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ADMIRAL SIMS VISITS CITY

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ening, and the mention of Admiral Sims, as a "sailor," administrator, patriot and leader of men," by Prof. Macphail, was the signal for a loud outburst of applause from the audience. "His name and rank alone is enough to show why Queen's is honoring him," said the speaker. Prof. Macphail paid a warm tribute to the distinguished visitor, as the commander-in-chief of the American naval forces during the war, and the man who was held in unwavering devotion and esteem by all with whom he came in contact. The speaker referred to the fact that Admiral Sims was a Canadian, born at Port Hope. It was most fitting that Queen's should honor Admiral Sims after one hundred years of peace, and to be received in a city that a century ago formed the headquarters of the British fleet on the upper lakes.

An interesting incident of the proceedings occurred at the opening. Students in the gallery were shooting paper darts, and one happened to fall near Admiral Sims. With a smile the Admiral picked up the dart and fired it with direct aim at his wife, in the audience, who received it graciously. Prof. Macphail made a big hit with the audience, when he referred to this incident in a jocular manner saying, "the Admiral has already undoubtedly shown you the highest efficiency in gunnery."

Tendered an Ovation.

Admiral Sims was accorded a splendid ovation as he arose to receive the honorary degree, at the hands of Principal Taylor. After Prof. John Watson had placed the hood on the distinguished visitor, the students yelled, "What's the matter with Admiral Sims? He's all right," and this was followed with Queen's yell. Owing to the continued applause, it was some time before the admiral could start his address. He stood smiling at the audience, until quiet was restored. "It has been my good fortune to receive a number of degrees, both in my own country and abroad," said Admiral Sims. "I have been introduced by a number of speakers, but I can assure you that this is the severest gas attack I have ever received. (Laughter and applause.) I would not have any of you believe that I believe everything that has been said about me. To do so would be entirely disrespectful to the old naval heroes of the past. I believe that the cordiality of your reception intimates to me that you at least, appreciate what the American navy tried to do to win the war. I want to make this point clear, that the American navy co-operated with the British not because I was born in Port Hope, not because I am distinctly pro-British, but because the spirit of co-operation with the British was in the navy and has been in the navy for a long time." (Applause.)

Prefers War To Speech-Making.

Admiral Sims said that he wished he could express to the audience the feeling he had over the honor conferred upon him. He would like very much to express himself in suitable terms, but remarked that unfortunately there was nothing in the training of a man for the navy, that prepared him for speech-making. "Until America entered the war," added the speaker, "and at that time I had reached the tender age of fifty-eight years, and I was not given to making speeches. It is only since the war that I have made speeches, and from my experiences, I do not hesitate to say that I prefer war. (Laughter and applause.)

"I feel very deeply the honor you have bestowed upon me. I did not know that you intended conferring this honor upon me until I stepped off the train tonight, just a few minutes ago, and thus I did not have time to prepare an address or look up the history of this university."

Continuing his address, Admiral Sims stated that he wished to speak particularly to the young men and the young women.

Admiral Sims then related some stories of his days at school, and at sea. Referring to his school days, he said that there was no personal contact between the instructor and the pupil, except physical contact. (Laughter.) In the old days at sea there was no personal contact between those in authority and those in the rank and file. The one order was to "obey orders," one had to obey these orders, and was not given the opportunity to think for himself. Here the speaker paid a high tribute to the genius of Sir Percy Scott, with all-big-gun battleship, which was a dominant factor in naval warfare, and in the face of strong opposition, such vessels were built. Sir Percy Scott was a genius if there ever was one. His work had revolutionized the world.

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