

Editorial Efforts

GOD SAVE THE KING

A GREAT many of us, no doubt, have never stopped to consider the enormous responsibility that rests upon the shoulders of our Most Gracious King, especially in these troublesome times of war and strife. Not for a single moment, day or night, is he free from the cares and worries that are to-day making old men of those who yesterday were boys, and turning the hair of thousands grey. Notwithstanding the great demand upon his time and energy from the War Office, and the heads of departments, the King has found time to visit nearly every centre of activity in connection with the present war, not only in the British Isles, but in France and Belgium as well. In order to show his sympathy and get as close to his people as possible, the King has visited the coal mines, away down in the bowels of the earth, where men are playing a most important part in the present conflict. He has also personally inspected the shipyards, where great monsters of the deep were in the course of construction. He went all through the principal munitions factories where shells, large and small, were being turned out in a ceaseless stream. These places, and many other industrial works, he visited in order to personally come in contact with the people, and to show his appreciation for the work they are doing at home.

Not content with this, His Majesty has visited all the important battle fronts in France and Belgium, he reviewed troops, talked with the soldiers, and everywhere took a keen interest in anything that concerned the men, or the cause they were serving.

The Queen also has the welfare of her people equally at heart. While the King was visiting battlefields, and going behind the lines, Her Majesty was making a separate tour in the war zone. She spent a good deal of time in the hospitals, where a smile here and a cheery word there made many a lad happy.

As Canadians we are proud of the democratic spirit shown by our King and Queen. They have come into our lives as we never expected Royalty could or would do. In spirit we will in future add a sentence to the National Anthem and sing:—

God Save our Gracious King—and Queen.

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