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We Wish Our District Commander, Gen'l Wilson, A Happy New Year

GENERAL WILSON POSSESSES THAT RARE COMBINATION OF TALENT: GOOD BUSINESS ABILITY PLUS GOOD MILITARY ABILITY. AS AN EXECUTIVE, ORGANISER AND ADMINISTRATOR HE IS ONE OF CANADA'S STRONGEST SONS. SINCE HE DONNED A UNIFORM IN 1882 HE HAS STEADILY CLIMBED THE LADDER OF MILITARY SUCCESS, DOUBLY EARNING THE RIGHT TO GRASP EACH NEXT RUNG. AND IN THOSE BRIEF PERIODS WHEN HE WAS IN MUFTI HE MADE A DISTINCT SUCCESS IN THE BUSINESS WORLD. YOUR HEALTH, SIR, AND A LONG LIFE TO YOU!

When war's alarm aroused the Empire, Canada elected to take her part in the conflict and commenced active preparations forthwith.

It was evident at the outset that a good business organisation was needed to carry on the military work demanded at this moment, and wisely enough the cabinet looked around for men who had made, by their powers of organisation and business acumen, a success of their civil enterprises.

Major-General Wilson (then Lieut.-Colonel) was one of the men selected for this work, and judging from the results he has achieved the confidence that was placed in him by the Cabinet was well merited.

A Soldier Since 1882

His military career dates from 1882, when he joined the 3rd Victoria Rifles of Canada as a private and was promoted through the non-commissioned officer ranks, when, in 1892, he was appointed a Lieutenant. In 1894 his promotion to rank of Captain was consummated and in 1899 he attained his majority. In 1903 he was appointed Lieutenant-Colonel in com-

mand of his regiment only to retire from that responsible position in 1907.

In 1908 the responsible command of the 12th Infantry Brigade was placed under his charge which he relinquished in 1911.

At the commencement of Canada's participation in the war, in October 1914, the Minister of Militia appointed Major-General Wilson to the command of Military District Number Four, with rank of Brigadier-General, in recognition of his past military services as well as recognising his entirely successful civil career.

Commanded Valcartier

The command of the camp at Valcartier was placed in his hands in 1916 with the responsibility of training twenty thousand troops for overseas service. It may be stated here that the organisation and operation of this camp was second to none, demonstrating as it does the wisdom of the selection and the ability of the man himself.

In June, 1916, his promotion to the rank of Major-General was gazetted and in 1917 the order of Companion of St. Michael and St.

George was conferred upon him. This distinction and honour was bestowed in recognition of his splendid achievements in the constructive periods of Canada's armies.

Big Business Man

Major-General E. W. Wilson is, in private life, the head of the Canada Life Assurance Company for the eastern provinces; he is one of the few men who keep young in spite of long service; is extremely

The situation in Quebec was a difficult one to handle, probably the most so in Canada, but Major-General Wilson with his tactful administration solved the problem and it is greatly to his credit that the military business of this province has been carried on without trouble in any shape or form. A mistake in judgment at any stage would have spelled almost disaster, but that mistake was not made.

Always Ready to Help

The subject of our article is a very successful business man, a splendid organiser and is one of the strong men of Canada today. His interest in the welfare of officers and men of the army is well known and appreciated; he is without "side" and will support a good proposition to his full extent. He can see good in others and spares no effort to help and assist a worthy endeavour.

One of his chief characteristics is thoroughness which he applies to all his efforts, and when the Duke of Connaught visited Valcartier Camp this attention to detail and strict discipline both of himself and his subordinates was remarked upon by His Royal Highness.

Inspected Us in Autumn

Most of us at the Depot saw the General when he visited us on an inspection last October. His charming and pleasing manner is captivating; his willingness to help, and constructive criticism are features of his admirable personality. The Engineer Training

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energetic and impulsive—not in a harmful manner, however, owing to the fact that his good judgment is quickly operative. He is a man with convictions and with such a courage of these that he does not at any time hesitate to act upon them.