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THE GARB OF OLD GAUL - Part II

A few months, from now at any one of the many Caledonian or Scottish Games held in Canada during the summer, you may see twenty or thirty pipe-bands each displaying a different tartan, dozens of dancers dressed in velvet and the kilts of many clans, and a good number of tweed-jacketed men wearing the kilt in its modern fashion.

Many of you will wonder at the variety of tartans so displayed, and a few perhaps will wonder why there are so many different patterns and will remark the similarities among them, which are even more startling than the differences.

The history of the tartan or the BREAGAN to give it its ancient name is a long one, going back perhaps three thousand years to its beginnings. Even at such remote times, probably one thousand years before the beginning of the Christian Era, Ireland or to give her the old name ERIU, had reached a high state of cultural development, organized much along the lines of a modern democracy, with, however, much greater attention to the actual spirit of democracy.

One of the few privileges of the ruling classes was the wearing of garments coloured to show their rank. The high king or ARD-RI could wear garments of seven colours, the princes and chief counselors could wear six colours, the bards and harpers five colours, and so on.

Such was the beginning of the modern, complex family tartan. When the Western Highlands of Scotland were colonised by these same people some twelve hundred years later (about 300 or 400 A.D.) their customs came with them. The qualifications for wearing colours gradually changed. At first only the highest ranking persons wore the brighter colours. Gradually the privilege became common and the saffron shirt was discarded in favor of tartan garments.

The tartan had originally no family significance. However the people of one particular area would become accustomed to a particular design and come to regard it as their own. To this day several regional tartans exist, notably in the Hebrides and in Sutherlandshire where the people wear a peculiar pattern known as "Strathnaver tartan" or "Ancient MacKay".

As the patterns became more numerous and were worn by increasing numbers they acquired a clan significance. The followers of one chief wore his colours or tartan to show their allegiance.

As the clan system spread and became more complex, with splitting of families and the formation of powerful clans within clans, the tartans were varied by the addition of minor distinguishing changes, new lines or different colours. So to-day, one finds a number of tartans all with the same basic name but with regional distinctions such as:

Macdonald of the Isles
Macdonald of Sleat
Macdonald of Clanranald
Macdonell of Glengarry.

As the Highlands became more civilized and the Chieftains and Lairds entered court society, they fashioned for themselves new and personal variations of the clan tartans, which eventually became the "dress" tartans of to-day.

Many of the tartans so common in the shops now, however, have a much different origin, having been developed in the minds of canny Scottish business men, no longer ago than the beginning of the nineteenth century. Among this group are the Dress Macpherson tartan and

the Dress MacLeod tartan which first appeared in the pages of VESTIARIUM SCOTICUM which was published in 1842.

Others have appeared at an even later date than these. Indeed in the latter half of the nineteenth century and the first half of our own Scotland broke out in a rash of violently coloured and badly designed fake and fancy "clan tartans", claimed mainly by the Low-land families who did not wish to be outdone in splendor by their Highland countrymen.

Of the three hundred or more tartans known to-day only one hundred and fifty can be considered as genuine tartans with some historical background.

Members of this regiment may take comfort from the knowledge that the Davidson tartan, which we so proudly wear, is indisputably of ancient origin and not the result of the pipe dream of some commercial genius.

I.O.D.E. NOTES

With the Annual Meeting on February 15, 1951, the 48th Highlanders' Chapter I.O.D.E. ended their 44th year. It was a year which included the continuance of regular projects, the renewal of some of the war-time projects and an increase in our welfare work.

The annual projects included the presentation of a rifle to the best shot at St. Andrew's College, the sending of prizes and Christmas gifts to Westree School in northern Ontario; the shipment of monthly boxes overseas; regular gifts and visits to hospitalized veterans and donations to the Neighbourhood Workers' Association towards Bolton Camp and the Christmas Exchange. Fourteen families received material during the year and one high school bursary is being paid. Wartime work included knitting and the shipment of 28 Christmas boxes to men in Canada's special forces.

At three meetings special speakers were heard: Mrs. D. W. McGibbon of the Children's Film Library; Miss Touchburn of The Neighbourhood Workers' Association and Mrs. Egmont Frankel of the Cancer Research of Ontario.

A successful Carnival was held in the Armouries in May to enable the Chapter to continue the work it has been doing for so many years. Several new members were enrolled but more are needed that we may maintain the reputation and live up to the motto of the Chapter and the Regiment - "Dileas Gu Brath" - "Faithful Forever".

THE SERGEANT'S' MESS

The Annual Election of Officers was held on Monday, December 11, at which time CSM F. Wigmore MM was elected President to succeed CSM S. Montgomery MM. The new Board has CSM S. Clarke as Vice-President; CSM W. Stewart, Secretary; Sgt. R. E. G. Kenzie, Treasurer; and Committee Members - CQMS A.M. Hood, Sgt. A. Johnson and Sgt. Wood.

Childish laughter replaced the usual cries of "fifteen-two" on Saturday, December 16 as the Mess held their Annual Christmas Party. It was a most enjoyable affair and the committee, headed by CSM S. Clarke, earned the thanks of all members and their families.

A very successful Hogmonay Party was held in the Mess Parlour on Friday, December 29. It is hoped that this will become an annual affair.

New Year's Day 1951 was celebrated in the traditional manner, the Mess Members parading to the Regimental Memorial for an early morning service. A wreath was placed to the memory of our fallen comrades following which the members returned to hold "Open House" in the Mess. We were very pleased to welcome the Regiment's Officers, past and present, as our guests.

We split the shooting competitions - beating the QOR but bowing to our own officers. Regardless of the outcome, a good time is always enjoyed by all at these get-togethers.

A very successful shoot was held with the Queens Own, on January 27, in competition for the silver plated toilet seat complete with issue roll. Spoons were won by CQMS Trent and Newlands also Sgt. Young. A get-together and dinner was held in the mess after.

The Officers Shoot was held on January 22nd. This is an annual affair for the Lt/Col. Don MacKenzie Cup. The shoot was held under difficulties - all the rifles were loaned by the "Q" Stores of the University OTC, so we shot with rifles without sights and all B.L.R.D.-scores were favourable with the Officers winning. We all enjoyed the dinner as we always do when someone else plays!

THE REGIMENTAL HISTORY OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN REGIMENT

The RCR was formed on December 21, 1883 as the "Infantry School Corps" consisting of three companies: "A" at Fredericton, N.B., "B" at St. Johns, Quebec and "C" at Toronto, Ontario. "D" Company at London, Ontario was organized on August 18, 1887. Its later designations have been: "Canadian Regiment of Infantry" May 24, 1892, "The Royal Regiment of Canadian Infantry" August 11, 1893, "The Royal Canadian Regiment of Infantry" April 1, 1899 and "The Royal Canadian Regiment" November 1, 1901.

North-West Canada, 1885: Half of "C" Company, Infantry School Corps, joined General Middleton's column which proceeded from du'Appelle to the South Saskatchewan River, the other half company proceeded with Lt./Col. Otter's column from Swift Current to the relief of Battleford.

Yukon, 1898: The Royal Regiment of Canadian Infantry served in the Yukon Field Force, organized in March, 1898 at the time of the Gold Rush.

South African War, 1898-1902: The Regiment raised the 2nd (Special Service) Battalion, RCR; which distinguished itself at Paardeberg on February 27, 1900, and the 3rd (Special Service) Battalion which garrisoned Halifax Fortress from March 1900 to September 1902.

First World War 1914-19: In September, 1914, the Regiment was dispatched to Bermuda for Garrison duty. It returned to Canada on August 17, 1915 and eight days later proceeded to England. On November 1, 1915, it landed in France and joined the Canadian Corps as Corps troops. On December 24, 1915, the RCR as a unit of the 7th Canadian Infantry Brigade, joined the newly formed 3rd Canadian Division, with which it served until hostilities ended. During operations near Cambrai on September 27, 1918, Lt. Milton F. Gregg won the V.C. The Regiment's total battle casualties in the First World War were 2805, of which 704 were fatal.

Second World War: The Regiment was mobilized on September 1, 1939 as a unit of the 1st Canadian Infantry Brigade, 1st Canadian Division and arrived in the United Kingdom on December 30, 1939. In June, 1940, it participated in the expedition to Brittany, reaching a point beyond Laval before being ordered back. In Sicily the Regiment took part in the assault landing at Pachino on July 10, 1943, and in subsequent operations at Valguarnera, Nissoria and Regalbuto. The RCR landed at

Reggio, Italy, on September 3, 1943 and took part in operations at Motta, Campobasso, San Leonardo, Casa Berardi, and the advance north-west of Ortona. Operations in 1944 included the static period in the Ortona Salient, the Liri Valley pursuit, Gothic Line, Rimini, the approach to Cesena, and the advance from the Lamone to the Senio. Early in 1945 the Regiment moved to Holland, where in April it fought its last action at Apeldoorn. The Regiment's battle casualties in the Second World War were 1327, of which 369 were fatal.

Battle Honours: "Saskatchewan" "North West Canada, 1885" "Paardeberg" "South Africa, 1899-1900" "Mount Sorrel" "Somme, 1916" "Flers-Corcellette" "Ancre Heights" "Arras 1917, '18" "Vimy, 1917" "Hill 70" "Ypres, 1917" "Passchendaele" "Amiens" "Scarpe, 1918" "Hindenburg Line" "Canal du Nord" "Pursuit to Mons" "France and Flanders 1915, 1918".

Regimental Headquarters is at Petawawa, Ontario. The Regiment is allied with the Gloucestershire Regiment. The Regimental march is "St. Catharine's March".

We would like to state here and now, once and for all, that Pte. Knisely is NOT the chief shareholder on the O'Keefe Brewing Company. He just drinks the stuff to be sociable, that's all.

Remember, fellows, a woman is as old as she looks. A man is old when he stops looking!

Don't forget to hand any little gems that come into your possession which you would like to see in print, into Sgt. Parmiter. We can always use these little bits to fill up the odd tail space in our paper.

"A" COMPANY

Captain Featherstone has taken over as our new Company Comdr. from Major Kilgour who has taken over the duties as Regimental Training Officer. After all the fellows lost to Support Company in the past few years, we have finally been awarded by taking on Lt. Cooper, who is digging in as Platoon Officer. We have lost some great guys to the Korean Force - Joes like Stan Carr, Pete Walker and Burton. The Air Force and civilian employment called four of our good Cpls., Doug and Ralph Redford, Pete Sutherland and Ken Porter. Our newer members are too numerous to mention - so "welcome boys".

Capt. Hasler had a happy occasion - a brand new baby girl. Cpl. Thomson did nothing better to add to the strength of the Company - a baby girl also.

It could be considered that we started off well in the baseball league. Support Company failed to "put up" -- so we took the game by default (9-0). Who mentioned #***&!! Volleyball?

The 39th MacGregor Shoot was held at Long Branch on February 3. It was a bit chilly on the knees - somewhere around zero with about a foot of snow. It was a great shoot with many of the old MacGregor boys in attendance. The commemoration of our Capt. who fell at St. Julien was carried out with all traditions. Lt. Chipman won the MacGregor

Trophy, Sgt. Venton the Mitchell Shield, CSM Church rode off accompanied by Quarters Trent on large birds donated by the Sergeant's Mess. Capt. Featherstone won the old hen. CSM Clarke and Cpl. Thomson were given jugs - they both had bad colds. The much-contended for booby prize had to be given a lot of consideration - Shrubshall and Calvert marched out with some extra rounds and shot again in the general direction of Lake Ontario - Cpl. Calvert held his own and scored up another Zero to win the booby. Our pipers and drummers were in full swing. Someone said "Music is the language of the universe", but you should have heard language one of the drummers heard when he got home. We shall let it go at that: someone scratched all over the secretary's notes.

Best of luck to you, Mr. Chisholm, on your course, - show those Camp Borden chaps how its done in Able.

Before we roll along - remember our brand new trophy cabinet and lets keep it shining with silver.

"C" COMPANY

Our Editor has taken to playing the pipes so I will try and cover off until we elect a new editor.

The change over still continues in our Company. We have several new members to help replace members who have joined the P.F. and also those who have been S.O.S.

We would like to welcome to our Company the following: Pte. Seover, Pte. Bailey, Pte. Williamson, Pte. Carrie, and Pte. Bradbrook.

We have good representation of our Company on the N.C.O.'s course. Those trying for qualification are Cpl. Paterson, Cpl. Saunders and Ptes. Anderson, Murry, Parkman, and Blagden - the best of luck fellows it won't be for the want of trying if you do not succeed.

We are looking forward to May when the 46th really comes into its own. We pledge full support to all activities whether it be fatigues or parades.

Our Ball Team? It is a question --were beaten by a pitcher in "D" Company--we say a pitcher because we did not get a chance to see any fielding, so until we do we admit we were beaten by a pitcher and no other excuses.

We would like to congratulate Cpl. Carr on his promotion. Keep it up, its good work.

Now that our Major has been relieved of his duties over at the Officer's Mess we are told he will be back on the warpath--watch those sporrans he's really after them.

In the near future we hope to have our annual dinner. The committee are getting lined up for a bang-up do so get after them and give them your ideas its your money and its you that are going to spend it.

There has not been too much activity since the last Falcon was published, but we will have plenty to write for the next so for now let's keep after those recruits. It takes a while to fill those holes made by the P.F. and they were as you know some of the best.

Doubling Up

The personnel manager was interviewing a man for a job. "How long did you work in the other place?" "Sixty-five years", was the answer. "How old are you?" "I'm 40." "How could you work 65 years when you are only 40 years old?" "Overtime," was the snappy reply.

SUPPORT REPORTS:

That one dozen of her stalwarts were seen riding through Oshawa early one Sunday morning (400 hours) in one jeep. "What about it Don?"

That ex-sergeant Johnny Weed is the proud "popper" of a five pound three ounce baby girl.

5. That Jane (Russell) Luttrell and Ava (Gardner) Cowisan were accompanied to the Masquerade Ball at the Club by "Texas" Kenzie.

That three of her brood have volunteered for the Special Force. Lt. Cowan, Bill Kelly, and Don Worsfold. "Good luck".

That the Track and Wheel Platoon held a combined party and scheme at the country estate of Lt. Ware.

That one of her ex-officers (who has since gone to the Special Force) was spotted swiping light bulbs from the Empire Hotel in North Bay.

That she would like to congratulate Corporal Howard and Private Buck on their recent marriages.

That two of her Corporals from Anti-Tank were seen sporting a squaw downtown early one morning.

That the motto of her sergeant-major is "Oh, Mother pin a ROSE on me" since the arrival of the windows for his dream home.

That a fine game of English rugger was in progress late one Sunday night in the Transport Room.

STORE NOTES

Greetings to all our friends throughout the Regiment, and we do not use the word "friend" carelessly. At least we hope we have no enemies.

As every soldier knows there are only two sizes in the Army - too big or too small; and as Canada's commitment outside the Country gets bigger, so the supplies of all kinds in the stores get smaller. We are now scraping the bottom of the barrel, and at present the barrel looks like a nail keg. However, keep your chin up, someday soon, we hope to have "just your fit".

While on the subject we thank our recruits of the past few weeks who have made the best of what we had, and smiled about it.

When it comes to shooting our Store Staff are right in there. In the recent shoots you will find their names among the top scores. Some cynic will surely say they have more time and Ammo than anybody else. Don't you believe them, they are busy disturbing the ghost or spirits of all past QMS that ever lodged in these old Armouries. Our recent working parties will attest to that. Already we have been cursed by the "Seven Harry Hounds of Hell", or the equivalent thereof.

All this is leading up to one thing. In May, we will celebrate our 60th birthday and our own little department is busy preparing for it. Many nights of hard work have already been put in, and sometime in the future you boys in the fighting part of the unit will be doing a lot of spitting and polishing and swearing. We want you boys to look very smart so we can get the credit for it. More power to your elbows boys - 'elbow-grease' we mean.

This is all for now from your Quarter Master Stores. Not a half, nor a whole just a quarter. Sometime just fifty-cents!

P.S. Will the man who took off his "briefers" to try on a smaller kilt, come to the stores and retrieve them?

OLD COMRADES NEWS

Greetings to all the readers of the "Falcon" from the boys at the Memorial Hall, 519 Church Street. The CLUB is still there for you, as a member, to patronize. It is being operated efficiently as evidenced by the financial report read at our last general meeting. The election is a thing of the past now and Herbie Helliker is the lad at the helm, Eddie Alves is the mate, Jimmy Lawrie is the purser, Wally Moore, your secretary and the executive is composed of Charles McLean Jim Shepherd, Sam Leake, Jock Edmondson, Frank Jamieson, George Lovegrove and Bob Lawrie. Frank North is still the marshall and is longing for the day when he can report "400" present at a general meeting. From this group of men, you can readily see that your club is in good hands. In passing, I might bring to your attention, the fact that the annual meeting was very poorly attended - a little under 200 members were present. If you were one of the boys that stayed at home, don't let it happen again huh? Support the executive that you elected. They give of their time and effort very generously for nary a red copper and believe me, it is very discouraging to witness such a lack of interest by the general membership of one of the finest, if not the finest Veterans' Clubs on the American Continent. Just read and digest the following little ditty: -

ARE YOU A REAL MEMBER OR DO YOU JUST BELONG?

Are you an active member,
The kind that would be missed,
Or are you just contented
That your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings,
And mingle with the crowds,
Or do you stay at home,
And crab both long and loud?

Do you take an active part
To help your Club along,
Or are you satisfied to be,
The kind to "just belong"?

Do you ever go to visit
A member who is sick,
Or leave the work to just a few,
And talk about "the clique"?

There is quite a program scheduled,
That means success if done,
And it can be accomplished
With the help of every one.

So attend the meetings regularly
And help with hand and heart,
Don't be just a member
But take an active part.

What do you think of the cost-of-living these days? Terrific huh? They soak you a dollar to have your hair trimmed. Oh well, one consolation fellah, your membership fees are STILL \$2.00 (Two, that is). They are due you know, so if you have not looked after this little

item, do it now huh? Send along your cheque or money order to the Club, and the office will send your card to you pronto. Please note that the secretary will strike your name off the mailing list if your membership is not renewed before March 31st. Don't let this happen to you. By the way, to ensure that your bulletin reaches you, notify the secretary of any change of address immediately. If you are a member in good standing and are not receiving a bulletin, give the secretary a buzz and he will try and have this rectified.

Ladies Nights are well attended on Saturday evenings. Bob Lawrie, chairman, and his assistant, Al Mitchell, are doing a swell job. They have an orchestra beating it out and from all reports, the folks really have a "whale of a time". That is what we like to see, people enjoying themselves to the full. Its later than you think you know!! Just a word of advice, if you intend to bring the good lady down to a Saturday Evening Affair, be there before 8.30 p.m. You won't get a seat after that time - no fooling!

The Burns Supper was held at the Club recently. The ladies joined in the fun this year and so help me, it was a grand affair. Everybody enjoyed themselves. The Rev. Capt. Ross Cameron, our guest speaker, spoke on the "Life of Burns" and I am sure everybody revelled in what he had to say, judging by the attentive reception given his address. Of course, it was given as only our padre can give it - and he's a Cameron! The remainder of the evening was turned over to the folks who wanted to sweat and toil, dancing that is (modern and highland). All in all, it was a grand evening and our thanks go to those who made it possible by their hard work.

Unfortunately, I have no information pertaining to future functions at the Club. However, keep your eyes and ears open and be sure to support them. Oh yes - future dates??? You had better get a three day pass from the wife for May 25, 26 and 27th. It is the Diamond Jubilee of the Regiment and God willing, it is really going to be something. Boys we fought with, marched with, kibitzed with, etc. are re-uniting in Toronto. They will be drifting in from all across the country and from our neighbour in the South. Here is a rough set-up of the program: -

Friday - Registration for \$1.00 and Unit get-togethers.
Register at the Club, 519 Church Street.

Saturday
Afternoon - The Trooping of the Colour at Varsity Stadium.

Saturday
Evening - Regimental Dinner at the Armouries.

Sunday - Church Parade to the Memorial in Queen's Park.

Register now and for gosh sakes, if you know of any Highlander in your district or in the States, or anywhere, contact him and let him in on this big affair. Talk nothing but REUNION, REUNION. Give the Club your friend's name and address, if he is a highlander, and in this way he will be kept posted on the details. In passing, I might say that if you know of any person who is in a position to give the Reunion a plug in the way of advertising, you are helping us by giving him the "gen". SO-----REGISTER NOW PAL.

A number of boys from the Regiment have enlisted with the Special Service Force - some are probably in the war zone to-day. To these boys, we sincerely hope and pray that their absence from us will be short and that God protect you and keep you. I understand from Mrs. Alec Sinclair, 48th Highlanders Chapter I.O.D.E. that the boys were well looked after during Christmas. On their behalf, Mrs. Sinclair,

thanks a million. If you know of any 48th Highlander who has enlisted with the Forces, please let Mrs. Sinclair know of his whereabouts if possible.

Joe McPhail, Jock Baird (the assistant manager) and Jack Deacon (from New York), are all planning visits to the Old Country and Land of the Heather. So if you have any old addresses----????? May the lads have a good trip and the best time ever.

To the boys in hospital, unfortunately, we have a number of our comrades in Sunnybrook and other military hospitals. Same Leake and his Committee have this chore well in hand and we can be assured that they are being looked after. Sorry to report that our genial man-behind-the-bar "Jimmy" Wilson is seriously ill--the ticker is acting up I understand. To you Jimmy and all the boys - hurry up and get back on the job - we miss you! Harry Sershall just got over an operation - left one-third of his tummy at Sunnybrook I understand. That's rough Harry, but look at the money you save.

Well boys, that's it. The old typewriter doesn't know how to spell so I'll say, cheerio and a pip-pip. See you at the Club and don't forget the pass for the REUNION, and I do mean 'REUNION'.

THE DRUM MAJOR GETS A NEW SASH

The ceremony of presenting Drum Major Colin Gordon with a beautiful new sash was carried through at the regular parade on Friday Evening, March 16. The Regiment paraded and The Commanding Officer ordered Pipe Major Fraser and Drum Major Gordon to fall out. With the Commanding Officer was the Honourary Colonel, Lt. Col. K. R. Marshal who has served with The 48th since 1905 and commanded the Regiment shortly after the close of World War I. The sash is the gift of Lt. Col. Marshal. Lt. Col. George stated briefly the purpose of the ceremony indicating that the Drum Major's present sash has been in use since the Regiment was first organized during the reign of Queen Victoria and thanking Lt. Col. Marshal for this timely, thoughtful and beautiful gift. In making the presentation Col. Marshal expressed his pleasure in the privilege thus afforded him and the hope that it would be used as long or longer than the former sash.

The Sash has been beautifully designed and wrought in Britain. The base colour is navy blue heavily overlaid with scarlet and gold braid. At the top there is the Royal Crown over the letters G.R.VI. Beneath this are the words The 48th Highlanders of Canada over The Regimental Crest embroidered in yellow, black and brown surrounded by the traditional wreath of Tudor roses, maple leaves, thistles and shamrocks. At the bottom of the Sash are the regimental Battle Honours from The Boer War on in gold lettering on a scarlet base with six spaces reserved for the Honours of World War II. Perpendicularly on either side of the Battle Honours is a black, gold-mounted drum stick attached to the Sash by loops of gold braid.

The Regiment is exceedingly grateful to its Honourary Colonel for this beautiful, useful and valuable gift indicating, among other things, Col. Marshal's continued deep interest in and constant desire to help and serve "The 48th".

"For years," said the little woman, "I didn't know where my husband spent his evenings. One night I got home early, and there he was."

MR. STEPHEN AND MR. WIGMORE R.S.M.S.

On Friday Evening, February 16, an interesting ceremony took place in The Sergeant's Mess when Mr. G. M. Stephen, W.O.I, R.S.M. for the last two years handed over his responsibilities to the new R.S.M. W.O.II F. Wigmore. Mr. Stephen fittingly introduced Mr. Wigmore to the members of The Mess in the presence of The Commanding Officer, Company Commanders, Paymaster and Capt. Iain MacDay, one of the medical officers. Mr. Stephen's long, valuable service was recognized and appreciation expressed by Lt. Col. George.

Mr. George Mathieson Stephen is a native of Aberdeen where he was born in the year 1900. He is a graduate in Agricultural Engineering from The University of Saskatchewan and for many years has been a teacher in The Danforth Technical School in Toronto. His military career has been long, honourable and distinguished. In 1910 he enlisted in The 12th York Rangers transferring to the 48th Highlanders in 1913. During World War I Mr. Stephen was severely wounded in The Battle of Ypres. Between the wars he kept his association with The Regiment becoming P.S.M. on active service in 1939, C.S.M. 1940, A/R.S.M. in 1948 and R.S.M. with the rank of W.O.I in May, 1949. Mr. Stephen was an excellent soldier and in every detail of deportment, dress and dealing with men and officers an exemplary R.S.M. His decorations are as follows: 1914-1915 Star, General Service Medal, Victory Medal, 1939-1945 Star, Italy Star, Defence Medal, C.V.S.M. and Clasp, War Medal 1939-1945, and the Long Service Medal C.E.M. and two clasps. R.S.M. Stephen will be remembered long and genuinely missed by all ranks.

Our new R.S.M., W.O.II Frederick Wigmore also has an outstanding record of service. He was born in 1903 in Borden, Surrey, England. His service in Canada has been with The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in which he was C.S.M. for a year and previous to this and since 1949 he has been W.O.II in The 48th Highlanders. Mr. Wigmore now is A/R.S.M. and will carry on the finest tradition of The Regiment for efficiency in appearance and deportment and relationships between men of all ranks. Our new R.S.M. wears the following decorations: The Military Medal, Iraq Medal, 1939-1945 Star, Italy Star, France-Germany Star, Defence Medal, C.V.S.M. and Clasp and 1939-1945 War Medal. The whole regiment wishes him the best of everything in his new responsibilities and important post.

Once a reader wrote to a newspaper editor and asked, "Why do we ever have hard times?"

This answer was given: "Lady, hard times is a period when people quit feeding the cow, and wonder why she gives less milk."

One of the shortest letters on record was written by a N.Y. renter in response to his landlord's notice to vacate the house at once. Aware of his rights under state regulations the renter replied:

"Sir:

"I remain,
Yours truly."

CADET NEWS

At the commencement of this year Lt. J. Hill, 2/Lt. R. Owen, 2/Lt. H. Macleod were posted with the cadets to represent the Regiment and assist them with Administration and training.

To begin with the cadets training consisted mostly of foot and rifle drill. This was necessary due to the great number of recruits. However a good syllabus has now been drawn up by Mr. Owen, which has broken the training period up into half drill and half small arms lectures. This has been in practise for some time and is proving quite satisfactory.

An N.C.O.'s course was started at the early part of the year for those cadets wishing to qualify as N.C.O.'s. The attendance and interest of the cadets in this course has been excellent. This course is supervised by N.C.O.s from the Regiment every Tuesday night.

One of the chief problems has been the lack of uniforms. However we feel that problem will soon be overcome. Many ideas are under consideration, such as having a regimental baseball night with the proceeds going to the cadets, or a dance being held at the Old Comrades Club by the cadets.

The cadet pipe band has had it's problems this year, such as finding a place to hold it's practices. Recently they have been using the men's canteen to hold their practices with the possible resentment of some of the instructors, who unfortunately have to give their lectures in the lecture rooms so closely situated to the men's canteen. The pipe band have their uniform problems too. Some of the uniforms seem to have suffered recent moth conventions that invariably take place in "Q" stores.

The bugle band have made excellent progress, as evident by their parades under capable hands - S.M. Burkardt. They too also have the problem (strangely enough) of uniforms, and finance, as musical instruments are rather costly, not to mention of course any repairs to these instruments, such as covering a drum etc.

Recruiting and attendance have been good recently, and we hope to have many more recruits. We now have two platoons, No. 1 platoon consisting of the more experienced cadets and No.2 platoon consisting of the less experienced cadets and recruits. We hope to be parading 100 cadets or more by the end of the year.

THE DIAMOND JUBILEE OF THE FORTY-EIGHTH HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA

Sixty years of service to King and Country will be marked by The Regiment on May 25, 26, and 27. This will be the occasion of the greatest re-union The Regiment ever has held. The Trooping of The Colours in Varsity Stadium on the afternoon of Saturday, May 26, a great re-union dinner in the University Avenue Armouries in the evening will be two of the features of the celebration. Also there will be a memorial service at the Regimental Memorial in Queen's Park at 3 p.m., Sunday, May 27.

Keep these days as free as possible, advertise them as widely as possible and let's make this a real occasion for increasing the morale and enlarging the service which The 48th can continue to render in these days when that service is needed more than ever before.