

THE HONOURABLE CHARLES COLQUHOUN BALLANTYNE,

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ability that was remarked by the head of the Canadian Government.

He has been connected with the militia for a number of years and took a very active part in the recruiting campaign that was carried on before the coming into force of the Military Service Act. His frankness did not altogether appeal to the slackers and shirkers who hung back. He castigated them without mercy.

That he practised what he preached is borne out by the recruiting of the regiment known as the 245th or the Grenadier Guards of which he was appointed Colonel by Sir Sam Hughes who was then Minister of Militia and Defence.

Although a man of many and varied interests requiring his whole attention, he gave almost the whole of his time to the organizing of this battalion and spent a great deal of money in his endeavour to bring it up to strength. His organizing ability was exerted to good purpose, but when he found that in spite of all the appeals that were made that the required number could not be secured, the battalion went across under strength.

Owing to the system that then prevailed of breaking up the battalions that were sent overseas into drafts, to make good the wastage in other Canadian battalions, the men of the 245th were sent to France to be attached to various units.

As a result, he no longer had a battalion to command. Feeling that it was incumbent upon him to render whatever service he could to his country and cause, he asked permission to revert from officer commanding to a subaltern, in order to be sent to France and take his place in the trenches. He was told that in spite of his willingness the army could not avail itself of the services of fifty year old lieutenants and he was ordered to return to Canada.

It was upon his return that his assistance was solicited by Sir Robert Borden in the work of the Government. His chief has found him an able colleague, worthy of his confidence and esteem. The members of the Cabinet rate his attainments high and regard his future, should he desire to remain

in public life, as very promising.

He has already occupied positions of some importance, having been for several years a member of the Montreal Harbour Commission. It was while a member of the commission that he was successful in persuading a very large firm of British shipbuilders to start operations in Canada. From this has developed the programme that bids fair to make Canada one of the world's maritime nations.

If within a few years, Canadians will be able to gaze upon the merchant marine flag of Canada floating from the mast head of ships in the world's great ports, it will be altogether due to the courage, confidence, foresight, initiative, national vision, and Imperial outlook of the Honourable Charles Colquhoun Ballantyne.

At the moment this sketch is being written Mr. Ballantyne is slowly recovering from a very serious illness due largely to strain and overwork and the anxiety attendant upon the successful carrying out of the shipbuilding programme which the Government has undertaken.

When it was first learned that he had to be taken to the Royal Victoria Hospital to undergo an operation, there was wide-spread dismay and his family and devoted wife were the recipients of very warm expressions of sympathy from the Minister's friends and admirers, not only in Canada but from Great Britain and the United States.

Those who know how much Mr. Ballantyne's heart is set upon the successful fulfillment of his designs and his continuance in office for a good many years hence, earnestly and sincerely hope that his condition will rapidly improve and that the pain and suffering he has undergone will be repaid by his enjoyment in the future of robust health which will permit him to assist in the work of national development so essential to the welfare and prosperity of our great country's future.

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