

SOLDIER TO BE NEW GOVERNOR OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Major-General Winston Dugan Appointed

SERVICE IN SOUTH AFRICAN AND GREAT WARS

"The Right Man," Says Sir Henry Galway

PRESIDED OVER BAILLIE-STEWART COURT-MARTIAL

A soldier with a long and distinguished career in the British Army, including overseas service in South Africa and France, has been chosen by His Majesty the King as South Australia's next Governor. He is Major General Winston Dugan, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

The appointment, announced yesterday, heralds the departure in a few weeks time of the present Governor (Sir Alexander Hore-Ruthven) and Lady Hore-Ruthven from the State.

The Governor-elect, who is 56, was prominently before the public last year, when he acted as president of the court which tried Lieutenant Baillie-Stewart for the disclosure of military secrets.

Major General Dugan is expected shortly to relinquish his present position of Commander in the Territorial Army, and he will probably be knighted before he leaves England for South Australia.

The Agent-General (Mr. Hill) said in London yesterday that this State was to be congratulated on securing such a worthy successor to Sir Alexander Hore-Ruthven.

The Premier (Mr. Butler) said last night that it appeared to be a wise choice, and he promised that Major-General Dugan would receive a hearty welcome to South Australia.

"The Advertiser" attempted to get in touch with the Governor-Designate by radiophone last night, but as Major-General Dugan was in Flanders, conducting a party of Territorials over the battlefields, the radiophone staff at the British Post Office was unable to locate him. Later "The Advertiser" got in touch by radiophone with Sir Henry Galway, a former Governor of this State. He confirmed Mr. Hill's belief that a suitable choice had been made. Major-General Dugan, he said, was an able soldier and the right man for the job. His wife was a charming woman, and they would be most happy in South Australia.

Modest, Quiet, And Retiring

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It is a coincidence that Major-General Winston Dugan, the Governor-designate of South Australia, who, it is understood, will soon be knighted, should, like Sir Alexander Hore-Ruthven, have been serving as an officer when appointed to the governorship. He is now absent from London on army business.

The Agent-General (Mr. Hill) told the Australian Press Association representative that "South Australia was to be congratulated on obtaining a worthy successor to Sir Alexander Hore-Ruthven. It is an excellent appointment."

Friends describe Major-General Dugan as possessing some of the characteristics of Sir Alexander Hore-Ruthven. His manner is quiet and retiring. It is evident that the Government has been guided in its selection by a desire to

find another Governor like Sir Alexander Hore-Ruthven, and consequently has gone to the army for a man of similar pattern.

Major-General Dugan has no children. An intimate friend of the family told a representative of the Australian Press Association that the Governor-designate was intensely devoted to the army, which had occupied the whole of his life, with little thought to anything else. He is a keen follower of football, but has few other interests outside the service.

Mrs. Dugan is fond of antiques, but her duties as a soldier's wife, especially a soldier whose varying commands have involved much travelling and visits of inspection, have kept her fully occupied.

Those who served under Major-General Dugan speak appreciatively of his keenness and modesty, while the fact that he was chosen to preside at such a case as the Baillie-Stewart court-martial indicates that he possesses the judicial mind.

The Governor-Designate



Major-Gen. Winston Dugan