

# MARYSVILLE

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### REMEMBER THE OLD 104TH REGIMENT

(By Fred Williams)

Some time next month the people of New Brunswick are going to pay a belated tribute to the 104th Regiment, the "first colonial regiment of the line", and if we in Upper Canada have any historical gratitude at all we should be represented at the ceremony when the memorial cairn is unveiled at Fredericton. Why? Because the old 104th came to the rescue of this province when it was hard pressed in 1813 and from then until the end of the war did valiant work, taking part in many engagements, notably at Stoney Creek and Lundys Lane, and being of much value to the British regulars because of their knowledge of wood lore and bush work.

The history of the 104th was told recently to the York and Sunbury Historical Society by Mr. Sterling Brannen, himself a great grandson of one of the first members of the 104th. George Dale, who, enlisting as a private, became color sergeant of the grenadier company. The original muster roll of the 104th is a treasure of the Historical Society at Fredericton. It shows 1,000 names, all natives of New Brunswick (except a few officers), most of them sons of Loyalists, with a sprinkling of French Acadians.

#### NOTICE OF SALE

To Frank W. Rowan of the City of Fredericton, in the County of York, Province of New Brunswick, tailor, and Frances L. Rowan, his wife, and to all others whom it may in any way concern.

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Indenture of Mortgage bearing date the 17th day of December, A. D. 1927, and made between the said Frank W. Rowan and Frances L. Rowan, his wife, of the first part, and Grace L. Cooper, of the City of Fredericton aforesaid, wife of Frank L. Cooper of the second part, and duly recorded in the York county records in Book 203, pages 643-645 under number 80211, there will for the purposes of satisfying the monies secured by the said indenture of Mortgage, default having been made in the payment thereof contrary to the provisions of the said Indenture, be sold by public auction in front of the City Hall, in the City of Fredericton, in the County of York, on Monday the 26th day of August, A. D. 1935, at the hour of twelve o'clock noon, Atlantic Standard Time, the lands and premises described in the said Indenture of Mortgage as follows:

"All that certain piece or parcel of land with the appurtenances, situate in the City of Fredericton in the County aforesaid and lying on the northerly side of Shore Street, beginning at the westerly corner of a lot occupied by John Gough, thence northwesterly along Shore Street sixty feet, thence northeasterly at right angles to Shore Street aforesaid one hundred and forty-two feet or until it strikes Whittaker's line, thence southeasterly along said Whittaker's line sixty-two feet, thence along the line of the said John Gough one hundred and forty-two feet to the place of beginning. Being the same lands and premises conveyed to Henry Rowan by R. M. Smythe, H. G. Smythe and A. F. Shore by Deed dated December 15th, 1881, registered in Book 72, page 593 under official number 32258."

Together with all buildings and improvements thereon and the rights and appurtenances to the said lands and premises belonging or pertaining.

Dated at the City of Fredericton, County of York, this 15th day of July, A. D. 1935.

(Sgd.) Grace L. Cooper

Mortgagee

(Sgd.) E. Allison MacKay  
Solicitor for Mortgagee

The 104th was not the first New Brunswick Regiment. There had been the King's New Brunswick Regiment from 1793 to 1802, which was disbanded soon after the peace of Amiens. But a year later a New Brunswick Regiment of fencible infantry was ordered organized and was gazetted as His Majesty's 104th Regiment of the Line, with headquarters at Fredericton. After organization two companies were sent to Sydney, C. B., while in 1809 the regiment garrisoned St. John, relieving the 108th. Soon there began the regiment's alliance with the 8th (the King's) with whom they were to be associated in such gallant work in Upper Canada.

The 104th was disbanded at Montreal May 24, 1817, much to the regret of General Sir Gordon Drummond, who, mindful of the regiment's record in war in Upper Canada, urged that it should be continued as a unit of the British army. Less than 200 or the 1,000 who had left New Brunswick returned to their homes; many died on the battlefields up here; others succumbed to wounds and fevers; still others came back west after their disbanding at Montreal, and settled here, especially in Norfolk county, which had from the first its Loyalists from New Brunswick.

We here remember the 104th chiefly because of its share in the defence of our province; but down east the people are proudest of the regiment because of the wonderful and historic march which it made from Fredericton to Quebec in the depths of the Winter of 1813. That story was told in this column on February 27th, 1931, but it may be worth while recalling it now when the 104th is to be remembered. Sir George Prevost had 1,100 miles of frontier to defend; it was impossible to secure reinforcements from Europe, and, concluding that New Brunswick was not likely to be attacked, he decided to transfer the 104th to Quebec for use up country. But it was then Winter. How could they be got to the west? There was only one way, to march, and on February 5, 1813, an order was issued that the 104th should proceed to Quebec on snowshoes. There had been some training in the snow for a while before, the boys taking it just an exercise without any suspicion of official intentions; but the play proved valuable indeed.

On February 16, Lieut.-Col. Baskett with his staff and the grenadier company started off from Fredericton, followed day by day by the other companies. The men marched in Indian file; horses could not be used and supplies and implements had to be drawn upon toboggans. The snow

was deep; the temperatures low, one occasion 27 below zero; they were travelling through an unknown country; yet only one man met mishap and he rejoined the regiment before it reached Quebec on March 25.

There they were cheered by the military, who, realized that history had been made and by the French-Canadians, who appreciated the fact that aid had come from the east. The regiment was reviewed and congratulated by Sir George Prevost, and given a few days' rest, after which they had to resume their march for Kingston, whence their campaigning in Upper Canada began. That march from Quebec to Kingston, though gruelling in modern eyes, was easy compared with the snowshoe tramp through the Saint John and Temiscouata country, for horses could be used for baggage transport and shoulderpacks could be removed from weary backs.

When the 104th left Fredericton for Quebec a silver trumpet was presented to the regiment by the Legislature and was used all through the campaign, sounding commands not only on that famous Winter march but in many a camp and on battlefields in Upper Canada. When the regiment was disbanded that trumpet was handed to the Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick, and is supposed to be "somewhere in England". It is hoped that it can be traced and brought back to Fredericton as a souvenir of the famous 104th, but there is also a possibility that it never left the province and can be found in one of the historic Loyalist homes along the St. John.

Finally, would it not be a gracious thing if the Province of Ontario should realize its debt to the old 104th and send a message to Fredericton to be read when the cairn is unveiled next month? In any event, the Loyalists of Ontario "should remember".

Mathematics, science and foreign languages are no longer essential for a high school diploma in New York. Apparently the sole requirements are a carnation and a blue serge suit.

### Florenceville News

FLORENCEVILLE, N. B., August 12.—The Florenceville Superior School building was burned to the ground election night June 27th. The contract for re-building was given to Knox and Green of Woodstock, and while it was rather late in July when the work was begun, it will be completed ready for occupancy by September 3.

The building is of red brick 1 1/2 stories high, with ruberoid roofing. It supplies three large class-rooms, and provision by utilizing one of these rooms, a large assembly hall is available.

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