A SKETCH OF THE HONORARY COLONEL OF THE KILTIES

Brigadier General Hugh Havelock MacLean, K. C., M. P., whose picture adorns the Supplement, has a military career, not excelled, and seldom equalled, by any officer in the Canadian Militia. He has been actively connected with the military service since the time of the Fenian Raids and today is more energetic than many younger men and spends long hours each day and night in his office, attending to the work of the New Brunswick Command.

He was born at Fredericton, where at the age of 14 years he became a bugler in the 71st Regiment and attended the annual drills of that unit for some years. Afterwards he became a lieutenant in the 62nd St. John Fusiliers and continued with the unit from 1874 to 1903, during which period he held the position of Adjutant and worked up to the ranks of captain, major and Lieut.-Colonel respectively. In 1903 he was appointed to command a brigade at Camp Sussex and during the period from 1903 to 1910 he successfully commanded and trained a Brigade at Sussex Camp, receiving many times commendation from higher authority for his work.

In 1911 he resigned as Brigadier and was authorized to raise and command the 28th New Brunswick Dragoons, with the rank of full colonel, leading into camp one of the finest mounted regiments ever raised in Eastern Canada. In the years 1912, 1913 and 1914, he was again promoted acting Brigadier and given command of the Cavalry Brigade at Sussex, of which his regiment of New Brunswick Dragoons formed a part.

In 1915 he was appointed to command the 7th Overseas Brigade at Valcartier Camp, P. Q., which position he held with great distinction, during the training season. In February, 1916 he was given command of all New Brunswick Troops which he held until June, 1916, having in May been confirmed Brigadier General when he was placed in charge of the First Overseas Brigade at Valcartier, which position he held during the season at that camp and upon the completion of the training he returned to St. John, N.B., where he resumed command of the District in October.

SPECIAL SERVICES

During the Northwest rebellion a provisional battalion for service in the Northwest was formed and though an exceedingly young man at the time, he was made Captain and Adjutant of the same.

In 1899 he was made Commandant of the Bisley Team, which so well represented Canada on the Bisley Ranges in England.

In 1901 he was Acting Brigadier in command of all troops in New Brunswick, which were assembled at St. John, N. B., on the occasion of the visit of Their Royal Highnesses, The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York—now King and Queen. He was also in command of the Infantry Brigade at Halifax, for the same purpose, upon the arrival of Their Highnesses in that city.

In 1908 he was placed in command of the Infantry Brigade at the Quebec Tercentenary, a position which, because of the time allowed for organization, was very difficult. Everything in connection with his duties was performed in such a manner as to redound to his lasting credit and to the great satisfaction of the Department of Militia.

As far back as 1877, at a time when war was imminent between England and Russia, he raised a company of 100 men and trained and equipped them for service, if called upon, for which action he received the thanks of the British War Office.

During the British-Boer war, he offered to raise a company, of war strength, for service in South Africa, for which he received the thanks of the G. O. C.

In 1910 he was appointed Aide-de-Camp to His Excellency the Governor-General, whom he accompanied also during his visit to the Maritime Provinces.

In June, 1911, he was placed in command of all the Canadian Troops which were sent to England to be present at the Coronation of King George V. and Queen Mary.

In 1903 he was elected President of the New Brunswick Rifle Association, which position he still holds.

CIVIL CAREER

In private life General MacLean practised law in the city of St. John, N.B., which is his home. From his earliest days he was very successful in his profession, and by patient, energetic and careful business methods as well as an unusual talent and ability for grappling and managing large commercial interests, he built up, without doubt, the largest legal practise ever possessed by any one firm in the Province. He is still head of the firm of Weldon & Maclean, but since the war began devotes his whole time to military matters.

Since 1908 he has represented in the Federal House of Commons the Constituency of Queens-Sunbury. His burning patriotism showed itself very prominently when in the debate in the House of Commons on "Canada's Right to contribute to the British Navy," he outlined a policy by which Canada should do her fair share toward the upkeep of the Royal Navy, which policy has come to be generally accepted as the proper course to be followed by nearly every patriotic Canadian citizen. In the bold stand he was called upon to take, he found it necessary to oppose his party, but his attitude was so striking that he inspired respect and received commendation on all sides.

His brother and his two sons are in the service of the Empire, and all of them have faced the enemy on the Western Front.

Brigadier General MacLean is Honorary Colonel of the New Brunswick Kilties.

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