

## Mentioned in Despatches

**SIR EDWARD LETCHWORTH**, who has just resigned the post of Grand Secretary of the Free Masons of England, was appointed to the position twenty-five years ago by the late King Edward. Previous to that Sir Edward was a solicitor, but took a very prominent part in military matters. He also acted for many years as one of the late King Edward's chief stewards.

**REV. D. M. GORDON**, Principal of Queen's University of Kingston, who has just resigned the post owing to ill health, succeeded the late Dr. G. M. Grant. Dr. Gordon is a Nova Scotian by birth, and previous to assuming the principalship of Queen's held important charges in a number of important Canadian cities. Dr. Gordon was Moderator of the General Assembly, and for many years has been one of the most outstanding figures in the Presbyterian Church.

**CAPT. GEORGES GUYNEMER**, the most distinguished aviator in the French Army, is reported missing and the probabilities are that he has been killed. Guynemer brought down fifty enemy planes before meeting his fate. He enlisted in the war as a private, but some two years ago joined the Aviation Corps, where he met with marked success. He won every decoration in the gift of a grateful nation, such as the Cross of the Legion of Honor, the Military Medal, and the War Cross, and during the past few months had become a national hero, probably the most popular man in France. He was only twenty-one years of age.

**MR. W. D. LE SUEUR**, a well known lawyer, writer, and civil servant, just died at Ottawa in his seventy-eighth year. He was born in Quebec, educated in Montreal, at the University of Toronto, and Queen's University, and then entered the Civil Service. Le Sueur was the real head of every literary and historical organization in Ottawa, and through his contributions to the press and as a writer of books made a big name for himself. Among his better known works are "The Life of Frontenac," which appeared in the Makers of Canada series; "Partizan Politics"; "The Development of Responsible Government in Canada"; and "The Life of William Lyon Mackenzie."

**MR. L. T. HANMER**.—"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." The British authorities substituted "Tommy" for "Jack," while Uncle Sam is substituting "Sammy" for the name used in our nursery rhymes. The United States War Department has appointed Mr. L. T. Hanmer head of recreational activities in the various cantonments and mobilization camps, over fifty in number. Hanmer is a graduate of Cornell, where he made a big name for himself in athletics and in physical training, later taking up the latter as his life work. He is looked on as an authority on recreation work and has been much sought after by playground associations and kindred societies having to do with recreation and play. His new duties will call for providing amusement in the shape of athletics, sports, concerts, movies, etc., for the hundreds of thousands of American soldiers now being trained for overseas service.

**GEORGES CARPENTIER**.—"There is a reason" for Georges Carpentier, the heavyweight champion pugilist of Europe, fighting the Germans. A short time ago an American prize fight promoter offered him \$10,000 for an exhibition fight in the United States. Carpentier refused, although he admitted at the time that he would like the money as it would be a start on the way to a fortune. He went on to explain that all the money he had made in the world had been invested in coal mines at Lens which were now in the hands of the Germans. Carpentier is fighting to get back his own. In this respect he resembles a well known Canadian officer who is in charge of a battery on the Western front. In the old pre-war days the company of which he was the head did a lot of business with Germany and when hostilities broke out the wily Huns owed him some \$1,300. When he enlisted for overseas service his friends expressed surprise, as he was past the military age. In answer to their queries he informed them that the Germans owed him \$1,300, and he was going over to collect it—and he's doing it at so much per head.

**BRIG.-GEN. T. H. BLISS**.—Now that Uncle Sam is in the fight it would be well for Canadians to familiarize themselves with the men who will have to direct the operations of the American Army. Brig.-Gen. T. H. Bliss has just been named chief-of-staff in the American Army. He is a West Point graduate and served through the Spanish-American War, and continued in Cuba during the reconstruction period. From there he went to the Philippines, and then became associated with staff work at Washington. He is regarded as a particularly efficient officer.

**MR. ALEC McFEE**, whose death occurred a few days ago, was not only one of the best known grain merchants in the Dominion, but also was prominently identified with every movement for the betterment of the city's social and economic welfare. He was born in this province in 1849 and commenced his business career with his father at Beauharnois, shortly afterwards moving to Montreal in 1872. He was an ex-president of the Corn Exchange Association, a member of the old Board of Harbour Commissioners, and an ex-president of the Board of Trade. The late grain merchant was also vitally interested in technical education and it was largely as a result of his untiring efforts that the fine technical school on Sherbrooke Street was built. He was president of the Technical Institute at the time of his death. He also took an active part in church work, being an elder in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church.

**SEGAR WHEELER**, Western papers particularly those connected with farm, are agitating for the conferring of a title on Mr. Segar Wheeler of Rosthern, Sask. Westerners and farmers are usually very much averse to titles, and point out that scores of titles are conferred upon promoters, stock watering operators and other get-rich-quick artists, but that none are conferred on farmers. Wheeler has again taken first honours in the International Dry Farming Congress of Illinois, winning first place for wheat, barley and grasses. He also took the sweepstakes for potatoes and field peas. That is the fourth time that Wheeler has won the world's championship for the best grain grown. On two occasions, he won it for oats, then for wheat and barley. Wheeler is an American who early in life saw the greater possibilities of Western Canada and settled near Saskatoon. His name has become an international one owing to the marked success he has had in growing prize grain.

**M. P. FENNEL, Jr.**, who has been appointed secretary-treasurer of the Montreal Harbor Commission, has had an ideal training for the post. "Mike," as he is known to his many friends, first tried journalism, but quit that field to take a post as private secretary to Sir John Kennedy, at that time chief engineer of the Harbor. He then became secretary to the Hon. Robert Mackay, president of the Commission, and in turn served under Major George W. Stephens and Mr. W. G. Ross. He accompanied the two latter on their trips of inspection to the great harbors of the world, and in brief, has made a very thorough and comprehensive study of harbors and shipping. "Mike" is a Montreal boy and as a lad used to play with other barefoot boys around "Griffentown," but later entered McGill, and on graduating took up journalism, which he forsook for the study of transportation problems. Fennel is a genial Irishman with an unusual capacity for making friends.

**FRANK A. VANDERLIP**.—Many men in the United States whose services could not be secured for any sum are devoting their time and energies to war work without any remuneration. One of the latest individuals to give up an important post is Frank A. Vanderlip, head of the National City Bank of New York, the largest banking institution in that country, who is assisting Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo in connection with war finance. Vanderlip is one of the ablest financiers in the United States. He was born in Aurora, Ill., in 1864, and after being educated at the University of Chicago entered journalism, becoming in turn financial editor of the Chicago Tribune and associate editor of the Chicago Economist. From Chicago he went to Washington as private secretary to the head of the treasury department, so that in returning to his present post he is not going into a new field. Several years ago he was made head of the National City Bank, the most

powerful banking institution in the neighboring republic. Vanderlip is also a director of many railroads and other big corporations. He always states that the reason his bank is the best known and largest in the country is because they have always made a generous use of printers' ink, in other words he believes in advertising, a characteristic probably traceable to his early newspaper experience.

**REV. DR. R. BRUCE TAYLOR**, who is taking over the principalship of Queen's University, is undoubtedly the foremost Presbyterian divine in the Dominion. Dr. Taylor is a Scotchman, having been born at Cardross in 1869. He was educated at Glasgow University, at Gottingen, Beirut and Damascus. Before coming to Canada he was pastor of St. John's Wood Church, London, Eng. Since coming here a half a dozen years ago Dr. Taylor has been prominent in the church, in military matters, and everything pertaining to the social well being of the city and country. He is a virile type of a man, an eloquent preacher, and in general a tremendous force in the community. Dr. Taylor has frequently been described as a man's man, and this is well shown by the interest he takes in organizations having to do with the welfare of the sterner sex. He spent some several months overseas as chaplain of one of Montreal's Highland Battalions, and on his return has been a frequent speaker at recruiting meetings and patriotic rallies of all kinds. In addition to being a forceful and eloquent speaker, Dr. Taylor is the author of a book on Economics, and has been a frequent contributor to the religious press. He will make an ideal principal of Queen's, as he is a man of the broadest sympathies, ripest scholarship and the possessor of the most engaging personality.

### HIS PRAYER.

(From Poems of the War by Wm. Letts).

He prayed,  
There where he lay,  
Blood-sodden and unkempt,  
As never in his young carelessness he'd dreamt  
That he could pray.  
He prayed,  
Not that the pain should cease,  
Nor yet for water in the parching heat,  
Nor for death's quick release,  
Nor even for the tardy feet  
Of stretcher-bearers bringing aid.  
He prayed,  
Cast helpless on the bloody sod:  
"Don't trouble now, O God, for me,  
But keep the boys. Go forward with them, God!  
O speed the Camerons to victory!"  
The kilts flashed on: "Well played," he sighed, "well  
played."  
Just so he prayed.

### "THE MAN IN THE TRENCH."

(By James Bernard Fagan).

Can you not hear me, young men in the street?  
Is it nothing to you who pass by,  
Who down the dim-lit ways in thousands roam?  
From here I watch you, through the driving sleet,  
Under the evening sky,  
Hurrying home.  
Home!—how the word sounds like a bell—  
I wonder can you know, as I know well,  
That in this trench  
Of death and stench  
I stand between your home and hell.  
I am the roof that shields you from the weather,  
I am the gate that keeps the brigand back,  
When pillage, fire, and murder come together,  
I am the wall that saves your home from sack,  
Man! when you look upon the girl you prize,  
Can you imagine horror in those eyes?  
You have not seen, you cannot understand,  
This trench is England, all this ruined land  
Is where you wander, street, or field, or strand,  
Save for God's grace, and for the guns that rest  
Upon this dripping mudbank of the west.  
Our blood has stained your threshold—will you stain  
Your soul, give nothing and take all our gain?  
Why did I come? I ask not, nor repent;  
Something blazed up inside me, and I went.  
The khaki fringe is frayed, and a rent  
Needs men—needs men, and I am almost spent,  
Night, and the "ready"... so sleep well, my friend...  
The guns again are going.... I must stick it to  
the end.