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EDITORIAL

Empire Consolidation.

"CANADA," the well-known London illustrated weekly, draws attention in a recent issue to a subject which formed the basis of an editorial in the first number of the *Dead Horse Corner Gazette*. The subject under discussion is the after-the-war security of the Empire, and the practical steps necessary for the consummation of that ideal. Even now (says *Canada*) it is not too early to think about the matter, and no time should be lost in taking the necessary steps. When peace comes the country that is best prepared to take up the threads of the new life will be the most favourably placed in the ensuing struggle for the survival of the fittest.

The hint is a timely one. Race-horses cannot win classic races without long and careful preparation. Germany secured her successes in the early days of the war through preparedness. Nations, like Generals, must ever look ahead if they would survive. While writers like Austin Harrison and others are urging the formation of an Imperial Council, to bring the Colonies into a closer bond of union with the Mother Country, the Royal Colonial Institute with a far-sightedness that cannot be too highly applauded, has taken in hand a vital matter which the Imperial Government appears to be too pre-occupied to notice. The Institute has dispatched Sir Rider Haggard to visit the Overseas Dominions in turn, to

ascertain by local inquiry what opportunities are offered British soldiers and sailors who, at the conclusion of the war, may desire to settle in those lands. As *Canada* points out, thousands of Englishmen now serving in the land and sea forces will have no desire whatever to return to an indoor life. And Sir Rider Haggard emphasises a truth patent to all thinking men when he

THE EDITOR'S APOLOGY.

The present issue of the *Gazette* marks the reappearance of the journal after an interval of five months. The delay in publication is due to illness and other causes over which we have no control. Nevertheless, we apologise for having failed to accomplish what we set out to do, viz., give our readers a monthly journal of interesting news and Battalion gossip.

says that the settlement of British immigrants is a matter of the highest importance for the Overseas Dominions. He goes on to offer the remedy for a future possible evil when he declares that "the best bulwark against the ambition of Germany—or any other nation, for that matter—is a sturdy British population wherever the Union Jack is flying."

[REUTER says the Federal War Committee has recommended that the Commonwealth of Australia and the States co-operate in

promoting a scheme to settle returned soldiers on the land. The cost may reach £20,000,000.]

The Voice of Canada.

THE old "No English Need Apply" sign and sentiment, once so prevalent in the Eastern Provinces has long since been swept away, though the "riff-raff" which Great Britain used to think fit to pour into the Dominion under the auspices of various charitable organisations was ample justification for a retaliatory answer on the part of a self-governing and self-contained country which refused to be used as a dumping-ground for misfits and failures. Even as Robert Service sings of the Yukon, so might he, in this connection, sing of Canada as a whole:

"I will not be won by weaklings, subtle and suave and mild,
But by men with the hearts of Vikings and the simple faith of a child.

Dreaming of men who will bless me, of women esteeming me good;
Of children born in my borders, of radiant motherhood;
Of cities leaping to stature, of fame like a flag unfurl'd,
As I pour the tide of my riches in the eager lap of the world."

That is the voice of Canada. Ever eager she is to take men to the bosom of her vast Provinces, to offer them the as yet almost untouched wealth of her lands, her wide expanses of virgin soil, the untapped riches of her forests and mineral deposits, and, above all, a religious and political freedom not surpassed even in England.

In the first number of the *Gazette* we outlined our ideas on the subject of Empire consolidation and unification,