

NOVA SCOTIA'S PART

IN THE GREAT WAR



IN the world-devastating war drama of the hosts of Satan against the hosts of Righteousness, the citizen soldiers of Nova Scotia played brilliantly a significant and noteworthy *role*. Nova Scotia was not an instant behind in seeing that her sons must take sides with the Motherland and with the Entente Allies, and in sending at the very earliest possible moment her flower of manhood to fight for the cause of liberty, true democracy and humanity.

Just a few days after war was declared the volunteer troops in Halifax—the 63rd Halifax Rifles, the 66th Princess Louise Fusiliers and the 1st Canadian Artillery—mobilized and notified the military authorities that they were ready to proceed overseas as units. But the government decided that they could best serve in manning the forts guarding Halifax Harbor, and drafts only were allowed to go. However, small drafts from the 63rd, the 66th, and the R. C. R., (the Garrison Regiment at Halifax) actually preceded the “Princess Pats”—and on this account Nova Scotia has the signal honor of having been the first Province of the Dominion to send draft forces to England for service in France. From that small beginning Nova Scotia continued to send citizen-soldiers to the war, the number when considered relatively to the sparse population of the sturdy little Province by the sea, representing an amazing total—approximately 40 000 of all ranks.