



## Colonel Borden and the Celebrated 85th Band Enthusiastically Received at Kentville.

### Kings County Company for the New Highland Brigade Practically Assured.

A most enthusiastic reception was given Colonel Borden, Capt. Cutten and the celebrated 85th Band on their arrival in their special Highland car at Kentville Saturday morning. The detachment of the 112th Overseas Batt. stationed here 166 strong marched to the station headed by the Kentville Citizen's Band which played inspiring music. On the arrival of the car, Col. Borden inspected the company after which the detachment fell in behind the 85th Band and with Colonel Borden, Capt. Cutten and Mr. F. B. Newcombe, (Acting Mayor in the absence of Mayor Pelton) in an auto bringing up the rear paraded through the Town.

Saturday afternoon the celebrated Highland Band gave a concert at Nicklet Theatre for the women and children. Long before the appointed hour the hall was packed to the doors and many could not gain entrance. The concert given was simply grand. Every number rendered was received with the greatest enthusiasm. Each member of the Band is a thorough musician and with such a splendid leader as Lieutenant Mooney the finest results are accomplished.

Among the numbers rendered was a piccolo solo "Silver Bird" by L. Thero, played by H. Percival Barnes, who is too well known in musical circles as a flute and piccolo soloist to need further mention. This solo was rendered by the composer before H. R. H., the Duke of Edinburgh. The slide trombone quartette delighted the audience as did also the solo "The 85th Feather" as sung by Mr. Harry Murray, with full chorus by Band, also chorus "We'll Never Let the Old Flag Fall." A special feature of the programme was the pleasing melodies by the piper—Lance Corporal McIntosh.

On Saturday evening a most enthusiastic rally was held at Nicklet Theatre. Long before the appointed hour the building was packed to the doors, and hundreds could not gain admittance. An overflow meeting therefore was held at Pastime Hall which was also filled. Lt. J. D. Spidell, recruiting officer at Kentville, presided at the main meeting and Mr. H. H. Wickwire, M. P. P., presided at the overflow meeting. Colonel Borden and Captain Cutten addressed both audiences and were well received.

Lieutenant Spidell introduced Colonel Borden as one of Kings County's greatest men, and called for three cheers which were most enthusiastically given.

Colonel Borden opened his address with a graphic and stirring presentation of the conditions and events leading up to the declaration of war. He detailed the thorough preparations made by Germany, and speaking as a military student, one who had, by virtue of a life-long association with affairs military, and a qualifying course at the staff college in London, gave his auditors their first true impressions of how those preparations were regarded by the men who had, and

have, the conduct of our military affairs in hand. Colonel Borden is qualified as perhaps no man is qualified in Canada, to speak from this standpoint—and his summing up was so logical, so convincing, that he left no doubt in the mind of any who heard him that this war had to come as surely as day has to follow night.

Our military leaders knew this, the Colonel desired to drive home the point. Certainly they knew it; but the policy they were to adopt to meet the conditions, to combat the German menace, was the vital question. Two avenues were open to our military leaders. One to emulate the example of Germany, build up a powerful war machine, and when this great machine was ready—to strike in our own good time. That was the policy advocated by one branch of the military party. But that was the impracticable policy. We could never have brought the people of a peace-loving nation like our own to believe that a real menace really did exist.

"The other policy, and," Colonel Borden said, "the policy to which I myself subscribed"—was to, in the event of a declaration of such a great war as this involving the British Empire, use our little army of 160,000 men with the navy as a containing force, to hold and hold the enemy until the whole nation was mobilized and trained and equipped, every man physically fit and of military age massed into battalions—hold on till we were ready—and then go in and finish the whole affair up at one stupendous blow.

"We hear talk of the British officer," said Colonel Borden, "we hear it said that he is incompetent and incapable. I want to tell you that there are two kinds of British officer. There is one kind who will frankly admit that he knows nothing of military work, apart from leading a small body of men and dying like a gentleman. But there is another type of British officer men of the stamp of Earl Kitchener, Sir William Robertson and General Kitchell, and in these men I have the most supreme confidence. I do not need to go to the War Office to learn what is taking place on the Western front today. I know what is taking place. They are following out the policy I have outlined as the true British policy. They are holding and holding, waiting for the full strength of the Empire. They are waiting for the men of Kentville every eligible man, as they are waiting for every fit and eligible fighting man in this Province and this Dominion and this Empire—and when we have the full strength of Britain there—they are going to strike.

"And don't be deceived, don't be deceived, Germany knows that this is our policy. She knows what we are doing, she knows what we are waiting for. The drive she is making on Verdun today is the best proof of that. Germany knows, as every sane man should know, that every hour she loses now is

just that much strength added to the Allies arms. But we are sure of nothing in war. It is like an election or a horse race—just as uncertain—and that is why we must mobilize and train and equip every fighting man without a moment's delay. The British hand might find it necessary to go into that one big battle before they are ready. The diplomatic situation might demand this, or a hundred and one things; and that is what our military men have always to fear. You can readily see for yourself what that would mean. Suppose we were forced into this big battle tomorrow. Say the Allies had on their side 7,000,000 men, and our enemies had 5,000,000 men. Can't you see what that would mean?—can't you see that the fight would be a long and bloody one, can't you see that both sides would lose enormously? But suppose that this great battle took place with 5,000,000 of our enemies on the one side and ten, fifteen or twenty millions on the side of the Allies—can't you see that the losses to our armies would be comparatively slightest and, that we would win a complete victory, while in the other case a decision would be very doubtful?

"And that is why we are coming to you tonight. I know we have to do this, not because the men of Kentville are cowards, not that, simply because they do not grasp the seriousness of it all. We want you to come with us. Mark you, we are not asking you to go, we are asking you to come, to come every man of you who is able to bear arms. You are going to be needed in that big battle. And the fact of your being there is going to lessen the percentage of risk to the men already there and who will volunteer to go tonight. If you think you are medically unfit sign up tonight, go to the doctor and if you are medically unfit he will give you a certificate to that effect. Get that certificate and keep it. You will need it when the boys come back, for they will want to know why you were not with them. If you are unfit and show them that certificate, they will grasp you by the hand and call you brother, for they will know that you have done what you could. But if you cannot show a certificate, and have not borne your full duty, as sure as there is a God in Heaven, you will regret it to the end of your days. I tell you, when those boys come back, there will be a free-masonry of arms. There will be an accounting—wherein the man who has shirked his full duty will suffer painful retribution. Men, I do not hesitate to urge you to go, to do all you can. On August 4th, 1914, the Empire fell into two great classes—those fit to bear arms those unfit to bear arms. We pity the man who cannot go, but would like to go. But when this ghastly affair is over, and that accounting is made—well, I don't know—but just so sure as night follows day, some method will be adopted to single out the sheep from the goats. Whether it will be by depriving the man who refused his duty of franchise, or some other such method, only time will tell.

"You say that you are married and cannot go. Did you marry that wife to protect her? Can you protect her by staying home? Do you want some other woman's husband to go overseas to protect his own wife and you and your wife as well? Ah, men, you must go, you are needed and it is your duty. For the very sake of your children, and those who are to come after, and for the very sake of your own manhood, you must discharge your full duty to the state. Your wife thought when she married you she married a brave man—but as true as God is in Heaven she can't keep you now and still keep a brave man. We have men here in khaki today, and we have men who would be if they could. Can you go down the street and look those men in the eyes? You can't—and you know you can't. Oh, I can see it growing day by day, month by month. The man

who refuses to meet his duty like a man, will soon be disposed.

Colonel Borden closed his speech with a series of illustrations, that point in no unmissable manner the growing sentiment, and the agitated consciousness of the people of Nova Scotia today. His peroration and appeal for recruits was moving and powerful.

The applause with which his address was replied to was such as to leave no doubt that Kentville had heard and accepted the Great Message.

The chairman, Lieut. J. D. Spidell gave a few well chosen and eulogistic remarks in introducing Capt. George B. Cutten, President of Acadia University. Capt. Cutten in response to the remarks expressed as to his enlistment said the question really was why after eighteen months of war he had not enlisted before? He had offered himself a year ago in any capacity, but must have been considered no use (laughter). His message tonight was to the women and they had just as much if not more at stake in this war than the men and they could be depended upon to do their duty. Victoria Crosses had been awarded to the men but he, if he had them to place would pin them on many women and cited instances of heroic self devotion to duty which were deserving of crosses. The women never failed in their duty and he cited them to double up in their duties during this war. The propelling power of women was well known and only by their help could the men necessary for this war be obtained and cared for.

This was a war of frightful cruelties as regards women and children and the speaker told of the heroines of the war and mentioned some of the cruelties perpetrated. No wonder women were aroused and were doing more than their share. If his appeal were made to women in the large audience before him he knew he could get one hundred recruits.

People may say why such interest when the war was so far away. Did they want the war any nearer? We could have the war right here in our own country if we did not send men to defend the trenches in France and Flanders. He closed with a strong appeal to the women to use their powers of persuasion to induce husbands, fathers brothers, sweethearts, if of proper age to enlist and fight for the Empire. Capt. Cutten was greeted with applause as he made different points in his address.

A special feature of the evening meeting was the splendid music rendered by the Band. One of the selections "Home Sweet Home" as played by the different nations was especially fine and reached the hearts of all. With such a Band and such a Colonel the Nova Scotia Highlanders are inspired to the

highest and noblest service, and the new Highland Brigade promises to be a magnificent one in every particular.

The appeal for recruits was answered by seven enrolling at the main meeting and two at the overflow meeting. Previous to the arrival of the Colonel, Lieut. Spidell, with the assistance of the 85th recruiting party had signed on about 30 men for the new Brigade.

At the close of the meeting the guests of honor with the new recruits were banquetted at Rooney's Restaurant. The parlors being artistically decorated for the occasion. The boys all voted Kentville "One of the best yet" and Colonel Borden expressed his thanks to the ladies for entertainment provided.

### Fifteen More Recruits Sign On at Kentville for the New Highland Brigade.

From Saturday afternoon March 11th to Monday afternoon 13th, fifteen more recruits were signed on by Lieut. Spidell, recruiting officer, as follows:

- Raymond Taylor, Coldbrook
  - Wilfred L. Ashe, Yarmouth
  - Joseph H. Spittal, Coldbrook
  - Charles F. Rafuse, Aldershot
  - Walter L. Moore, Kentville
  - James L. Keddy, Kentville
  - Lawrence L. Gilfoy, Kentville
  - Wm. Spencer, Kentville, unfit
  - Wm Blackburn, Kentville, unfit
  - Minas A. Belcher, Up. Dyke
  - Alfred E. Gough, White Rock
  - Keith Clarke, Lakeville.
  - Hugh Coleman, Chipman Corner
  - Geo. W. Aalders, Canaan.
  - K. E. Steadman, Somerset
- YOUR place is waiting Sign on NOW.

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Duties—Six months residence of three years after earning patent; also 50 acres extra Pre-emption patent may be done as homestead patent conditions.

As settler who has exhausted stand right may take a purchase stand in certain districts. Price acre. Duties—Must reside out of three years, cultivate 50 erect a house worth \$300.

The act of cultivation is reduction in case of rough, tony land. Live stock may tuted for cultivation under conditions.

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