

# COL. FOSTER AT CANADIAN CLUB

## Commander Of 52nd Delivers Fine Address During Luncheon At Avenue

Col. Foster D. S. O., commander of the 52nd battalion addressed one of the largest gatherings of the Canadian club that has been held for many months, at the Avenue hotel at noon today.

He took a wide subject and treated it in manner worthy of its magnitude. Commencing with the general outline of the history of the war, he dealt with the early days of trench fighting, and the impossibility, under such methods of fighting, of reaching a decision on the field, which must be done by open warfare.

He showed how the Germans were the first to attempt this, in the spring of 1918, after the complete surprise by Sir Julian Byng had shown that it could be done. But they failed in their object through lack of realization of the wastage involved, and their misunderstanding of the psychology of their enemy, who would not retreat when the books of strategy said he must.

Then came the unification under General Foch, which brought fresh hope to the allies, and the hammer strokes following one another.

Turning to the exploits of the Canadian corps, and the 52nd in particular Col. Foster spoke with a fine appreciation of the work that had been done, and read letter after letter of commendation from commanding officers and from allies who fought beside them.

Although the motto of the 52nd was "Silence and Strength", he felt that he might break silence before the people of their home town, and he took the audience into his confidence in many details.

In conclusion he paid an immensely touching tribute to the spirits of the men, which alone had rendered this victory possible.