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Meeting Takes Place of St. George's Day Banquet

FLAG FOR S.O.E. SOCIETY

Mayor Church Calls for Canada to
Bring Conscription Into Force —
Message to King George and Reply
Thereeto—Stirring Addresses.

"There should be fewer political lawyers directing the business of our country and more men of business handling our affairs," declared Dr. Norman Allen before a joint assembly of members of St. George's Society and the Sons of England in St. George's Hall last night. It was the annual celebration of St. George's Day, and the doctor delivered a stirring patriotic address, in which he eulogized the men of the mother country for their deeds in the war. Of all the exploits of the British race, he said, nothing equalled the creation of that great democratic army which now represents the Empire at the front. Mr. Marmaduke Rawlinson was Chairman, and the other speakers were Mayor Church, Sir Frederick Stupart, Crown Attorney Corley, Mr. Charles Meech, Past President, Mr. James Nicholson, Mr. Lewis Evans and Past President G. F. Harman.

Mayor for Conscription.

Mayor Church congratulated the sister societies on their work in the past and on the great number of their members who had enlisted. St. George's Society and the Sons of England, he said, had done much in every land to bind the Empire closely together. He declared that the time had come when Canada should back up her soldiers at the front with conscription for those who refused to do their duty voluntarily. He favored the disfranchisement of alien enemies, and said that when the soldiers came home they would rule the country.

Sir Frederick Stupart's View.

Sir Frederick Stupart said that he was not prepared to say that conscription should be enforced in Canada at the present time, but he knew that it was wrong to let the best and bravest of the land rush to the front at the first call and let the slackers and more worthless element of the race remain at home.

Wales Made Lloyd George.

Mr. Lewis Evans, who represented St. David's Society, said that in Wales there was nobody left but old men and old women. All the fighting men had long since gone to the front.

which, he said, he hoped would assist in cementing even closer friendly relations between the organizations.

St. George's Society yesterday cabled its fealty to his Majesty the King, and late last night the reply came back thanking the Toronto members for their message. A cablegram to the Royal Society in London brought back the reply, "God on our side, doubt not of victory." Greetings were received from St. George Society organizations all over Canada, and from the United States and Tasmania. In honor of the day the chimes of St. James' Cathedral at noon yesterday pealed forth the strains of the National Anthem, followed by the Doxology.

Lloyd George, he said, had not made Wales; on the contrary, Wales had made Lloyd George. He hoped to see Canada's immigration laws altered to prevent the influx of aliens and the country settled by Englishmen, Scotchmen, Irishmen and Welshmen.

Crown Attorney Seymour Corley said that the Napoleonic wars had made England the greatest country in the world for one hundred years and the present war would make her the greatest for another century.

Presentation of Flag.

On behalf of the St. George's Society, the President, Mr. Marmaduke Rawlinson, presented Supreme President D. Proctor of the Sons of England with a huge St. George's flag.