

## Good Old Britain

**N**OW that "Civilization" has triumphed over "Kultur," it might do Canadians good, as part of our Great British Empire, to realize why—to appreciate the wonderful effort brought into play by the Empire—particularly by Good Old England—that modest old backbone of ours—the poorest advertiser the world has ever known, but the greatest of them all—industrially, financially as an educator, as a colonizer, and as a benefactor.

When the War commenced, the Empire had 700,000 troops of all sorts, many of them only partly trained. By May, 1916, she had recruited for the army and navy over 5,000,000 men (rich men, poor men, etc.) voluntarily.

Up to the time of signing of the Armistice she had raised 7,500,000 men and her army in France was the finest equipped and

trained army the world has ever seen (4,500,000 of these were Englishmen, recruited in England; probably 1,500,000 others were Englishmen recruited elsewhere.)

Britain's total losses have been 3,049,991, of whom nearly a million have been killed. Her armies (three-quarters of them Englishmen) have fought in East Africa, in Italy, in Egypt, in the Balkans, have crushed the Turks in Mesopotamia and Palestine, and latterly have held the greater part of the line on the Western front.

The Navy, which the Huns would never meet, commenced the War with 145,000 men and 2,500,000 tons, with 12 patrol boats. She ended it with 406,000 men 6,500,000 tons and 3,300 mine-sweepers and patrol boats.

The Navy has convoyed, the British Mercantile Marine has transported 22,000,000 men (and of these lost only 4,391 by C