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1914

FIRST
CANADIAN CONTINGENT
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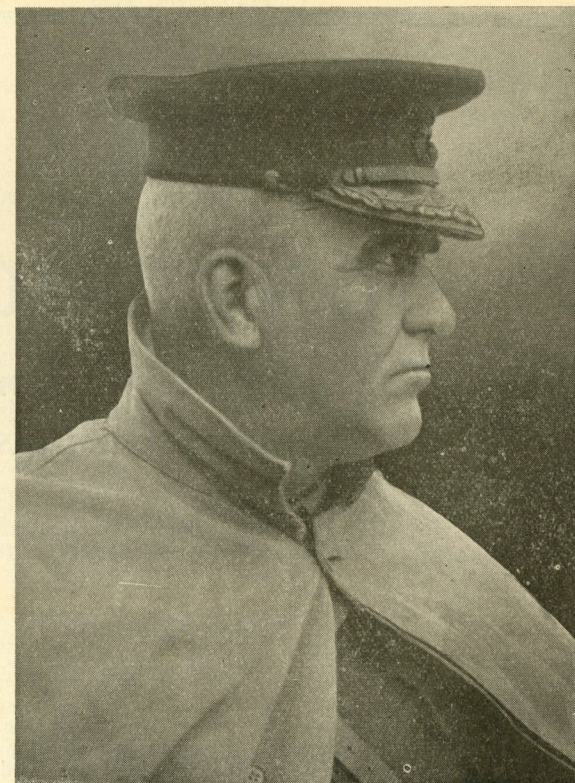
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**General
Sir Sam Hughes**

Minister of Militia,
who organized the
First Canadian Con-
tingent for overseas
service. He is shown
watching the trans-
ports leaving Gaspé
Bay, less than two
months after Britain
had declared war.



The First Canadian Contingent

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When Colonel Sam Hughes, the Minister of Militia and Defence, sent out his call for volunteers to form a First Canadian Division there were not many who did not scout the idea that this young country could organize, much less maintain such a force in the field.

VALCARTIER

Canada showed her capacity for war organization first in the great camp at Valcartier; the construction of the necessary miles of water and sewerage lines, the shower baths and the electric lighting system, the great sweep of targets on the rifle range where our unaccustomed hand and eye were brought to mastery of our weapons. Valcartier was a miracle worthy of the country that produced the First Canadian Division of 1914.



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THE CONVOY

There is a diagram included in this program which shows the ships that carried us to England in that far away October. Do you remember how their vast extent seemed to cover the ocean? All the great liners sailing from the St. Lawrence ports, and when the largest had been got, still more were necessary. No such convoy ever put to sea before or since.

ENGLAND

Salisbury Plain! Perhaps you have forgotten the worst of it. Perhaps you can remember some days in that awful winter when it did not rain. Perhaps the relative luxury of our Canadian Valcartier had spoiled us. At any rate there was leave to London sometimes. We did not train much but we learned a lot. And after we reached the front line through that devastating storm that drove our Dutch and Danish and Norwegan (?) ships half way back across the Atlantic, you remember we used to think the life in the water-logged trenches of that first winter rather comfortable compared with what we had left on the Plain.

ARMENTIERES

And so we came to Armentieres. Either because we were so good or because they needed us, we were let through our period of understudying seasoned troops in three days instead of the usual week. Wasn't there mystery and exhilaration about those first trenches? We shall never recapture the thrill of those days with the British divisions at Armentieres; at last we had reached the front line.

OUR OWN FRONT LINE

Bac St. Maur, Fleurbaix, Sailly. Three rounds per gun per day and about the same amount coming back towards us. Germans from Winnipeg and Montreal greeting us across No-Man's-Land, but their leaders at home in Berlin were a bit disturbed that a peace-loving British dominion was actually ranged against them. They would not have believed it. And in spite of the distance we had come, some of us six thousand miles, we were the first division except regular army divisions to take our place in France. Britain had not been able to equip her territorial divisions by that time.

We heard the roar of Neuve Chapelle and were amazed that such an effort could be resisted. We had our own experience in successfully resisting a similar effort a few weeks later. We came out of the line and trained. Estaires and Laventie and the other smaller villages got to know us.

1915

1935

"Our Mayor's Message"



The City of Toronto was nobly represented at the Battle of St. Julien in April, 1915, and its citizens read with patriotic pride the following paragraph in an Official Communique from the British War Office, dated April 24th, 1915:

"The Canadians had many casualties, but their gallantry and determination undoubtedly saved the situation. Their conduct has been magnificent throughout."

In grateful remembrance of those deeds and days the City of Toronto gratefully acknowledges the worth of those who fell, and those who returned.

JAMES SIMPSON,
Mayor.

THE SALIENT

And then north to the Salient. In those days it had not made its later awful reputation. The French that we relieved also comforted us by saying that it was a pretty quiet spot, even if they did seem a little pleased to get out of it.

We left a good part of the Canadian Division in that Salient. You remember them. The clerks and the farmer-boys and the storekeepers and the artisans of Canada had stood against the trained battalions of the greatest army that had ever been known and the world resounded with the message that "The Canadians saved the situation."

"WHEN FIRST THE GAS CAME OVER"

When first the gas came over it found us feeling right,
For we'd been in at Fleurbaix and knew that we could fight,
The G.O.C. had praised us when we rested at Estaires,
The Bishop of old London town had heard us say our prayers,
So we went up to Ypres with little doubt or fear
(The larks sang sweetly o'er us, to prove that life was dear)
And the salient of dreadful nights looked almost peaceful then,
From Rouler's rail to Poelcappelle, where Canada's fighting
men,
Were holding fast the line that time that we sing of again.

(Few ghosts were then in Ypres town, the nights were yet to
come,
For drifting souls to meet again when rolling of death's drum,
Should call them back to battle's fought when they were in
their prime,
The Original First Division—the men who held the line.)

But there was something in the salient that made us catch our
breath,
Some whisper of the drums of gas, laden all with death,
Some hint of murderous days to come, some harbinger of
doom,
Clutching, clawing at our hearts—though the daisies were
abloom,
Yet courage surged within us all at the call of fighting sires,
Scotia's clans and Irish bands, and those from English shires,
Briton, Saxon, Norman, Dane, Roman, Celt or Viking,

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to the

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of the

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and in

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First Canadian Division

in the Ypres Salient, April 1915

The

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Association

Like anvil strokes their call to arms upon our senses striking,
And sagas of our ancient breeds within our breasts were
ringing,

(Though ribald songs of modern strains our minstrel boys
were singing).

(And the ghosts that guard old Ypres town have heard them
and they know—

That Canada was girded then to strike her first great blow—

“To save the situation”—to bar the road to Dover—

To prove themselves true fighting stock, when first the gas
came over.)

There may be worth in telling now the tale so often told,
Of how the First Division carved it's name in purest gold,
Of how they faced and overcame, the menace of their foes,
Of how they fought, of how they died; like knights in stories
old,

For the ghosts still guarding Ypres town have heard it all and
know,

That Canada can ne'er forget the fervent, fighting glow,
Of the famous First Division when it foiled the mighty foe,
Third Brigade and Second, too, battling in the haze,
First Brigade to aid them both, in those far-off, epic days,
How they charged, and counter-charged, took back British
guns,

Proved themselves undaunted, till they died, the story runs—
Like threads of gold in looms of time, and those of us who live,
Must tell each other of the deeds then done, so we may give,
The lesson to our younger sons; who may scoff at our opinions,
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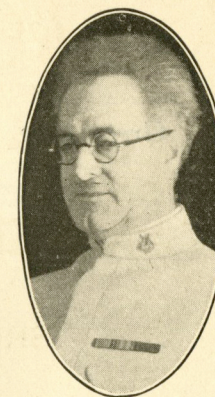
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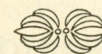
Rissolle Potato

Apple Pie

Coffee

Finger Rolls

TOASTS



THE KING

FALLEN COMRADES

THE FIRST CONTINGENT

OUR GUESTS

"FEDERAL ELECTIONS"

The Toronto Men's Liberal Association and York Liberal Associations commend the following Federal candidates to officers and members of the Originals' Club on the strength of their services in peace and war.

TORONTO

NAME	UNIT	RIDING
Lieut. J. C. McRuer, K.C., 2nd Can. Art. Brigade		High Park
Capt. Geo. A. Urquhart, K.C., 2nd C.M.G. Brigade		Rosedale
Capt. Norman Wilks, M.C., Buffs		Danforth
Major H. P. Snelgrove, V.D., 10th Battalion (an Original)		Broadview
Egerton Lovering, C.O.T.C.		Eglinton
Samuel Factor, K.C., M.P., C.O.T.C.		Spadina
Salter Hayden, K.C.		St. Paul's
J. P. Travers		Davenport
J. L. Prentice		Parkdale

YORKS

Col J. E. L. Streight, M.C., V.D., 3rd Battalion (an Original)		West York
Capt. Elmore Philpott, M.C. and Bar, 33rd Battery, C.F.A.		South York
Col. W. P. Mulock, K.C., M.P., Siberian Expeditionary Force		North York

The Candidates named above are all solidly behind the Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King who as Prime Minister did more for the soldiers of Canada than either his predecessors or successors. As Leader of the Opposition during the past five years he has consistently and persistently fought for the rights of pensioners and the Liberal Candidates may be depended upon to support him in all his efforts.

ORIGINALS' CLUB INC.

The Club was organized in 1918. Then as to-day its membership was restricted to those who served with the original first Canadian Division, or who landed in France with the first British Expeditionary Force. Since formation, the organization has carried on without break or change of name. At all times having for its objective the idea that those ideals and associations common to us all might be preserved through the years.

As the years pass, these old associations have become more precious to us all and it is for that reason that the Club finds itself to-day with a larger, and more enthusiastic membership, than it has had for years. In these days of industrial depression, men have sought the comradely spirit that existed in the war days. This they find once again in their club membership.

At the time of organization the Club had permanent quarters at Yonge and Edward Sts., Toronto. Then, after a time, it was decided to search for larger premises, and after a few meetings held in the Sons of England Hall, Queen and Berti Sts., it was decided to purchase the old Mason home at 441 Jarvis St.

It was during the years spent at this address that the Club passed through probably its most critical period. The Returned Soldier Movement had commenced to fall on evil days, and organizations were springing up under the leadership of those, who however well meaning, were rapidly bringing the returned soldier into public disfavour. The Originals Club could hardly expect to avoid the back-wash of these troubles, and it is to the everlasting credit of the organization and its officers that it survived this critical period.

In 1928 it became apparent that the Jarvis St. premises were too expensive for such a small membership as ours must necessarily be, and it was decided to sell the property and move into smaller quarters. This was done. The money obtained for the property was placed in a trust fund under Court jurisdiction and new premises opened at 97 Yonge St.

The Originals are now snugly settled in club rooms in the Yonge St. Arcade. Major-General Victor Williams, C.M.G. performed the opening ceremony on Saturday, February 9th, 1935, assisted by President Capt. F. J. Waters and other offi-

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cers and members of the Club. The spacious quarters are now the meeting place of those in the Toronto area who possess the necessary qualifications to obtain membership in the Originals "overseas in 1914."

In closing, let us say this:—We of the Original First Division, while priding ourselves on the achievements of the Divisions that follow us, feel with all humility, that perhaps we occupy a unique place in Canadian History, and to that end our Club has devoted its efforts to revere and perpetuate the spirit of sacrifice and service in 1914. To those that are gone we pledge remembrance. The ideals for which they fought shall live on. Their responsibilities are ours. We will keep the faith.

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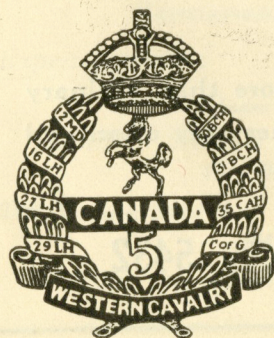
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Capt. G. C. Happy Ryerson
3RD BATTALION

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Pte. John L. Pattison, 7069
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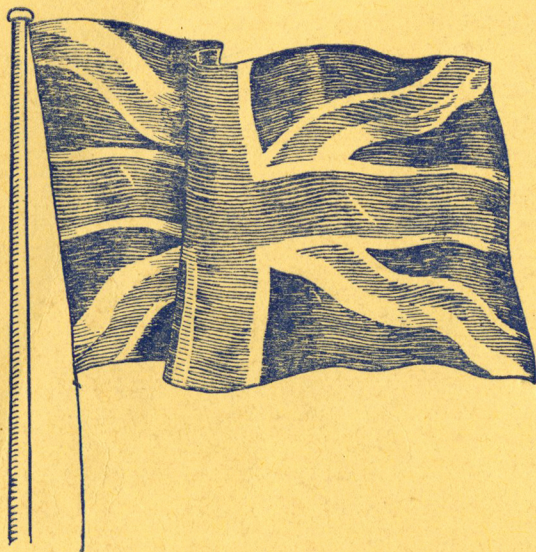


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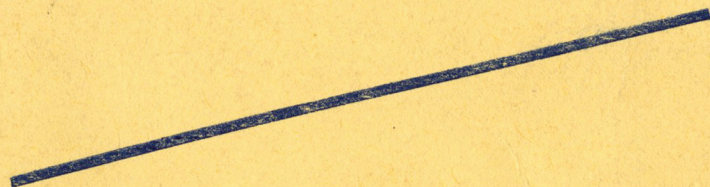


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Convoy and part of Escort

FIRST CANADIAN CONTINGENT

OCTOBER 1914

Note:—The formation of the Convoy was changed
several times. It is given here as on 10th October.
The interval between the columns was 15 cables (2
miles). The distance between ships in the column was
4 cables (½ mile).

Florizel	Cassandra	Lapland	Montezuma	Sicilian	Scandinavian	Ivernia	Alaunia	Bermudian	Ruthenia	Megantic	ECLIPSE
Newfoundland contingent	2nd Bn No 2 Fd Amb (part)	HQ 2nd Inf Bde 5th Bn 6th Bn	1st Inf Bde details Div Am Col (part)	1st Bde CFA (details) 2nd Bde CFA (details) Reserve Park	10th Bn No 1 Gen Hos	2nd Bde CFA 3rd Bde CFA	HQ 3rd Inf Bde 13th Bn 14th Bn (half) Div Tr (part)	Strathconas	17th Bn Div Cys Officers (surplus) Army Reservists	15th Bn Div Am Col Sig Sec No 1 Fd Amb No 1 Clr Hos	
TALBOT	Laurentic	Tunisian	Tyrolia	Manitou	Canada	Franconia	Royal Edward	Athenia	Caribbean	Monmouth	DIANA
	RCD 1st Bn No 2 Fd Amb	HQ 1st Inf Bde 3rd Bn No 3 Fd Amb	4th Bn	1st Bde CFA Am Col 2nd Inf Bde transport RCHA (part)	Linces Regt (2nd Bn)	Div HQ Div Arty HQ 8th Bn Div Sigs (pt) Post Corps No 2 Gen Hos CAPC Nursing Sisters	HQ 4th Inf Bde 11th Bn	RCHA No 1 Sta Hos	2nd Bde CFA Am Col Mob Vet Sec Details	Strathconas (part) Div Sigs (part)	
Royal George	Montreal	Lakonia	Grampian	Saxonia	Andania	Virginian	Corinthian	Zeeland	Arcadian	Scotian	CHARYBDIS
PPCLI CASC details	Div Cav Sqn (pt) 4th Inf Bde det Div Train (part)	RCD (part)	3rd Bde CFA	1st Bde CFA	14th Bn (half) 16th Bn Div Sigs (part)	7th Bn Div Train (part) Ry Sup Detach No 2 Gen Hos (pt)	Div HQ (part) Auto MG Bde Hvy Bty & Am Col Div Sigs details	9th Bn HQ Div Engrs 1st Fd Co CE 2nd Fd Co CE	Div Cav Sqn 3rd Fd Co CE No 1 Fd Amb (part)	12th Bn No 2 Sta Hos	