

VETERANS OF MANY WARS.

Another striking picture of colour and variety awaited him in the University Campus. Besides the guard of honour of the 100th Winnipeg Grenadiers in khaki, there was a strong unit of kilted cadets and long rows of veterans of this and previous wars in mufti, a group of older men who fought in the North-West Rebellion in 1885, and numbers of boy scouts, girl guides, and women's volunteer reserves—typical of the past, present, and future strength of the Empire in Western Canada, and, observed of all observers, a huge goat, the regimental mascot of the 5th Canadian Battalion, which has, besides its one wound stripe and three chevrons, the largest record of service on the Western front of any mascot that went to the war with any British or Colonial unit.

As the Prince was inspecting these various bodies of men and women the crowd all the time kept pushing a way forward till it was right up to the platform on which he took his stand to receive from the Winnipeg Grenadiers the present of a plucked beaver robe, afterwards he bestowed decorations, including four D.S.O.'s and 24 M.C.'s, on returned soldiers, or, in some cases, on the parents or wives of those who did not come back.

The way in which he carried out his share in this ceremony was very typical of the simple, unconscious means by which he has endeared himself to the people of Canada. For each old mother or father, all of whom seemed to look into his face as if he himself was their son, for each pathetic widow, for each wounded soldier, he had a special word of sympathy and praise and understanding ready, and not a short one either, so that before he gave them his left hand to shake, after pinning on the medal won in the great struggle, he never stopped talking for a moment. Like Father O'Flynn, he has a wonderful way with him, and here in Winnipeg to-day it was just as effective as it has been everywhere in the East ever since he landed on this side of the Atlantic. For him and for the Empire this gift of human sympathy and kindness is a very great and valuable possession.