



INSPECTION OF CANADIAN TROOPS AT SHORNCLIFFE

General Sir Sam Hughes shaking hands with and congratulating officers of the Canadian troops

SIR SAM HUGHES

THE ORGANISER OF CANADA'S ARMY

MAJOR-GENERAL THE HONOURABLE SIR SAM HUGHES, K.C.B., has been Canada's Minister of Militia and Defence since 1911. At that time he was a Colonel in the Active Militia of Canada, and had served in the Fenian Raids in 1870, and with distinction in the South African War with the rank of major.

In August, 1914, acting as Minister of Militia, he offered England a Division for Overseas Service. The offer was accepted, and the Minister went to work with his coat off—and results began to show as if by magic. The great camp at Valcartier sprang into being, and speedily filled with troops of all arms and departments of the Service. This force, to the number of thirty-three thousand, with its guns, its horses, and its motor vehicles, reached England on October 3.

There are worthy, but short-sighted, citizens living who were of the opinion that Canada and her Minister of Militia had accomplished their utmost in the creation of the 1st Canadian Contingent. They are wiser now. To-day, Canada is a military nation. In France alone she has more than the strength of her peace-time Militia. In England she has the organisation to keep her fighting units supplied with fully-trained men, while there are tens of thousands of men under arms in Canada, ready and eager and fit to take their places in the front line trenches.

Sir Sam Hughes was born in Ontario in 1853, of an Irish father and a Scotch-Irish mother. He made a name for himself as an educationalist, as a Militia officer, and as a politician; but his greatest reputation has been made, and his greatest work has been done, as the Commanding Officer of Canada's Army in this world-conflict.



AT THE SALUTING BASE

General Sir Sam Hughes (on left) with General Lord Brooke taking the salute at a review of Canadian troops