

From our Corps Commander, Lt.-General Sir Arthur W. Currie, K.C.M.G., K.C.B.



IT gives me the very greatest pleasure to send a few words of greeting to the Canadian boys who are going to Canada, and to wish you the best of luck and prosperity.

The record of the Canadian Corps is a proud and unbroken one, and during the past three and a half years its good name has steadily risen. until to-day both allied and enemy peoples place it in the very forefront of the fighting forces of the world.

By your heroic efforts and undaunted courage you have all helped materially in achieving this result.

The war has demanded sacrifices, and these you have cheerfully made, and not you alone but your wives and mothers who have had to remain at home. And Canada and humanity the world over are and will forever be infinitely richer for what you have done, for sacrifice begets and is begotten of love, and where love is, no selfishness nor sham can endure.

Many of our young men, full of happiness and hope, and the joy of

living have endured to the end, and have cheerfully laid down their lives for Freedom and the Empire. But you have been spared in the providence of God to return to your loved ones and to again enjoy the rights and assume the duties and responsibilities of citizenship in the Homeland. I know no prouder boast to-day than that we are Canadians, no greater privilege than that our homes are there, in that wonderful land of promise and hope, the cherished land of Freedom, and a new chance; and because you have been spared and so abundantly blessed, so it is your duty to be worthy of your trust, for what you are and do, that will Canada be. As you have cheerfully borne untold hardships and suffering on the field of battle, and forgotten self for your comrades and the Empire, I know that when you return home you will take up your lives where you left off, with a broader outlook, a more kindly humanity and a truer conception of the things really worth while than ever before.

My message to you then is: Be true—true to those who have fallen; true to the best traditions of the Corps; true to the women who have suffered and toiled and prayed for you; true to yourselves; true to Canada. Be sober and industrious. good citizens of our beloved Dominion, and let the lessons of sacrifice and singleness of purpose learned in the hard school of war, be reflected through the years to come in your home and national life.