

Random Notes
AND
Caustic Comments.

BY THE JESTER.

Tenterden is proud of its Territorial Mayor. Councillor Edwards has had as good a send off on his year of office, as far as ceremony is concerned, as any man who has ever been elected. He was accompanied to church on Sunday morning by the members of the Corporation and civic officials, and a bigger body of bandsmen and territorials than has been seen before on such an occasion.

There are few counties in England that can boast of a Mayor's day like Kent's, and there is no town in the county which excels Tenterden in its thoroughness of upkeep of the day. Mr. Harold Rylett's speech at the banquet on Saturday evening has set the whole town talking. Everybody is agog with curiosity as to who the local Diogenes is. Those who are outside the Council want to know which of its members is the eminent playwright; who is the expert pugilist; who the noted artist. The omniscient and omnipresent one is easily spotted.

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A person closely interested in the perturbing process of a Mayoral election might easily be forgiven for overlooking a printer's error. And so, if Councillor Edwards had happened to read aloud from his toast list what was originally printed thereon, no one could have blamed him. And it is just possible that no one would have noticed that they were drinking the health of the Prince "and Princess" of Wales. But this visionary lady was not allowed the homage of the subjects of the father of her husband-to-be, for a lynx-eyed reader picked out the error and it was carefully erased.

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There is one aspect of the situation at Tenterden which I believe is unique. The Mayor and Town Clerk are both Territorials. But while the former is Quarter-Master-Sergeant of the battalion, the latter is the commanding officer. In any case I can depend upon the good sense of both Colonel Munn-Mace and Quarter-Master-Sergeant Edwards not to allow the paradoxical turn of events to interfere with harmonious relationship.

COUNCILLOR F. EDWARDS—TENTERDEN.

Councillor Frederick Edwards is the youngest son of the late Mr. Obediah Edwards, who was Mayor of Tenterden during 1898-9, and is a member of the firm of Messrs. O. Edwards and Sons, brewers. Councillor Edwards who was born in Tenterden is 39 years of age and was educated at Melrose House School, Woodchurch. He has been actively engaged in municipal matters for the last seven years, during which he has done excellent work on several important committees. To mention the various things that Mr. Edwards is connected with, would be to mention almost everything that takes place in Tenterden. He joined the Volunteer Force in 1894 and has been Quarter-Master Sergeant for the last 10 years, and during this eighteen years he has never missed a camp. For about six years he was Chief Ranger of the Tenterden Court "Men of Kent" Ancient Order of Foresters, and since 1896 has been a member of the Tenterden Fire Brigade, being one of its engineers. A very prominent member of the Tenterden Tradesmen's Club, Councillor Edwards acted as its president for a couple of years, and for years past he has been a sidesman of the parish church. He is an enthusiastic mason, and last year was Worshipful Master of the Tenterden Lodge. He is also an exceedingly keen motorist. He is exceedingly proud of the ancient Borough in which he has spent the whole of his life, and for which he has assiduously laboured, and the great esteem in which he is held in the town was plainly manifested on Sunday, by the record parade when he attended service in the morning at the parish church.



Councillor F. Edwards, J.P.

First Territorial Mayor of Tenterden.

One of Tenterden's most popular men, and the son of a former Mayor. Has had seven years' useful service on the Council and well deserves the honour now conferred. Is a Territorial officer and Engineer of the Fire Brigade.

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