

OFFERS REWARD FOR EVIDENCE OF SEDITIONARY TALK

W. J. Blair Tenders Banquet To Soldiers At Wainwright

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WAINWRIGHT, Alberta, Feb. 7.—If W. J. Blair of Provost, has his way, sedition will soon be wiped out in this district. W. J. Blair is the Conservative candidate of Battle River and at a banquet which he tendered Saturday night to nearly 100 soldiers of the 151st Battalion assembled in Wainwright, Mr. Blair made the announcement that he would give a reward of \$200 to any person or persons who would lay information that would lead to the conviction of individuals guilty of seditious utterances.

The banquet Saturday evening to the members of the 151st Battalion

editor of the Wainwright Star, who is now a private in the ranks of the 151st. All speeches were of a patriotic character, that of W. J. Blair being one of inspiration and good will. It evidenced clearly and well the patriotism of the candidate of Battle river. He made reference to the destruction of the parliament buildings and was firm in his conviction that work of an under-handed character clearly showed itself. "Men who know the lay-out of the parliament buildings will find it hard to believe that the fire was a pure accident," said Mr. Blair. The Battle River candidate also praised the men assembled for their willingness to fight in the struggle for freedom, and said that although he was not able to go to war, he was a man who would do all within his power to play the part that should be played by every loyal resident of Canada.

Six Cheers and a Tiger.

And the crowd to the last man was convinced that W. J. Blair would and they took it upon themselves to give not three but six rousing cheers and a tiger to the man who had the thoughtfulness and the patriotism to put on the banquet in their honor. J. W. Wood gave an exceptionally appropriate address in which he gave praise to Band Sergt. H. C. King, who, he said, had contributed so much toward the success of recruiting in his town.

Lieut. C. R. Biederman, recruiting officer here, made the pleasing statement that Wainwright was leading in the number of recruits, it having exceeded Vermilion by a comparatively large number of men. Councillors present congratulated local soldiers, while Private W. T. Webb, following a general talk on war conditions, gave thanks to W. J. Blair for his generosity. The singing of the National anthem brought to a close the most successful affair of its kind ever conducted here.