

"THERE WILL BE NO POLITICS IN MY REGIMENT; MERT ALONE WILL COUNT."---Col. Geo. W. Fowler of the 104th

STIRRING ADDRESS BY POPULAR OFFICER AT GREATEST MEETING OF THE RECRUITING CAMPAIGN

Col. Fowler Thrills Immense Gathering in Queen's Rink With Eloquence of His Call to Service--Scenes of Enthusiasm--One Hundred and Twenty Men of New Brunswick Go Forward to Join the Colors.



COL. GEORGE W. FOWLER

(Continued from page 1) Among those present on the platform were: Chief Justice McLeod, E. A. Schofield, A. M. Belding, Joseph Knowles, Alex. Rowan, H. W. Woods, M. L. A. F. C. MacNeill, C. E. Scamell, S. L. Peters, of Queenstown, and the following officers of the 104th Battalion: Lieutenant-Colonel Gunnin, second in command; Captain J. A. Brooks, Lieutenants T. W. Barnes, F. B. Young, M. Mackay, J. J. H. Doonee and R. E. MacLaughlin, Colonel E. T. Sturdee, president, and with a few well chosen words introduced the speaker of the evening. He said many of those present were perhaps not acquainted with Colonel Fowler. "But," said Colonel Sturdee, "I have known him for a great many years, and I know that the commander of the 104th Battalion is one of the finest men in this province. We are here tonight to get one hundred recruits, and I feel sure we will be successful." I take great pleasure in introducing Lieutenant-Colonel Fowler.

Col. Geo. W. Fowler, M. P. Colonel Fowler who, for several minutes, was unable to make himself heard over the uproar of applause which greeted him, said in part: "I have not come here to discuss the whys or wherefores of the great struggle, or which the Empire is engaged, or who started it. You have heard that talk of from one hundred platforms; you have read it through the press in the multitude of editorials written on the question. I am not here to argue with any man as to the merits of this quarrel, for the man who has not already made up his mind on that point has not much of a mind to make up. "I take it for granted that question had been disposed of to the effect that the enemy of the Empire is the aggressor and is responsible for this war. We, therefore, have the double advantage; we are fighting for the right, and we are fighting for our country, which we would fight for whether right or wrong.

be dazzled by such an array of beauty. Look them over. Is it not a matter of pride to command a battalion of officers such as these? This is the class of men I have chosen. The government gave me a free hand with my officers. I asked for it. I said 'I want men with red blood in their veins, not dressed dolls.' I want men of substance, men of education, men of breeding, men who have a stake in the country, not fly-by-nights, and I have got them. I intend to get such men in the ranks of the 104th." (Applause.)

The Old 104th. "You have heard much of the famous old 104th. In the record they made we have something to live up to to inspire us. They marched from Fredericton to Kingston, Ontario, a march which the great Wellington said was the most wonderful in history. That is what the 104th did and you have reason to be proud of them, you loyal people of St. John. They were your ancestors. You are their descendants. Are the descendants inferior to the ancestors? "The old 104th made its record under most adverse circumstances. What was their commissariat on that march? Hardtack and salt pork. Today, conditions have changed and the Canadian soldier is the best fed, the best clothed and the best paid soldier in the world." (Applause.)

A Crack Regiment. "We hope to have the 104th a crack regiment, one of the best of all the regiments engaged in the war. Join our ranks. Come with us. The men are coming forward rapidly and I want to tell you that exclusive of what you may do here tonight we will by Saturday night have 800 men in the ranks. I appeal to you to cast aside all material things, for this is an important time for the future of this country is at stake, when the future of the Empire is in the balance and it depends on the men of this country whether that balance shall incline to the right or the left to freedom or slavery. Prove tonight whether you are worthy of your ancestors who came to this country with the Loyalists.

Merit Only Will Count. "You people know me, you have known me as a strong political partisan. I have been, but I have fought fair. I never struck a man below the belt. I have been content to take hard blows and have taken many and have been able to give some in return. But this is no time for politics and there will be no politics in my regiment; there will be neither class nor creed. Merit alone will count for promotion. You see these officers on the platform. Let me tell you that with the exception of Lieutenant-Col. Gunnin, second in command, and whose presence in the regiment I greatly appreciate, every officer on this platform holds a provisional commission. What does that mean? It means that every officer has got to make good or he can't go with the 104th. I have no more to say to you except again to extend the invitation to come with us." Col. Fowler was greeted with cheers and applause when he concluded his address.

Straight Questions. "Why should I fight for you? Why can't you do your own fighting? Why should Jones' son and Smith's son give up the comforts of civil life and go to the trenches, while Robinson's son and Brown's son stay at home, sleep on soft beds, eat good food and take their girls to the moving picture shows? Applause. "I am proud to go to do my bit. I have shortcomings, many of them, but when I made the offer to raise and command a regiment I determined that if I was accepted I would devote all my time and all my energies to the perfecting of that regiment and I will see to it that we bring no stain of dishonor on this province. Applause. "Gentlemen, the regiment I have the honor to command is very dear to me and I may say that no honor which has come to me in my life do I treasure as highly as that which has now come to me as commanding officer of the 104th Battalion. I can assure you that I will see to it that every man in the 104th receives justice in every way." (Applause.)

The Navy was Ready. "The British navy has had proud times in its history, but it has never made such a record as in this war. Not under the leadership of the gallant Nelson; not in those days which culminated with the victory of Trafalgar, did the British navy earn as fine a record as in this war. They have

contingent, including some of the men from the siege battery from Partridge Island, and a detachment of Boy Scouts, and the members of the various recruiting committees, as well as hundreds of residents of the North End and Fairville, the procession started for the rink, with Col. Fowler in one of the autos which took part in it. From time to time, as the people marched along, red fire was burned on both sides of the streets, so that those in the parade had to march between the lights. As the crowd marched up King street Col. Fowler stopped by the window of Manchester, Robertson, Allison, Ltd., and had the things all explained to him. The Carlton crowd met the North End detachment at the foot of King street and from there the whole parade marched down to the rink together. In front of the rink the street was blocked, but after the auditorium had been filled the most of these went home.

IN CHAMBERS. The case of Elizabeth Wentsell, administratrix of the estate of Charles Wentsell, against the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Railway Company, was settled on appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada before Mr. Justice Grimmer in Chambers yesterday morning. This case was twice tried in Westmorland county; the jury at the first trial disagreed, and the jury at the second awarding a verdict of \$1,200 to the plaintiff. The company appealed, and the Court of Appeal on September 24 dismissed the appeal with costs. The quantity of butter.

WAR CLOUDS ROMANCE OF TSAR'S DAUGHTER AND BULGARIAN HEIR. PRINCESS OLGA OF RUSSIA. The announcement that Prince Boris, the Crown Prince of Bulgaria, will be commander in chief of the Bulgarian army recalls the love affair between him and the Russian Emperor's eldest daughter, the Princess Olga. The engagement has been announced by the papers in the past two seasons and, while not officially confirmed, his presence in the royal Russian palace at various times has given color to the romance.

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FINAL TEST. Dr. Burnett, the official medical examiner for the 104th Battalion, will be at the Recruiting office today after 9 a. m. All those who enlisted last night will appear there for examination. Dr. Burnett's examination will be final, and those who are successful in passing will not be called upon for further examination at Sussex.

"Lone Soldiers' Day." The Loyal Chapter, I. O. O. F., will observe November 2 as "Lone Soldiers' Day." The object is to get parcels to send to soldiers at the front who have no relatives looking after them. All parcels are to be left at the Dufferin Hotel sample rooms.

Thin Soup Stock. If the soup stock is thin, there is nothing that will add more richness of flavor than tomatoes and a good quantity of butter.

case will now be appealed to the Supreme Court of Canada. This case was the result of Charles Wentsell being run over by the company's train, and receiving injuries which resulted in his death. James Friel, K. C., appeared for the plaintiff, and H. A. Powell, K. C. for the defendant.

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