

field, adopted as the Canadian flag for that service, and also as the citizens' flag of Canada; but the Union Jack is the basis of the Red, White and Blue Ensigns, being always in the upper quarter next the staff when the flag is flying.

THE following familiar verses have been appropriately written:--

“It's only a small piece of bunting,
It's only an old colored rag,
Yet thousands have died for its honor
And shed their best blood for the flag.

It's charged with the cross of St. Andrew,
Which of old Scotland's heroes had led;
It carries the cross of St. Patrick,
For which Ireland's bravest have bled.

Joined to these is our English Ensign,
St. George's Red Cross on white field,
Round which, from King Richard to Wolseley,
Britons conquer or die, but ne'er yield.”

MANY excellent books and pamphlets have been written on the subject of the flag, notably the work of Mr. Barlow Cumberland, B.A.,—“A History of the Union Jack and Flags of the Empire,”—a beautifully illustrated book of three hundred pages.

NOTWITHSTANDING the many publications, there appears to be a lack of knowledge in regard to the history and construction of the Union Jack, and this is the apology for the distribution of this pamphlet under the auspices of the Committee of the Vancouver Canadian Club.