

Farwell Dinner to Lt-Col. G. T. Hamilton

On Murch 12th Lt.-Col. Hamilton was the guest of the Officers of the Canadian Section and Pay Office, at a dinner held in the Cathedral Restaurant.

Lt-Col Vaux ably held down the chair, and was well supported by Major Archibald, Major Gagnon, and Major Utton. After the dessert had been served and the glasses filled with « Five Star », Lt.-Col. Vaux arose to propose the toast « Our Guest ». In a very able speech he pointed out that we had now a chance to tell Lt-Col Hamilton what we thought. He (Lt.-Col. H.) was one of the distinguished band of Officers from the R. M. C. who had gone into the Imperial Army, and whose work had been commented upon by the highest authorities. His good work after the battle of Ypres, in connection with reinforcements, gained him a mention in despatches. The D. A. G. two years later at his inspection, stated that the work done was, not only a credit to the C. E. F., but to the British Army. Possessing a high sense of justice and duty, Lt.-Col. Hamilton had always put the Service before anything. His work at Valcartier and Salisbury was known to all, and he would not ask why Lt.-Col. Hamilton was looking so well, and the reason of the rosy blushes on his cheek. It might be because he was going to the G. H. Q. at London, or it may be for other reasons. He would not enquire too closely. In conclusion he would wish him every success in whatever he undertook. He would now ask us to join him in drinking Lt.-Col. Hamilton's health.

This was done with musical honours.

Major Gagnon then followed with a few remarks. He expressed regret at the departure of his old friend and fellow worker of the days in Valcartier and Salisbury. None were more deserving of praise he said, for the fine work and lasting monument he leaves behind in the Canadian Section. Stating that he was not much good at public speaking, Major Gagnon concluded by wishing Lt.-Col. Hamilton every good wish for the future, and called on Major Archibald for a few words.

Major Archibald said he had great pleasure in rising on this occasion. He always tried to have three virtues—to be truthful, cautious, (a voice— « it would appear so ») and always to finish anything he started. He thought that Capt. Mc. Gagan should be the one to speak. However