



THE NEWSLETTER

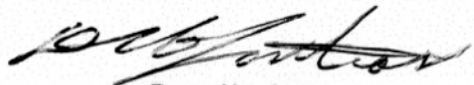



The PROBUS Club of Simcoe & District
Meets second Tuesday of each month at St. James United Church hall

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Financial report 2019-20:

<u>Probuss Club of Simcoe & District</u>		
<u>Annual Statement - August 31, 2019 to August 31, 2020</u>		
Sept. 1, 2019	Opening Bank Balance	\$408.24
<u>Income</u>		
	Membership Dues	\$1,395.00 ✓
		<u>\$1,803.24</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
	St. James Church Rental	\$360.00 ✓
	Janitorial Costs - R. Middaugh	\$240.00 ✓
	Speaker Donations	\$160.00 ✓
	Donations (MS Society, Alzheimer's Society, Canadian Cancer, Crimestoppers)	
	Supplies	\$73.09 ✓
	Probuss Central Dues	\$75.00 ✓
	TD Bank BLANK CHEQUES	\$69.20 ✓
		<u>\$977.29 ✓</u>
<u>Net Balance</u>		<u>\$825.95 ✓</u>
<u>Closing Bank Balance August 31, 2020</u>		<u>\$825.95 ✓</u>

Treasurer: 
Dave Montross

Auditor: 
Dick Pearson CMA, CPA

A look back at Charlie Judd's War

Our November meeting traditionally has a Remembrance Day theme. In 2015 David Judd read memoirs of the First World War written by his grandfather, Charles Judd, of Simcoe. Charles served for two and a half years with the Canadian army. He was a pioneer-engineer. He helped dig trenches and build plank roads and light railways. He strung barbed wire and drove transport. He often was under enemy fire, including at the famous battle of Vimy Ridge. He had several narrow escapes. He made it home in 1919 without being injured or wounded.

Charles Judd put his memories on paper in 1950. After he died in 1973 at age 90, they passed down to his grandson, David Judd.

David read the memoirs and illustrated them with more than 70 photos.

Charlie Judd was born in southern England in 1883 and immigrated to Canada in 1904. His wife, Martha, joined him here in 1906. The Judds farmed for the next decade in the Woodstock-Simcoe area. They had five children: four boys and a girl.

Highlights of Charlie Judd's War:

- **Jan. 8, 1916:** Charles enlists in the 133rd Battalion, "Norfolk's Own," at Simcoe. The battalion had a strength of 680 officers and men. More than 100 died in the war.
- **July-October 1916:** Trained at Camp Borden, west of Barrie.
- **Oct. 30, 1916:** Sails for England aboard the S.S. Lapland.
- **November 1916 to February 1917:** Trains at camps in southern England.
- **February 1917:** The 133rd is broken up to reinforce other units. Charles joins the 123rd Battalion, Royal Grenadiers.
- **March 9, 1917:** Sails for France.
- **April 9, 1917:** Battle of Vimy Ridge. Charles' hearing damaged after he worked in front of Canadian artillery firing over his head.
- **Summer 1917:** Working in mud around Ypres.
- **Aug. 8, 1918:** Canadians spearhead final push to victory.
- **Nov. 11, 1918:** Canadians enter the Belgian city of Mons.



Charles Judd in England in February 1917 before he was sent to France.



Dog tags.



The battle of Vimy Ridge. Canadians worked together to make a major breakthrough in the war.

- **March 19, 1919:** Returns to Canada on the RMS Olympic, a sister ship of the Titanic.
- **March 30, 1919:** Discharged at Hamilton and back home to Simcoe.

Dave Montross showed a framed portrait of Reginald Cooke, a First World War veteran who had lived on a farm on Hillcrest Road, northwest of St. John's Road. He later was master of the railway station by Davis Street East in Simcoe. His son Victor Cooke served in the Second World War and was later a letter carrier in Simcoe.

Stuart Rusk showed several ingenious metal lighters handcrafted by soldiers in the war.

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Salvation Army Christmas Kettle campaign

COVID-19 has created tremendous need and the Salvation Army is asking for assistance with kettle collections to offset this need. The Salvation Army has implemented a number of precautions to keep volunteers and donors safe. Volunteering requires as little as two hours and 100 per cent of collections assist families in need in Norfolk. If you would like to volunteer, call Kettle Co-ordinator Hal Whitcomb at 519-909-9421.