

upon them. Their comrades began to observe a growing tendency on their part to scratch their anatomies, and shrug their shoulders as if in pain. And every now and then would bring his thumbnails together with a loud click. To date the cause of this is quite unknown, but various suspicions are entertained as to the origin of this strange behaviour. The poor victims are not downhearted, as they say that they have more friends now than ever they had before. So while they are satisfied, why should others worry.

In conclusion, they offer a hearty welcome to one and all to come and stay with them. The conditions are simple. All that has to be done is to come late on parade any morning or afternoon, and you will be accomodated at the Mansion Beautiful, free of all cost to yourself.

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THE EDITOR « *LA VIE CANADIENNE* ».

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SIR,

As one of an early draft of reinforcements to the last Canadian Division, who regrettedly was not able to be present at the 1st Division dinner the other night, might I trouble you to make an effort to publish the speeches made in proposing and replying to the toasts of that evening?

Most particularly I would like a copy of that brilliant patriotic effort which everyone says was the feature of the evening, i.e. Q.M.S. Owen's « CANADA TOAST ».

They say it was a masterpiece of oratory and elocution seldom equalled it ever excelled by Britains, greatest dead or living orators of the first water.

It is claimed by many who were present that it radiated a thrill of patriotism through the audience, so much so that a large number left before the finish, presumably overcome by the rousing sentimental and heart rending picture of contrast between the Battle field and Winnipeg on fete days.

May I ask for autograph copies to perpetuate this Historical item of Canada's part in Empire Building.

Yours,

HEAD WAITER.

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