

The Mayor took the chair at eight o'clock, when the members of the City Corporation moved to the side of the platform, and the Chicago volunteers drew up in line in front of it. His Worship, addressing the assemblage, said that that was no ordinary occasion. It happened, probably, not once in a long life. It was his duty to present these highly patriotic young men—who had left valuable situations in the States, and come here to help Canadians—with an address, recognizing their generous devotion to their country. To them the City of Toronto felt under a deep obligation, and he, as Chief Magistrate, had been deputed to present them, on behalf of the city, with the following address, expressive of a high opinion of their patriotism:

*Province of Canada, City of Toronto. To the Volunteers from Chicago and other American Cities. To Captain Ford, and the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the Canadian Volunteers.*

We, the Mayor and Corporation of the City of Toronto, embrace this opportunity to offer to you, on behalf of the citizens generally, their grateful acknowledgment for your self-sacrificing patriotism, in spontaneously abandoning your various occupations, and at the first appearance of danger rushing to the defence of our common country, when attacked by a band of marauders, who, without provocation, landed and endeavoured to involve our peaceful land in the horrors of war. We have no doubt that, had it been necessary, thousands of our fellow-countrymen, resident in other portions of the United States, animated by the same laudable spirit, would have imitated your example and assisted us in repelling a cruel and wanton attack upon a free and contented people. We assure you that your noble conduct is well appreciated, and will ever be remembered by the city of Toronto; and while we feel satisfied that, should occasion require, you will again be prepared to come forward and stand shoulder to shoulder with your fellow-countrymen here, we congratulate you that, all danger being now passed, you are enabled to return to your peaceful vocations. And, in conclusion, we pray you to take with you the flag of Britain, your rally around which will always live in our memory.

F. H. MEDCALF, Mayor.

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His Worship went on to state that it became his duty also to present them with that time-honoured old flag, the red-cross flag of Britain. (The Mayor here pointed to the flag—a large and handsome one, the border of which was inscribed with the words, “Presented to the Chicago Volunteers, by the City Council, Toronto.”) In the name of the Corporation he presented this flag, and would ask the Chicago Canadians to take it to their homes, and regard it as the gift of the citizens of Toronto to mark the noble patriotism displayed by these volunteers in proffering their aid, as they have done, in time of war. (Loud cheers.)

Captain Ford replied, and returned thanks, on behalf of the volunteers and of the Canadian Society of Chicago. For the volunteers, he would say that the only cause of displeasure they had, resulted from their not getting a chance to leave their mark on the Fenian invaders. As to the handsome presents made them in recognition of their services, he was sure he would ever look upon it with pride when they returned to that hot-bed of Fenianism, Chicago; and he begged, on behalf of himself and