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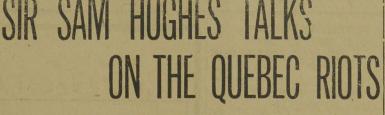
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Says General Lessard was Offered the Post of Recruiting Officer for Quebec But Refused It---Charges That Expatriated French Priests Sympathized With Pro-German Element.

Ottawa, Apr. 7. - In the aftermath | The usual rumors were current on t discussion in parliamentary corri- Saturday afternoon that fresh touble lors of Friday's debate on the Quebec was rife, but nothing materialized situation and the Military Service Act during the evening or at any time totwo statments made by Major-General day or this evening. Sir Sam Hughes stand out in particu- On Saturday night most of St

lar in connection with new facts and Roch's merchants closed their stores viewpoints brought to light. at 6 o'clock and very little business Sir Sam made a somewhat belated was done after that hour in the lower

The building was crowded to capac

ity, not only those from the congre

The text, "This is the Lord's doing

it is marvelous in our eyes", was tak

en from the 23rd verse of the 118th

Rev. Mr. Shearer explained in more

Dominion, and the benefits reaped

how a few years ago in a western

by its perseverance. More than once

explanation of the reasons why Gen- section of the city. eral Lessard had been kept so much in the background during the first three years of the war in so far as taking charge of Quebec recruiting was concerned. It will be remembered that General Hughes was severely criticised for not adopting the sugges tion that General Lessard should be put in charge in Quebec for the pur pose of organizing recruiting there When Sir Wilfrid Laurier on Friday referred in the course of his remarks to the alleged keeping of General Lessard in the background, Sir Sam at ast gave this explanation:

"General Lessard - I made him a general, I promoted him, I made him St. Paul's Presbyterian Church last what he is today, so far as titles are evening, the Rev. J. G. Shearer, genconcerned. When I sent for him and eral secretary for Home Missions and spoke to him about raising a French- Moral and Social Reforms, of the Canadian brigade he said he would Presbyterian Church of Canada delibe the worst man in the province of vered a very interesting and eloquent Quebec or the Dominion of Canada to sermon on the Moral and Social Retake it in hand, because 'he did not forms of Canada. like them and they did not like him.'

"This is the second time in my presence that the leader of the oppostion gation being present but many from has seen fit after he was corrected to the other denominations of the city say that if General Lessard had been sent in he would have done wonders. He knows that the prime minister and I-and General Lessard will not de-ny-gave General Lessard every op-Rev.

portunity although General Fiset and than one instance the work that this I knew that as was not the man for large society is doing throughout the the job.' Concerning French Priests.

Sir Sam's second and significant de- Its missionaries were discouraged but claration of inside history in regard they still persevered in their work to the real causes for non-recruiting and after years of struggle were re P. Quebec consisted of a direct charge warded by seeing the fruits of their that some of the expatriated priests labor materialize in the conversion o from France had been caught in direct many who had wandered from the collaboration with the pro-German ele- fold. Mr. Shearer told the story of ment in the United States.

"I want to make another statement Canadian province one of the wan here and the fact will be denied?" derers had been returned to the fold declared Sir Sam, "Some of these by the perseverance of one of the misclergymen were expatriated from sionaries. They called him "Old Ken France for violation of the French He was a constant visitor to the salaw, I suppose. At any rate, they were loons. When the missionary first saw n the city of Quebec and eight of him he was in one of these places. these clergymen were found with a leaning against the bar. All of those collection of German propaganda there were tendered the invitation to tirculated from the United States and attend the Gospel meeting that eve-

coming into this country. "I did not have them arrested. I simply refer you to the fact. If you doubt it, ask Inspector Green, a good ed the same as the rest. He did



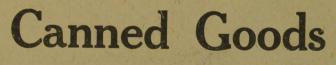
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