

He it was who, while solving the almost insurmountable problems of his office, found time to edit the pamphlets known as "Letters from the Front," which in their eleven issues followed the fortunes of our soldier-bankers throughout the war. The "Letters from the Front" from their inception found an ever-widening circle of sympathetic readers and now the pamphlets, with the addition thereto of many interesting letters hitherto unpublished, have been combined in the present volume.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce had truly a "far-flung battle line," for in the war her soldiers fought on every front on which British arms were represented and we trust that these letters from trench, billet and prison camp, captured objective, and hospital ward, will prove of value to all who desire first-hand impressions of the fields on which Canada's sons have won immortal fame.

Canada has had to pay in full the price of a victorious campaign. We in The Canadian Bank of Commerce are privileged to record with grateful pride the death, in action, from wounds and from sickness, of 258 of those who went forth from our service. Many of our men were maimed and few escaped wounds.

We are proud of the many honours won by our soldier-bankers. These honours include every award in the British list for service in the field, and not a few foreign decorations.

There were many on our staff who were denied the privilege of military service through weight of years or ill-health, and some there were whose responsible duties demanded that they remain at an inglorious desk. Yet ever during the campaign did they who remained behind envy in their hearts their younger and more virile brethren