peace."

One of the original units of the First Canadian Contingent, the 16th Battalion was recruited from the Highlander Regiments of Vancouver, Victoria, Winnipeg and Hamilton. It had an unusual origin and its early history could not but be unique. The militia regiments from which the original Expeditionary Force Battalion was drawn incorporated all the virtues, the esprit de corps and the prejudices which are not uncharacteristic of Highlanders. So it was that the 16th for more than two years carried on with each of its four companies wearing a different tartan. Fierce controversies developed whenever efforts were put forward to secure uniformity; but the difficulty was eventually composed.

Kitchener's Wood

Not unnaturally one immediately looks in the history for the story of that immortal charge of the 16th Battalion through Kitchener's Wood, west of St. Julien, at midnight on April 22, 1915. Operating with the 10th Battalion, the Highlanders, it will be recalled, were thrown desperately against the advancing enemy on the open left flank of the Canadians in the first stages of the second Battle of Ypres. Beyond the general fact that this tragically glorious onslaught was delivered, little has ever been made known of its details and nothing has been published to connect it with the general plan of counter-offensive operations. Colonel Urquhart supplies all that has been lacking so far as the 16th is concerned, and the history of Canadian self-sacrifice is by so much enriched.

Read in conjunction with the histories of the 42nd Battalion (Beresford Topp) and of the Princess Patricia's (Hodder Williams), that of the 16th goes far towards completing the confused picture of those two tragic weeks in June, 1916, in the Ypres Salient when the Germans successfully assaulted Mount Sorrel and Sanctuary Wood, and were eventually thrown back. Colonel Urquhart supplies the missing pieces in a jig-saw puzzle with few remaining to be inserted in place.

The nightmare of the Somme, with the Battalion operating with the Australians at Mouquet Farm, and, again, east of Courcellette; the capture of Vimy Ridge, and the subsequent operations against the Arleux Switch, Hill 70 (the Battalion was not engaged in attack at Paschendaele) and the battles of 1918 are graphically detailed. In particular does he dwell on the Cambrai fighting in which the 16th played such a notable part.

Characteristically Canadian

The history would not be that of a Canadian unit if it did not contain much that was light and humorous. In this respect Colonel Urquhart is fortunate for the 16th Battalion issued one of those remarkable periodicals known as Trench Magazines. Like "The Listening Post" of the Seventh Battalion, "The Twentieth Gazette" of the unit bearing that numeral, "The Dead Horse Corner Gazette" of the Fourth Battalion, "The Brazier" was the cheery, light-hearted product of men who had learned to laugh amid the horror and tragedy of their environment. Colonel Urquhart draws copiously from this regimental publication, quoting its austic comment on things in general and reproducing many of its priceless absurdities.

Well-equipped for the task of Battalion Historian, Colonel Urquhart served with the 16th from its origin until 1917 when he became brigade-major of the first Canadian Infantry Brigade. Later he achieved the distinction of himself commanding a Highlander unit, the 43rd Camerons of Winnipeg; and while leading this Battalion he was seriously wounded in August, 1918, at Damery, during the Amiens operations. Since then he has been an invalid.

To set forth the record of the 16th has been for him, as indeed for all Battalion Historians, a labor of love; and if the former members of this gallant unit have waited long for the publication of their history, they will have the deep satisfaction of knowing that a volume has been issued which sets a lofty mark for those which are yet to come.

The report of Fire Chief D. H. McDonald for the month of November, presented to the city council at its meeting last night, showed that there had been five calls during the month with no loss. Expenditures of the department for the month had totalled $994.70. The usual inspections had been made of departmental equipment, public buildings, etc., all of which had been found to be in good order.

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That vivacious young lady de luxe.

Some people around town seem doubtful of the ability and desire of the unemployed to work. One remarked: "I had one to do some gardening but all he knew about a shovel was to fry ham in it." But his was an unusual case.

She must be a sailor's daughter for she seems to know so much about buoys.

Girl at Football Game (watching huddle on the field)—There they're at it again. I do hope Bill won't repeat that story I told him last night.

Jim: "So you are to be operated on, eh?"

Jam: "Yes, Doc said he wants to take out my appendix, but I think what he really wants to get out of me is a new car."

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