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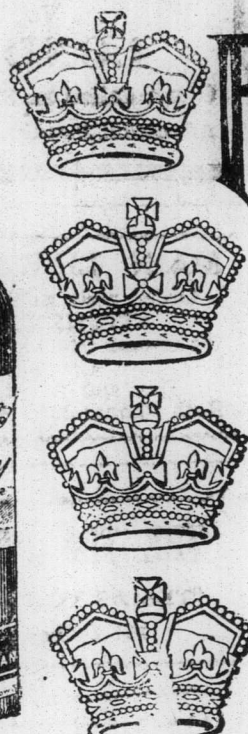
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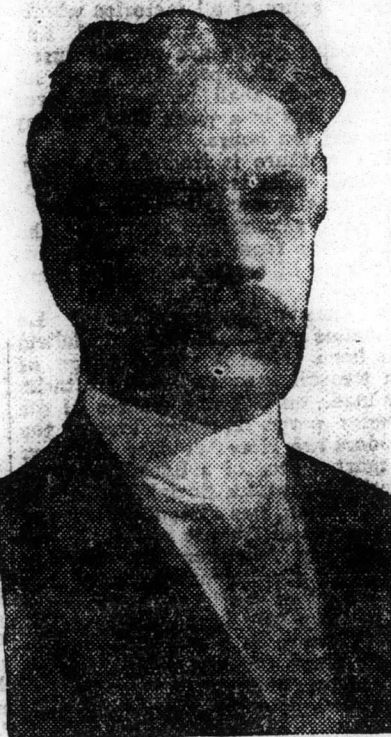
CANADA AT WAR

THE PART WHICH PLAYED IN THE

A Brief Review of What Has Been Done During the Past Year.

AFTER one year of the great struggle in which Great Britain is participating in order to implement her bond, destroy militarism, and perpetuate the Empire, a review of the part Canada has played clearly shows that this country has been an effective factor in the success of the allied forces and in the check administered to the overweening ambition of the Kaiser and his junkers. There were those in high places, both in Britain and Canada, who had maintained that Canada would not or should not participate in the Empire's wars, but the wonderful response to Sir Robert Borden's call for aid to the Motherland has completely confounded these apostles of Little Canadaism. Not only has Canada rallied to the call, but has sent across the Atlantic the largest expeditionary force ever dispatched either from America to another country or from Europe to America.

Previous Preparation.
The defeat of the Government's naval aid bill was a severe check in



SIR ROBERT BORDEN, Canada's Prime Minister.

the preparation for the day of conflict that ominous and significant events indicated would not be long delayed. While this was a great disappointment it did not prevent the Government continuing its policy of preparation. At once a committee of the heads of all departments was formed to prepare plans to meet any emergency that might arise, and their report was completed only a few weeks before the actual outbreak of war.

Immediate Action.
War was not declared against Great Britain until August 4th, last year, but three days previous, in a secret dispatch, Sir Robert Borden offered a considerable force if necessary. On August 4th a reply was received that there seemed no immediate need. A few hours later war broke out. On August 6th Canada's offer was accepted, and the same day orders were issued to mobilize militia units in preparation for active service, and four days later it was decided to send a first contingent of 22,218 men. This number was afterwards increased to 33,000. The troops were mobilized at Valcartier, and within thirty days after the outbreak of war, this army, fully equipped, was reviewed by his Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught. In October they sailed for England, and since have won undying fame in France and Belgium. Since then a steady stream of reinforcements have been transported across the Atlantic. Two days after the outbreak of war the Dominion Government offered one million bags of flour as a gift to the British Government to be used as they saw fit.

Canadian Forces.
Canada has at present under arms in France, England, Bermuda, St. Lucia, and at home 150,000 men. As soon as the first overseas army landed in England, enlistment of more men commenced, and it was decided to maintain two army divisions of 25,000 men each at the front with sufficient reserves in England and Canada to keep them at full strength. The Canadian troops are now distributed as follows: In France and England, 50,000; in Bermuda, 1,000; in St. Lucia, 500; on home defence, 10,000, and in preparation for training camps in Canada, 60,000. There have been at least 40,000 men sent across the English Channel.

A Splendid Record.
Of the Canadian forces the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry first met the Hun. All during the terrible winter campaign they fought in the trenches side by side with the veterans of France and England. Of the 1,100 men, who in

Tommy Leach of the Reds, and Snodgrass of the Giants, are said to be killed for the Braves.

CANADA HAS EUROPEAN WAR

What Remains to Be Done Shall Be Limited Only by the Need.

Lansdowne Park, Ottawa, received the regimental colors from her Royal Highness, Princess Patricia, only 40 remain in service. Early in the spring the First Division landed in France and at Ypres, Hill Festsbert, the fought with such gallantry and desperation as to win even from the Germans the tribute of being the best troops in the Allied armies. On that memorable day at St. Julien when the Turcos broke before the German gas fumes only the Canadian division stood between the Hun and their goal—Calais. The Canadian line was extended to fill the gap; they stopped the German rush, and at a awful price. Again at Festsbert they smashed the German line.

Naval and Aerial Services.
Assistance in the naval defence of the Empire on a large scale has been impossible owing to the action of the Senate in defeating the Government proposals in 1913. On the outbreak of war, however, two submarines were purchased in Seattle for the defence of Vancouver and Victoria against the German raiders on the Pacific, and the Niobe and Rainbow were retained to act as transport convoys and to help keep trade routes open. The British navy has, however, again vindicated its supremacy, and Canada under its protection has enjoyed complete immunity from attack. There have also been established aviation schools, and the first detachment of Canadian aviators are now in England in the British aerial service.

Munitions and Equipment.
In providing munitions and equipment for the allied armies Canada has played a great part. So far contracts for over \$200,000,000 have been placed in this country. Of this huge amount \$152,000,000 is for shrapnel and high explosive shells. Shortly after the outbreak of the war the Canadian Government established a Shell Commission which was so successful in speeding up the production of munitions that last May a similar commission was set up in England. From Sydney to Victoria our manufacturing plants are turning out completed shells at the rate of 30,000 a day.

Financial Arrangements.
To preserve our credit, prevent a panic, and maintain in our industrial and financial prosperity, at the outbreak of the war the Government adopted measures which have been eminently successful. No serious business disruption was experienced, although the outbreak of war occurred during a commercial depression, the sequence of years of feverish speculation and inflated values. For our war expenditure arrangements were made with the Bank of England through the British Government for a line of credit to last until the cessation of hostilities when our debt will be consolidated and repayment spread over a period of five years. There were also new revenue measures enacted in the form of special taxes and increased tariff imports. These have been very successful, and our revenue promises for the current year to regain its normal level. Recently the Minister of Finance successfully floated in New York, for domestic purposes, a loan of \$45,000,000.

Future Assistance.
The measure of our assistance will be limited by the need. The declaration of our future policy made by Sir Robert Borden. With 150,000 men under arms the Government is steadily recruiting more men, and if the war lasts another year there will be at least a quarter of a million Canadians fighting for the Empire. Huge training camps at Vernon, Calgary, Sewell, London, Niagara, Barrie, Valcartier, and Sussex have been established, and here the thousands of young Canadians receive preparatory training before going to England.

Welfare of Troops.
Canada's soldiers receive the highest pay of any troops engaged in the war, and the pension provisions are also the most generous. A patriotic fund generously contributed by those who cannot go on active service, has assured the comfort and welfare of the dependents of those fighting for Country and Empire. To care for the sick, wounded, and convalescent returning from the front a hospital commission has been established. At Quebec they have fitted up a hospital, and from there the convalescent soldiers will be sent to the many homes placed at the disposal of the Commission by the benevolent citizens.

Imperial Relations.
The war has established new relations between Canada and the Empire. When Sir Robert Borden sat with the British Cabinet in conference on the affairs of the Empire it was a notice to the world that Canada has ceased to be a ward and had become a partner of Great Britain. Official recognition was given this new status of the Dominion in the Empire by leaders of the Imperial Government who have declared that in future the overseas Dominions will be consulted on matters affecting foreign policy and defence.

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OLD WORLD NOTES.

The decapitated body of one of the crew of the Lusitania was washed ashore near Castlegregory a few days ago. The trunk was recognized as a Lusitania victim by the name of the liner on the buttons of the clothes.

White gloves were presented to the magistrate at Enniskillen one day recently, there being no criminal cases for the assizes. His Lordship said it was interesting to note that his brother judge, who sat at the Spring Assizes, had the recipient of a similar gift, and it had been a most gratifying experience of his, the first experience of the kind during a good many years, to be twice on the same circuit the recipient from the High Sheriff of white gloves.

An unusual sale took place in the Trades Hall, Glasgow, a few days ago, when a quantity of foodstuffs was sold by public auction by order of the Marshall of the Admiralty. The goods formed the prize cargoes of the steamers India and Stavn, which were captured in the North Sea, and brought into Leith. The cargoes were principally from factories in the United States, and were consigned to Gothenburg, in Sweden, but the naval authorities concluded that their ultimate destination was Germany. A large company assembled at the sale, and satisfactory prices were obtained.

The Dublin Branch of the British Red Cross Society has now taken over the International Hotel Bray, and are converting it into a hospital, to be called the Princess Patricia Hospital. The building, which will accommodate between 200 and 300 men has been inspected and approved by the military and medical authorities, and the committee hopes to be in a position shortly to undertake the care there of many of the men who are now being treated in hospitals in Dublin.

The Senate of Queen's University, Belfast, at a recent meeting considered a special report of the standing committee on a resolution of the Academic Council for military training of students. After consideration of the report, the Senate resolved: That it is desirable that all male students who are in attendance at the university as matriculated students shall, during the continuance of the war, be required to attend a course of physical and military training for at least two hours a week for the first and second terms of the session, and obtain a certificate of efficiency, unless they furnish to the committee satisfactory evidence of inability to perform the necessary work, or some other sufficient excuse, and that no fee shall be charged for the student for military tuition; and that a special meeting of the Senate be held to make a statute to this effect.

The mother of a patriotic Limerick family has received the following letter from the Keeper of the Privy Purse, Buckingham Palace: "Madam, I am commanded by the King to convey to you an expression of His Majesty's appreciation of the patriotic spirit which has prompted your seven sons to give their services to the army. The King was much gratified to hear of the manner in which they have so readily responded to the call of their sovereign and their country, and I am to express to you and to them His Majesty's congratulations on having contributed in so full a measure to the great cause for which all the people of the British Empire are so bravely fighting. One of the sons has been killed at the Dardanelles, four are wounded in hospital, and two are now serving at the front.

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