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FATAL COLLISION. Columbus, Ga., Nov. 23.—Seven persons at least were killed and forty-two were injured near here late last night when a circus train collided head on with a passenger train on the Central of Georgia railroad.

Hon. J. D. Hazen Traces Canada's Fine Part in Great European Struggle

Minister of Marine the Chief Speaker at Annual Banquet of Canadian Club of Boston—How Canadians Rallied to Flag When Peace Was Broken by the Hun—Hon. Mr. Hazen Accorded an Ovation at Close of One of the Finest Addresses Ever Delivered Before the Club.

Boston, Nov. 23.—Hon. John Douglas Hazen, Canadian Minister of Marine and Fisheries, was the centre of attraction at the annual banquet of the Canadian Club of Boston held last night at the Parker House. While there were other notable speakers on the programme interest was focused upon the Canadian minister, who, in an eloquent address, told of the part our northern neighbors have played in this great war, gave interesting statistics of the equipment and organization of the first Canadian expeditionary force, an organization which in record-breaking time, and painted a bright picture of conditions in Canada after the struggle had ended.

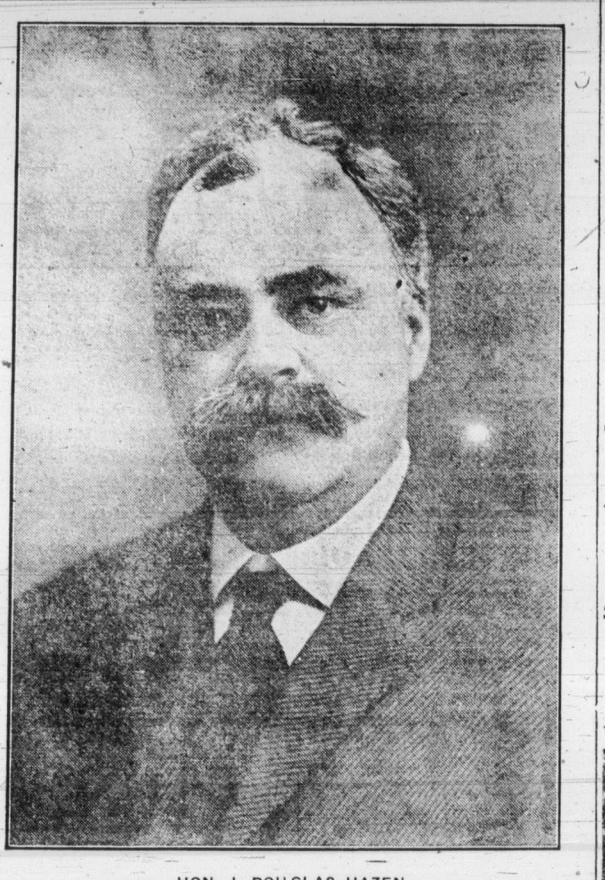
There was a larger attendance than usual, and the verdict was that the function was one of the most successful ever held under the club's auspices. As is usual on Canadian Club functions, the decorations were largely of a patriotic character; Union Jacks, Canadian flags and the Stars and Stripes were to be seen in profusion. An orchestra discoursed English and Canadian airs and the whole atmosphere of the function was Canadian. A Masterful Address.

Hon. Mr. Hazen was in splendid form. He gracefully voiced his pleasure at being requested to address the Boston Canadian Club, devoted a few remarks to the good feeling existing between the two great peoples on the North American continent who have lived for a century in peace and harmony and then plunged into the subject of his discourse. He traced the course of Canada's participation in the war from the offer of troops made before the declaration of hostilities had actually been announced, up to the present time, when the young men of Canada are vying with each other in their eagerness to don the King's uniform.

Particularly interesting was his clear exposition of the commercial changes this war has brought to Canada, of the effort to make in Canada as large a share as possible of the articles consumed by Canadian people and of the rapidly increasing exports of food stuffs and munitions of war which were rapidly transforming the Canadian Confederacy from a debtor nation to a creditor nation. He was applauded frequently during his speech, and at the conclusion was given a veritable ovation. The opinion of those present was that the address was one of the best ever delivered in the past history of the club.

The Cause of the War. After a few introductory sentences, Hon. Mr. Hazen said that the great war which is now being waged is the predominant idea in all minds at the present time, and as the carrying on of that war is our first business in Canada today, it may not be out of place for us to devote the time at my disposal to a presentation of some facts connected therewith, and more particularly referring to Canada's participation in the struggle. It is almost unnecessary to say that public sentiment throughout the Dominion is everywhere united in favor of participation in the struggle, and that THE CANADIAN PEOPLE ARE AS ONE IN SENTIMENT THAT EVERYTHING POSSIBLE SHOULD BE DONE TO SUSTAIN GREAT BRITAIN AND TO ASSIST IN THE CONTEST AND IN ASSISTING TO BRING IT TO A SUCCESSFUL AND TRIUMPHANT TERMINATION. The reasons for this I think are very plain to anyone who knows anything about Canadian affairs and the sentiments that prevail in Canada in regard to participation in the affairs of that Empire. It is impossible to conceive how the Empire can be at war without every part of the Empire being engaged in the struggle, and apart from this year by year regard for the Motherland and what it has done to protect the trade and commerce of Canada in the past and to make possible the continuation and perpetuation of those democratic institutions under which freedom and liberty flourish has filled the minds of Canadians generally with a sense of loyal devotion to the flag and a desire for a closer linking together of all the Empire's component parts. Our feelings of loyalty would of themselves be sufficient reason to justify the part which Canada is playing in the great struggle, BUT IN ADDITION TO THAT THERE IS THE IMPORTANT FACT THAT THE FUTURE DESTINY OF CANADA IS IN NO SMALL MEASURE BEING DETERMINED TODAY ON THE BATTLEFIELDS OF EUROPE AND THAT ON THE RESULT OF THAT STRUGGLE WILL DEPEND NOT ONLY WHETHER CANADA WILL CONTINUE TO ENJOY IN THE FUTURE THE SAME FREEDOM, LIBERTY AND DEMOCRATIC RULE THAT IT NOW ENJOYS; AND THE STILL MORE IMPORTANT FACT THAT ON THE RESULT OF THAT STRUGGLE DEPENDS THE DECISION OF A STILL MORE MOMENTOUS ISSUE, THAT IS TO SAY, WHETHER THE PRINCIPLES FOR WHICH OUR SAVIOUR SUFFERED DEATH UPON THE CROSS OR THE LAW OF THE JUDGES WILL BE THE DETERMINING AND GOVERNING FACTOR IN THE FUTURE HISTORY OF THE WORLD.

The British Navy Supreme. Canada owes its absolute freedom from invasion today and the safety of a pathway across the seas over which Canadian products are carried to European countries, entirely to the fact that the British Navy is still as supreme as it was in the days of Drake or Nelson, and the words of the song, "Britain's Ruler of the Waves," are not merely a poetic expression, but a statement of the truth. Were it not for the protection afforded by that Navy Canadian commerce today would be paralyzed, and before this destruction and ruin would have overtaken the coast cities of Canada and its people would have been called to arms to resist the landing of hostile troops upon Canadian soil.



HON. J. DOUGLAS HAZEN

When the war broke out Canada found herself in a state of unpreparedness in so far as trained men were concerned and also in large measure with respect to equipment necessary for a great overseas expeditionary force, but in spite of this, and I think very much to the credit of our people, WITHIN FOUR WEEKS AFTER WAR HAD BEEN DECLARED A MOBILIZATION CAMP HAD BEEN CONSTRUCTED AT VALCARTIER, IN THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, AND THERE WERE GATHERED TOGETHER FROM EVERY PART OF OUR BROAD DOMINION AN ARMY OF 34,000 VOLUNTEERS. SIX WEEKS AFTER WAR BROKE OUT THIS ARMY WAS FULLY EQUIPPED FOR ACTIVE SERVICE AND COULD HAVE BEEN SENT FORWARD HAD IT BEEN POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE SUITABLE ESCORT, and within a very short time after such arrangements had been made the greatest army that ever crossed the ocean was found on thirty crowded transports conveyed by British war vessels, hastening to Britain to fight side by side with troops of the Motherland in the defence of the Empire which was equally dear to them all.

Larger Than British at Waterloo. The army which crossed the ocean from Canada was larger than the total British force which fought under Wellington at the battle of Waterloo. Would it be uninteresting if I speak for a moment on what was done at Valcartier regarding the organization of the camp and army within the space of a few weeks and which may, I think, be regarded as a significant achievement? A rifle range, comprising about three and one-half miles, was completed in ten days. A complete water supply with necessary pipings, tanks and chlorinating plant, with about 200 taps fitted to ablation tables, and 75 shower baths were constructed. An electric light, power and telephone system was installed, streets were constructed, buildings and tents erected, and an effective sewerage system, comprising over 25,000 feet of drain pipe was completed. Railway sidings with necessary loading platform were constructed. Woods were cleared and elaborate sanitary arrangements prepared. Six large buildings for ordnance stores and for the Army Service Corps, buildings for medical stores, for pay and transport offices, hospital stables for sick horses, fumigating and other buildings were constructed and made ready for use within the same period. Thirty-five thousand men were assembled and put through a most systematic course of training in all branches of the service. Infantry, cavalry, artillery, engineers, army service corps, army medical corps, signalers and ammunition columns were organized, and all were equipped in their respective duties. The clothing and equipment, the transport and supply for 35,000 men was a heavy undertaking, especially in the urgency of haste.

What was necessary to equip the force sent forward and to make some provision for future contingents included 250,000 pairs of boots, 100,000 forage caps, 50,000 great coats, 300,000 jackets and sweaters of various types, 235,000 pairs of trousers, 70,000 rifles and bayonets, 80,000 oil bottles, 70,000 water bottles, 55,000 sets of valise equipment, and so on. In like proportion, over a list of sixty-five different articles, with the first expeditionary force we sent to Great Britain twenty-one 13-pounder quick firing guns, ninety-six 18-pounder machine guns, ten breech-loading 60-pounder guns, a large number of machine guns, motor lorries, transport wagons and a vast quantity of ammunition. The force was ready for embarkation within six weeks of the outbreak of war. This force was twice as great in point of numbers as the Spanish Armada, and fifty per cent greater than the British force commanded by Wellington at Waterloo.

Further Contingents. Since then further contingents have gone overseas, and speaking generally it may be stated that at the present time THERE ARE ABOUT 120,000 CANADIAN TROOPS SERVING OVERSEAS; THAT THERE ARE 80,000 AT HOME WHO HAVE BEEN ENLISTED AND ARE BEING TRAINED AND ORGANIZED, AND THAT OVER 200,000 HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO BRING THE TOTAL NUMBER UP TO 200,000, SO THAT WITHIN A COMPARATIVELY SHORT TIME ONE-QUARTER OF A MILLION CANADIANS WILL BE OCCUPYING THEIR PLACES IN THE FIRING LINE AND TAKING THEIR PART WITH THE ALLIES IN THE GREAT STRUGGLE THAT IS NOW BEING WAGED. At the present time the Canadian

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