

THE 55TH BATTALION'S TRIP TO ENGLAND

Pte. Chas. Wright Tells the Story—Some of the Boys Sea Sick but in Good Spirits Generally—Escorted Through Danger Zone by Destroyers

Writing to the Sentinel, Charles Wright, a member of the 55th Battalion, gives the following account of the trip.

Oct. 30—Left Valcartier at 3.30 o'clock for Quebec. Went on board the Corsican at 5.30. Left wharf at 7 and sailed down St Lawrence river.

Oct. 31—In St. Lawrence river, weather fine. Church service at usual hours. Passed five ships. Steamed 193 miles.

Nov. 1—Still in Gulf of St. L. R. Passed Newfoundland at 4 p. m. Could see the hills quite plainly.

Nov. 2—Dark and foggy—out of sight of land. Sea heavy. At 4 p. m. had boat drill. A few of the boys getting sea sick. Steamed 341 miles.

Nov. 3—Foggy and heavy sea. A lot of the boys sea sick. Called out at 3.30 with life belts for boat drill. Captain expecting a big storm. Steamed 310 miles.

Nov. 4—Fine and clear. Physical drill 10.30. Fog thick at 3.30. Boys all in good spirits. Prayer meeting at 7.30. Steamed 331 miles.

Nov. 5—Fine and clear—passed a square rigged ship name Hersford, Norse. Saw big whale quarter mile away. Band gave concert. Sighted seven vessels. Tried 6 inch gun—3 shots. Sea very heavy. Steamed 290 miles.

Nov. 6—Fine weather. Passed two steamers. Physical drill at 10.45. In war zone getting into belts ready. Expecting escort today. Steamed 310 miles.

Nov. 7—Fine and clear—boys all feeling good and enjoying themselves. Passed a steamer. Service at 11 a. m. Sighted two ships about 3 p. m. Sighted a cruiser at 9 p. m. Ship is in darkness—not a light. In war zone—about 24 hours from England. Steamed 343 miles.

Nov. 8—Everyone feeling fine. Two escorts came out to meet us sometime last night. Saw many fishing vessels this morning. Expect to land tonight.

Nov. 9—Disembarked and on train for camp somewhere. Number of passengers 1472.

WILL POTATOES SELL AT \$2.00 PER BAG?

The Toronto Trade Looks for Sensational Prices Before February, to Say Nothing of Later—Dominion Government Tells of Serious Shortage Here in Ontario and Elsewhere—Will It Do Anything?

(Toronto Sun.)

POTATOES \$2 A BAG!

This remarkable price has not yet been realized on the Toronto market, but it is the opinion of one man who is close to the potato trade of this city that before February \$1.75 per bag, and probably \$2 will be received by the fortunate few who have any of the tubers to sell.

It is several years since there has been such a scarcity of potatoes throughout the land. There are not nearly enough for the demand, and the best quality of tubers may bring untold prices. There is a lot of poor stuff that will be worked off, and will tend to keep the prices down, but before spring it is quite certain that those who have to buy

will have to peel off a larger layer from their roll than will be found pleasing.

Alberta may supply us with some potatoes, though we naturally look to New Brunswick for the supply. Unfortunately the same conditions prevailed in New Brunswick as in Ontario, but in some parts of Alberta a good crop was secured.

"The conditions governing the production of potatoes have this year been as bad as last year they were good," reports the Dominion Government. The yields are as follows:

	Yield		
Bushels	Acres	Per acre	
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"In other Provinces the potato yield is also poor, excepting in Alberta and in British Columbia. In

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the former Province the total yield is 5,155,000 bushels from 27,300 acres, an average of 188.8 bushels per acre, and in the latter the yield is 3,956,000 bushels from 16,000 acres, an average of 247 bushels. In other Provinces the yield per acre is larger than in any year since 1911, when the respective yields were 211.6 and 252 bushels.

"For all Canada the quality is 84 per cent. of the standard as compared with 90 per cent. last year, but in Ontario the quality is down to 66 per cent. as compared with 101 per cent. last year. In Prince Edward Island the quality is 81; in Nova Scotia it is 76, and in New Brunswick it is 88 per cent. In Alberta the quality is good with 91 per cent and in British Columbia it is 84 per cent.

"The average price per bushel to the grower works out to 57 cents for Canada, 76 cents for Ontario and 33 cents in Alberta. Potatoes are very generally reported as affected with rot and blight, especially in Ontario, and the indications are that the keeping qualities this year will be very poor."

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
Suppose potatoes actually reach \$2 a bag or more before February what will be done? What will the Government do? Will it seize the situation and help bring potatoes across the prairies by arranging a reasonable freight rate, and in so doing link the East and the West together? Will it help distribute the crop properly and lighten the burden where it is a burden, and help the producer still where there is a surplus crop?

There is a great opportunity here for the new Marketing Commission to do something practical and helpful. The British Columbia Government sends a man across a continent to sell its supplies. That is practical. Can the Ottawa Government and its appointees not find something practical in the potato situation to lure it away from exhortation for a while?

THE U. S. SITUATION.
In the United States the yield per acre has been about average this year, being 96.3 bushels, but the total crop was over 45,000 bushels below last year. Potatoes sold on Nov. 1 at 60 cents per bushel.

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Glorious Roll of Honor

(Continued from page six.)

The 110th Battalion lost only 8 men, the 12th only 7, and the 17th only 15. These battalions not having been in any of the heavy fighting up to June 30th.

The losses in the three artillery brigades of the first division totalled 421, of whom 59 were killed, 303 wounded, 12 missing and 6 "passed."

The engineers lost 125 men, of whom 24 were killed, 77 wounded, and 4 "passed."

The Zlatheona Horse lost 76 men, with 19 killed, 51 wounded, and 5 missing.

The Royal Canadian Dragoons lost 54 men, of whom 7 were killed, and 43 wounded.

The above figures showing that most of the battalions engaged in heavy fighting lost, in one way or another, from 60 per cent. to 80 per cent. of their strength, give some idea of what the Canadians endured with stout hearts and steadfast courage. It is a sad, but glorious roll of honor which Canada's first division has won.

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