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SIR ARTHUR CURRIE was born 43 years ago on a Canadian farm near Strathroy, Ontario. He attended school at the latter town, walking four miles each way.

Always "that big boy Currie"—he stands over six feet and is big in proportion—he was fond of all kinds of outdoor sport, and even occasionally indulged in practical jokes. That he would ever become leader of a Canadian Corps in the biggest of all big wars, however, was not even dreamed of.

Like so many other young Ontarians, he "went west" when he was eighteen, and settled in Sidney, Vancouver, where he took up school teaching as a profession. Later he moved to Victoria, and became an insurance broker.

It is said of General Currie that a favorite game of his, as a boy, was playing soldier, and that he was never happier than when drilling his playmates. When he settled in Victoria he indulged his bent for soldiering by enlisting as a gunner in the 5th Regiment of Canadian Garrison Artillery, and ever since he has been actively associated with the militia. He advanced steadily in rank until in 1909 he had become command-

THE CORPS COMMANDER.



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ing officer of the regiment. Then a little later on, when the 50th Highlanders Battalion was formed, he was transferred to it and eventually became its commanding officer.

At the outbreak of war he was one of the first to enlist, and so fine was his reputation as a soldier that he was immediately offered the command of a brigade. He went to France as head of the 2nd Infantry Brigade; succeeded in September, 1915, to the generalship of the 1st Canadian Division, and last spring became the successor of General Byng as commander of the Canadian Army.

"Currie" to the Canadian soldier stands for "Confidence." His is a spirit which is contagious, and which has made the Canadian Corps one of the finest fighting units in the Allied Armies.

When once ground won has been consolidated it has never been given up.

General Currie's special order of March last will be remembered for the classic phrase, "Under the orders of your devoted officers in the coming battle you will advance, or fall where you stand, facing the enemy."

Sir Arthur was knighted on the battlefield by H.M. the King.

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Lieut.-General SIR ARTHUR CURRIE, K.C.B., K.C.M.G.