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# The End of the Great War

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Spanish Influenza,  
Armistice & Returning  
Soldiers

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October 16, 1918 – Schools and Churches Now Closed...Public Gatherings of all Kinds Have Been Forbidden

**As a safeguard against the spread of Spanish influenza in Copper Cliff, all schools, churches, theatres, pool rooms, etc., have been ordered closed and public meetings forbidden in an order issued by Medical Officer of Health, Dr. McCauley, yesterday morning, and which is already in effect. The order reads:**

**"By virtue of the powers conferred upon me by the Public Health Act, you are hereby notified that all schools, churches, moving picture houses, pool rooms and all places of amusement are hereby ordered closed until further notice. Kindly govern yourself accordingly.**

**W. A. McCAULEY,  
M.O.H.**

**A PREVENTATIVE MEASURE.**

**There has been little change in the "Flu" situation in Copper Cliff during the past week. The drastic action taken was not prompted by any alarming spread of the disease here, but rather an attempt to keep it out of the town and preventing it from gaining a foothold. Two mild cases are reported at the Engineers' Club.**

### **THREE DEATHS IN HOSPITAL.**

The situation at High Falls and Big Eddy, where a considerable number of workmen have been brought from Montreal, is not so reassuring and this was one of the deciding features that prompted the closing order. A considerable number of cases have been reported there, and three deaths have occurred in the company hospital at Copper Cliff. The cause of death has been definitely determined as Spanish Influenza.

### **APPLIES TO DISTRICT**

The order applies to the entire Nickel district, including Copper Cliff, Creighton, Crean Hill, High Falls, O'Donnell and all camps on construction or other work. The order also applies to fraternal organizations, church socials, house parties; in fact any gathering at which more than ten people will congregate. The Copper Cliff Club has been closed. The order is to be rigidly enforced.

The victims of Spanish Influenza were Abraham Hydes, age 24, Henry Theriault, age 25 and Anthony Peteovich, age 42. Abraham Hydes was born in West Yorkshire, Ryhill, St. James on January 14, 1894 to Frederick and Elizabeth Hydes. He emigrated, at age 14 arriving aboard the Tunisian at Quebec on July 31, 1908. Abraham contracted the disease at High Falls where he had come recently to work for Fraser, Brace & Co. Henry Theriault was born about 1893 in Quebec. Anthony Peteovitch was born about 1876 in Germany.

October 23, 1918 Notice: Due to Spanish Flu, until further notice, all schools, churches, billiard halls, bar rooms, market places, and library rooms will be closed. No loitering in stores, post offices or lounges. Spitting in street and public places is strictly forbidden.

October 26, 1918 -

### **No Change in "Flu" Situation.**

There is very little if any change in the "Flu" situation in Copper Cliff, and what additional cases have been reported have been of a very mild nature. There have been no further deaths in addition to the three of which occurred last week in the hospital, and which had their origin at High Falls. A report that the school teachers had been asked to serve as nurses and that there had been a rapid increase of the disease in Copper Cliff is denied by Dr. McCauley. The report no doubt got its start from the fact that two of the teachers have been taken on the hospital staff to aid in answering phone calls and in doing clerical work.

**The officers of the Copper Cliff Auxiliary of Sudbury District G.W.V.A. have collected the contents of the barrels which were placed in the different stores around town and which had been generously filled by the citizens. The ladies as a result have been able to fill ten boxes for the boys overseas, and it is the intention to send each Copper Cliff boy a box if relatives and friends will forward the addresses. The names will be taken up alphabetically and boxes despatched in that order. The ladies wish to remind the public that the barrels remain in the same places and any gifts, such as smokes, candy, gum, magazines, etc., will be very acceptable.**

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October 30, 1918

On November 6, 1918 the Victory Loan mark of half a million dollars was in sight – for the International Nickel Co.'s canvassing area. It is thought that a great many more employees have subscribed this year than last. The 'flu' [Spanish influenza] epidemic is retarding this work and with the situation continually improving this work [canvassing of non-employees and business men in Copper Cliff] is being left until the last. Copper Cliff subscriptions to date totalled \$190,800., over the objective of \$175,000.

### **Armistice**

Copper Cliff was up early – Star telephoned the first news – Citizens Celebrated in Grand Style

News of the signing of the armistice was received at 3.06 a.m. Monday morning (November 11<sup>th</sup>, 1918) when The Star telephoned the Bell Telephone Central. Miss Crystal Biggs, night operator, was first to receive the joyful news, which was also sent through to Creighton Mine at the same time. The message was immediately given to the boiler rooms at both towns and the whistles set in action.

Many citizens report first hearing the din in Sudbury and the Creighton whistles. Nearly everyone got up and dressed and by 4 o'clock the main street was black with people. An impromptu procession was formed, men, women and children, old and young, taking part, nearly all with some means of making a noise, tin pans, whistles and horns. The local Orangemen's fife and drum band was also out. The parade wound up at Nickel Park, where the Maple Leaf, O Canada, the National Anthem and other patriotic singing took place.

During the morning Mayor Corkill called a meeting of his council and executive heads of the company to arrange for a formal celebration. An invitation was received to join with Sudbury in a monster community thanksgiving service at Sudbury. This was accepted and Copper Cliff's procession arranged for one o'clock. Enthusiasm was at fever heat. The parade did full justice to the occasion. It formed at the band hall at 1 o'clock and included: returned soldiers, united bands of Copper Cliff and Creighton, Royal Cadets, Mayor Corkill and Town Councillors, Fire Department, decorated autos, decorated trucks with effigies of Kaiser and Crown Prince, citizens. The parade disbanded at Nickel Park, the bulk of the crowd leaving for Sudbury.

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# BOXES WILL GO OVERSEAS

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**Signing of Armistice Does Not Alter  
Plans of Christmas Box Association  
• —May Demobilize in Canada.**

Notwithstanding the signing of the armistice and the proximity of peace the Copper Cliff Xmas Box Association is going ahead with its plans and boxes will be despatched overseas in good time. As it is likely that demobilisation will take place in Canada immediately, it will not be necessary to send boxes to soldiers in Canada.

The last appeal in the Star for addresses had brought in a good many names, but up to date not many more than half of the names of men, ex-employees of the company, have been received. It is thought that about 150 of these men are still in France or England, and the committee is anxious to reach as many as possible.

The contents of the boxes has not yet been definitely decided upon, but will likely be much the same as last year. They are valued at about \$5.00 each.

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# **CASH FOR GIFTS REPLACE BOXES**

**War Relief Club Will Send Money Orders To Nearly Hundred and Fifty Former Employees.**

Gifts to former employees of the International Nickel Co., from Copper Cliff and district, and who are now serving with the army, will this Christmas take the form of money orders, replacing boxes which have been sent in former years. The War Relief Club has taken the subject up with several prominent returned men, all of whom favored gifts of cash, particularly at this "when armies are unsettled and on the verge of demobilization. Of the 142 former employees whose addresses are available, 42 are in England, 97 in France, one in British West Indies, one in Palestine, and one in Greece. The greeting card will be sent with each money order.

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The Sudbury Star November 23, 1918



The Auxiliary of the Copper Cliff G.W.V.A. held a grand reception on Nov. 26th for the returned soldiers, some of whom returned last week. The club rooms were nicely decorated with plants and the flags of the Allies. A good programme was given, which included speeches, songs and readings, all of which were very good indeed, especially the last number, the song "Home Again," sung by the returned boys. After the programme refreshments were served, ~~then dancing~~ until 12 o'clock. Quite a few ladies joined the Auxiliary and every person reported having had a jolly good time.

The Sudbury Star December 4, 1918

✦ "With best wishes for a happy Xmas and an early return home." Such is the wording of an attractive Christmas greeting card sent out by the Xmas Box Association of the International Nickel Co., Copper Cliff, to 169 employees now overseas. A \$5 postal note accompanied 125 of these cards to France and to the Canadian army of occupation in Germany, while 44 went to those who are convalescing from wounds or sickness in England.

The "Victory Dance" at the Copper Cliff Recreation Club last Friday night was easily the largest and most brilliant social affair of the season to date. Special patriotic decorations, bunting and flags, had been brought from Toronto for the occasion and the club rooms presented a gala appearance, while a large searchlight in a corner of the dance hall was an added feature which heretofore had not been introduced locally. About one hundred and fifty couples were present, many of them from outside points in the district. Lunch was served at midnight. Music, supplied by Barrett's orchestra, proved a real treat.

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The Sudbury Star December 11, 1918

X Private H. W. Hamilton, in France writes home to thank C. H. Parry for a splendid box of chocolates which he has received and which Mr. Parry very thoughtfully forwarded to him.

The Sudbury Star December 21, 1918

Private Fred Lapierre, a Copper Cliff boy, writes from England acknowledging a parcel sent by Mr. C. H. Parry.

Gunner Albert Peake, of the 4th Canadian Machine Gun Corps, France, wishes to convey his thanks to Mr. C. H. Parry for the box which he kindly sent him. It was very much appreciated.

Magistrate and Mrs. Stoddart last week received the welcome news that Earl, one of their three soldier sons, who has been seriously ill with influenza in England, was out of danger and was expected to get better. At the time of his last letter he had not yet regained the use of his legs, a condition in which he was left as a result of the disease, and which is not uncommon among the severe cases.

The Sudbury Star December 24, 1918

### Awarded Military Medal

Word has been received in Coniston that the Military Medal has been awarded Private "Bobby" Sims, of the P.P.C.L.I., for conspicuous bravery in an engagement in the neighborhood of Cambrai. Private Sims enlisted at the age of 18 and this was his fourth Christmas in khaki. He has been very modest about the distinction he has won, the fact being incidentally mentioned in a letter to a friend.

The Sudbury Star December 28, 1918

### 159th Man Home

Norman Craig, who went overseas with the 159th battalion and was a former member of the Copper Cliff band, returned home from overseas on Friday noon and is visiting with his brother, W. O. Craig. He was wounded twice in action, one of his wounds being received in the big engagement of Passchendaele. He is receiving a hearty welcome from his many former acquaintances.

The Sudbury Star December 31, 1918

### Private Evershed Home

Having received his discharge from military service, Private George Evershed, brother of Wm. Evershed, and of Mrs. A. V. Robinson, Copper Cliff, returned to town last Saturday, and on Thursday will commence work with the International Nickel Company, his former employers. Private Evershed, who is well known in town, enlisted in August, 1916, with the 37th Battalion, in which there were several other Copper Cliff boys, and after several months' training at Niagara, he went overseas in November. In England he was transferred to the Royal Canadian Highlanders, which regiment took a leading part in the famous 2nd battle of Ypres. In this engagement he was severely wounded, a bullet piercing his chest, left lung and side. For two years he was confined to hospitals and convalescent homes, and shortly before the armistice was signed he was placed in a reserve battalion for re-training so that he might be sent back to France. Private Evershed is glad to get home after his experience, and is receiving a hearty welcome from his friends in town.

### Central Siberian Railways

The Sudbury Star January 11, 1919

Lance-Corporal Charles Lee, recently returned from overseas, was the guest of his brother, Mr. M. T. Lee, for the week-end, leaving Monday evening for Kingston to undergo further treatment at the military hospital. Corporal Lee is well known in Copper Cliff, although his home is in Cornwall, as he was employed as a fireman for the International Nickel Co. before enlisting. He joined the colors in January, 1915, going overseas with an infantry unit from Cornwall. He was overseas more than two years, and at the battle of Amiens last August he was severely wounded in the left hand by the explosion of a shell. He is now only 21 years of age, enlisting when he was 17. He was prevented once from signing up for overseas owing to his age, but, nothing daunted, he made another try and was successful. Corporal Lee is still under the medical treatment of the military authorities, but intends returning to Copper Cliff when he receives his discharge.

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The Sudbury Star January 22, 1919

Mrs. Patrick Quinn has received the cheering message that her son, Pte. Joseph Quinn, is expected to arrive home from overseas Saturday morning. The G.W.V.A. ladies are arranging a reception for him.

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The Sudbury Star January 29, 1919

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 Auxiliary of Sudbury.  
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 Copper Cliff War Relief Club.

Corporal A. H. Kirby, a Copper Cliff man who recently returned from overseas, is undergoing treatment at Hamilton for wounds received at Cambrai on Sept. 30th, 1918, and will not be able to return to town for several months. He went to Hamilton expecting to receive his discharge, but was advised by military doctors that further treatment was necessary.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the G. W. V. A. have made arrangements to hold a sale of homemade cooking at three o'clock on Saturday, Feb. 18th, in the Methodist church. Fully served.

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The Sudbury Star February 12, 1919

#### Pte. E. R. Cressey Home

Private Ernest Richard Cressey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Cressey, Copper Cliff, and brother of Col. Cressey, Sudbury, arrived home on Monday. He enlisted in 1916 with the 227th Battalion at Sault Ste. Marie, and went overseas as a sergeant in that unit. He served with the 102nd Battalion in France, taking part in many of the engagements which fell to the lot of that battalion. In January 1918, he was wounded, and had to spend some months in the French and English hospitals. He is well known in Copper Cliff and Sudbury.

The Sudbury Star March 5, 1919

## CLIFF SOLDIERS WELCOMED HOME

Arrivals Include "Johnny" Martin, Wm. Glade and Bert Millen—Latter is an "Original."

### One of the "Originals"

Back from the front, where he was through the war from start to finish, without receiving as much as a scratch, came Pte. Bert Millen, brother of George Millen, Copper Cliff, at noon today, wearing four cheverons. Needless to say he was given an enthusiastic welcome by his friends. Pte. Millen is one of the "Originals" who enlisted in Sudbury in August, 1914, with the 97th Algonquin Rifles. He was attached to the famous 20th Battalion which played a memorable and heroic part in the war at great sacrifice. He was only off duty six weeks, when he was suffering from trench fever. He was through all the engagements with the second division. On January 17th, 1917, his battalion took part in one of the biggest raids attempted on the western front up until that time. At a given signal the men went over the top, carried the German positions for miles, smashing the dugouts and trenches, and returning in 20 minutes with over a hundred prisoners. Pte. Millen before enlisting was employed as yard boss for the International Nickel Co. He will remain in Copper Cliff for a few days before returning east for his discharge.

Private William Goodman Glade, foster son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Glade, and a well known Copper Cliff young man, returned on Wednesday from the front. The G.W.V.A. Ladies' Auxiliary had no knowledge of his arrival and were therefore unable to greet him at Sudbury. Pte. Glade enlisted when he was 19 years of age as a private in the 227th Battalion, and was later transferred to the Machine Gun section. He went to France in September 1917, where he spent 18

### Private Leonard Home

Private Thomas Leonard, son of Constable James Leonard, of the Company's police force, arrived home on Friday morning last from overseas, after an absence of nearly four years, the greater portion of which was spent in France on active service. Private Leonard went to France in December of 1915, and was through many of the big engagements on the western front in which the Canadians figured. He was never wounded, and only once was he put out of action, when he received a dose of the Hun gas. On this occasion he spent some time in the hospital, but on his recovery he returned to the firing line. Before enlisting he was employed with the International Nickel Co. A brother, Private George Leonard, was killed in action on October 30th, 1917.

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# NURSE McKEEN IS HOME FROM FRANCE

Served With American Forces Overseas  
—Nine Months in Hospitals—  
Praises Work of R. Cross.

After over a year's service as a nurse with the American Army overseas forces, which included nine month's service in France, Miss Alma McKeen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McKeen, returned to Copper Cliff this week to visit for a few weeks. Nurse McKeen left on January 7th, 1918, for Chicago, in which city she was attached to a base hospital, the overseas staff of which she was a member, and mobilized at Lakewood, N.J. During her service in France she was stationed for a time at Limoges, near Paris, and for a time served in a French hospital at Savenay, not far behind the battle lines. The work was hard, but Miss McKeen enjoyed the task to which she had put her hand, of helping the wounded of our American Ally. She speaks very highly of the work of the Red Cross, of the medical staffs, and other organizations whose business it was to help those in distress. Miss McKeen will spend a few weeks at her home here before going back to the United States, as she has not yet been discharged from active service.

### Pte. Ed. Bell Home

One of Copper Cliff's own soldier sons, in the person of Pte. Ed. Bell, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bell, arrived home on Friday morning from overseas, and is now receiving the glad hand of welcome from his friends. Pte. Bell enlisted in July 1915 with the 76th Battalion, along with a number of other Copper Cliff boys, including the late Mr. Kilpatrick and Albert Morrison. He was in France with the 49th Edmonton Battalion, and in the hard fighting which fell to the lot of that unit he won the military medal for bravery on the field. Before enlisting he was employed in the auditing department of the International Nickel Co. for a number of years, and was looked on as one of the bright young men of that department. He took an active part in local athletics and carried his interest in baseball to the front with him, playing third base with his battalion team. He was also a member of the Copper Cliff Cadet Corps.

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### **Pte. Otto Salo Welcomed Home**

The centre of interest in Copper Cliff among the citizens of Finnish birth Friday and Saturday was the arrival home of Pte. Otto Salo, of the 4th C.M.R. Pte. Salo was met at Sudbury station early Friday morning by the Rev. A. I. Heinonen, who took him to Copper Cliff. After breakfast at the Finnish Presbyterian Manse, he went to see other friends and ever since has been the guest of honor at the homes of his fellow-members and numerous friends in Copper Cliff and surrounding farming communities. On Saturday evening a public reception in his honor was arranged by the Finnish Presbyterian congregation at the Finnish People's Institute rooms. The event opened with the National Anthem at the moment the guest of honor entered the room. The address of welcome on behalf of the congregation was delivered by the pastor, special references being made by the speaker to the experiences of the returned soldier during the last month of the war and capture of Mons as related by Pte. Salo, who carries on his watch chain the medal of Mons, given by the City of Mons to the men of the 3rd Division for the liberty brought to the citizens of that city by the bravery of these Canadians. The soldier replied suitably in a few words, and the programme closed with a prayer of thanksgiving by the pastor, singing of God Save the King, and three cheers to Pte. Salo.

# RETURNED MEN GIVEN RECEPTION

Veterans Welcomed at Methodist  
Church—Fine Program Rendered  
And Refreshments Served.

The returned soldiers of Copper Cliff were tendered a fine reception on Thursday evening by the congregation of the Methodist Church. The veterans present numbered about forty, and the evening was one of enjoyment, not only for them but for the large audience which assembled to do them honor. The pastor of the church, Rev. P. Peacock, was in the chair, and the soldiers were welcomed by the members of the reception committee, Rev. and Mrs. Peacock, Mrs. Corkill and Mr. E. C. Lambert.

The programme included the following numbers: Opening chorus, "Welcome Back," by the choir; reading, "Little Baptiste," by C. P. McCarthy; quartette selection, by Mrs. H. Kilpatrick, Mrs. E. C. Lambert, John Gribble and S. W. Ashley; chorus, "My Own Canadian Home," by the choir; solo, "The Boys of the Old Brigade," S. W. Ashley; solo, Mrs. H. Kilpatrick; reading, Mrs. Webb; chorus, "The Girls at Home," by the choir; duet, "Trust Her Not," Mrs. Lambert and Mrs. Kilpatrick; chorus, "Praise Ye the Lord," by the choir. It is interesting to note that the selections, "Welcome Back," and "The Girls at Home," were written by Mr. E. C. Lambert.

Brief addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Peacock and Rev. W. T. Prittie, and at the close of the programme the ladies served refreshments to all present, which all enjoyed. Particular mention should be made of the decorations of the church auditorium and the school room where refreshments were served. Allied flags were conspicuous everywhere and were very tastefully arranged.

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### Pte. "Scotty" Dingwall Home.

With a record of three years' service to his credit, during which time he was gassed and wounded, and took part in many engagements with Imperial troops, Pte. Jack ("Scotty") Dingwall, well known in Copper Cliff and Creighton, returned from overseas this week, and is being welcomed by his many friends. "Scotty" is a hardy Scot who worked for the company in both towns. He enlisted three years ago with the Royal Grenadiers in Montreal, and with that well known fighting unit went overseas. He was transferred to the Imperial army. In France he was gassed, spending ten months in a London hospital. Only a few days after his return to his battalion on the firing line he was wounded in both legs. He has now recovered from his wounds and is looking hale and hearty. But the story of "Scotty's" return does not end here, for last August he followed the example of many Canadians and took unto himself a wife, who returned to Copper Cliff with him. Mr. and Mrs. Dingwall have the best wishes of citizens generally for a long and happy wedded life. "Scotty" has secured a position in the time office.

# FOUR YEARS IN GERMAN PRISONS

**Pte. Sydney Smith Was Taken Prisoner  
Early in the War—Enlisted With  
The 97th Regiment.**

After four years of suffering and deprivations spent in German prison camps, Private Sydney Smith, a well-known Copper Cliff man, who lives at Balsam street, arrived home on Sunday morning. When the order came in August, 1914, that Canadian troops were to mobilize, Pte. Smith, who was working in the Cliff, went to Sudbury and joined up with the 97th Regiment, Algonquin Rifles, going with that unit to Valcartier, Canada's first training camp. He was a member of the 15th battalion, the remaining members of which arrived in Canada today from overseas. At St. Julien in April, 1915, Pte. Smith was taken prisoner by the Germans when the positions which his battalion were holding were surrounded. He was taken prisoner the same day as Major R. R. McKessock of Sudbury. He secured his release from the Hun prisons shortly after the armistice was signed, arriving in England on New Year's Day. Pte. Smith repeats the statement made by many prisoners of war that had it not been for the parcels sent to him and his companions by the British Government, the Red Cross, the people at home, including the Copper Cliff War Relief Club, he never could have survived on the food furnished by the Huns. After a few weeks' rest Pte. Smith will take a position with the company.

**A GREAT WAR VETERAN**  
**(Geo. W. Ledingham)**

announces the opening of an up-to-date

**BAKERY**

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**Confectionery**

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**Copper Cliff**

in the new business block next Wilson's  
Butcher Shop

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**A BRIGHT, CLEAN, NEW STORE.**  
**BREAD, PLAIN AND FANCY PASTRY.**  
**REGULAR BREAD DELIVERY.**  
**SPECIAL ORDERS FOR WEDDING AND BIRTH-**  
**DAY CAKES PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO.**

**YOUR PATRONAGE APPRECIATED.**

Although the working force of the International Nickel Co. at Copper Cliff has been cut in two since the signing of the armistice, or reduced from 1,450 to 725, the returns of Assessor and Collector Valliant show a decrease of but 400. The population today is given as 3,412, about the same as in pre-war days. At one time during the war some 3,000 workmen were on the pay roll of the International Nickel Co. Today there are slightly over one thousand.

Notwithstanding the curtailment in operations and the consequent reduction in the working force at the smelter and mines, there is very little, if any, unemployment, nor are there any empty houses in Copper Cliff. The men let go were confined to single men and foreigners, many of the latter Italians, who have since returned to their native country. A large number of English-speaking workmen, including single men, have been taken on by the British-American Nickel Corporation and other industrial firms in the district, and today not a few workmen live in Copper Cliff and work elsewhere. In this way available houses in Copper Cliff are helping in a large measure to solve the acute housing shortage in Sudbury, while the benefit of the interurban electric railway was never better illustrated.

The total 1919 assessment is \$4,671,502, with the business assessment \$1,039,226, which is considerably higher than last year. Other assessment figures are:

Taxable Income.....	\$ 238,953
Value of real property, exclusive of buildings.....	359,625
Value of building.....	<del>3,728,418</del>
Value of real property liable for school rates only.....	5,282
Value real property exempt.....	127,950



### Will Hold Memorial Service

To honor the memory of a former Copper Cliff young man, William Phillips, word of whose death on the battlefields in France was received in Copper Cliff a short time ago, a memorial service will be held in Knox Church on Sunday evening, commencing at 7.30. The Great War Veterans and Cadets, accompanied with the pipe band, will parade to the service.

~~The deceased with his brother James,~~  
residing in Copper Cliff when the war broke out, and enlisted early in 1915. They went overseas together, and nothing was learned of their career until a returning soldier, about two months ago, gave the news that William had made the supreme sacrifice, and James, while wounded three times, was still alive in the Old Country. The names of both boys are on the church honor roll. Their father was an employee at No. 2 mine at one time.

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## Pte. M. J. Gegear Home

Another of Copper Cliff's soldier boys returned from overseas last evening, in the person of Private M. J. Gegear, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Gegear. He enlisted in Sudbury with the 227th Battalion, and went to France with the 49th Battalion, a western unit hailing from Edmonton. Pte. Gegear was in France about two years, during part of that time driving a car for General Murphy, A.D.M.S. He was fortunate in being able to escape the Hun bullets and deadly gas. He sailed from Glasgow on May 2nd on the troopship Cassania, and tells of the great farewell tendered the Canadians of that great city. He arrived in Canada on the 14th. Before enlisting Private Gegear was employed with the company. On his arrival in Sudbury last evening he was given a reception by the ladies of the G.W.V.A. Auxiliary, who went from Copper Cliff to meet him.

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## Gunner Kampi Home

Gunner George Kampi, R.C.A., a well known Copper Cliff man, arrived back in town Saturday from the British West Indies. He enlisted at the beginning of the war. On Saturday evening he was accorded a rousing reception at the Finnish Institute. Gunner Kampi is staying with his sister, Mrs. Bontinen.

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### Pte. H. Nyback Home

Private Herman Nyback, a well-known Copper Cliff Finn, arrived home on Sunday morning from England. He enlisted with the 227th battalion on May 6th, 1916, but on his arrival in England he was examined by doctors and found to have bad feet, a fact which prevented him from going to France. He made application to the military authorities and was transferred from the 8th Reserve Battalion to the Forestry Corp, and was sent to Scotland, where he remained until the armistice was signed. On Wednesday evening Pte. Nyback was tendered a reception by the members of the Finnish Presbyterian congregation. Addresses were given by Rev. Mr. Heinenon and Mr. J. Kalna. While in Scotland Pte. Nyback saw in the Firth of Forth the surrendered German fleet, lying near the bridge built by German engineers.

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## MORE SOLDIERS ARE WELCOMED

### Week End Transports Bring Quota Of Copper Cliff Soldiers.

This week Copper Cliff is again privileged to extend the hand of welcome to some of her soldier sons, some of whom have been on active service since early in the war. The transports arriving last week end brought their quota of Cliff men.

#### Corporal Wm. Henderson

A splendid war record has Corporal William Henderson, son of Mrs. A. Henderson, who arrived home early Monday morning. Corporal Henderson enlisted with the 227th battalion, going overseas with that unit. He was transferred to the Machine Gun Corps, being with the second division. On the 18th of May, 1918, he received gun shot wounds which confined him to the hospital for several months. Determined to repay the Hun for his wickedness, he returned to the front when he recovered, and on the 8th of August, just three days after his return, he was again wounded. In this engagement only 18 men of his comrades who went into battle with him survived, the captain being killed. Corporal Henderson before enlisting was employed with the Cochrane Hardware, Limited. He is a well known local boy, and is eagerly welcomed back.

#### Sapper John Morrison

Another local man to return this week was Sapper John Morrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Morrison. John has been back in Canada for six weeks, visiting his sister at Charlottetown, P.E.I. He went overseas in July, 1918, and was six months in France when the armistice was signed. Before enlisting he was employed at the smelter. A brother, the late Albert Morrison, was killed in action at the battle of the Somme in 1916.

#### Pte. Thos. A. White

The arrival home on Monday of Pte. Thos. A. White, son of Mr. Thos. J. White, Copper Cliff, recalls the early days of the war when a number of local boys signed up with the 76th battalion in the Fall of 1915, and went overseas, some of them never to return, among the latter being Albert Morrison and Harvey R. Knox. Pte. White signed up with the 76th, and spent the winter in Barrie, going overseas early in 1916. In France he was with the 31st Alberta battalion of Regina. In September of that year at the battle of the Somme, in the fighting for the possession of the sugar refinery, he was wounded by shrapnel in both legs and in one finger. He was away from the lines nine months, and on his recovery went back to the front, where he remained until the end. He went into Germany with the army of occupation, crossing the Bohn bridge on December 14th with the 2nd Division. He arrived back in Canada on the steamer "Caronia." Pte. White has a brother, Robert, in Copper Cliff, and a sister, Mrs. A. Costello, in Sudbury.

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### Corporal Hanlan's Fine Record

To have served in the army since 1914, won the Military Medal for bravery on the field, wounded twice, and one of four brothers to enlist, one of whom was killed in action at Passchendaele, is the splendid military record of Corporal Milton Hanlan, brother of Mrs. Wm. Gegear, Copper Cliff, who returned from the front on Wednesday. Corporal Hanlan enlisted in Toronto shortly after the war broke out with the 20th battalion. He got to France early in 1915. It was at the Somme that he received bullet wounds which sent him to the hospital for a year. In this engagement also he won the Military Medal for entering a German trench and capturing a number of prisoners single handed. On his recovery he went back to France and was attached to the Scouts. At Loos he sustained shrapnel wounds which again laid him up. He again returned to France for the third time, where he remained until the armistice was signed, being close to Mons when the last gun was fired. He entered the Belgian city on the morning of November 11th, and witnessed the great reception accorded the Canadian liberators. He went with the army of occupation into Germany, and was stationed at Seigburg. Corporal Hanlan still has a brother overseas, who is at present in England. Another brother who enlisted at Winnipeg served seven months and was discharged. Before enlisting Corporal Hanlan was employed with the company.



Three well known Copper Cliff men and former boarders at Millen's Boarding House, returned from overseas this week. They are C. S. M. Knowles, Sgt. "Jock" Wood and Bandsman Sydney Rhodes. The three are originals. They are being given a warm welcome by their many friends in town. Host Geo. Millen is planning a supper and reunion for about a score of his former boarders who enlisted at the start of the war.

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### **Sgt. "Jock" Wood.**

Sergt. "Jock" Wood, a former Copper Cliff man, and an original, has returned to his former home here. Sergt. Wood went away as a private. In France he was in charge of the blacksmiths for the 4th brigade, and was previously in several actions with the 20th battalion. Before enlisting he was a blacksmith for the company.

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Copper Cliff Ladies' Auxiliary of the G. W. V. A. and the Copper Cliff band are co-operating tonight in a reception to returned members of the band and others who have recently returned to Copper Cliff homes from overseas during the past week or so. The program includes a boat trip on Ramsey Lake at Sudbury and a short musical program both on the water and at the park. The party will return later to the G. W. V. A. club rooms at Sudbury, which have kindly been loaned to the Cliffites for the occasion. The arrangements are in the nature of a change from previous receptions given by the ladies' auxiliary and are in keeping with the hot weather.



The International Nickel Co. is making an endeavor to obtain an accurate record of all men who enlisted from their employ and also all returned men who are now in their employ, and towards this end have posted notices throughout the works of the company inviting assistance. Cards have been circulated which, when filled out, will give information in detail of the employees' war record, and some thing which the company has long since planned to take full cognizance of. The early war promises of the company to its enlisted men are to be kept to the letter, and executive men report that returned men who have resumed their former positions were quick to get back into the old swing and, in common with companies throughout the country, the local company is taking military records very much into account when vacancies and promotion is in line. The company invites the assistance of returned men in the work of gathering statistics desired. Cards on which the information sought can be written may be secured at the time office.

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### **Private Carl Blatchford**

Private Carl Blatchford, of Copper Cliff, received a warm reception from a host of friends and the Ladies' Auxiliary of the G.W.V.A. on his arrival home after three years of active service, on Tuesday morning. Pte. Blatchford enlisted with the Sudbury company, 227th battalion and was transferred to the 102nd battalion. He was later attached to the 4th Machine Gun Corps and went to France. When the war ended he was stationed near the Belgian Frontier. Prior to enlistment Pte. Blatchford was an employee of the Canadian Copper Company.

### **A Soldier Son Returns**

Another of the Copper Cliff quota of the 227th battalion, Machine Gunner Albert Peake, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Peake, returned home yesterday after three years' active service. He was in the machine gun section of the 227th and therefore after a short final training in England went to France with a draft for the 4th battalion machine gun section. His first of six major engagements in which he fought from then until the armistice was at Passchendaele, and he came through this memorable battle and the hard fighting of 1918 without so much as a scratch. The family home is decorated for the homecoming and Gunner Peake received a warm welcome from admiring proud parents and relatives as well as the congratulations of a host of former friends on his splendid war record.

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**The Ladies' Auxiliary of Copper Cliff G.W.V.A. entertained about twenty-five veterans, including several returned members of Copper Cliff band, on Wednesday. Early in the evening the party, accompanied by the band, were taken out in motor launches for a cruise on the lake, the band rendering popular airs. They returned to the park about 9.30 and the band gave a short concert, much to the pleasure of all present. At 10.30 supper was served at the district club rooms, Sudbury, after which the veterans and friends enjoyed the remaining hours playing cards. A special car at twelve o'clock took the Copper Cliff party home, after having spent a most enjoyable evening. Arrangements were under the direction of Mrs. W. Craig, president of the auxiliary, and thanks are due to William Hudson, of Sudbury, for the use of his motor boat during the evening.**

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**Pte. Hector McCarthy returned home on the noon train today from overseas.**



Pte. Fred Lapierre, a Copper Cliff boy who went overseas with the 227th battalion, was welcomed home by his parents this week. He was with the signalling corps of the Men O' the North and since going overseas has been on duty in England.

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Spr. Wm. McNiven, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex McNiven, Copper Cliff, arrived home this week after eighteen months' service in the army. He was with the Canadian Engineers and went to France last summer during the heavy fighting, taking part in the Canal du Nord engagement and others up to the signing of the armistice, during which time the calls upon the engineering corps were almost continuous. He came through unscathed and is in fine health.

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### **Private Hanlon Home**

Receiving the glad hand of welcome back to Copper Cliff these days is Private Ernest Hanlan, aged 24, brother of Mrs. William Gegear, and one of the town's best known young men. When the first call came in the fall of 1914 for volunteers Pte. Hanlan was one of the first in the Cliff to offer his services, joining the 97th Algonquin Rifles at Sudbury. He trained at Valcartier, Canada, and Shorncliffe, England. His military experience in the many engagements in which he took part includes having been wounded twice and gassed twice. Today he is looking hale and hearty despite his long term of warfare. He was in England when the armistice was signed, being laid up through sickness. Three other brothers of Pte. Hanlan enlisted and saw active service, one of the three, Corporal Wyman, making the supreme sacrifice. Another brother enlisted and after being in khaki six months was discharged as physically unfit for overseas service. The fighting record of the Hanlan brothers is one to be proud of. Before enlisting Pte. Ernest Hanlan was employed at the scale house, and hopes to take the position again in a few days.