

"An Historic Remembrance"

In reply, Burgomaster Lescarts said that he was proud to receive from the Canadian Government the splendid gift



THE PRESENTATION OF THE GUNS.

Right to left: Lt. Gen. Clooten, Burgomaster Lescarts, Lt. Col. W. Bovey, Major J. McAughey.

Canadian War Records Photograph.

which, for the city of Mons and for the whole of Belgium, would constitute a token of the sympathy of Canadians towards the Belgian people and a historic remembrance. The Belgians would never forget what Canada had done for their country, and for the defence of liberty, without any prospect of material benefit and only for the sake of freedom. As early as 1914 they had the opportunity of appreciating the courage and valour of British troops, who fought with unequalled bravery at the gates of their historic city. In reconquering the city of Mons, the Canadian soldiers showed qualities equal to those of the best trained armies, and they gloried in the remembrance of the courage of the men behind the guns. Peace had come, and probably they would never meet again under the same circumstances. The people of Mons hoped that in the future a strong friendship would unite them to the Canadian people.

Last Shell of Great War Fired on Canadian Front

The last gun fired in the Great War was on the Canadian front, and that was by a British battery which had been overlooked in the delivery of the armistice message until well on in the afternoon of November 11, 1918.

A LA VILLE DE MONS
CES PIECES
LES DERNIERES QUI AIENT TIRE SUR L'ENNEMI
LE 11 NOVEMBRE 1918
JOUR OU LA VILLE A ETE DELIVREE DU JOUG ALLEMAND
SONT OFFERTES
PAR LE CORPS CANADIEN