

**HEAR
THE FIRST
Y. M. C. A.
MAN
IN FRANCE
Capt. H. A.**

PEARSON

Fri. Night

MAY 18th, at 8.15

**ST. ANDREWS
CHURCH**

Collection in aid of
Y.M.C.A. Military
Work

CAPTAIN PEARSON GIVES GOOD TALK



**Canadian Club
Luncheon
Avenue Hotel**

Fort William

FRIDAY, MAY 18th

at 12.15 sharp

Speaker:—

**Capt. H. A.
PEARSON**

who is home on furlough after spending two years in and around the front lines in France as military secretary of the Y. M. C. A. He was the first man on the job and can tell a vivid story of first experiences in helping to provide quarters, etc., for Canadian soldiers.

Tickets (50 cents) on sale at Hardy's, Gillespie's (opp. C.P.R. station), Griffin's Drug Store, or at Times-Journal until Thursday, May 17, at 6 p. m. A few may be on sale on Friday morning at 75c each.

In May 1917, a visitor to Thunder Bay provided citizens of Port Arthur and Fort William a firsthand account of the war and the courage displayed by the Canadian troops in battle. Captain H.A. Pearson, of the Toronto Y.M.C.A., enlisted in 1914 and left with the First Contingent overseas. The Fort William Daily Times Journal stated that Pearson was the first Y.M.C.A. man from any country to go to France. Over a two day period in the Lakehead, Captain Pearson was the guest speaker at three separate venues: the Avenue Hotel hosted by the Canadian Club, St. Andrew's Church and the Port Arthur Y.M.C.A.