

# MAJ.-GEN. MACDONELL ACTS AT RITES AND MAYOR POTTS PLEDGES CITY GRANT, IF NEEDED

Impressive Scene Presented as Union Jack Falls From Memorial, Guard of Honor Salutes, Band Plays, and Choir Sings

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nearly as we could do so, we have tried to include in our list representatives of all patriotic and welfare societies—the societies who are indefatigable in working for the comfort of the soldiers.

"We are especially glad to have with us representatives of the nursing service, whose work was of such a high order; many of whose members laid down their lives, and whose sacrifice is commemorated in this memorial.

"For any omission we are sincerely sorry and will ask indulgence.

**ANCIENTS HONORED DEAD.**

"The erection of memorials to the honored dead was an ancient practice; it was said of one of the great empires of antiquity that they were well advanced towards decay when they ceased to honor their dead.

"The nation of which we form a part has never been delinquent in this respect, and in the Empire's Valhallas, Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's Cathedral, are placed memorials to those who were conspicuous in the sciences and arts. There we have memorials to our poets, writers, artists, warriors, statesmen and humanitarians, not only doing honor to the persons thus commemorated but to the nation itself.

**REMINDER OF SACRIFICES.**

"As a part of this great nation and in keeping with an ancient custom, we have erected this memorial, which will stand as a reminder to us and to generations following of the sacrifice made by our sons and daughters in order to protect our homes and freedoms, our liberty and freedom from foreign domination.

"Following the custom elsewhere, will from time to time lay wreaths at the foot of this memorial, which will be the fallen, and so until the resurrection morn we would say:

"Soldier, rest! Thy warfare o'er,  
Dream of fighting fields no more;  
Sleep the sleep that knows not breaking,  
Morn, of toil, nor night of waking.

"We have with us to take a leading part in the unveiling exercises an old citizen in the person of Major-General Macdonnell, who not only was commandant of Military District No. 7 for several years during the war and afterwards, with headquarters in Saint John, but for several years commanded units in France which included Saint John men.

"We welcome Citizen Macdonnell and will now ask him to unveil the memorial.

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"All of a sudden in 1914 in the midst of a glorious summer the first rumblings of a tumultuous storm were heard at a distance. From across the Atlantic threatening lights were seen on the horizon and as hours and minutes fled the impending storm had gathered and was soon raging from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

**PROVINCE JOINS IN WAR.**

"The great world war was on us with its long and dreadful periods of supreme trials, of hopes deferred, with its unending trail of holocaust on land, in the air and on the seas. After weeks and months elapsed, the yomen gathered from the deepest recesses of this province and the steady tramp of

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