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## EDITORIAL

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Canadians ! why are we here in France? The causes for which we first enlisted seem hardly adequate for all this sacrifice and fortitude. England's honour, the Belgian treaty, the public law of Europe were all worth fighting for and at the call to arms we rallied round the flag. After two and a half years of fighting we begin to see a deeper meaning in this war. To-day we are fighting for Canada herself ; not for England, as for some isolated yet noble mother country to whose cause we offer a contribution, we are out to maintain the truth and the freedom which are the foundations of all national life, we are entirely in the Empire « for all we have and are », we are in the unity of the Allies fighting the German idea of selfish force as the supreme right.

An equal opportunity for every man, this has been and shall be Canada's pride. Every Canadian has a duty : to become the best he can become. This is our birth-right ; this is ours to hold against