

fecting restitution. It has, and is, striving to cultivate in the public, a deeper interest in, and care for, the resting places and archives pertaining to the military pioneers of the Province of Quebec in particular, which should tend to arouse the interest and pride of the rising generation.

Finally, for the past ten years it has studied minutely the sentimental, as applicable to the national, historical, and economical, aspects of the subject, and which it has applied itself to put into practical effect in the Province of Quebec. It has submitted a well thought out National Military Burial Scheme to the Dominion Government, comprehensive enough in its draft to eventually evolve Inter-Imperial co-operation as well as to meet the needs of the Dominion.

The wars of the past have been so insignificant as compared to the present one, from point of numbers engaged, that a scheme such as now under consideration would have appeared utopian in 1914. The "passing" of a few old war-scarred veterans, who would drop by the wayside, "unhonoured and unsung"—though none the less deserving than the soldier of to-day—did not disturb the public mind, but can we go on as a possible partner in the "League of Nations" echoing the valour of our heroes through press and preacher, while we inconsistently abandon them in the hour of death? **Or shall we emulate the spirit of our American Ally who sees to it that, through State and Civic Government co-operation every soldier's death reflects the inspiring magnanimity of a grateful nation?**

WHAT SHALL IT BE?

In the previous remarks dealing with this subject we have endeavoured to emphasize the **inconsistency** of our, so-called, **national patriotism** with the return we give—or rather, fail to give—our national heroes in the hour of death and adversity; though the nation owes them a debt of gratitude which at least should be reflected in its care of them after death.

We realized, unfortunately, that our parliamentary legislators—in general—are imbued with the primary convic-