

NE in every twelve Canadians, men, women and children, bought Canada's Victory Bonds. To every man, woman and child an average of one \$50 Bond. For every Canadian in the King's Khaki since 1914, \$1,000. In the first month of Compulsory Military Service comes the Grand Victory of the Voluntary-Enlistment Dollar. Between the close of the Victory Loan Polls and the General Election Polls, just 17 days. Between the Election and Christmas, 8 days. Events are running fast on this Front. No Christmas-Time in Canada was ever so full of big national events. Since the fates decree that Christmas and the Elections shall be only 8 days apart, let us hope we shall all be done calling one another anti-patriots and liars in time to wish one another as Canadians the real Compliments of the Season. Whatever happens the morning after the election, two things will yet be with us-the Spirit of Christmas and the War. The world has had one somewhat longer than the other. There were wars and rumors of wars long before Christ. And if some people in a far country could have their way there will be wars and still more wars long after the last phantom of the Spirit of Christmas has gone, along with the Living of Christ, clean out of the world. The Canadian General Election of 1917 will be a bad body blow at good old Christmas unless we make a quick national recovery in our newspaper sanitariums. But the nation that establishes a World's Record for a War Loan should be able to set a World Pace for the Spirit of Christmas. And if a few hundred thousand grown-up people in Canada go without Christmas Gifts this year because their loose money all went into Victory Bonds—so much the better for the Spirit of Christmas.