

WELCOME TO ROTARY'S HEAD

The new president of Rotary International, Mr. Arthur Lagueux of Quebec City, will be as warmly welcomed in this part of the Maritimes as in any other part of the wide jurisdiction embracing some 83 countries. He is the first French Canadian to hold this high office in an organization which has some 7,100 clubs and a membership of over 340,000 business and professional men. One of the responsibilities of the president is to visit as many of the countries as possible during his term of office and Mr. Lagueux is considered well fitted for this work, not only from long experience in Rotary, but by reason of his speaking ability in both English and French. He is a past president of the Quebec City club, past district governor and a recent director of Rotary International. He is at the head of an investment business which he established over twenty years ago.

Those who are members of Rotary or who have studied it know the international principle underlying it which in simple terms means carrying friendship and goodwill throughout the world. The specific meaning of this has been stated by Mr. Lagueux in the following simple words:

"The purpose of Rotary is to make each member a better man because he is a Rotarian—to help him think right, be right, do right—to make truthfulness and quality the prime element of business—to make him love his neighbor—to see that which is good in all men, willing to serve mankind cheerfully, faithfully and unselfishly, and when charged with our ideals and aspirations to send him as an evangelist in community service to his friends and neighbors and to his classification outside of Rotary."

This is a simple exposition of a great creed based upon the need of men everywhere not for war but for brotherhood and understanding and undoubtedly explains why an organization which began in an unspectacular way some forty-five years ago has spread to all civilized countries and added 268 new clubs to its enrolment last year.

But this world-wide program is based on loyalty of each club and each individual member and thus it is that Rotary in Amherst takes on community service and gives concreteness to its general aims by conducting a summer camp each year at Tidnish River for boys and girls whose claim for recreation otherwise would not be so happy. We would have been sadly off without Rotary and the willingness of its members to give time and effort and no little money to promote community good.

Mr. Lagueux will be warmly welcomed because he knows so much about these things, because he can be inspired as well as inspire, and because despite war's alarms there is a steady strengthening of the links that bind all mankind more closely together. But for this civilized and Christian instinct of goodwill the world would soon revert to barbarism and men would be no better than the preying animals of the forest.

OFFICIAL WELCOME FOR ROTARY CHIEF

Arthur Lagueux of Quebec City Rotary International President, was met on his arrival in town this morning by the Legion Band and representatives of the Amherst, Sackville, Port Elgin and Springhill Clubs, and was taken to the Fort Cumberland Hotel where a civic welcome was extended to him. Mayor F. C. Wightman extended the welcome on behalf of the town, and that from the Rotarians was given by Norman T. Avar, a past district governor.

The luncheon at the hotel, attended by the visiting Rotarians and Rotary Anns, began at one o'clock and was presided over by the president of the Amherst Club, Ralph C. Zink. Mr. Lagueux, the special speaker, at this event spoke on Rotary affairs. C. F. Johns president of Sackville Club, extended the vote of thanks at the conclusion of Mr. Lagueux's address.

Mr. Lagueux is accompanied by his wife, and the ladies met with her at 12.30 for an informal gathering before the luncheon.

The Fort Cumberland Hotel is gaily decorated with, red, white and blue streamers, and a large gilt Rotary crest in honor of the occasion.