

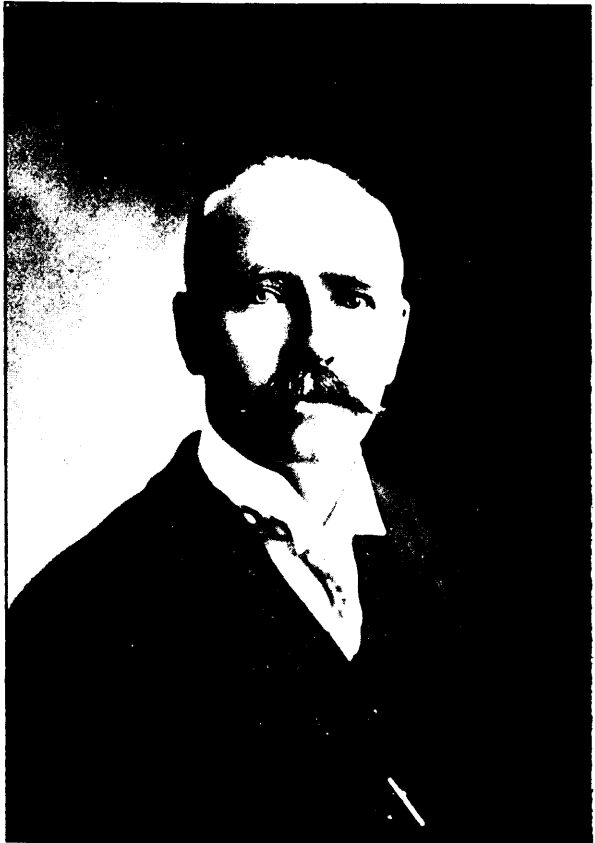
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IF the familiar phrase "the growing time," could be deprived of all political significance, it might be applied to the sending of the Canadian contingents to South Africa, and to the enterprise of Canadian newspapers in enabling their readers to see the war through the eyes of Canadian correspondents. These are indications of national growth. They mean that we are doing to-day with ease things which a few years ago we should hardly have thought of doing at all. There was a time when the land defence of Canada was regarded as a heavy burden upon the British taxpayer. To-day we not only manage this matter for ourselves, but we have something to spare for the needs of the Empire in far-off regions. There is little doubt that the number of the Canadian troops could have been doubled or even trebled if necessary; while the expense is easily met out of the current revenues of the year. When it was suggested that the absence of so many picked men left this country a helpless prey to Fenian invasions and other terrors, we realized what the old poets meant by the smiling landscape—the face of the whole country seemed to expand into a broad grin of amusement.

Then we are losing some of the awe with which we used to regard the achievements of the London and New York dailies in sending their correspondents to watch the movements of

great armies. Of course these cities are far beyond us in financial resources; but it has been discovered that Canadian newspapers can do these things, and do them well and easily. Above all we have the men, who, in courage, alertness and judgment are the stuff out of which our correspondents are made, and are fit to rank with some who have made world reputations. In saying these things I am prepared to incur the reproach of national conceit, because I consider that modesty



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