

# SIR SAM HUGHES CENTRAL FIGURE AT THE BIG MILITARY DEMONSTRATION YESTERDAY

Seaside Park Scene of Greatest "Khaki" Display Ever Known in St. John — Instruments Presented to Band of 140th and Presentation of Regimental Colors to 115th — Minister of Militia Addresses Officers and Men Expressing His Satisfaction at Their Fine Showing—Forecasts Well Merited Promotion for "Brigadier Gen." H.H. McLean

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## St. John's Distinguished Visitor



MAJOR GENERAL SIR SAM HUGHES, K.C.B., Canada's Minister of Militia and Defence.

At Trinity church, consecrated the colors, while the officers and men bowed in deep respect for him who blessed all things. Laying his hand upon the colors the reverend gentleman said: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, we do dedicate and set apart these colors that they may be a sign of our duty towards our King and country in the sight of God. Amen."

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that the 140th has been together as a battalion. Let me tell you how pleased I am with the way you have conducted yourselves this afternoon. "It is with pride and pleasure that I look upon your bright faces and note your evident determination to uphold the honor and liberty of the British Empire. Let me tell you we are not here today for fun, but to preserve the rights and liberties of the British people. My heart is not in my work for vengeance upon the German people—although God knows they have given cause to expect vengeance."

"You have made a splendid showing here today in this small field, and when one considers the difficulties under which you have drilled, on railway tracks, on the streets and river banks, it is marvellous."

"You will soon be able, however, to have every facility and convenience for training and drilling purposes, and I am sure such an opportunity will greatly improve your already splendid form. In the officers who are in command I have every faith, and it is likely before the snows of winter fall you or the greater number of you will be fighting at the front."

## What Canada Has Done.

"The praise we hear from all sides concerning the men who have enlisted in defence of the Empire is indeed gratifying, and when one realizes that Canada has raised over 350,000 troops it is a record hard to beat. The Minister of Militia made reference to the 104th which made that long winter march from New Brunswick to Upper Canada, saying: 'The 104th Battalion now stationed at St. John, I feel sure will uphold the honor of the former 104th, and as the 104th battalion is merely the same numbers reversed I feel sure they will follow the 104th. I will allow nothing to stand in the way of a prominent officer, but I will ask for the removal of any officer who is not competent or efficient in the leadership of his men.'"

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"Your band will soon be playing 'The Girl I Left Behind Me' to the ladies of St. John, and before many months you will repeat that selection to the ladies of Quebec and cross the ocean to take your places on the firing line. It would be idle for me to say that you would all return, but if you go down you will know that you have not sacrificed your life in vain. May God bless you!"

Good words for New Brunswick.

"Col. McLean, I want to congratulate you for the splendid showing made by the troops in New Brunswick, as he ever had the pleasure of reviewing and inspecting troops, and I assure you that I am proud of the province who have already won undy-

Both battalions were then lined up in front of the inspection post where Major-General Sir Sam Hughes addressed the officers and men, and it is doubtful if ever a speaker held the attention of an audience in St. John as did the Minister of Militia yesterday afternoon.

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## NO UNIT IN DOMINION MORE FIT, SIR SAM TELLS THE 104th AFTER SEEING THEIR WORK

Col. Fowler's Battalion Won High Praise from Minister of Militia—Promises He Will Use Every Effort to Have 104th Go to the Firing Line as a Unit.

The inspection of the 104th Regiment at Sussex yesterday morning was in every respect entirely satisfactory to those most closely concerned, and the regiment showed up so well that men and officers came in for rather exceptional praise from General Hughes.

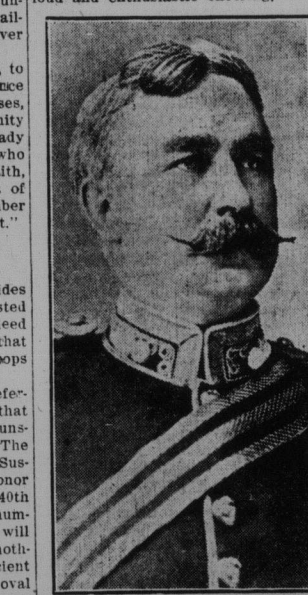
The outside companies reached Sussex by train on Monday evening in a drizzling rain, and all were in parade at five o'clock yesterday morning as the exact hour for the minister's arrival was not certain. Sir Sam and his staff accompanied by General Benson and staff, reached Sussex soon after six o'clock, the morning being grey and misty. The party were driven to the camp grounds where, by reason of the early hour and the dull weather, the number of visitors was not large. There the regiment, under Lieut-Col. Fowler, was drawn up to receive the General, and inspection was at once begun. The morning was faultless; the company drill and bayonet exercise put on by special request of General Hughes, won the heartiest commendation, and the appearance of the men was in every way solid.

## High Praise for Officers and Men.

The regiment after inspection formed a square and General Hughes addressed the officers and men, speaking from his motor car. He expressed the great pleasure which he felt at being present at the first reunion of the regiment. Many of the men before him had come to Sussex late the previous evening in a downpour of rain, had pitched their tents in a storm, had passed a very wet and uncomfortable night, and yet had come on parade at an early morning hour, looking and evidently feeling as keen as mustards. This was the staff, said he, of which true Canadians were made. Col. Fowler had told him, said the General, that in the 104th Regiment were several lineal descendants of the old 104th, but in spirit every man standing in the ranks today was

the grand showing of troops in this good old province."

The Minister of Militia suggested three cheers for His Majesty the King. Such cheers! It is doubtful if the people of St. John ever heard such loud and enthusiastic cheering.



BRIGADIER GEN. H. H. McLEAN, Officer Commanding in New Brunswick.

Col. McLean requested three cheers for Sir Sam Hughes. These were given both by the battalions and the spectators.

## General McLean.

In suggesting three cheers for Col. H. H. McLean, Sir Sam said he hoped to be able to call him Brigadier-General McLean soon, and on second thought he asked the battalions would he call for three cheers for Brigadier-General McLean, and receiving "yes" from every quarter of the field he called for three cheers for Brigadier-General H. H. McLean. After the cheering was over congratulations were bestowed upon Brigadier-General Wood then came in for three hearty cheers. Sir Sam making mention of the days he spent with the Lieut-Governor in Parliament. The whole affair was carried off without a hitch.

To a Standard reporter Sir Sam spoke of the New Brunswick units said they were as fine a body of men as he ever had the pleasure of reviewing and, like the boys from the province who have already won undy-

a worthy descendant of their noted corps. General Hughes complimented the men on their wonderful precision in company drill, their smart appearance and eager spirit. The march past, he said, especially in column formation, and over the slippery grass, was particularly good, and was made even more effective by the stirring music from their excellent band.

## To Front As a Unit.

Because of this exceptional efficiency, and maybe for other reasons, he had pledged his word to Col. Fowler that in so far as human power could be exerted, everything possible would be done to send the 104th to the front as a fighting unit.

At this stage in the proceedings, men and officers gave way to their feelings, and military discipline was relaxed for a few moments while the regiment cheered and the officers swallowed the lumps in their throats. Continuing General Hughes dwelt at some length on the absolute necessity for rifle drill, and efficiency in marksmanship. Every officer and man should thoroughly know his rifle. Other Canadians in the firing line had displayed great bravery when, on being attacked by ten times their number of Germans, they had leaped from the trenches and gone to the enemy with the bayonet. It would have been more gratifying had these Canadians been able to each account for his share of Germans by accurate rifle fire and to have reserved the bayonet for a last resort when all possible had been done by bullets.

General Hughes praised the conduct of the men during their long winter in quarters; they had won the esteem of the townspeople by their exemplary behavior, and these people had also been privileged in having their own boys in training among them.

## Overseas Soon.

It is anticipated that the 104th will be sent overseas toward the latter part of June, but this depends wholly on the transport service.

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The Chignecto in Port.

The R. M. S. P. Chignecto arrived in port yesterday afternoon, bringing a fairly large cargo for St. John, and a large number of passengers. Among the passengers were Mrs. E. H. S. Flood and family, who will spend the summer here, and Mr. and Mrs. Brand and family, who spent the winter in Bermuda. She brought about 1,300 puncheons of molasses, and 20,000 bags of sugar for this port, besides a large general cargo.

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