

# MAYOR SPENCE RECEIVED GLOWING ENCOMIUMS AT BANQUET LAST NIGHT

## Retiring Chief Magistrate of Brantford Recipient of Many Flattering and Complimentary Things Said of Him by Long List of Speakers.

Following last night's city council meeting, the aldermen and members of the various municipal boards of the city, as well as representative city officials, were the guests of Mayor Spence at a luncheon at the Tea Pot Inn. The event was made the occasion of a farewell, and all the speakers on the toast list referred in the most glowing terms to the excellent work done by the retiring first magistrate of Brantford. There was a splendid turnout, the banquet hall being well filled. Music and a humorous recitation by Rev. Mr. Lavell helped to pass the evening, as well as the speeches, and when at 1 o'clock the party broke up, it was with the feeling of concluding a most pleasant function.

### LONG TOAST LIST

The toast list was a long one, and as was only natural in times like these, all the speakers referred in passing to the times of trouble through which the Empire is passing. Most of the addresses were short but some of them were marvellously good in spite of their brevity. A very notable speech was delivered by Hon. Col. W. F. Cockshutt, M.P., who in more than his usual eloquent strain spoke of the splendid future awaiting the Canadian people. The speech of Mr. A. W. Burt, in which he depicted the truly appropriate the bull dog was, as the national emblem of the British people, also stood out, as being something quite out of the ordinary. Mr. Frank Cockshutt with his dry wit, enlivened the proceedings, while the Mayor's response to the toast drunk to the "Mayor and Council" was a happy combination of cheerfulness and earnestness, and made a most excellent impression.

"TO THE DEPARTED HEROES." A very noteworthy feature was the toast, drunk in silence, to the memory of the departed dead from this county who gave up their lives for the Empire. This toast was proposed in most appropriate terms by Rev. T. B. Jeakins of St. Jude's.

Following the excellent lunch pre-

pared by the host of the Tea Pot Inn and the singing of the National Anthem, Mr. Brewster proposed "The Empire." Like all the other speakers, Mr. Brewster prefaced his remarks by most commendatory and flattering references to the work achieved by Mayor Spence during his incumbency. Brantford citizens were never ashamed to say of Mr. Spence, "This is our Mayor." As for the Empire, he was proud to be a part of it. Brewster, then the present, in belonging to the British Empire. It was fighting for freedom to-day as it fought 100 years ago, and although the battle was stern, he had no fear of the outcome.

MR. LAVELL  
Rev. Mr. Lavell in replying to the toast, made a rousing speech. This war had changed our standards and had given us greater moral worth. It had made us all the more self-sacrificing and had welded us together, wiping out the narrow national and sectional claims which hitherto had impeded our advance. For all these things we could thank the Kaiser.

"MUDDLED THROUGH."  
Mr. Burt made a very telling reply also. He stated that he himself was not an example of a narrow nationalism, as of his four grandfathers, one was Scotch, one English and two were Welsh. Moreover he had married an Irishwoman. The bull dog, said Mr. Burt, was after all an appropriate symbol of the Britisher. The bull dog was the friendliest of dogs, but not always the wisest. It did not look for trouble, but when it went into it, came out after making a good job of it. The British people had got to where they were now by "muddling through." Providence had caught them early and instilled in them the love of freedom. Their safeguards of freedom were many the result of accident. Yet the German constitution was a most perfect creation, and look what it had done to the German people.

"CANADA."  
The toast to the Dominion of Can-

ada was proposed by Mr. J. H. Ham, M.P.P. Commendation from him and one or two others present was commendation in earnest, said Mr. Ham, amid laughter, yet he would add his amount of praise to the splendid work done by Mayor Spence. Canada today was quite a different country, and Canadians were different people to what they were before the war. Langemark made one proud to be a Canadian.

COL. W. F. COCKSHUTT, M.P.  
Mr. W. F. Cockshutt, in replying to the toast, made a most inspiring address. Never had any such effort been put forth in this country as in the last 15 months. We have been brought up to think of peace and the ways of peace, yet we had turned to war and had almost raised a quarter of a million men.

A ROSEY FUTURE.  
Mr. Cockshutt took a most optimistic view point of this country's future. To-day as compared with only a year ago, the country is prosperous. Exports exceed imports by fifty millions of dollars, a state of affairs he always desired said Colonel Cockshutt. Peace will bring its problems, but he believed Canada's share of peace would be in a goodly amount of new immigration and new trade, so she should make herself ready to receive it. Before closing Colonel Cockshutt referred to the new Naturalization Laws which now applied, with slight variations, to the country throughout the whole British Empire.

THE SOLDIER'S TURN.  
"The Army, the Navy and the Air," was proposed by Mr. W. G. Raymond, who personified the army by naming the responders to the toast, Lieut. Col. Stewart, Lt. Col. Cutcliffe, Col. Harry Cockshutt and Capt. W. T. Henderson. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

LT. COL. STEWART sketched the wonderful growth of the army of the war began. The "contemptible Little Army" of Sir John French had grown to millions although the original army was now almost all gone. The navy also came in for a most deserved tribute. As for the Allies, we were fighting side by side with the best blood in Europe. There could be only one result to this war. He also paid a most graceful tribute to the Mayor on his treatment of him and his staff.

LT. COL. CUTCLIFFE also spoke briefly and announced that 525 men were

now with the 15th. They were a fine lot of men and would be led by a fine lot of officers, declared the commander of the Brantford Battalion, Colonel Harry Cockshutt after referring to some of his experiences when Mayor during the Boer war promised to give what help he could to the formation of the 15th. As for the war, no matter how long it lasted we would stay with the game.

CAPT. W. T. HENDERSON also spoke briefly. He represented the artillery, he said, and it had spoken for itself since the war broke out.

PROPOSED BY Rev. T. Jeakins, eloquent respect was paid to the dead from Brant County, by a silent toast to their memory.

MR. FRANK COCKSHUTT  
There are so many colonels in the family, one finds it an advantage to maintain one's individuality," said

### THE TOAST LIST

Toastmaster—Col. Leonard. Prayer—Rev. T. B. Jeakins. The King—National Anthem.

"The British Empire," Proposed by Mr. W. S. Brewster, responded to by Rev. A. E. Lavell and Mr. A. W. Burt.

Recitation—"A Prussian Duel," Rev. A. E. Lavell.

"The Dominion of Canada," Proposed by J. H. Ham, M.P.P., responded to by Hon. Lt. Col. W. F. Cockshutt, M.P.

"Army, Navy and Allies," Proposed by Mr. W. G. Raymond, responded to by Lt. Col. Stewart, Lt. Col. Cutcliffe, Col. Harry Cockshutt, Capt. W. T. Henderson.

Songs—"The Sergeant," Mr. Jas. T. Whittaker.

"The Departed Heroes of Brant County" drunk in silence, proposed by Rev. T. B. Jeakins.

"Public Utilities"—Waterworks, Hydro Electric and Street Railway," proposed by Frank Cockshutt, responded to by John Fair, A. McFarlane and C. H. Hartman.

"The County"—Proposed by Mayor Spence, responded to by Mr. A. E. Watts.

"The Mayor and Council" proposed by Mr. C. H. Waterous, responded to by Mayor Spence and Aldermen—Calbeck, Minshall and Pitcher.

"City Officials and Municipal Board," proposed by Alderman Ryerson, responded to by Mr. A. K. Bunnell and H. H. Powell.



MAYOR JOHN H. SPENCE  
Retiring First Magistrate of Brantford, who banqueted Aldermen and members of various boards in the Teapot Inn last night.

church; Rev. Alfred E. Lavell, president of Brantford Ministerial association; A. E. Watts, Edwin L. Gould, Frank Cockshutt, Ald. W. H. Freeborn, Ald. Geo. L. Jennings, Ald. C. Grass, Angus McAuley, market clerk; Lt. Col. M. F. Muir, A. G. Montgomery, Henry Storey, J. B. Brown, Thos. Henry, H. H. Powell, E. D. Henwood, A. W. Burt, Chas. Slemm, Ald. W. J. Bragg, Ald. H. C. Cuff, J. Leslie Axford, Ald. S. P. Fitch, chairman, buildings, streets and grounds; John Fair, Wm. Glover, Ald. Woolams, James T. Whittaker, Warden Cook, H. Cockshutt, C. H. Waterous, J. H. Minshall, Arthur O. Secord, Rev. E. Welsh, Robt. E. Ryerson, W. S. Brewster, C. Cook, T. E. Ryerson, I. Newsome, Andrew McFarland, John S. Dowling, T. Harry Jones, Wm. Sutcliffe, F. J. Calbeck, M. J. O'Donohue, C. H. Hartman, John Cook, court house; Fred Unger, Thos. M. Ion, W. T. Henderson, John M. Patte, E. E. C. Kilmer, J. B. Thresher, A. Graham, F. W. Ryerson, Arthur Coubeck, Frank J. Benedict, Henry J. Symons, Jos. H. Ham, M.L.A. Ald. Wm. J. Mellen, F. D. Reville.

### WITH THE FAMOUS

The announcement of the engagement of Capt. Henry Baker, Cresswell, 14th Reserve Cavalry, to Mrs. Mosley, widow of Colonel Paget Peppercorn, in England, recalls the happy occasion created by his mother, Emma Countess of Ravensworth, when in 1904, within a year of the death of her husband, the second Earl of Ravensworth, she married her coachman, J. W. Wadsworth. The lady was the daughter of the Hon. Richard Denman, and thus a granddaughter of the first Lord Denman, the famous Chief Justice of the King's Bench. Her first marriage was in 1872 to Major Oswin Baker Cresswell, a considerable landowner at Cresswell, Northumberland, and the father of the present bridegroom-elect. There was plenty of money in the Ravensworth family, so the coachman stepped into a good thing. He had held his humble position four months, when his romance marriage occurred—at the cautious hour of 8.45. A curious feature was that during the week following the wedding he continued to live at the Mews and to act as coachman. Mr. Wadsworth died in 1909.

### CONCLUDING SPEECHES.

Ald. Calbeck, Minshall and Pitcher added words of appreciation to the splendid work done by the Mayor. "He was always courteous and considerate with me, but once," said Ald. Ryerson, amid laughter, in proposing the last toast. "I called him by phone on a certain matter and he told me that had

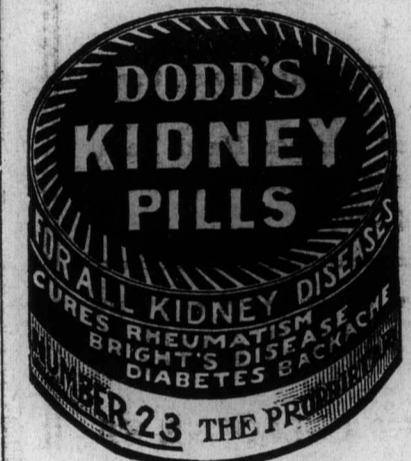
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overseas forces where he has been acting as chaplain for some time. Ralph Connor was born in Glengarry County in 1860 and educated in the Public schools of West Zorra, the University of Toronto, Knox college and Edinburgh University. As a young missionary he went West where he became thoroughly imbued with the Western spirit and later used the material in a series of novels and short stories dealing with western life. Some of his best works are "Black Rock," "The Sky Pilot," and "The Man from Glengarry." His home is in Winnipeg.

Gen. Smith-Dorrien will command the British-Boer expedition against German East Africa. It is the largest and was the largest of the German colonies. When it is captured Germany will not have a single colony to her name. The general has seen service in Africa. He was for some time one of Gen. French's generals. But for some unknown reason he retired some time ago.

How Marconi answered his country's call, says The Westminster Gazette is described in an article in Munsey's Italy's greatest living son and member of her Senate, he might well have claimed the right to serve at his own time and in his own way. What he did, however, was to hurry back from America directly war became imminent, and report himself at the War Ministry, where he got his orders, his uniform and his sword and became Lieut. Marconi of the aviation corps. Such was Marconi's homecoming. It was characteristic of the man, says the writer who points out that Marconi is no more a typical Italian than he is a typical Malay. He is radically an Anglo-Italian, in temperament, manner, dress and habit of thought he is 99 per cent. English.



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### HOLDING ON JUST FOR SHOW?

Daily Telegraph Hints Thus and Condemns Government.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, Dec. 21.—Intense relief at the unexpectedly successful retreat of the British from the Suvla Bay and Anzac regions of the Gallipoli Peninsula, the highest praise for the generals who carried out the retreat with such secrecy and a renewal of the criticism on the inception of the Dardanelles expedition are the keynote of the editorials in the morning newspapers upon what is generally considered the most unfortunate chapter of Great Britain's share in the war.

"The predictions of disaster have been happily falsified," says the Times. "The withdrawal was a wonderful feat of organization, and when the full story comes to be told it will be found to be as extraordinary as the heroic episodes of the landing."

The Daily Mail in an editorial, says "The withdrawal may be taken as a sign that the government at last has realized the stupendous blunder it committed in venturing upon the expedition."

Some curiosity is expressed and the possibility canvassed of the government making a statement whether it is intended still to hold the Krithia section of the peninsula.

The Daily Telegraph says in this connection that public opinion would rather see the whole expedition abandoned at one blow if there is to be abandonment at all.

"It can face the failure unmoved," the paper adds, "but if it were led to believe that the British and French troops were clinging on before Achi-baba simply for the sake of appearances there would be bitter universal indignation."

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