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Order of Service



Unveiling of the Regimental Memorial Tablet

in honor of

Major-General M. S. Mercer, C. B.,
Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers
and Men of the Queen's Own Rifles
of Canada Who Fell in the Great War
1914 - 1918

The Armouries - Toronto
Saturday, April 16th 1921

Forward

On the 22nd day of August, 1914, at the Service held just prior to the departure of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, from the Armouries on their way to the Front, at the request of General Mereer, the Commandant, the Doxology was sung. It seems fitting, therefore, that this Memorial Service should open by the singing of the Doxology.

1. Doxology

2. First Post - The Buglers Queen's Own Rifles of Canada

3. Hymn - "O God Our Help in Ages Past"

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home!

Beneath the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient in Thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
Then fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

Oh, God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come;
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home! Amen.

4. Anthem - The Choir of St. James' Cathedral

"I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write: From henceforth blessed are the dead which die in the Lord; even so saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labors."

5. Unveiling of Tablet - The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C., B.C., M.P., Prime Minister of Canada.

"In honored and grateful memory of Major-General M. S. Mereer, C.B., Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada who gave their lives for King and Country in the Great War, I unveil this Tablet."

6. General Salute - The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada

7. Dead March in "Saul" - The Band of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada

8. Last Post - The Buglers of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada

9. Memorial and Dedictory Prayers

Lieut.-Col., the Honorable and Reverend Canon H. J. Cody, LL.D.,
Chaplain of the Regiment, assisted by Capt. the Reverend E. G.
Burgess Brown, Asst. Chaplain of the Regiment.

Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity; we humbly leave in Thy Fatherly keeping the souls of our comrades. And we beseech thee, that it may please thee, of Thy gracious goodness, shortly to accomplish the number of Thine elect, and to hasten Thy kingdom; that we, with all those that are departed in the true faith of Thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in Thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O merciful God, the father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life; in whom whosoever believeth shall live, though he die; and whosoever liveth, and believeth in him, shall not die eternally; who also hath taught us, by his holy Apostle Saint Paul, not to be sorry, as men without hope, for them that sleep in him; we meekly beseech thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness; that, when we shall depart this life, we may rest in him, as our hope is our brothers do; and that, at the general Resurrection in the last day, we may be found acceptable in thy sight; and receive that blessing, which thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all that love and fear thee, saying, Come, ye blessed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world; Grant this, we beseech thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

Comfort, O Lord, we pray thee, all who mourn the loss of those near and dear to them, especially the families of our brothers departed. Be with them in their sorrow. Support them by thy love. Teach them to rest and lean on thee. Give them faith to look beyond the troubles of this present time, and to know that neither life nor death can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord; to whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

O Lord, thou lover of souls, who through the mouth of thy prophet of old hast declared that all souls are thine; we thank thee for the brave and faithful dead, who laid down their lives for freedom, truth and righteousness. Help us to resolve in thy strength not to suffer their great sacrifice to have been in vain. Forbid it, O God, that we should ever forget what they have done for us. Grant us so to follow their good example of faithfulness and endurance, even unto death, that we may be found worthy of the crown of everlasting life, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May God accept and bless this memorial, and grant that those who look upon it may realize the constraining call of duty; the glory of loyalty, courage and self-sacrifice; the joy of faithful service; the inspiration of noble comradeship; and the power of an endless life, to which may He vouchsafe to bring us all, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

10. Address - The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
P. C., K. C., M. P., Prime Minister of Canada.

11. Hymn - "Abide With Me"

Abide with me; fast falls the even-
tide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me
abide;
When other helpers fail, and com-
forts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with
me.

I need Thy presence every passing
hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the
tempter's power?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay
can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord,
abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's
little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories
pass away;
Change and decay in all around I
see;
O Thou who changest not, abide
with me.

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to
bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no
bitterness;
Where is death's sting? Where
grave, thy victory?
I triumph still; if Thou abide with
me.

Hold Thou Thy Cross before my
closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point
me to the skies;
Heaven's morning breaks, and
earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with
me. Amen.

12. Benediction - The Right Reverend Bishop M. D. Reeve

13. Reveille - The Buglers Queen's Own Rifles of Canada

14. God Save the King

The National Chorus and the Choir of St. James' Cathedral
will assist in the musical portion of the Service.

Owing to the limited seating capacity of the Armouries,
the galleries will be reserved for ladies. Gentlemen will confer
a favor if they take their places on the main floor of the Armouries.