

ORANGEMEN HAVE 16,000 AT FRONT

Lodges of Dominion Have Con- tributed This Number of Recruits, Says Official

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Several Prominent Members of Order Urge Members to Fur- ther Manifestations of Loyalty to Empire

That there are 16,000 Canadian Orangemen on the firing line, in addition to those in training, was the announcement made by County Master Bro. J. Beatty, at the picnic of the order, which was held on Saturday at Chambly Canton. The statement, which was made on the authority of official figures, was warmly applauded by the gathering, of 300 members of the order, who, with friends and relatives, attended the outing.

The speechmaking, which began at three o'clock, was part of a programme which included athletic sports and dancing. The county master, who acted as chairman, enlarged on the full meaning of patriotism as the word was understood by all loyal Orangemen, and after expressing pride that members of the order should have responded so promptly to the call for recruits, said a few words in criticism of certain large corporations, which, he declared, still retained in their employ Germans, Austrians and other aliens, when many Canadians were unable to secure employment.

Bro. William Galbraith, past deputy grand master of British North America, also had a criticism to make. He considered that the Montreal Technical School, which had been brought into existence for the benefit of the general public, had been handed over to the ecclesiastical authorities of Laval. Turning to the all-absorbing topic of the war, Bro. Galbraith scored the young and able men who spent their time in playing golf or tennis, or baseball, or lacrosse, instead of joining those who were offering their lives for King and country.

Speaking along similar lines, the Rev. Dr. Gibson asserted that if all Canadians were as patriotic as Orangemen, Canada would have at least 500,000 men at the front.

Bro. A. W. M. Ingram, P.C.M., discussing the school question in Ontario and Manitoba, declared that Orangemen would stand by the public schools in the face of any Government that sought to force sectarian schools upon any one of the provinces. Supplementing the statement made by Bro. Beatty concerning the number of Orangemen from Canada who had joined the colors, Bro. Ingram stated that over 200,000 members of the order were connected with volunteer regiments in Canada.

Rev. James L. Flanagan spoke briefly on the need of more men, and predicted that all those who gave their services would have share in a victory for liberty and justice which would be decisive.

After congratulating the Orangemen of Montreal on the success of the outing, Rural Dean Sanders, provincial grand master, went fully into the various questions now occupying the attention of the order, especially the school and language disputes and the relation of the Orangeman's obligation to the prosecution of the war. He expressed great satisfaction that there should have been such a full and ready response by members, and urged all to do their utmost for the Empire, whose watchwords were liberty and freedom. Orangemen had always striven to uphold these principles, and would continue to do so as long as the liberty and freedom of a single British subject were endangered.

Bro. D. Hadden, P.P.G.M., also spoke briefly, urging his hearers to continue to set an example of loyalty to their fellow-citizens. Rev. C. H. Brown, of Frelighsburg, and Bro. Tighe, P.P.G.M., with representatives of the three lady Orange lodges of Montreal, were also present, but the first-named was obliged to leave before the speechmaking began.

The arrangements were in charge of the county master, Bro. Beatty, Bro. B. Winsor, D.C.M., and Bro. S. Parsons, secretary, who, with the committee from the primary lodges, were responsible for the success of the picnic.

HELD CHURCH PARADE.

Yesterday afternoon the Orangemen of Montreal to the number of 500 attended divine service at the Taylor Memorial Presbyterian Church, Papi-neau avenue. The procession formed at the County Hall, Hutchison street, and headed by Bro. W. Taylor and the brass band of the Salvation Army marched by way of Sherbrooke street to the church where the sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Mothersill, the pastor. The return march was by way of St. Catherine and Bleury streets to their hall, where they were dismissed according to their ritual. Prominent members present were Right W. Bro. Tighe, P.P.G.M.; Bro. D. Haddon, P.P.G.M.; Bros. A. Ellis, P.G. Secy.; Rev. Bro. Bozot, D.P.G. C.; Wor. Bro. J. Beatty, county master of Montreal; Bro. B. Windsor, D. C.M.; Bro. Parsons, C.S.; Wor. Bro. District Masters W. Higgins, Bro. Jenkins and many others.

After congratulating the order on the principles and standards of their association, and charging them to be faithful in carrying them out in their lines, as individuals and as citizens, Rev. Mr. Mothersill proceeded with his text, taken from the Epistle to the Galatians, 5, 13: "Brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh—but by love serve one another." It was pointed out that the epistle had been a veritable charter of freedom for every age, to which many of the world's great reformers have gone for courage and inspiration. In a very real sense the men of Canada today are called unto freedom and unto liberty, and that liberty brings with it great responsibility. For the Orange order, this was especially true, both in the spiritual, and in the political and constitutional sense. Their's was the wonderful liberty of the Protestant faith; theirs, too, the freedom of democracy. And never should that liberty be more precious than today—when, with the blood of our own Canadian sons, we were purchasing the gifts of freedom so long enjoyed. But as Paul pointed out to the Galatians—that liberty might become a stumbling block. And such, Mr. Mothersill thought to be the case. He spoke of the menace of Rome, and pointed out that the gravity of that menace consisted chiefly in the indifference of Protestantism. Freedom had led to

carelessness and indifference. In church attendance, in the observance of the sacraments, in all the varied responsibilities of their spiritual lives, the men of today were abusing their hard-won liberties—and failing to appreciate them. This spirit of indifference, it is, that is sapping the vital power of the Protestant churches.