

REFLECTIONS

By THE EDITOR

In the Play-Room

A PLAY-ROOM is the place where the sentiment of the future generation is created. In the play-room of the editor's home are bound copies of illustrated papers giving a picture account of the great international struggles of the nineteenth century, including the Boer War. Two small boys have leafed those volumes many times and thus learned much of modern history before they could understand even the inscriptions below the pictures.

A bound volume of *The Canadian Courier* for 1914 will be a valuable addition to the library of the play-room that you have now, or the one that you hope to have some day. Save the current issues of *The Canadian Courier* and bind them when the war is over. Then you will have a complete history of the war for yourself and your children.

The Canadian Courier will contain a full and accurate account of all the events of the war, not printed hurriedly, but when the facts are verified. Mere rumours will find no place in its pages. It will contain the best pictures secured by the two leading picture agencies of London, England, as well as photographs from every part of Canada and the other Dominions. There will also be special maps from week to week showing the movements of the troops and the navies. Preserve your copies from week to week.—THE EDITOR.

Canada's Immediate Duty

EVERY one of the nine Provincial Governments of Canada should at once turn their whole attention to the increase of the grain acreage. There are millions of idle acres in Canada that will produce wheat. There are thousands of idle men

who would till and plant these fields, if the Governments made the arrangements. The grain will be needed in 1915, because this war will create a



THE RIGHT MAN IN THE RIGHT PLACE.

Now the British Government has the right man at the War Office, Lord Kitchener, hero of Khartoum and many another campaign, succeeded Premier Asquith last week as Minister for War.

shortage in Great Britain, France and Belgium.

This is the duty of the hour.

Our army is going forward. Our militia will do their duty. Those of us who are not called on to bear arms must do our duty in other directions. The

militia sacrifice their home ties and comforts and go forth to battle for the Empire. Those of us who remain should be prepared to make every sacrifice.

Let us have "A Patriotic Food League," headed by Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, Sir Donald Mann, President Chamberlin, and others interested in finance and transportation. Later this might be turned into a National Council of Agriculture, with permanent duties and powers. Let these men form a general plan, with the co-operation of the Dominion Government, which will double Canada's food production in 1915. The Provincial Premiers will all help enthusiastically, if a general plan is agreed upon.

Each farmer in Eastern Canada can double his food-product if the Provincial Governments will supply him with a guarantee that he will get a fair price for his product. Arrangements could easily be made to supply him with the extra labour required for ploughing and planting. A corps of men with ploughs and seed-drills could be organized in every county. This must be done quickly, as the grain must be planted in September. Fall wheat is the best food grain in Eastern Canada.

In the West, the grain need not be sowed until spring, but the land must be ploughed this fall. Let the Governments of Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan hire a small army of steam-ploughs and put them to work. The non-resident land owners can be paid a small fee, and a general anti-trespass law will make this easy. In this way Western grain production could be increased by at least one hundred million of bushels of wheat and oats. The financing of the work will be easy.

The British fleet will keep the trade routes open, while the European armies keep the Germans in check. It is our duty to supply the people of Britain and France with food. Wheat, oats, beef, pork, eggs and other foodstuffs will be needed in vast quantities.

Canada's Contingent

NATURALLY Canada would like to send a contingent of soldiers to Great Britain. Even those intelligent and far-sighted citizens who hoot at the militia in times of peace and call them "toy soldiers" are quite agreed that a contingent should go forward. The newspapers are full of



YESTERDAY AND TO-DAY

KING GEORGE TO ADMIRAL JELlicoe—"I HAVE CONFIDENCE THAT THE BRITISH FLEET WILL REVIVE THE OLD GLORIES OF THE NAVY."