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OUR BOYS AT THE FRONT.

Part Taken by Canadians at Hart's River Fight.

LIBUT. CLARKSON, WITH "E" SQUADRON, DESCRIBES THE FIGHT.

Losses Were Severe, but the Men Steadily Held Their Ground.

Particulars of the fight at Little Hart's River on March 31, when the Canadians made such a gallant fight and met with such heavy losses, have been received in Toronto by private letters from men in the Second Canadian Mounted Rifles who took part in the engagement. Mrs. Palmer Clarkson received Tuesday two letters from her son, Lieut. E. Palmer Clarkson, who was attached to "E" Squadron, and who gives a graphic pen picture of the fight at Little Hart's River. The first letter was written on March 28, Good Friday, from the camp at which the Canadians were stationed, about five miles from Klerksdorp, and refers to a drive against the Boers, in which the Canadian stood part.

In this letter Lieut. Clarkson says:—"The big drive the other night was a terror. Fancy going on a steady trot over fifty miles of country in the pitch dark, Boers all about, and knowing that if you fell out you would be captured, and perhaps shot, and the ground full of holes, wells and bogs. It is a wonder that any got through, and there were over one thousand horses going. It was the first instance where such a movement has been made in the same time.

"We hear that they are going to send 2,000 more Canadians out, and we want them all. The Boers fight in khaki now, and it is impossible to tell who is who till you are right upon them. Why, 27 of them rode into the mounted infantry the other day, thinking they were Boers.

"Damant's Horse report that they found and buried a young Canadian. We think it is young Fraser of Halifax. He dropped out on the ride, poor chap. Every day as you march along you pass graves and deserted farms and mines, and unless you have a strong party it is a very dangerous matter to go anywhere near them, for you can never tell where a Boer is. The following is the official result of the drive we were in:—Three fifteen-pound field guns, two pompoms, 280 prisoners, 6,000 cattle and mules. The Canadians rode 98 miles in 22 hours, and the other columns rode 80 miles in 24 hours. Over 200 prisoners have surrendered since."

THE BIG FIGHT.

The letter from Lieut. Clarkson to his mother describing the Little Hart's River fight is dated April 2, from the camp then occupied by the Second Canadian Mounted Rifles. Describing the fight, Lieut. Clarkson says:—"When we left camp I was with Marshall (of Hamilton) as rear guard support, and Bruce (Carruthers) and Gault's troop, Gault (of Montreal) was not with us, were the rear guard. As the head of the column arrived on a hill they were attacked, and we were fired at in the rear. I was off going through a farm when I saw some fellows coming, and I can tell you I made a ride for it. Well, we went into camp, and had just about off-saddled, when 'ziss,' a fifteen-pound shell dropped in our horse lines, and then it began. The rear guard were cut off at the farm. It was dreadful. The shells just pounded in upon us, and if the Boers had had any good artillerymen there would not have been one of us left to tell the tale. You can also imagine the fearful surprise it was, and there was not a bit of cover anywhere. There were 3,000 Boers at us, and they gave us hell. Soon, though the officers got the men together, and we lay down on the veldt and returned their fire.

"Poor Ralph Markham of St John, got it through each leg, just next to me, and the men and horses were going down everywhere. I managed to get a few men together, and we worked at getting a trench built. One poor fellow was shot right through the head just as he was lifting down some oats from the wagon. I got a small place built, and then I could not stand it any longer. I only had two men by that time, and they got into a trench and I had to go and look for a

place for myself. I saw Dixon and Capt. McDonald making a barb-wire sanger, so I went to help them. The wire was cut by bullets three times, but eventually we got it done. Then I went and shot a horse, and with two men got down behind it and went on firing. The shell fire lasted for two hours, then by that time our guns had made them retire.

"The worst part of it was that our rear guard had been cut off, and we did not expect ever to see them alive again. But there was no time for surmise; we had to entrench the camp. This was simply a matter of dig, dig all night, and await an attack.

LIEUT. CARRUTHERS' PARTY.

"We sent our ambulances out and they began to come in with the wounded and dead. Out of Gault's troop four of them were killed, and all but four wounded, one man losing an arm and an eye, while one chap had seven holes in him. Bruce (Carruthers) came in with fourteen bullet holes through his serge, and his haversack was riddled, but he was not hit, thank goodness, and the men that are left say he is a hero, and he is.

"The official lists are not out yet, but we, the Canadian Mounted Rifles, have eighteen killed, fifty wounded and over 100 horses gone. Two of the wounded have since died. Out of eight killed, five were of "E" squadron.

"We were relieved by General Kitchener the next day at 12 o'clock, and the cheers that went up from our camp showed how we all felt. We hear that 300 of the Boers were put out of action.

"The Canadians fought like bricks, and now I understand why the Canadians are thought of in the way they are."

Old Age.

Old age as it comes in the orderly process of Nature is a beautiful and majestic thing. The very shadow of eclipse which threatens it, makes it the more prized. It stands for experience, knowledge, wisdom and counsel. That is old age as it should be. But old age as it so often is means nothing but a second childhood of mind and body. What makes the difference? Very largely the care of the stomach. In youth and the full strength of manhood it doesn't seem to matter how we treat the stomach. We abuse it, overwork it, injure it. We don't suffer from it much. But when age comes the stomach is worn out. It can't prepare and distribute the needed nourishment to the body, and the body, unenriched, falls into senile decay. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is a wonderful medicine for old people whose stomachs are "weak" and whose digestions are "poor." Its invigorating effects are felt by mind as well as body. It takes the sting from old age, and makes old people strong.

Camps for cavalry and artillery will be held as usual this summer, but it does not seem likely that their will be infantry camps. It is probable, however, that in September officers of rural infantry regiments, and perhaps non-commissioned officers, will be assembled for instruction.

Mistress—Kate, I found the gas escaping in the kitchen last night. You must never blow it out. Kate—I didn't, mum; I turned it out, then turned it on again to have it ready to light in the morning. —Lippincott's Magazine.

Don't let worms gnaw at the vitals of your children. Give them Dr. Low's Pleasant Worm Syrup and they'll soon be rid of these parasites. Price 25c.

Now it is discovered that all who go to London to attend the Coronation can come back with a ducal coronet in their possession. An enterprising German firm has made a delightful imitation in silver gilt, which they sell in the British capital for 25 cents a piece. Thus the tourists will all be able to show their friends how they would look in the hall of a duchess—"made in Germany."

LAXA-LIVER PILLS regulate the bowels, cure constipation, dyspepsia, biliousness, sick headache and all affections of the organs of digestion.

Three masked and armed men blew the safe at the Lake Shore freight station, Cleveland, Ohio, Monday morning, and secured about \$500. They had a violent struggle with the night watchman and overpowered him.

Anyone troubled with boils, pimples, rashes, festering sores, or any chronic or malignant skin disease, should use Burdock Blood Bitters externally and take internally. It will cure where others fail.

CARD PLAYING.

Theatre Going Dancing Are Subjects.

THAT ARE "UP TO" INDIVIDUALS TO DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES.

Mooted Question Discussed by Methodist Ministers.

(Boston Globe.)

Methodism appears to be getting ready to again discuss the mooted question of whether or not the church should retain its present rule prohibiting members from dancing, attending the theatres and playing cards.

This has always been a subject on which there has been a divergence of opinion, both on the part of the clergy and of the laity, and a new interest has been lent to it through a recent meeting of the Methodist ministers of Chicago, at which it was urged that the laws of the Methodist discipline forbidding indulgence in these amusements be modified to conform to more modern ideas.

The discussion has extended to other large centers, and while as yet no formal move has been made in that direction, it is likely that the next general conference will be asked to annul these particular rules.

Interviews with prominent local clergymen and laymen developed the fact that the question is not yet regarded as a very "live" one here, although there are not a few who believe that it will be one of the important subjects for consideration at the next general conference, about two years hence.

Rev Dr Charles Parkhurst, editor of Zion's Herald, when asked for his opinion on the matter, said:

"The Chicago episode is only a local symptom. It is yet too far from the next general conference for any organized effort along this line.

"Personally, while I believe with Bishop Foster and others that these questions ought to be left to one's own conscience, I do not think that the rule will be annulled.

"Probably a large majority of Methodists and especially lay members, fear that such a step would be regarded as a species of spiritual declension, rather than merely the changing of the Methodist church's time-honored policy."

Rev. Dr. George A. Crawford, of this city, whose interest in the question led him to write and publish a pamphlet dealing with the matter a few years ago, said:

"It can hardly be said that the question of annulling the rule against dancing and card playing is a burning issue among Methodists in this vicinity just at present. However, I believe the agitation of the subject will continue until the rule is finally eliminated.

"I am not speaking in defence of the practices which the rule of the church forbids, but I believe in having a few well-established principles of church polity and leaving them to be worked out by the individual according to the dictates of his or her conscience.

"I have never had any trouble, personally, in getting the young people of my various charges to obey the rule in question, and I have never tried to discipline anyone, either young or old, for any infraction of it. I do not believe the average minister would dare to do such a thing.

"I remember one case where a certain clergyman in the New England conference rebuked a lady, a member of his church, for attending the theatre. Not long afterward she again disobeyed the rule, and to her surprise, and perhaps relief, noticed in the playhouse one of the leading male members of the church in charge of a theatre party.

"There is no question that a church member can get very little good out of the average play of the present day, but the question of whether he shall attend them would better be left to conscience and not made subject to rules that are not enforced."

Rev. Dr. Joseph H. Mansfield, presiding elder of the Lynn district, said:

"I believe the whole question should be taken from the mandatory rules of the discipline and placed under what is known as the advisory section. At the last general conference I personally made

this suggestion, and I would not be surprised if the general conference of 1901 took such action. The question is one to be regulated by the individual.

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Lieut Joseph Irving, of the C. M. R., belonging to the western contingent, fell from the train while en route to Halifax. He missed his footing while endeavoring to pass from one car to another, and fell down an embankment. The train was stopped, and Irving was found in a dazed condition. His injuries consist of bruises about the head.

WHAT YOU DO, DO IT WELL.

This Is Important For Health-Building in May.

Thousands of Cures Made By PAINE'S CELERY COMPOUND

Should Convince You of Its Value.

"What you do, do it well," is the golden rule of business life. This rule and far reaching command can be profitably observed in many other conditions of life. In sickness and suffering it is all-important that "what you do" to banish disease and restore lost health, should be well done. While prudence and common sense will, in nearly every instance, direct you aright, the experience of your friends and neighbors and the thousands rescued from sickness and suffering, will point directly to Paine's Celery Compound as the infallible health-giver.

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Most of the Boers in the field are alleged to be favourably disposed towards peace, but Delarey's commando has a number of people who have burned their bridges in a liberal as well as figurative sense. Some of them are also mercenaries who do not want to vote themselves out of a job. In the meantime the great mass of the Boers, being in British prison camps and concentration camps, remain a silent majority. They certainly ought to have a vote.

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Mr. Barton, the Australian Premier, having been invited by Sir Wilfred Laurier, on behalf of leading manufacturing and commercial bodies, to visit Canada after the Coronation, Mr. Barton will return to Australia via Canada if possible. Canada is a sort of half-way house between other British points than England and Australia, too. There are other representatives we would also like to see.

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The recent census returns show that the population of Belgium now stands at 6,693,810, having doubled during the last 69 years. Belgium is now the most densely populated country in Europe.

Lifebuoy Soap—disinfectant—is strongly recommended by the medical profession as a safeguard against infectious diseases.

It is believed that the executors of the late Cecil Rhodes will have a huge sum at their disposal after the educational schemes have been carried out and the few private bequests paid. They will have a free hand in spending money on irrigation in South Africa and on the settlement of British men and women in that part of the Empire.

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