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"WESTERN SCOTS," OF CANADA,

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### "A MAN, MY SON."

"If you can fill the unforgiving minute  
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,  
The world is yours, and everything that's in it,  
And—which is more—you'll be a man, my son."

"If" is the title of it, and a good many fellows think it is the best thing Kipling wrote. There are three or four verses of it, and every line of every verse is plum full of sound sense. No doubt you know it; if you don't, take a tip and read it. I learned it in a fit of enthusiasm some years ago, but all I can recall now are the four lines quoted above—and I expect I've misquoted them. But I remember the general, import and I know that I have failed miserably in attempts to measure up to Kipling's specifications for A Man. I know some fellows who, I *think*, stack up pretty well. And yet the best of them falls down in spots. Even if you *have* read it, read it again, especially if you have a hunch that you are quite some chap. It will take a good deal of the gilt off your surface unless you have a bomb-proof opinion of yourself.

### REVIEWED BY LLOYD GEORGE AND GENERAL SIR SAM HUGHES.

With its training completed and every man fit for war, the 4th Canadian Division marched to Hankley Common on August 7, and were reviewed by the Right Hon. David Lloyd George (Secretary of State for War) and General Sir Sam Hughes (Canadian Minister of Militia), both of whom wished them God-speed.

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The review took place on the same ground as the review and inspection by his Majesty the King on Dominion Day, and it was a wonderful sight. The Canadians were honoured, inasmuch as it was Mr. Lloyd George's first review in his new office.

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The Western Scots, both men and officers in complete field kit, led the infantry in the march past, and won the special comment of the Secretary for War.

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After the march past the officers of the division were called to the reviewing post, and, with General Hughes at his side, Mr. Lloyd George made a stirring and eloquent speech, praising "the splendid troops of this new division" and voicing the thanks of the Empire to Canada. It gave hope, it gave confidence, it gave assurance of ultimate victory to see such excellent soldiers going into battle when our enemies were becoming exhausted.

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The speaker referred to the fact that when the original Expeditionary Force had been sent to Flanders, England felt that she had done her part, and now Canada had sent already as many men as comprised that fine original army, and had many more to come.

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Speaking of the work the Canadians had done at the Front, the Secretary of State for War referred to the second Ypres, and said, "You saved Calais!" And what other Canadians had done these before him were prepared to do. In concluding, he said: "May the Lord of Hosts be with you."

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On the invitation of Sir Sam, the officers sent up three mighty cheers for the speaker, and the cheers were echoed from the long line of battalions drawn up across the parade 200 yards away.

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Sir Sam spoke briefly, commenting on the excellent appearance of the troops and complimenting Major-General Watson on the quality of men he had under him. The Minister was greeted warmly and his remarks were cheered to the echo.

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