

INTRODUCTION.

The Great War has had a special meaning for Canadians. Soldiers from our shores, citizen-soldiers, have been landing on the northern coast of France in tens of thousands, and passing through the same seaport towns whence nearly four hundred years ago men sailed forth to the westward to discover a fabled land.

This country, discovered by the French and colonized by them and by the English, this land which was now French and now English as the fortune of war changed in Europe as well as in America, has become a nation, and when the time of trial came and danger threatened the ancestral homes in the two Motherlands, Canada hesitated not a moment but offered her services in the cause of freedom.

Canada has been fighting more truly perhaps than any other nation in what we speak of as "the common cause," and it is to make clear to ourselves as well as to others the great meaning of this in the development of nationality in our Dominion that this story of the two cen-