

Deputy Mayor Moriarty Officiates

City Memorial Library Opened

The ceremonial opening of the Halifax Memorial Library took place yesterday afternoon, with Deputy Mayor W. B. Moriarty doing the honors in the presence of provincial and civic officials.

The brief ceremony took place on a platform erected in front of the main entrance to the new building.

Mr. Justice MacDonald of the Supreme Court spoke briefly and Rev. J. B. Granville, J. C. D., gave the Benediction.

Mr. MacDonald described the structure, in its purposes, contents and design, as a "further and welcome token of the emergence of a civic consciousness which takes an active pride in our city as being one which has a future commensurate with its historic past."

The speaker said it was his hope that the library would be subjected to such "enthusiastic and popular use as to require and to receive progressive growth of its facilities."

He said it was a happy circumstance that the library should be dedicated as a memorial "to those

who exemplified in fullest measure the virtue of civic piety in two world wars."

Carl Bethune was chairman of a committee on the coat of arms of the library.

A Union Jack was presented by Mrs. J. K. Crotty, Standard Bearer, on behalf of the Municipal Chapter of the I.O.D.E. Following the opening the colors of the Silver Cross Women of Canada, Remembrance Association, were placed in a niche prepared for them, by the Halifax County Chapter of the Association.

During the ceremony Lieut.-Governor J. A. D. McCurdy presented civic medallions in recognition of voluntary service to the city, to Dr. D. C. Harvey and Major Forbes Thrasher.

After the opening hundreds of persons inspected the new library and many registered as members.

For the remainder of this week the library will be open for public inspection and registration. Circulation of books will begin Monday.

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