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A record by photograph and by contemporary newspaper comment of the unveiling of War Memorials dedicated to men of the Canadian Pacific Railway who paid the supreme sacrifice during the Great War.

In each case the War Memorial was actually unveiled by the father or the mother of one of those who in lifetime served the Canadian Pacific long and faithfully in the district where the Memorial has been erected.

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Pledges to the Dead

Editorial from the Montreal Gazette, April 28th, 1922

THE Canadian Pacific Railway Company has erected as a tribute to those who served in the war and to those who paid the supreme sacrifice, a series of memorials, the principal of which, appropriately enough, is placed in the concourse at Windsor Street Station, Montreal, and which is representative of the laurel-crowned "Angel of Victory." Replicas are situated at Winnipeg and Vancouver, whilst bronze memorial tablets are affixed at the company's offices in London, Liverpool, New York and Hong Kong, as well as at other important points on the C.P.R. system from the Atlantic to the Pacific. This mammoth and highly specialized transportation company did yeoman service for the Empire in the great war, and amongst other things contributed upwards of 10,000 fighting men to the ranks of the British forces by land, air and sea.

The war record of C.P.R. employees is interesting and is as follows: Enlistments, 11,340; dead, 1,115; wounded, 2,105; re-employed, 7,573, whilst 13,112 other returned soldiers were given employment. Three hundred and seventy decorations and medals were awarded, including the following: Victoria Cross, 2; Order of the British Empire, 6; Distinguished Service Order, 17; Distinguished Service Cross, 3; Military Cross, 54; Distinguished Conduct Medal 47, and the Military Medal, 180. This is a glorious record. The pages of history will tell only a tithe of what this great Canadian Company did to preserve the integrity of the British Empire from the ravages of the devastating and inhuman Huns. The Canadian Pacific Railway directors unstintingly gave of their best during the war to defend the cause of human liberty. The dead—the blessed dead—know "victory." Living Canadians to-day with full hearts give thanks to them and glory to God. The Dominion of Canada recognizes, in common with the rest of the Empire and the world, that they were delivered from the greatest peril in the world's history. In Montreal, as elsewhere, as we look upon these statues that have been erected to honor our sons, we feel a pardonable pride. We bare our heads as we think of the dead heroes.

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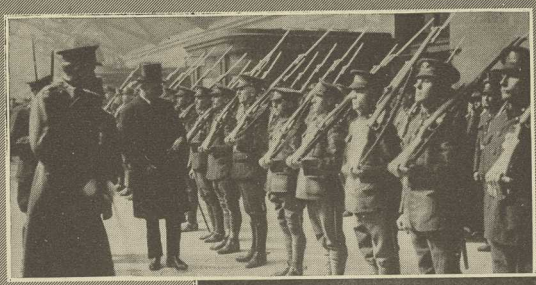
We subconsciously resolve, as we think of our sons' sacrifices, to be worthy of them as we go forward to face the difficulties and dangers the future may have in store. We thank God for His many mercies and we pray that His edict will be to prevent wars for evermore. The flag which braved a thousand years the battle and the breeze will be duly unfolded from the statue erected to the memory of the Canadian Pacific heroes to-day, and as its well-known outlines are unfurled may it inspire in those gathered around pride of race and country and bring to their minds the important part we played as Canadians in adding new pages to imperial history.

The Canadian people are proud of their war record and proud of the spirit which inspired them through all the dark days of the conflict. Recollections of those days are revived by the Canadian Pacific ceremony. The war is over. The glamor of conflict, with all its excitements and incentives, has gone. War tested the temper of this great Canadian democracy of ours, and in the test we were not found wanting. In laying our homage at the monuments to our dead we do so with gratitude and heartfelt affection. We face the years of peace with sentimental ties linked up in the tombs of those who are no more. We again at the memorials to the war heroes erected by the C.P.R., whether in Canada, London, China or elsewhere, pledge our love to those who helped to redeem us from the hands of the spoiler. Lord Byng's presence at the unveiling of the memorial is singularly appropriate, as on the field of battle, in the trenches, in the thick of the fight, no man did more than Julian Byng to inspire courage and bravery in the breasts of the heroes he had the privilege to lead to victory. Let those who come after see that these memorials now being erected are never allowed to fall into disrepute. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company deserve congratulations for their exceedingly felicitous tribute to the glorious dead. Verily we can, as a people, look back upon the noble deeds of our kith and kin, and with reverent hearts and bowed heads can we say in solemn earnest,

"Oh, Death, where is thy sting?
Oh, Grave, where is thy victory?"



Lord Byng inspects Guard of Honor, Windsor Station, Montreal

Lord Byng shaking hands with C.P.R. Veterans

At the Unveiling Ceremony in Montreal

Lord Byng of Vimy and the Guard of Honor

HIS Excellency expressed a desire to personally greet the men in uniform and passed through the ranks shaking hands with each one. It was not a mere ceremonial shake but a really hearty clasp. He addressed a word to each, and now and then stopped for a little chat with some man who bore an unusual decoration or who carried some distinctive mark of a regiment which Lord Byng was quick to recognize. His Excellency also paid his compliments to the company's constables on duty, a picked body of men, each one wearing war decorations.

All Faiths Represented

It was a beautiful ceremony, characterized by simplicity and directness. It was marked by one

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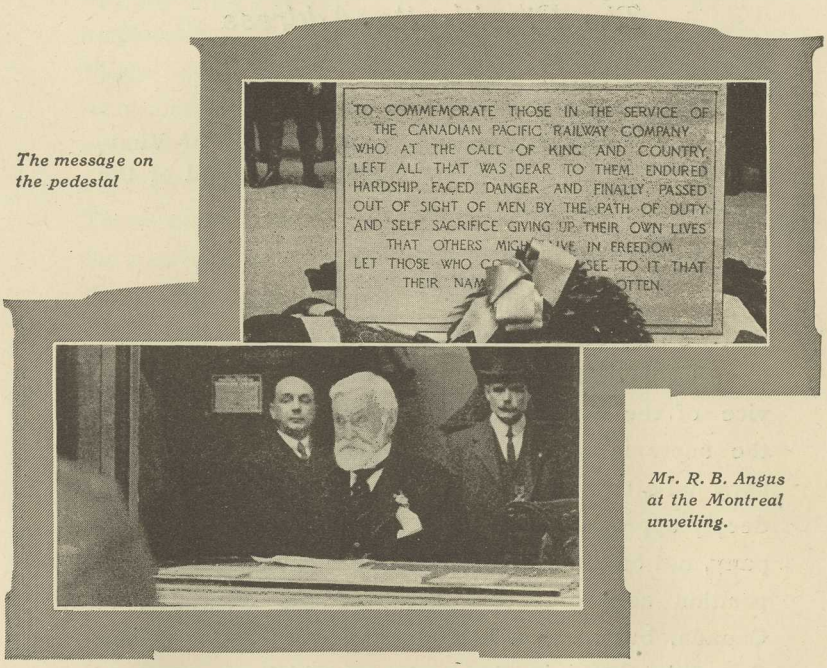


The message on the pedestal

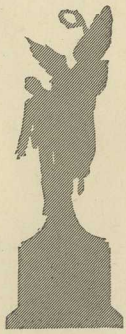
Mr. R. B. Angus at the Montreal unveiling.

striking feature, the presence of Bishops of the Roman Catholic and Anglican Churches, each of whom in similar rites gave benediction and asked for the blessing of the Most High.

Mr. R. B. Angus

Another striking feature of the ceremony was the presence of Mr. R. B. Angus, the nonagenarian director of the company, who has lived to see its humble beginnings develop into the world-famed corporation. Mr. Angus, who stoutly declines to miss any C.P.R. function, was seated in the steamship ticket office, near which the memorial is situated on the concourse, and was thus able to obtain a clear view of the ceremony. He rose at the salute and stood erect when at the close of the ceremony the band played the National Anthem.

(Extracts from report in Montreal Gazette.)



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The President's Address

From Montreal Gazette, April 29, 1922

"To His Excellency General Lord Byng of Vimy, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., M.V.O., Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.

"May it please Your Excellency,

"The occasion of our assembling here to-day is that we may offer our tribute to the memory of eleven hundred gallant men who at one time were in the service of the Canadian Pacific Railway and who paid the supreme sacrifice during the Great War. The personal attendance of your Excellency is all the more deeply appreciated by those associated with this company, not only on account of your Excellency's exalted position as Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada, but also as having been commander of the Canadian Corps in the ranks of which so many of these brave men fought and died.

"When the call to arms came from overseas, Canadian Pacific men were amongst the first to volunteer, not by ones and twos, but by hundreds, indeed by thousands. They joined the ranks often at great financial sacrifice, and in order to lighten the burden of the individual employee who thus voluntarily left for service overseas, the company undertook to contribute full pay for six months, and to provide on their return a position of equivalent value to those who at the close of hostilities applied for re-employment. In the case of those who were able to return, the promise was more than fulfilled. Eleven thousand three hundred and forty Canadian Pacific employees were recorded as having joined the colors, and

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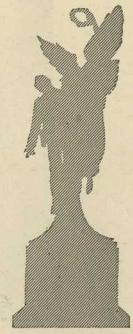
by June 30th, 1922, 18,300 returned soldiers were given employment, or twenty per cent. of our total payroll. There were, however, one thousand one hundred who died in service overseas, although indeed they sent back to their former comrades the inspiration of their self-sacrifice and of their splendid death. These eleven hundred have earned in the records of the company and of their country a status higher than that to be found in any payroll.

"The memorials consist of a bronze group erected in this station here, and at the company's other large terminal stations in Winnipeg and Vancouver. In addition to these there are bronze memorial tablets erected in the Company's offices at London, Liverpool, New York, Hong Kong and at important points on the system in Canada from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Each group or tablet bears the following inscription:

"'To commemorate those in the service of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company who, at the call of King and country, left all that was dear to them, endured hardship, faced danger and finally passed out of sight of men by the path of duty and self-sacrifice, giving up their own lives that others might live in freedom. Let those who come after see to it that their names be not forgotten. 1914-1918.'

"In comparison with the heroic greatness and devotion of these men, any memorials which this Company may erect cannot but be inadequate. Such as they are, however, they are humbly offered, tributes to the deathless splendor of our glorious dead."



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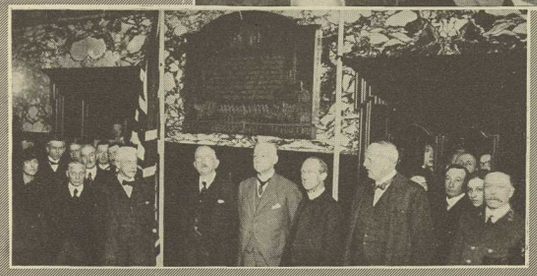
Lord Byng speaks to his old comrades

The President reads his Address

Unveiling the Memorial plaque at Liverpool



Lord Shaughnesy unveils Memorial at London, England

Lord Byng of Vimy's Stirring Words

"My old comrades:

"We are here to unveil this memorial to those boys who paid the supreme sacrifice. What is meant by the term 'they paid the supreme sacrifice'? For what did they pay it? It means that they gave their lives for us, the living, and for liberty. Some sacrifice is always needed and there is the sacrifice that we, too, must give. There must be a sacrifice to see that duty is done and to see that justice is given to all. If we do this we are doing the second best thing that we will have done in our lives. The first was when we offered our service. That it may be a worthy memorial to those who fell we should offer our best effort towards the spirit of sacrifice for the betterment of mankind."

The unveiling ceremony at Winnipeg, Manitoba

The President and Governor-General at the Montreal unveiling.

A Voice from the East

Editorial from St. John Standard, May 1st, 1922

THE Memorial Tablet affixed to the wall of the Canadian Pacific Company's offices in this city,which was unveiled on Friday afternoon, is one of a series of memorials which that great railway corporation has erected at various places in this country and abroad, as an ever-present reminder of the great services rendered and sacrifices made by its employees during the war, no less than eleven thousand of whom took part in the actual conflict. These men were drawn from all ranks of the Company's service, a record of which the Company may justly be proud, and it is to be commended for the very practical manner in which it is endeavoring to perpetuate the remembrance of what they did.

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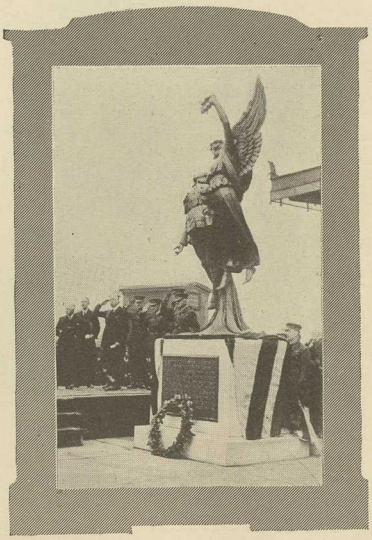

The Unveiling Ceremony at Vancouver, B.C.

A Voice from the West

Editorial in the Vancouver Daily Province, April 28th, 1922

AT three great railway centres, one in the East, one in the West, one midway between the oceans, monuments are dedicated to-day to the memory of Canadian Pacific Railway men who fell in the Great War. This is a fitting recognition by a great corporation of the heroism and sacrifice of the men in its employ. Other structures now existing, or yet to be built, may attract the notice of the passerby to the company and its leaders. This memorial, standing in a conspicuous place, is intended to turn attention away from those material evidences of enterprise to the nobler venture of a company of men who staked their lives in a greater undertaking. Not only the men who fell, but their fellows in the same service, who were ready to die in the great cause, will be remembered by all who see this monument.

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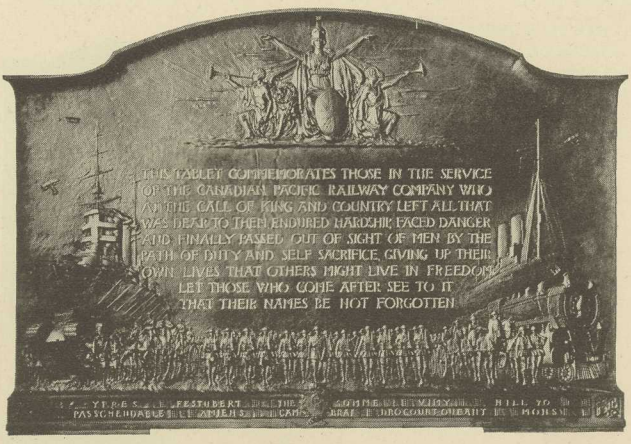
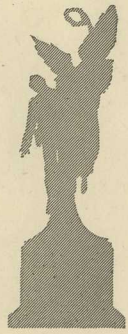


The Bronze Memorial Tablet

At London, England

SYNCHRONIZING with the many ceremonies of unveiling on the system of the Canadian Pacific Railway, from Great Britain to Hong Kong, Lord Shaughnessy, Chairman of the Company, unveiled a memorial tablet at the European head offices in Trafalgar Square, London, England.

Lord Shaughnessy, according to the *Canadian Gazette*, said that with its great ramifications and large staff the Canadian Pacific was a forceful factor in the war. Over 18,000 members of the Canadian Pacific and Dominion Express enlisted in the navy and army or served with the mercantile marine, of whom 1,250 made the supreme sacrifice and 3,000 were wounded. Fifteen of the company's ships were destroyed through enemy action or accidents at sea, representing a tonnage of 126,500 out of the gross tonnage (330,000) engaged. The largest ship lost was the CALGARIAN of 17,500 tons. Canadian Pacific men fought the enemy on land and sea and in the air in every theatre where hostile actions took place. The medals and decorations won by the staff included 2 V.C.'s and 327 other decorations. The record was truly splendid, and to commemorate it a memorial similar to that he was to unveil was being placed in stations in different sections of the country, while in the stations at Montreal, Winnipeg, and



Vancouver imposing monuments had also been erected. Wherever the company had offices in Canada, men had enlisted. In London the staffs of the C.P.R. and Dominion Express Company readily answered the call to arms. The number of the European staff who joined the forces was 190, without counting the men of the Canadian Pacific Ocean Services. Of the 190, 24 made the supreme sacrifice, while some 16 won honors. In order that these facts might be signalized these tablets were being placed in all offices from London to Hong Kong. Relatives of the dead heroes would have in mind their anguish and also their pride in the courage of those they had lost. These tablets would remind succeeding generations of the patriotism and self-sacrifice of those who died that we might be saved. Concluding, Lord Shaughnessy said: "With bowed heads and reverence we will now unveil this tablet."

At Winnipeg

From the Manitoba Free Press

Sir James Aikins, Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, said:

"This memorial bronze group is a beautiful expression of a noble spirit which shows gratitude, pays tribute and renders reverence to your former associates in the service of the company, heroes in the service of the country, who in the great war gave their lives that Canada might endure and develop and that its people might live secure and prosper. Their valor and their virtues, their love and final sacrifice, bespeak in us the best that we can do to perpetuate and glorify their memories."

At Nelson, B.C.

From the Nelson News

Mayor C. F. McHardy said:

"They were met together to commemorate not merely an event of local interest, but one whose interest was international, and the old adage that a corporation had no soul was shown in this instance to be a falsification of the facts. The men whose heroism they were commemorating had paid the price and made the great sacrifice. Many citizens to-day thought they were too busy to take their place in the nation's work, but these men were not too busy.

"Be ready to give your time and effort to the citizenship which they

so bravely defended, and for which some laid down their lives," adjured the speaker. "Let us tell ourselves it is their wish that we work to make our community and our country better. This will be the greatest tribute we can pay to the memory of those men."

At Edmonton

From the Edmonton Bulletin

His Honor Dr. Brett, Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta, stated that it was small wonder the name of the C.P.R. should stand out prominently when they gave so many of their best men for the cause of right and that loyalty to country and loyalty to employers were both to be visualized in the token of appreciation which he was about to unveil. "We may erect tablets of bronze or marble," said the Lieutenant-Governor, "but in time they will crumble away, but the deeds of these men will ever be kept green in the hearts of men, to whom Canada owes an undying gratitude."

At Moose Jaw

From the Moose Jaw Times

Archdeacon Johnson was reminiscent of the early days of the Canadian Pacific in Western Canada. He recalled standing on the station platform at Indian Head and watching the first trans-Canada train on the Canadian Pacific Railway disappear across the prairie. With that train the Canadian Pacific had linked the East with the West; and with the ceremony in Moose Jaw, and that taking place in every important city on the entire system in the British Isles, Canada and the Orient, the Canadian Pacific was again linking up the people in a common bond.

The Archdeacon stated that in his opinion there could be no more fitting place for a memorial than in the beautiful new depot which the railway company had recently opened in the city. There was no place in the city with which there were associated so many tragic goodbyes and glad welcomes. In the days of the war many citizens of Moose Jaw and the surrounding district had said their last farewells in the station at Moose Jaw. While it was not the same building as the present, it was on practically the same site. The Canadian Pacific stations were closely bound up with the part Canada had played in the war, for it was to these stations that the relatives and friends of the men who survived went to bid them glad welcome home.

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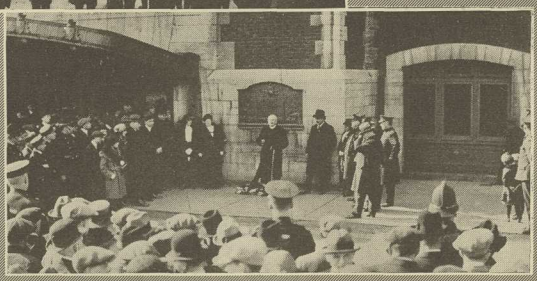
Unveiling ceremony at St. John, N.B.



Unveiling ceremony at Quebec

At Victoria

From The Victoria Times

The Premier of British Columbia, the Hon. John Oliver, said:

"There is a disposition to forget that even the great corporations had a duty to perform when the call to war came. We are proud to say that the greatest railway corporation in the world did nobly perform that duty."

At Vancouver

From The Vancouver Daily Province

In the course of his address, Lieut.-Governor the Hon. Walter C. Nichol said:

"I know of nothing finer in life than that magnificent steadfastness of character which enables men to keep on doing their duty under all sorts of adverse circumstances—in the face of defeat, in the face—in the teeth, indeed—of death itself. These men to whose sacred memory this impressive and majestic bronze is being publicly dedicated to-day died as they had lived, doing their duty—doing it splendidly, fearlessly, heroically."

General Pershing at Montreal.

General Pershing's Tribute

From The Montreal Standard.

General John J. Pershing, Commander of the United States Expeditionary Forces in Europe during the war, inspected the Canadian Pacific War Memorial at the Windsor Station concourse during his visit to Montreal and paid fitting tribute to the men to whose honor it was erected.

One of the bronze memorial tablets was also unveiled on the corner of the Canadian Pacific Building, 44th Street and Madison Avenue, New York.

THE bronze memorial groups at Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver are by Cœur de Lion MacCarthy, of Montreal.

The bronze memorial tablets are from a design by Archibald Pearce of the Chief Engineer's Department, C.P.R., and modelled and cast by the Bromsgrove Guild, of Worcester, England.

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